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ADXA MEETING MINUTES

The 4th quarter meeting of ADXA was held at the Little Rock Hilton Hotel on 01 December 2001. The

meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM by President Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ. Those attending included: Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Earl Smith, N5ZM, Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ, Lenny Mendel, K5OVC, Ollie Gade, W5GO, Dave Jacques, K5DV, Jimmy Ballew, N5ZIV, Rick Harris, AI5P, David Norris, K5UZ, Martin Hankins, W5HTY, Skip Kendel, WA5KQU, Paul Wynne, AF5M, Myrtle Wynne, N5OOI, Stewart Long, KE5PO, Rick Roderick, K5UR, and Ken Blevins, K5ALQ. Guests included Melissa Schaefer, N5HX, John Evans, WB5BHS, Janet Kendel, and Pat Blevins.

It was indicated that Jolly, W5ZXS, was making some progress and that his speech was getting better. Wayne Beck, K5MB, has moved to Sheridan and Louis Dennis received his vanity call of W5SW.

Paul Wynne gave an report on the status of the AD5XA repeater. Some of the problems included the wrong hardline connectors. The repeater will likely go up next week. Paul would like to keep the ADXA supporting the repeater. The repeater is on 145.49- with no tone.

The reading of the minutes were dispensed with as a result of a motion from AF5M and seconded by K5DV.

OLD BUSINESS: K5DV wrote a proposal on handling honorary members. The intent was to recognize the years of service. N5ZM made a motion that the proposal be accepted. Stewart, KE5PO, seconded. The motion carried. Those nominated as recipients: Dick Freeling, W5TIZ, and M.L. Young, W5QKR. Certificates will be made up and then presented at a meeting or a group representing ADXA will travel to the home of the recipients to award them with the certificate.

Martin, W5HTY, indicated that Lou Dennis, W5SW, would maintain the web page. It was suggested that Martin talk to Wayne Beck, K5MB, about the transition and if there are no issues that Lou take over the maintenance of the ADXA web page. AI5P made a motion to accept this appointment K5DV seconded and the motion carried.

N5ZM made a motion that we continue with the current officers in the same position for 2002. The motion carried.

Donations:

The following donations were approved:

ARRL Frequency protection, QSL.net, TI9 DXpedition, Honorarium to AI5P for his presentation.

The Treasurer's report was given by Glenn, N5RN. The report was accepted as presented.

The meeting was adjourned around 2:00 PM. Rick Harris, AI5P, gave a presentation on his DXpedition to Bermuda.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

These are the dates for future ADXA meetings. Please note the **years** as well as the date!

- ◇ March —3rd Saturday (16 Mar 2002) - Ken Blevins' Home
- ◇ June —3rd Saturday (15 Jun 2002) - Russellville Tower Site
- ◇ September —3rd Saturday (21 Sep 2002) - #2 Pavillion at Crystal Springs
- ◇ December —1st Saturday (7 Dec 2002) - Hot Springs

FROM THE PRESIDENT

DENNIS SCHAEFER

Hamfest season is definitely here. I hope to see everyone at Russellville on March 2, Fort Smith on April 6, and Little Rock on April 27. The Fort Smith hamfest will have Roy Lewallen, W7EL, author of EZNEC antenna modeling software. If you want to understand how antennas work, play with some modeling software after doing a little reading.

Bill Priakos, W5SJ, is again the president of LSDXA and is plotting another DX blowout at Ham-Com in Dallas this year. The featured speaker will be Tom Christian, VP6TC. We had a good delegation from ADXA at the luncheon last year - hope we can this year also.

The P5/4L4FN operation has brought some real excitement to the bands. It also brought out some of the shortcomings of my station. I felt like I would do as well to go outside and yell! My old trap tribander was a good antenna in its day, but maybe technology has passed me by. There are several new designs for tribanders, so surely they would be more competitive. On the other hand, the old Mosley isn't doing too bad. I worked about 6 hours in the ARRL CW DX contest this weekend using 5 watts and made 332 contacts with a multiplier of 156. I worked

77 different countries toward the new QRP DXCC award. 6 meters is still hot. The north-south path is great, with many OX and KL7 stations being worked.

DX takes many different forms. Wisconsin and Illinois normally wouldn't qualify as DX, but I recently had interesting contacts with those two states. I have wanted to build a radio kit for some time, but wasn't sure my eyes could still see to solder the tiny parts. I finally built a Tuna-Tin II transmitter. This is a crystal-controlled 40 meter transmitter that puts out about ½ watt. I had no idea that it would actually work, but it did! I called a couple of stations and didn't get an answer, but then a station in Wisconsin answered. After I signed with him, a station in Illinois actually called me. It wasn't North Korea, but it seemed like DX!

Russellville hams recently won a battle over towers. The city was going to require a "special use permit" for a local to put up a 30 foot tower. This involves posting signs, holding a public meeting, getting permission from your neighbors, etc. The local club wrote a nice but firm letter to the planning commission and there was a change in attitude. The letter emphasized the strong record of public service activities by local hams, and information about federal law. We made it clear that we preferred to avoid litigation, but we were prepared to do so, and would have the support of the ARRL. The support provided by ARRL in antenna cases is significant. They don't come in and take over the case, but they can help get started, provide legal information, fund raising assistance, etc.

Skip Kendel, WA5KQU, has been very helpful. We did not need him to intercede, but in Russellville and also Clarksville, just letting the authorities know there was such a thing as a national organization that had "volunteer counsels" was enough to cause a sudden change in attitude! Bob Ideker, WB5VUH, is

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pushing legislation to put antenna protection into Arkansas law. Please talk this up and be watchful for efforts to change antenna permit requirements in your local communities.

We had a lot of fun at the December meeting - hope you didn't miss it.

Thanks to Stewart for making the arrangements - everything was great. We enjoyed Rick's slide show and lots of good fellowship. I'm looking forward to the March meeting and hope to see everyone there.

73,

Dennis W5RZ

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of ADXA is March 16, 2002 and will be held at the home of Ken and Pat Blevins. Their address is:

11983 Rivercrest Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas

As is typical, we will gather around noon to enjoy snacks. The business meeting will begin at 1:00 PM.

I've attached two maps. One from a mapping program; the second has some details as provided by Ken.

Hope to see everyone there.

From the Arkansas Section Manager

Bob Ideker, WB5VUH

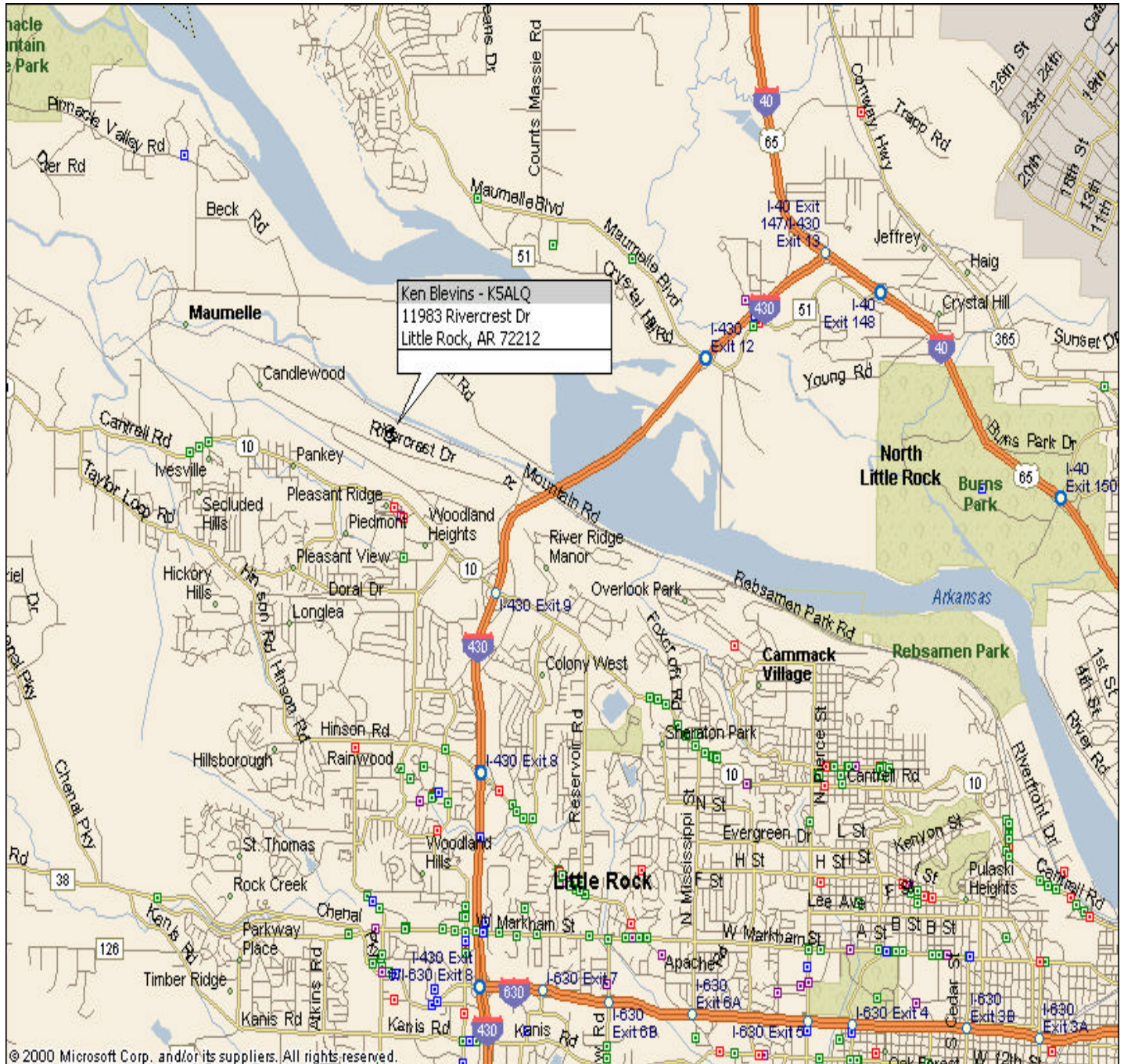
Just when we all thought it was safe to go outside and work on our antennas by getting them ready for spring and summer activities, here comes the cold weather. Don't know about you, but there aren't enough clothes, gloves, hats or boots to keep me warm enough to make me want to be out there too long unless something breaks that needs immediate attention and then, it better be really important...hi hi

By the time you receive this as a part of your newsletter, we will have already had two hamfests in our section; the Russellville Hamfest on March 2nd. And the Harrison Hamfest on March 9th. I hope you were able to make one or both of them. Don't forget two others close behind --- Ft. Smith on April 6th and Little Rock on April 27th. Please attend both of them too if you can. Please consider attending an ARRL Forum at each of these Hamfests where we'll talk about things of interest going on in our section.

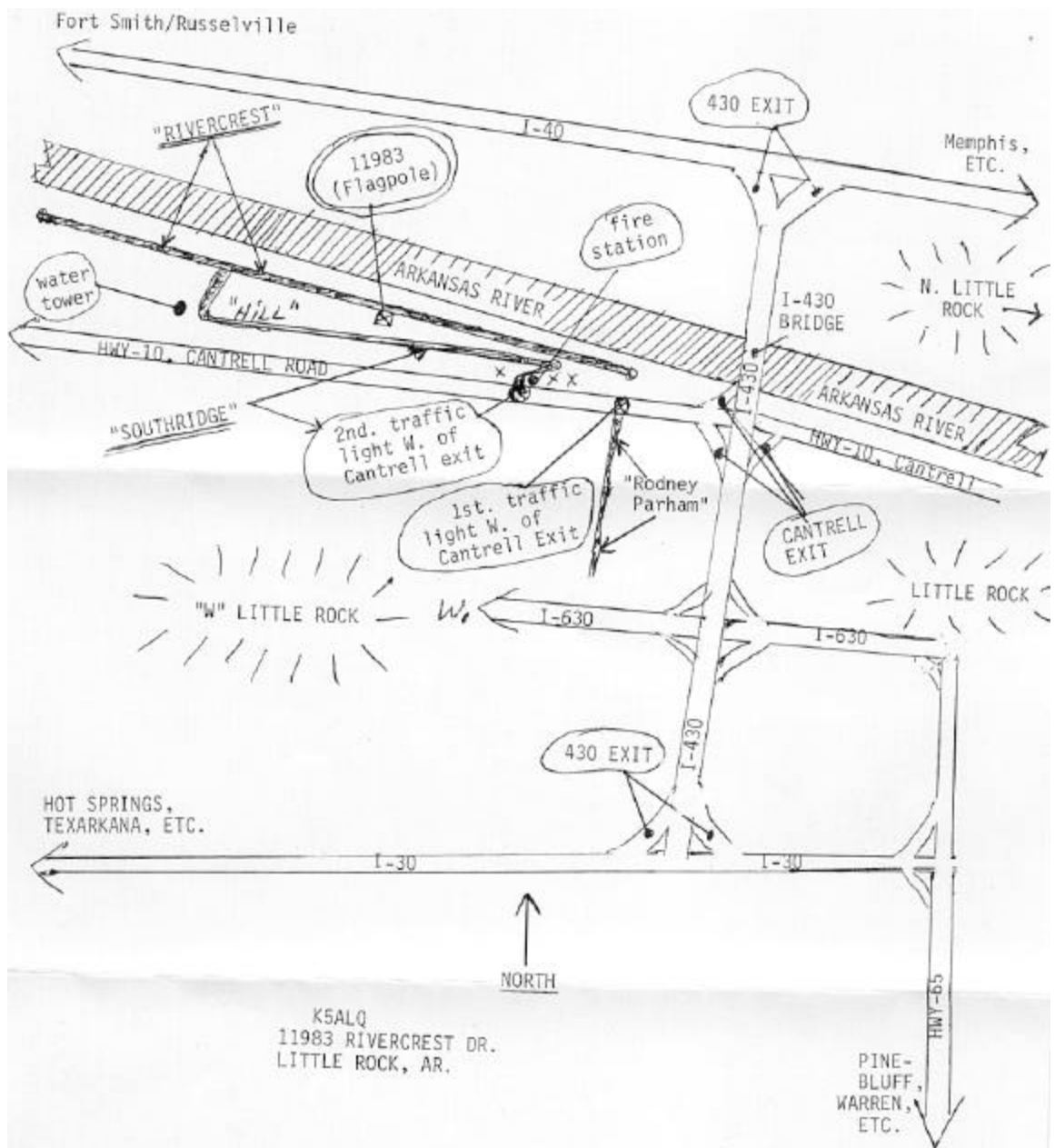
Not too long in the future, Field Day 2002 will be coming up. I hope you'll attend club meetings between now and then to participate in the plans that will be made. It's a lot of fun being at Field Day and a good way to learn some new techniques in operating and the club intra-structure for working together on a common project is outstanding. Our section plans include getting a proclamation by the Governor for the week of Field Day. Every club needs a Public Relations Officer (your president appoints) and then every effort ought to be made by that person to get publicity started with the local newspaper, local radio stations, and television exposure where possible. If you need help putting things together, contact Fred Shay, N2JAS, the Section Public Information Coordinator. He can help you develop a good package that should be interesting to the media and suggestions of how to invite the public to your event. Contact Fred at: n2jas@arrl.net by email or writing to him at his home in Benton.

Our theme this year in the Section is "Making Ideas Become Reality" and I hope you'll get involved in sharing your ideas, suggestions, and manpower with your clubs. This is a critical time in our hobby and everyone is in need in helping rebuild our interest and participation in ham radio. Won't you take an active role and support the club(s) of your choosing?

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NAME: _____ PHONE: () _____.

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____.

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____.

DXCC MEMBER? ARRL MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES: _____.

SPONSOR'S CALL: _____.

ARRL MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED (ADXA IS A 100% ARRL AFFILIATED CLUB)

VOTING MEMBERS MUST HOLD DXCC

VALID INTEREST IN DX REQUIRED FOR ASSOCIATE (NON-VOTING) MEMBERSHIP

YEARLY DUES \$20.00

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