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ADXA was held at the home of K5OVC, Lenny Mendel on 15 March 2003.

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Jacques at 1308. Those that signed the sign in sheet were: Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Dave Jacques, K5DV, Libby Jacques, WB6AXD, Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ, Martin Hankins, W5HTY, Lou Dennis, W5SW, Paul Wynne, AF5M, Ken Blevins, K5ALQ, Ollie Gade, W5GO, Bill Harper, K9IW, Jimmy Ballew, N5ZIV, Earl Smith, N5ZM, Lenny Mendel, K5OVC, Frank Kollatt, W5BPT, and Myrtle Wynne, N5OOI. We had one guest sign in Ed Berkun, KD5PNZ.

Dave thanked Lenny and Norma for hosting the meeting.

Dave also reminded the group that dues are due and to report any email changes, address changes to N5RN.

AF5M made a motion seconded by

W5HTY that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with. The motion carried.

With the ZL1AMO ambulance fund having met their goal, it was decided that we would still send a \$100 check to the Wright family to help with medical expenses.

Paul Wynne, AF5M, gave a AD5XA repeater report. The repeater is NOT on the air due to a strong 154 MHz signal. Moving to the State Police tower was a bad move. A5FM indicated that he might refund the money for the antenna. Removal of the antenna will may incur some expenses. Paul indicated that filters may help and he would try this and see.

Glenn, N5RN, gave the Treasurer's Report. The report was accepted as presented.

The June meeting is 14 June 2003 because of the Dallas hamfest. It is at the Blakely Dam. The site is smaller than the site we've had in the past. You should consider bringing chairs.

The 4th Quarter meeting will be in Little Rock. Paul, AF5M will be taking care of this.

**Health and Welfare**: It was reported that Jolly, W5ZXS has had a stroke and is now blind.

It was reported that Glenn Davidson is still the same.

#### New Business:

Martin, W5HTY, asked who were the Charter members of ADXA? The first meeting was on 29 June 1967. In July 1967 the ADXA constitution was developed. These original members checked the state for DXCC members and had a banquet with 50 members attending. The question of what to do with the Charter was asked? Give it to the secretary/ treasurer was the suggestion.

Lenny, K5OVC, began a discussion about supporting the STORY Sudan Dxpedition. W5GO made the motion; W5HTY seconded the motion to send \$100.00. The motion passed unanimously.

The LR hamfest will be the last full weekend in April. It will be open 4 hours on Friday. N5OOI will be doing WAS card checking. At least 1/2 the building will be used for hamfest activities. It was estimated that 700 visitors would be needed to break even. Fewer vendors this year. Many are out of business.

The Hat was passed to collect monies to help pay for the food.

N5RN made a motion to adjourn; W5RZ seconded and the meeting adjourned at

1358.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

- June—2nd Saturday (14 June 2003) - Blakely Dam in Hot Springs
- Sept-3rd Saturday (20 September 2003)-North Little
  Rock after Hamfest at Burns Park.
- Dec—1st Saturday (6 December 2003) - To be determined.

## WORDS OF WISDOM

DAVE JACQUES, K5DV, PRESIDENT Where does the time go? We just finished the March meeting and it's already time for the June get together. The March meeting was a real work in progress. As soon as Lenny, K5OVC, found out we would not be able to meet at Earl's home, he offered his place for the meeting. As usual, Lenny's XYL, Norma, KC5DDO, did a great job of

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getting things ready for us. I don't think anybody left the meeting hungry. Thanks again Lenny and Norma.

By now, everybody should know our June meeting will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month this year. We moved it to facilitate the Dallas Hamfest on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend. Hope to see everybody at Blakely Dam on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Earl, N5ZM, will be checking cards at the meeting so if you need to get a submission into the ARRL for this year, now would be a great time to make him earn his keep, hi.

As for DX, the last 3 months have been pretty bleak. Someone told me the bands had died but I think they went far beyond dying and have been buried. Thanks to Lenny, the XYL and I picked up a couple of YL contacts that we needed but nothing else new. 10 and 12 meters have been running hot and cold with weird skewed paths to Europe and Asia. I haven't heard South America on anything other then 15 meters since February. Ollie, W5GO, is making a mockery of me on the CW portion of DXCC. We started off pretty even but after 112 Q's he just disappeared. Oh well, there's always tomorrow.

Hope to see all of you at the June meeting.

73, Dave

# NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the ADXA will be on **June 14** at the spillway pavilion at **Blakely dam**. See the map later in the newsletter for directions. We will begin the lunch at noon with the meeting beginning at 1:00.

## The Quest for 100 (DXCC, that is!) Rick Harris, AI5P

As members might remember, I have been trying to get 100 confirmed for DXCC from my operation as 5B4/AI5P in May of 2002 from Cyprus. I had worked 119 countries with 51 of these in the "one contact" country category.

By the end of January, 2003, I had 90 confirmed with 40 coming from the "one contact" countries.

The possibility of making the 100 was definitely looking good!

February was not a great start with only one new one - T94GB via his manager.

March turned out to be much more positive with six new ones. Direct mail brought a card from LU6XQ. An assist from QSL managers brought K1B and EZ8BD. A batch from the bureau included YO3AIS, LA8XD, and OZ/DL2TG. The K1B and EZ cards were from "one contact" countries.

So at the end of March I had 97 confirmed with 42 from "one con-

tact" countries.

April put me "over the top." Direct cards showed from HK3JJH, 4Z4DX, and RW2F.

And another batch from the bureau brought T26U, LZ1KH, and E16IZ. The T2 card was the only one from a "one contact" country.

May finds me with 103 cards in hand with 43 countries confirmed from the "one contact" country list.

Hopefully, I will eventually get a couple more for the "just in case" scenario. I now will be filling out the paperwork to get with our Club DXCC Field Checker - Earl, N5ZM - to finalize this feat!

A Happy DXer - Rick, AI5P





### Map to Spillway Pavilion—Blakely Dam

Time	Mile	Instruction	For	Toward
09:00	0.0	Depart US-270 US-270 Bus Exit on Ramp (North)	0.2 mi	
09:00	0.2	Turn LEFT (West) onto US-270 [Albert Pike Rd]	1.4 mi	
09:01	1.6	At 3102 US-270, Hot Springs National Park AR 71913, bear RIGHT (North) onto SR- 227 [Mountain Pine Rd]	c,6.2 mi	
09:12	7.7	At 104 Mt Pine Hwy, Mountain Pine, AR 71956, bear LEFT (West) onto Mt Pine Hwy [Blakeley Dam Rd]	2.0 mi /	
09:18	9.7	Continue (West) on Blakley Dam Rd	0.3 mi	
09:19	10.0	Arrive 1169 Blakley Dam Rd, Royal, AR 71968		

Summary: 10.0 miles (19 minutes)

## Map to Spillway Pavilion—Blakely Dam (Details)



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ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION						
CALL:LICENSE C	CLASS: APPLIC	CATION:NEWRENEWAL				
NAME:	PHONE	E: ( ) <u>.</u>				
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: E Glenn Wolf, Jr., N5RN 3002 N RIDGE DR White Hall, AR 71602 –8902						



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