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ADXA MEETING MINUTES

The 2004 4th quarter meeting of the ADXA was held at Rod's

K5DV. Dave thanked the many club members that make the ADXA the wonderful club that it is.

Ollie asked that the minutes from the previous meeting be read. A motion from the floor from AF5M asked that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. K50VC seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pizza Cellar in Hot Springs, Arkansas on December 04, 2004

Those that signed the sign-in sheet included the following members: Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Earl Smith, N5ZM, Bill Harper, K9IW, Rick Harris, AI5P, Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ, Myrtle Wynne, N500I, John Evans, WB5BHS, Jimmy Ballew, N5ZIV, David Norris, K5UZ, Leonard Mendel, K50VC, Ollie Gade, W5G0, Pat Patterson, W5VY, and Paul Wynne, AF5M. Guests included Sharon Smith, Jean Gade, and Norma Mendel, KC5DD0.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM by Vice President Ollie Gade. Ollie explained that our current President Dave Jacques couldn't be at the meeting because he wasn't feeling well and was scheduled for surgery this Friday.

Ollie thanked everyone that came to the meeting and then read a Reflections note from Dave,

Glenn, N5RN, gave the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by AI5P to approve of the Treasurer's report, N5ZM seconded and the motion carried. Items of note were the purchase of the WWW.ADXA.ORG registration and the 3Y0X donation.

Health and Welfare:



Lenny, K50VC, seems to be fully recovered from his accident.

Dave Jacques, K5DV, has been in the hospital for tests and is scheduled for surgery this Friday to deal with his medical issues.

J.M. Jolly, W5ZXS, who is a charter member of ADXA is presently residing at Chenal Rehab on Shackelford Road in Little Rock.

His physical condition is such (after a stroke sometime back)

that he is confined to a wheelchair. He is also legally blind from macular degeneration (if I understand correctly) but still has a little bit of peripheral vision.

J.M. still has all his marbles, and a VHF rig in his room. He gets on the 145.13 and 146.94 repeaters at times.

You can reach him by telephone at 224-1925. extension 2091.

Old Business:



The nominating committee recommends for following individuals to be officers of ADXA for 2005:

President- Earl Smith, N5ZM

Vice President-Bill Harper, K9IW

Secretary/Treasurer-Glenn Wolf, N5RN

There were no nominations from the floor.

K50VC made a motion that this proposed slate of officers be accepted by acclamation. AF5M seconded and the motion carried. The new slate of officers will be as presented above.

Meeting locations and dates were discussed and tentatively approved. See the "Mark your Calendars" section of the newsletter.

New Business:

Dave Norris, K5UZ, announced that he is running for Arkansas Section Manger. He also indicated that Terry Busby, W5ARS, was also running. Ballots should come out near the end of December..

Earl, N5ZM, asked that ADXA consider a \$50.00 contribution to the KP1/KP5 efforts. After some discussion. AI5P seconded. The motion carried. K5UZ suggested that those who are constituents of Senator Mike Ross (who is a ham) write him a note expressing that he support this effort.

N5ZM also made a motion that we support the VU4 DXpedition with a donation of \$50.00. AI5P seconded and the motion carried.

Ollie, W5G0, motioned that we support LSDXA DX Program at HamCom with a donation if they ask for support this year. K5UZ and N5ZM both seconded and the motion carried.

A Board member is needed since N5ZM is becoming President. AF5M suggested K5DV since he will be Past President. N5ZM seconded and K5DV was elected a board member along with AF5M.

Bill, K9IW, showed off some of his QSL cards with the ADXA logo.

Everyone thanked Rick Harris, AI5P, for being there and for bringing the presentation.

N5ZM motioned that we adjourn. K50VC seconded and we adjourned at 1:40.

Rick began his presentation shortly after the meeting adjourned. Rick talked about and showed slides from some of his recent adventures to Costa Rica and Guadeloupe. He also awarded prizes to those that did well in his contest. The winners were N5ZM, K50VC, and W5BPT.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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



- ◇ Mar—3rd Saturday (19 March **2005**) - Location: N5ZM's QTH.
- ◇ June—3rd Saturday (18 June **2005**) - Location: Russellville with a side trip to the BAT site.
- ◇ September—3rd Saturday (17 September **2005**) - Location: Blakely Dam area
- ◇ Dec—1st Saturday (3 December **2005**) - Location: Little Rock

NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next ADXA club meeting will be home of Earl and Sharon Smith on Saturday March 19 2005. Check the map later in the newsletter for directions.

ADXA WEB PAGE

We now have a webpage that we can update.

The page can be found at
www.adxa.org

Words of Wisdom from the President

Earl Smith, N5ZM

Also Head honcho in charge of the Samples Kontest Klub



If my recollections are correct this is my fourth dipping into the Presidents position of this organization. I guess I just have a hard time saying no. Although the Dxing skills have changed since I started this part of the hobby, the challenge and fun are still there.

It is time to say a big thanks to Dave K5DV and Ollie W5G0 for all their hard work over the past few years for keeping things going along smoothly. I will try to keep things on track for this year. I will be glad to entertain any ideas for changes that would have a positive effect for the ADXA. You should always invite someone that has an interest in Dxing or contesting to one of our meetings. We would enjoy meeting them.

The 4th quarter meeting was lightly attended but was enjoyed by all. The pizza was great as was the presentation by Rick AI5P. It is good to have Bill K9IW aboard as VP. Of course the unsung hero is Glenn N5RN who keeps the re-

ords, collects the dues, sends the checks and of course puts out this great newsletter. Thanks Glenn.

Most activity here has been in Contests since the 1st of the year. First was the ARRL RTTY Round Up with Glenn N5RN. Others were CQ 160 CW, CQ WPX RTTY (entered as 40 meter SOSB, should be new USA record), ARRL DX CW and NAQP RTTY. The most amazing thing is to put your Logs on LoTW and watch the QSL's come in. It was as high as 20% in 48 Hrs and 35% within a few weeks. Best new DX was getting VK0MT on 15 meter PSK31 for a new one on the digital modes.

Sharon and I are looking forward to seeing everyone again for the 1st Quarter meeting here at our house. Hope all of you can make it and partake of the gourmet meal. The usual fare of course.

Earl N5ZM

Tales of the South Pacific

Rick Harris, AI5P

With apologies to James Michener, my travels to the area, albeit imaginary at the time, began in the early 60's on the black and white TV series "Adventures in Paradise." I always wanted to go to the South Pacific but never did. In fact, in all my traveling, I had never been south of the Equator. When some of my friends in El Dorado told me to stop talking about it and "do something or shut up," I decided to plan my trip. Eventually the planning included four stops: The Cook Islands, Fiji, New Zealand and Australia.

In September 2004, I flew from Los Angeles to the first stop - Rarotonga. Just the name implies the beauty of the South Pacific! Rarotonga is the largest of the Cook Islands and capital of the country. It is a richly beautiful island with an encircling reef and rugged mountainous interior. It has about a twenty mile circumference. It is not a highly developed tourist island with lots of resorts and activities, but rather an easy, unhurried place to relax in peaceful and beautiful surroundings. It was great! I had the pleasure of meeting Victor, ZK1CG, and Jim, ZK1JD. Victor assisted me in getting my ZK1APX callsign and I operated from September 24 to October 2. I used my trusty IC-706 with three different antennas - a Carolina 20 meter window, a 17 meter double bazooka, and an homemade 40/30 meter dipole. I was also able to operate from Victor's QTH on his 160 meter dipole. Total Q's were 1480 with 94% being on CW. Radio-wise, the highlight was giving W1JR his country # 278 on 160 meters. We had arranged a sked beforehand and that was quite a thrill for both of us.

The next stop was the beautiful island of Viti Levu in the Fiji Group. I had a heck of a time getting the license but it finally was resolved and I was issued 3D2PX. Fiji is an archipelago of more than 300 islands, varying in size from the large, mountainous main island of Viti Levu to idyllic resort islands and tiny, uninhabited coral atolls. Lots of sightseeing activities as well as hamming from October 3 -9. Total Q's were 1334 with 99% on CW. Before I left for New Zealand, I shipped all my radio equipment back to the States. Any further ham activity would be from the shacks of my friends in both New Zealand and Australia.

The next three weeks were spent in New Zealand - both the north and south islands. The major cities of Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch were visited. I took a bus and train tour with two exciting trips on the TranzAlpine and TranzCoastal scenic train routes. Highlights of the tour were whitewater rafting and

glacier walking! Believe me, whatever you have heard or seen about New Zealand - it's true! Fantastic. No license is required for U.S. hams to operate for up to 90 days, so I was able to sign ZL/AI5P on October 18-19 from the shack of my friend Harry, ZL2SQ, ex-EP2BQ. Total Q's were 87 with 91% on CW.

The final three weeks of the trip were in Australia. After visiting the Australian Communications Authority in Sydney, I got the callsign VK3APX (the "3" because I used the address of my friend VK3MW in Victoria). Several days were spent in Sydney and it was wonderful! I got a break on the weather and had a beautiful day while climbing the Sydney Harbor Bridge - definitely one of the most exciting and interesting things I have ever done! The next three weeks were spent visiting my county hunting friends Rex, VK3MW, and Cliff, VK3CB, in Victoria; Graham, VK5AQZ, in South Australia; Jean, VK4SJ, and Bernie, VK4EJ, in Queensland. Visits to the Australia Zoo (Home of the "Crocodile Hunter") and the Great Barrier Reef were highlights among the many interesting places visited. Operations as VK3APX, VK3APX/VK5, and VK3APX/VK4 yielded 159 Q's with 99% on SSB. Most of the Q's were from Queensland and band conditions were pretty poor most of the time.

What a trip! Hopefully, I can do it again and visit some more of the South Pacific. Anyone who has a chance to visit New Zealand or Australia should not miss the opportunity to do so. Both are places I would love to revisit!

ADXA DX'ers did manage to find me in three of the four counties. Prize winners will be announced in the future! Thanks for chasing me and I hope we can do it again in 2005!

Rick AI5P



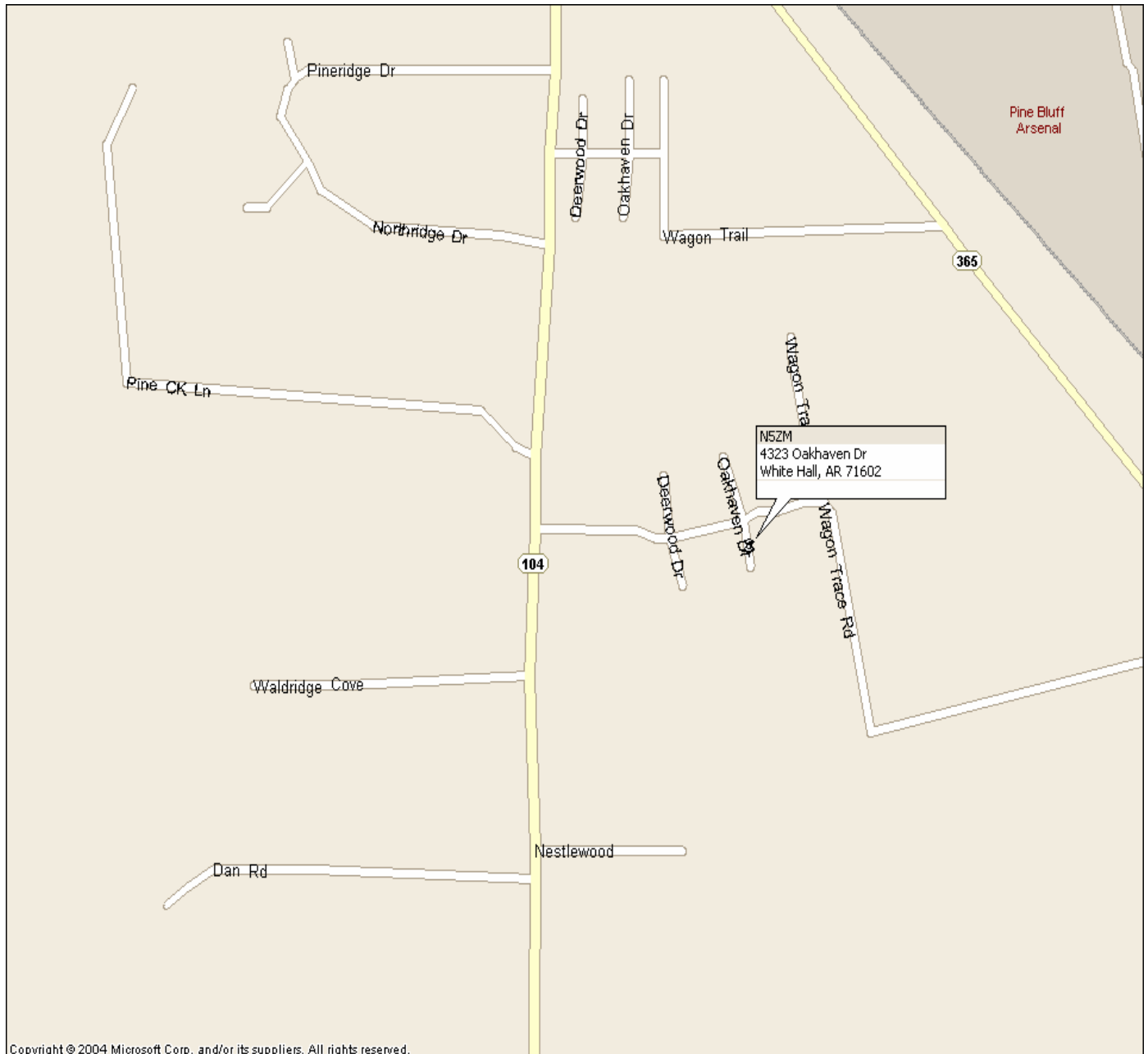
MAP TO N5ZM's

North is up

When on I530 look for the Exit 30 (Highway 104). If you are coming from the north you will go under the overpass and be heading North. Look for Wagon Trace road (approximately 2 miles) on the right side of 104. Oak Haven isn't far down Wagon Trace. See next page for finer detail on finding Wagon Trace and Earl's house.



Map to N5ZM's 4323 Oakhaven White Hall, Arkansas



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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