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ADXA MEETING MINUTES

The 3rd quarter meeting of ADXA was held at Crystal Springs, Arkansas. The meet-

ing was called to order by President Dennis Schaefer around 1:00 PM. Those that signed the sign in sheet were: Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Earl Smith, N5ZM, Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ, Frank Kollatt, W5PBT, Rick Harris, AI5P, Ollie Gade, W5GO, Lenny Mendel, K5OVC, Dave “I don’t have my VP6DI card” Jacques, Libby Jacques, WB6AXD, Rick Roderick, K5UR, Ken Blevins, K5ALQ, Stewart Long, KE5PO, and Jimmy Ballew, N5ZIV. Guests included Madge Kollatt, KA5RSH, Melissa Schaefer, N5HX, Norma Mendel, KC5DDO, Holly Roderick, and Patricia Blevins.

N5RN. The report was accepted as presented. Dennis mentioned that W5QKR—”ML” became a silent key this week. He also indicated that Glenn Davidson isn’t doing very well (per Martin).

Frank Kollatt indicated that he would be having some surgery over the next few weeks.

Dennis mentioned that Libby Jacques made the Honor Roll. N5ZM indicated that he made top of the Honor Roll.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave Jacques reminded everyone that the Christmas Party will be at the Acapulco Restaurant in Hot Springs. The Restaurant is near the Arlington Hotel.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dennis began some discussion about meeting places—Crystal Spring versus Blakely Dam. The consensus was to go to Blakely next time.

There was also some discussion about moving the 3rd quarter meeting date so that it wouldn’t conflict with the North Little Rock Hamfest. After a lengthy discussion, K5DV made a motion to keep the date the same. AI5P seconded and the motion passed.

Dennis welcomed everyone and recognized our guests.

A motion was made by K5DV that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded by AI5P. The minutes are accepted as printed in the ADXA Quarterly—Volume 10 Issue 3.

The Treasurer’s report was given by Glenn,

Glenn mentioned to add another \$50 to the N-DEXA donation would make ADXA a life member. It was approved that another \$50 to N-DEXA to convert it to a life membership. It was also suggested that we look into what it would take to become a life member to NCDXF.

It was reported that Bill Priakos would be moving to Fort Smith around 1 July. However he didn't sell his house so he's still in Dallas.

K5DV motioned that we adjourn. AI5P seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 1350.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

- ◇ December —1st Saturday (7 Dec **2002**) - Hot Springs
- ◇ March—3rd Saturday (15 March **2003**) -
- ◇ June—3rd Saturday (21 June **2003**)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

DENNIS SCHAEFER, W5RZ

It would be safe to say that 2002 has not been an encouraging year in several ways. Since the last newsletter, M.L. Young, W5QKR, became a Silent Key. M.L. was a long-time ADXA member, and had been voted as our second Honorary Life Member. He will be missed. We have lost other ADXA members and fellow DX'ers to death and illness.

Other news is not always good either. Hamfests are down, club activity is down, repeaters are silent, ARRL membership is declining, etc. However, the problem goes beyond ham radio. At a recent VE test session, one of the examinees was a hang glider pilot. I remarked that I didn't hear the hang glider guys nearly as much on our repeater as I used to. I thought maybe they had an alternate means of communication, or had been offended by someone. No, it was just that there weren't nearly as many people hang gliding these days. The only group in town that seems to be prospering is the gun club!

Who's to blame for these changes in society? Maybe we are all so spooked by the events of 9/11 and further terrorist threats that we are in hiding.

Maybe people are staying at home and spending all their time online. Maybe I'm just getting older and wanting things to never change.

DXing seems to be holding its own better than other ham radio activities. I haven't looked up any statistics, but it appears that the quest for DXCC is alive and well. Dxers cope with zoning problems, neighbors from Hell, TVI, and still manage to keep that big aluminum in the air. The quest for another New One, the urge to bust through the pileup, lives deep

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within and is not easily discouraged. DX'ers never give up. Even if you miss out, there's always tomorrow. A bigger antenna, a few more watts, a few hours less sleep, there's always hope. As Hugh Cassidy said, the DX is out there for the Deserving to work.

DXing has always been the most basic ham radio activity. The quest to work further, or work a place you've never worked before, is why people used to become hams. Can we do without the hams who let their licenses lapse when cell phones got cheap? Yes, we can, but we need to keep the bands active. Encourage your fellow hams to operate on HF, but whether they do or not, we as Dxers will be in there, putting out a signal that can be heard, and keeping our bands from becoming silent.

Bring a guest to the December meeting. We all know someone who might become interested in DX, and a little exposure might be all it takes. See you there!

73,

Dennis W5RZ

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the ADXA will be on December 7 at the Acapulco Restaurant in Hot Springs. See the map on page 5 for directions. We will begin gathering at the restaurant at noon with the meeting to begin at 1:00 PM.

M. L. YOUNG—W5QKR—SK

"M. L. was born in Oklahoma on July 5, 1910.

His family moved to Iowa when he was very young. He was first licensed in 1929 as W9GPO. He had a radio shop, did custom sound work and ballyhoo (mobile public address systems with music, etc.) for many years in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

During WW2 he worked for General Industries in Elyria, Ohio and he continued with them until he moved to Hot Springs - which I think was around 1968 or so. He became a manufacturer's rep and his company was known as MLY Industries. He later sold this company and more or less retired, except for his Flea Market operation which you are familiar with.

I am not sure about the dates of his association with the ADXA but it was long and active. He was a collector of antique wireless equipment and founded the Hot Springs Antique Wireless Association many years ago. He was a member of ARRL, Old Timers Club, and several antique radio organizations. He was a DXCC member and also was on the DXCC Honor Roll for many years with a very high country count.

He was a great guy and we will all miss him greatly!!"

ML Young, Born: July 5, 1910, Died: Sept. 19, 2002.

Honorary Life member of Arkansas DX

The Quest for 100 (DXCC, that is!)

Rick Harris, AI5P

After sorting out my logbook from the 5B4/AI5P operation last May, I had logged 2877 Q's from 117 DXCC countries. Plus the non-counter 600X. In my past operations, trying to get 100 confirmed was always a "maybe" unless you had about 125 worked. Some stations will never QSL, others will never get your card... you just never know.

And 48 of the countries I only had one contact... so this will certainly impact my efforts. With that extra 25 you stand a fair chance to get the 100 if you're willing to spend the money ...it boils down to that.

So...should I go for it? Why not, I decided, since I'm basically DXing only when I'm overseas. Just for fun, I decided to track my efforts and see if I can get that 100 confirmed.

I shall attempt to give my updates monthly. Naturally, the first few months will result in the most cards.

At the end of August I had the following confirmed (and these are cards I did not send for, but had been sent to me wanting the 5B4 QSL – Via Direct and the Buro). 5B4AGC, 9A4KF, CT1ELF, DL1JEE, EA4CSJ, EW1CQ, F5UMI, M3ZOP, HB9DPR, HP1IBF, IN3IZT, JA1BWD, N5ZM, AH6HY, KL7E, OE4PWW, PA0VSS, SM5BTX, SP5EJG, SV1GYG, RZ3DJ, UX3ZZ, VE3RNH, VK4LMB, XE1UN, YV5NWX, ZC4AW, and ZL3DY. The HP, AH6 and ZC4 cards were "one contact countries." Total: 28

By the end of September I had mailed most of the cards to QSL Managers and/or to the direct addresses I had. Another "bad news" point was that many of the more rare countries not only were "one contact" ones but also only had direct

addresses for QSLing. This meant the chances of the station never getting the card and IRC/Green stamp greatly increased.

At the end of September the following new countries were confirmed (all via QSL Manager): ET3PMW, HR3/AK5Q, KG4IZ, NP4A, P5/4L4FN, OJ0VR, TA3DD, and YS1MAE. The ET, HR, KG4, P5, and YS were "one contact countries." Total: 36

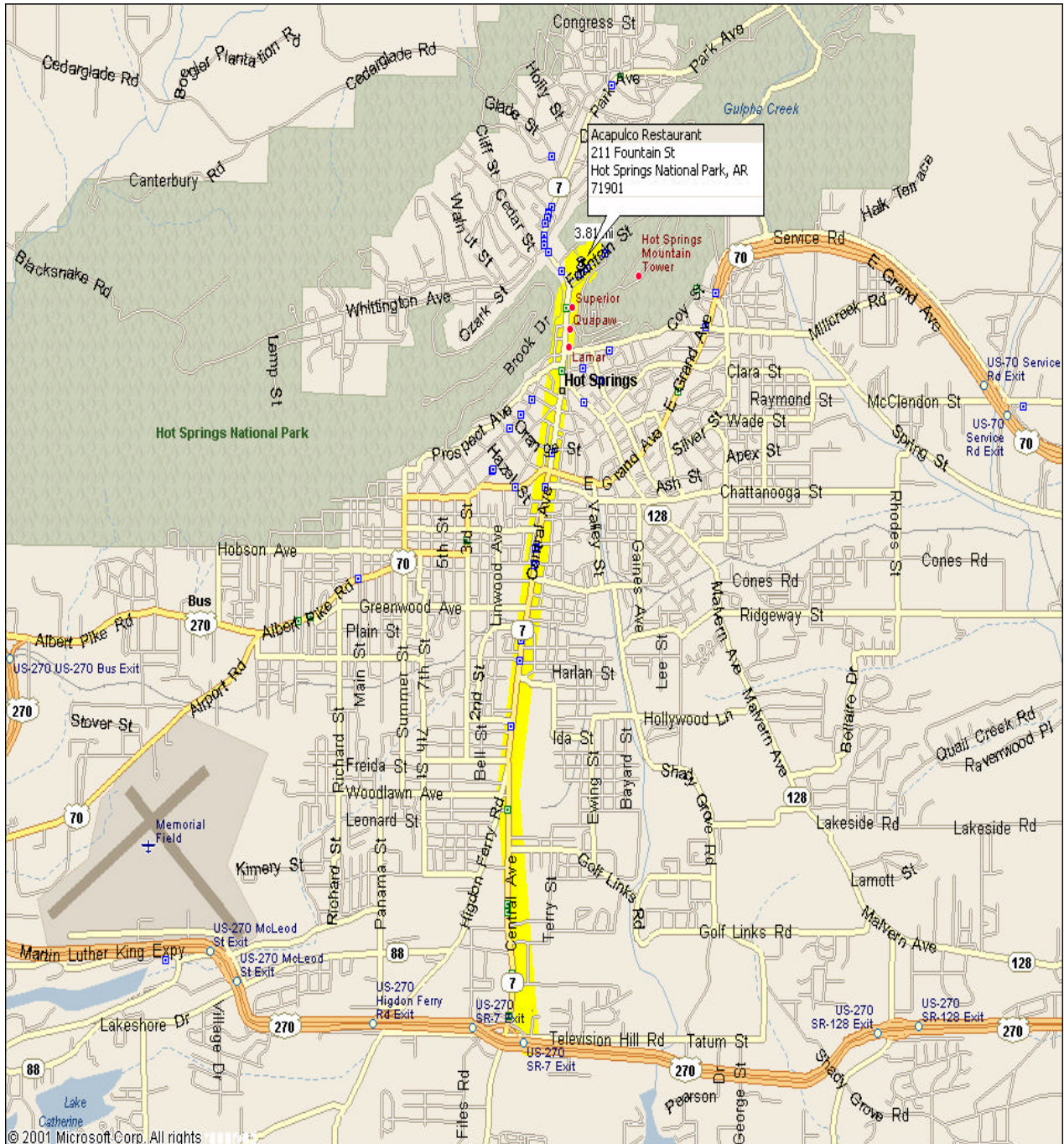
By the end of October, I was pleased to find a number of new ones confirmed via direct mail: E21EJC, GD4PTV, GU3UOQ, OH0RJ, T77C, 3A2MD, 3B8CF, 3B9FR, 5Z4JC, 9H1ZA, and 9V1WW.

From the QSL Managers came: A92ZE, D44TD, HF0POL, J88DR, OD5/OK1MU, UK8OM, 3V8BB, 5N6EAM, 5R8GZ, 70/OH2YY, And 9L1DX. And from the Buro: HA5BWW, LY3CY, OH7HM, OM3CFK, PR7FB, and UA9JLL. More good results with the "one contact countries" – E21, GU, T7, 3A2, 3B8, 3B9, 5Z, 9H, 9V, 9L, A9, D4, HF0, J8, OD5, 5N6, 5R8 and 70 (one that counts!). Total: 64 (with 26 "one contact countries")

So.... The quest continues into November. I may be asking for feedback or some calls (QSL info, non-QSLer, correct address) at a later date.

73, Rick AI5P

MAP TO Acapulco Restaurant in Hot Springs, AR 211 Fountain Street



**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

MAIL APPLICATION TO:
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