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ADXA MEETING MINUTES

The 2nd quarter meeting of ADXA was held at the home of Ken Blevins on 16 March 2002. The meeting was called to order at 13:08

by President Dennis Schaefer after a playing of the Confederate National Anthem. Those that signed the sign in sheet were: Dave Jacques K5DV, Dennis Schaefer W5RZ, Ken Blevins K5ALQ, Jimmy Ballew N5ZIV, Dick Freeling W5TIZ, Martin Hankins W5HTY, Earl Smith N5ZM; Frank Kollatt, Jr. W5BPT; Rick Harris, AI5P; Ollie Gade, W5GO; Lenny Mendel K5OVC, Skip Kendel WA5KQU, Stewart Long KE5PO, and Rick Roderick K5UR. The following guests were noted on the sign in sheet: Madge Kollatt KA5RSH and Janet Kendel KD5RKU.

Dennis welcomed everyone and thanked Ken & Pat Blevins for hosting this meeting. K5DV motioned that we dispense with reading of the minutes. N5ZM seconded and the motioned carried. The minutes are as printed in the Volume 10 Issue 1.

Under Health and Welfare. It was reported that K6ASB is in a nursing home. Larry Woolsey, W5LW, had his picture in the paper. It seems that he was rescued from his car following an accident in Rock Creek.

It was noted that the AD5XA repeater can be hit from Hot Springs Village and Pine Bluff, though weak.

N5ZM indicated that he was re-affirmed as ARRL DXCC Card Checker.

Dennis mentioned that HamCom (Dallas) is com-

ing up soon and that Tom Christian will be a speaker. It was also mentioned the ON4UN would also be there. Bill Priakos has asked for a \$200 donation. N5ZM suggested \$100; it was seconded by K5DV. The motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS: Dennis indicated that the BAT (Big Arkansas Tower) site that has been selected for the June meeting has limited facilities. He suggested that we find a park and do the eats and meeting there. Those interested in going to the BAT are welcome to convoy after the meeting. Dennis will be finding a park and let the group know the details. Dennis indicated that after the selling of the generator at the BAT, they have re-cooped most of their expenditures.

NEW BUSINESS: David Wolf, KC5KJE, of Edmond, Oklahoma has submitted his request for ADXA membership. He was nominated by Glenn, N5RN. He was accepted by the group as the latest member of ADXA.

Donations:

The following donations were approved:

- ◇ As previously mentioned, \$100 was approved for HamCom
- ◇ VK9ML — Mellish Reef—10 days— 12 Apr. 6M, 28 and 24MHZ with CW Ops. AI5P motioned for \$50, W5BPT seconded. Motion carried.

Dennis began explaining the work that had been done to update the requirements for Honorary Life Member (HLM). Dave Jacques cleaned up the requirements for HLM and how the club wanted to recognize these individuals.

Dick Freeling, W5TIZ, was selected as our first Honorary Life Member. He was a founder of ADXA back in 1967 and in 1973 along with 3 others. Dick was blinded in WWII where he served as a First Lieutenant and comments on his accident by saying "I spent 1 day too long in Germany". He was awarded the Purple Heart, Silver and Bronze Stars. Dick started and ran his own business. Dick was licensed in 1951 and in 1956 earned his DXCC. Dennis met him on 3948 Mhz where Dennis said he learned a lot about amateur radio.

Rick Roderick also commented on the influence that "Dicky" had on him when he was 16 or 17 years old.

Dick was presented with a certificate noting his contribution to ADXA and his status of Honorary Life Member.

It was noted that Lou Dennis, W5SW, was updating the web page. W5BPT wanted the web page member picture updated.

Rick Roderick, K5UR, gave updates on several items including:

- The DXCC backlog is almost gone
- eQSL—expect some activity on this this year. It will likely have ties to the Logbook of the World
- He reminds us that our frequencies are under attack and he suggests that we pay attention to the FCC affairs.
- There are activities questioning the authority of the FCC to license Type 15 devices. They may not have the full authority to OK these devices.
- WARC 2003– 40 M—will shift down and 60M band to be established. Both look likely.
- WARC 2000—has 195 countries, 237 organizations, 300 observers, and 3 Ham Radio representatives via the IARU.
- WARC 2003—Little LEOs are likely to show up again. Don't think that VHF and UHF is all that is affected. Technology is being developed to use HF since both VHF and UHF are full.

K5DV motioned that the meeting adjourn. N5ZM seconded. The meeting was adjourned around 13:55

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

- ◇ June —3rd Saturday (15 Jun 2002) - Washburn Park, Russellville.
- ◇ September —3rd Saturday (21 Sep 2002) - #2 Pavillion at Crystal Springs
- ◇ December —1st Saturday (7 Dec 2002) - Hot Springs

FROM THE PRESIDENT

DENNIS SCHAEFER

It seems like we just got home from the March meeting and here it is time for another article! It's not hard to figure out what to start with – Ken and Pat Blevins were great hosts and a good time was had by all. We enjoyed seeing their super QTH, and the food was excellent. If you weren't there, you missed a real treat. We didn't get to meet very many of their neighbors, though.

On a sadder note, Northwest Arkansas lost a true DX'er and fine person when Woody Charlton, K5GOE, passed away. Woody was a professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Arkansas and was very active in sponsoring W5YM, the U of A club

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station. He was on the Honor Roll, held 5-band DXCC, and many other accomplishments. He will be missed.

P5/4L4FN continues to generate lots of excitement on the bands. With DXCC accreditation, and QSL cards coming in, many have now confirmed the "last one". As might be expected, this is a bittersweet experience. One ADXA member summed up the feelings of many – "What do you do now?" Being at the top of the mountain – having worked 'em all is truly something to be proud of, but knowing there are no more all time new ones out there for you right now causes a little adjustment in goals. The ARRL's Logbook of the World will make it easier (and cheaper) to confirm QSO's, so DXCC Challenge and other awards can be pursued. Whatever interests you is wide open – CW, RTTY, Satellites, QRP, etc.

As one who is far from "having 'em all", let me offer my congratulations to those who now do. It takes a lot of hours of work, a lot of listening, to reach the top. Relax, and enjoy. There are always islands that will be new countries soon enough!

We were privileged at the March meeting to present an Honorary Life Member certificate to Dick Freeling, W5TIZ. Dick is the first Honorary Life Member voted in under the new criteria. We will do a more complete article on Dick and his accomplishments at a later date.

The June meeting will be in Washburn Park Russellville. We have never met in this park, but I think you will enjoy it. It is close to I-40 and has a playground and nice facilities. After the meeting, those who want to can take a tour of the BAT (Big Arkansas

Tower). This is an old AT&T microwave site bought by several DX and contest-minded hams in the Russellville area. We now have the C-3 tri-bander up and it looks impressive sticking up above the microwave dishes. Hope you can make it to the meeting!

73,
Dennis Schaefer W5RZ

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of ADXA is June 15, 2002 and will be held at Washburn Park in Russellville, Arkansas. As is typical, we will gather around noon to enjoy snacks. The business meeting will begin at 1:00 PM.

(NOTE: Lakefront Drive is the same as Dike Rd on the map)

Directions to June Meeting:

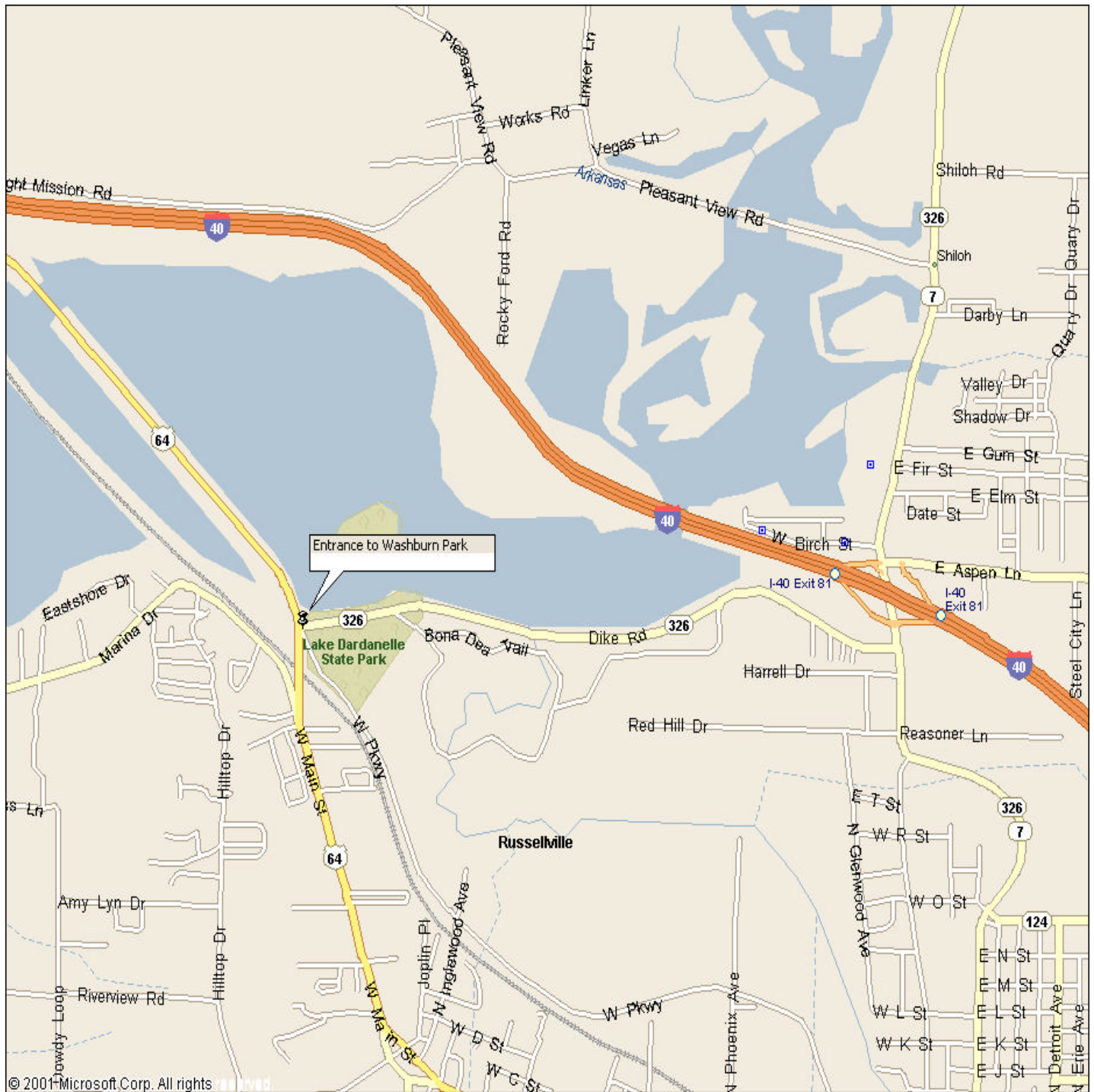
If coming on Interstate 40:

Take Exit 81 and go South on Highway 7. About one block south of the exit, there is a stop light. This is Lakefront Dr. It may not have a street sign, but there is a Texaco and Phillips 66 station on the right at the intersection. Turn right and go 1.7 miles. Washburn Park is on the left. Go straight and the pavilion is on the left.

If coming on Highway 7 from the South:

Go all the way through Russellville on Hwy 7 until you are almost to I40. Look for Lakefront Dr and turn left. Go 1.7 miles and Washburn Park is on the left.

MAP TO Washburn Park Russellville, AR



**ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION**

CALL: _____ LICENSE CLASS: _____ APPLICATION: NEW RENEWAL

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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