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ADXA MEETING MINUTES

The 2003
2nd quarter

meeting of the ADXA meeting was held on 14 June 2003 at Blakely Dam spillway. Those member that signed the sign-in sheet were Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Ollie Gade, W5GO, Paul Wynne, AF5M, Myrtle Wynne, N5OOI, Dave Jacques, K5DV, Libby Jacques, WB6AXD, Ken Blevins, K5ALQ, Bill Harper, K9IW, Pat Patterson, WA5KAK, Rick Harris, AI5P, and Jimmy Ballew, N5ZIV. Guests included Pat Blevins and Paul Wolf.

The meeting was called to order at 13:38 by President Dave Jacques. Dave thanked everyone for food and drink that was brought.

Paul Wynne, AF5M, motioned that we dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. N5OOI seconded. The motion carried.

Glenn Wolf, N5RN, gave the Treas-

urer's report. The report was accepted as read.

Health and Welfare -

Stewart Long is chairperson of this activity. No update on Glenn Davidson. J.M. Jolly is back in the hospital. He's diabetic and legally blind. He's in the VA hospital.

Announcements -

Rick Roderick, K5UR, was unable to make this meeting as he was in Tennessee. He did say "hi" to everyone.

Old Business -

None

New Business -

WA5KAK, Pat Patterson, is newest member.

It was suggested that we look at the DXCC members in Arkansas and send a mailing to them to hopefully generate some interest in the club. This mailing work is to be split between N5RN and K5DV.

A motion was made by Rick Harris, AI5P, and seconded by Ken Blevins, K5ALQ, to donate \$100 to LSDXA.

Rick Harris, AI5P, to do slide show for December 2003 meeting. If we can get Bill Priakos, W5SJ, would be alternate/backup for the December 2003 meeting.

A motion was made by Ken Blevins, K5ALQ, and seconded by Ollie Gade, W5GO, to send \$50 to French Polynesia.

Another motion was made by Ken Blevins, K5ALQ, and seconded by Ollie Gade, W5GO, to send \$50 to the Florida DXpedition Group for their trip to San Andres Island.

Other discussions

Rick Harris, AI5P, went to W1AW. Very nice setup and you must have your original license to operate.

Yasme book – K1TME – fascinating book. A very good read for \$25.00.

Next meeting will be at Burns park – Lunch at 12:00; meeting at 1:00 PM.

Ollie, W5GO, motioned that we adjourn. Ken Blevins, K5ALQ, seconded. The meeting adjourned at 14:10.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

- ◇ Sept-3rd Saturday (20 September **2003**)-North Little Rock after

Hamfest at Burns Park. Pavilion #2.

- ◇ Dec—1st Saturday (6 December **2003**) - To be determined.

WORDS OF WISDOM

DAVE JACQUES, K5DV, PRESIDENT

First of all I'd like to take the time to thank all the Hot Springs folks for the outstanding job in making our 2nd quarter meeting another great gathering. As usual, the hot dogs were burnt, the buns were properly toasted, and I ate all my mistakes and gained 5 pounds.

It wasn't our biggest meeting but the food was tasty and the parking, while limited, was ample. We're sorry that so many members were unable to make it to Hot Springs for this one but hope the ones that did make it, enjoyed themselves.

As many of you already know, since our last meeting, Glenn E. Davidson, K6ASB, became a Silent Key. Glenn has been a member of the ADXA longer than I can remember and he will be

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missed by all of us. Richard J Brown, W5AA, also became a Silent Key.

By now you may have noticed a lack of DX information in this message. While there was plenty of DX out there, not too much was heard from this station. The bands obviously haven't been the best and I have discovered a coax problem on 3 of the 5 bands my antennae provides. Several years back, when I put up the Force 12, 520 and 4BA antennae, I wanted as low loss as possible without using hard line so I put up Belden 9913. It would have been a great idea if I hadn't used it on a crank up tower. After several years of raising and lowering the tower, the coax has 'lost continuity' on 20, 15, & 17 meters. Looks like it might be a good time to replace it.

I hope the DX, radio, antenna, power, and etc. gods have been better to you all.

See you all at the September meeting.

73, Dave

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the ADXA will be on **20 September** at Burns Park Pavilion #2 in North Little Rock. See the map later in the newsletter for directions. We will begin the lunch at noon with the meeting beginning at 1:00.

VIVA Costa Rica

Rick Harris, AI5P

Viva Costa Rica!

In March of this year, I had the opportunity to travel and operate in Costa Rica. This was my first visit to this beautiful country. I hope it will not be my last!

Originally, George, WB5XX, and I were going to go to Costa Rica but, unfortunately, he dropped out. The visit was planned and coordinated via the internet with Carlos, TI5KD, who is known by all as Keko. He is the owner of the well known contest station TI5N and he normally now only

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operates contests and on 6 meters. He has DXCC on 6 meters and is very active there. If you go to his web site www.qsl.net/ti5kd/ you can get all the details on his operation.

I flew from Dallas non-stop to San Jose - a two hour flight, more or less. Keko met me at the airport and we proceeded to his home in the area known as Garcia de Alajuela - about one hour's drive from downtown San Jose. There I met his wonderful family and saw his very impressive set up. I stayed in a fully furnished small apartment next to his house - this includes the TI5N contest station.

The antennas include:

160 meters - Inverted V at 30 meters

80 meters - Full Wave Delta Loop

40 meters - 2 element Quad at 25 meters

30 meters - Dipole at 20 meters

20/17/15 meters - 3 element Quad at 25 meters

12/10 meters - 4 element Quad at 25 meters

The rig I used-Kenwood TS-940S (100 watts).

There was also a TL-922A amp that

I used a couple of times, but since I'm not happy about using someone else's amp, it was only when Keko loaded it up.

Conditions were unusually good on the high bands during my 14 day visit. 10 meters turned out to be my "most contacts" band. I was fooled on 80 meters because the first night it was wide open.... but that turned out to be the best and about only night I had any conditions on 80. I also only had one good opening on 160 meters - and I actually worked 5B4 !

I made a total of 5,874 Q's with 3,341 on SSB (57%) and 2,533 on CW (43%). Ten and twelve meters accounted for 2,399 contacts (41% of total Q's) - Amazing!

All states were worked (Last one - Alaska!) and 111 DXCC were worked. So getting 100 confirmed could be a problem here - We'll see.

Costa Rica (In Spanish "Rich

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Coast") was discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1502 during his fourth voyage to the New World. The earth never yielded gold and silver for which it was named, but the name was perfect for the wealth of natural beauty and flawless climate. Rugged mountains, including over 100 volcanic cones, slope upward from the plains, rising as high as 12,000 feet in southern Costa Rica. Costa Rica is renown for its variety of terrain and ecosystems as well as its rich flora and fauna diversity. Coffee, bananas, sugar and pineapples are the major agricultural exports.

During my visit, I had the opportunity to see a number of beautiful and interesting sites. This included the Gold Museum (Pre-Columbian), The National Museum, The Art Museum, The National Theater, The Butterfly Farm, Traditional Costa Rican Ox carts, The Basilica de Nuestra Senora de Los Angeles, The Lankester Botanical Gardens (orchids everywhere!), The La Paz waterfalls, and the Poas Volcano National Park. Costa Rica is renown

for its progressive National Park system. It was a good thing I had brought along enough film!

There is so much to see and do in Costa Rica. If you look at the map, you will see both the Pacific and Caribbean coasts - and I never saw either! San Jose is a large city with lots to see - and shopping - but also lots of traffic. There are still lots of things on my list to see in Costa Rica!

I met Erik, TI2NA, who was a well known DXer in the past (not too active now). I also learned that Carlos, TI2HP - one of the very first DXers I ever heard back in the 60's - is in poor health and is in a nursing home.

A photo QSL is available for those that want one.

The ADXA Contest was tight this year with lots of folks competing for the highly valued prizes... Who will win? The scores are in but safely secured until the annual meeting in December. I will note that the first SSB QSO was with K5OVC and the first CW

QSO was with K5UR.

If you have an opportunity to visit Costa Rica - take it! Rick TI5/AI5P

HONOR ROLL

Thanks to all the help and support from ADXA'ers, I finally turned in enough cards to get on the Honor Roll! I received my plaque at ARRL Headquarters while at the SM Workshop this last weekend.

73,

Dennis W5RZ



A note from ZL1AMO

I received this email about a month ago :

Hello Glenn and all the members of ADXA

I must thank you all for your kind support .. recvd the check yesterday .

Please tell my friends at ADXA that i am slowly recovering

I am back on the bands having the odd qso.s on cw and ssb

If any of the members still need z18 There will be activity from Kermedec mid oct this year by 2 ops z13cw Jack and z11go Aki

They will be there working on comms gear but should have heaps of time to operate qsl via z11amo ..

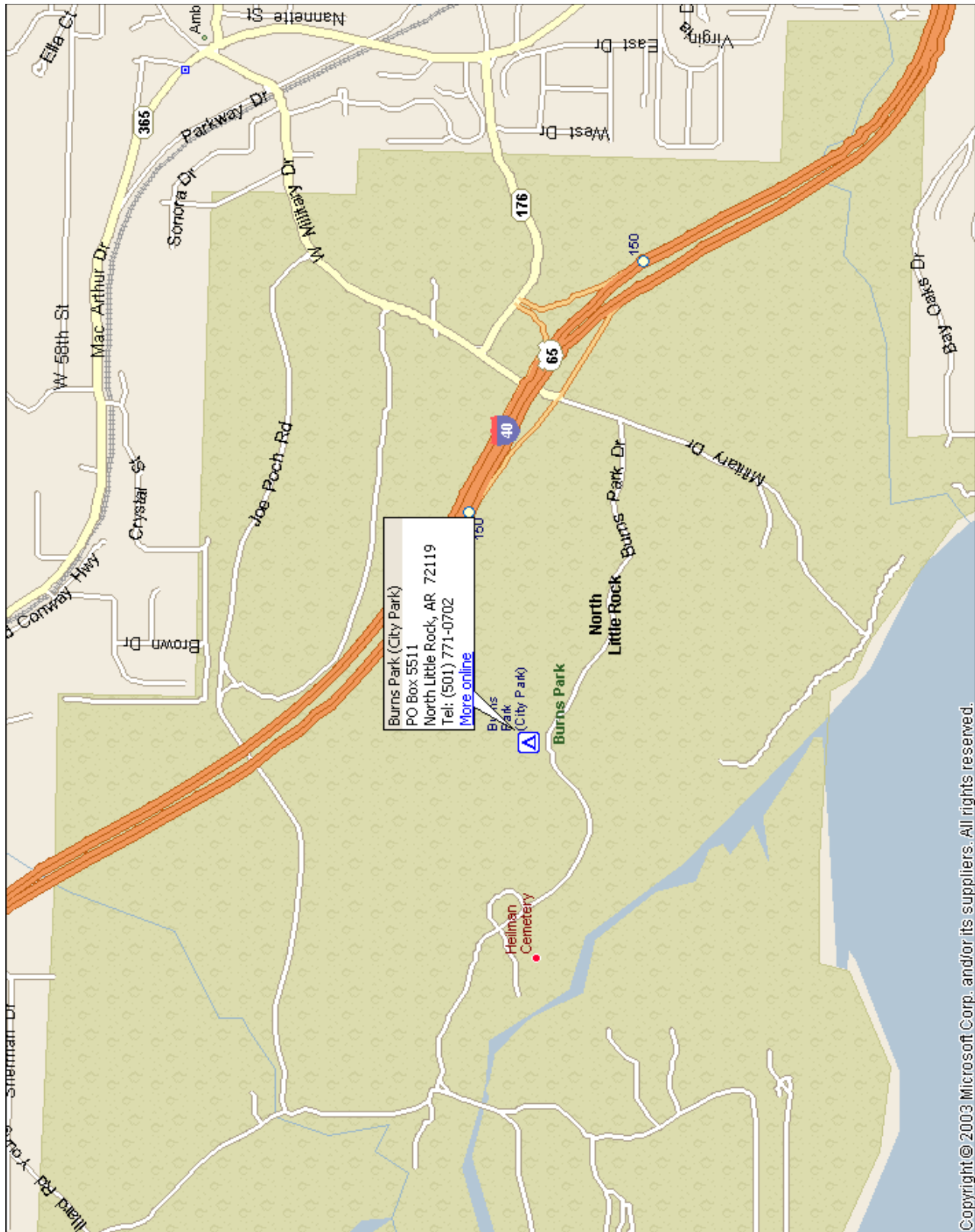
again tks much 73 from all the family de Ron z11amo .

Burns Park—North Little Rock



Burns Park—North Little Rock—Pavilion #2 on Funland Drive

Map show Funland Drive as Burns Park Drive.



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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