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ADXA MEETING MINUTES

The 2007
4th quar-
ter meeting of the
ADXA was held on

Saturday, December 01, 2007 at AECC
office in Little Rock.

Those that signed the sign-in sheet included the following members: Dave Jacques, K5DV, Ollie Gade, W5G0, Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Daryl Stout, N5VLZ, Jimmy Ballew, N5ZIV, Lenny Mendel, K50VC, Bill Harper, K9IW, Frank Fahrlander, N7FF, Martin Hankins, W5HTY, Paul Wynne, AF5M, Myrtle Wynne, N500I, Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ, David Norris, K5UZ, Pat Patterson, W5VY, and Earl Smith, N5ZM. Guests included Charles "Frosty" Frost, K5LBU, Ed Berkun, KD5PNZ, Melissa Schaefer, N5HX, Jonathan Setcer, N5QJ, and Bill Aycok, KC5MN.

President N5ZM called the meeting to order at 12:57 PM. Earl thanked Pat for the great job on the today's setup and for picking up our guest, Frosty, K5LBU.

Earl formally introduced our guest, Charles "Frosty" Frost to the group.

Earl then thanked the Hot Springs

group for the great job they did for the 3rd quarter meeting.

Health and Welfare

K5UZ reported on Susan. She's having good and bad days. She doesn't have a clot but old scaring.

W5TIZ became a silent key and he was recognized as a charter member. We only have 2 charter members left—Bill Priakos and Paul Wynne.

Old Business

AF5M presented a copy of the Articles of Association to the group. He pointed out to the group the qualifications for becoming an honorary member—75 years old and 15 years of continuous ADXA membership. After mentioning the candidates that met these qualifications he asked Martin Hankins if he would step forward and accept a certificate and accept being an honorary ADXA member. Martin stepped forward acknowledged the recognition and thanked ADXA for their consideration for this award. K5UR called in from Colorado and thanked Martin for his many years of effort.

Continuing with the meeting, N5ZM asked N5RN to read the minutes from the previous meeting. K5DV motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented in the ADXA newsletter. AF5M seconded and the motion carried.

N5RN gave the treasurer's report. AF5M motioned that they be approved. W5GO seconded. The motion carried. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

New Business

N5ZM mentioned the ADXA net at 10:00 AM on Saturday mornings on 3815 +/- QRM. N5ZM thanked K5UZ for putting this info on section webpage. It brought us some new members.

N5ZM presented two new applicants to the group for membership: Daryl Stout, N5VLZ, and Frank Fahrlander, N7FF. K5UZ made the motion that we accept them as members. K5DV seconded. The motion carried.

Election of officers:

The following individuals were nominated as officers of ADXA:

W5VY—President

AF5M—Vice President

N5RN—Secretary/Treasurer

K5DV & N5ZM as board members.

K5OVC motioned that we close nominations and accept the board as presented. K5UZ seconded. The new officers and board members were approved.

A motion was by W5RZ to double the salary of N5RN. Motioned carried the raise becomes effective immediately. Since the salary for this position is nothing you should not expect your dues to increase.

No DXpeditions were requesting money.

K5DV motioned that we close the business meeting. K5UZ seconded. The motioned carried and the business part of the meeting finished at 1:35 PM.

Earl thanked everyone for their help during his tenure as president.

Earl introduced Frosty to the group and Frosty talked about his recent African Safari DXpedition.

Words of Wisdom from the President

W5VY

There are many different aspects to DXing. It seems that once bitten by the DX bug there are a series of achievement we strive for. First, it's DXCC. Then, you attend DX banquets and observe the time honored "DX Stand Down" and realize that numbers are bragging rights! Then there's 5 Band DXCC, Desoto Challenge, 160M DXCC, Honor Roll, #1 Honor Roll and so forth. At some point you realize that there are a group of folks who find a way to activate the rare ones and help us get those numbers. The Colvin's, Lloyd, W6KG, and Iris, W6QL, are probably the best early example of the globe trotting DXer handing out Qs. Danny Weil, VP2VB, was one of the first DXers willing to risk life and limb to activate very difficult to reach new ones. The book "YASME, the Danny Weil and Colvin Radio Expeditions", has an article titled "Clipperton" by Danny Weil about his November, 1960 Clipperton DXpedition. The story is a great read and is worth the price of the book. I always think of that Clipperton experience when I see ops posting spots on the reflectors complaining about all the various faults with a particular DXpedition.

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As far as I can tell, I had a grand total of one QSO with Lloyd and one with Iris when they were operating from Paraguay in February, 1983. I missed Danny Weil completely. I actually got cards for the 1983 QSOs from the YASME Organization's QSL Manger, Les, W6JXV. On the YASME web site (www.yasme.org) there is a list of all the calls that qualify for application for the YASME awards. I have a few on the list but not near the 30 required to snag the award plaque. That made me think of the ADXA members who were active "back in the day" and probably do qualify for either the "Plaque" or the "Trophy" in the form of a model of the boat YASME. If you are one of those please take a few minutes and write an article for the newsletter outlining your memories of working and perhaps meeting the Colvin's or Danny Weil. We might even have a member who has been an officer or board member of YASME?

I hope everyone filled in all their missing band/mode needs for VP6DX and TI9KK. I added 66 feet of wire to the top of my 80M vertical to make a drooping inverted "L" and worked both on 160M. I noticed that our favorite "DX Hog" managed 20 band slots with the VP6DX crew. There are lots of great DXpeditions set for next few months.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Earl, N5ZM's QTH on Saturday, March 15th.

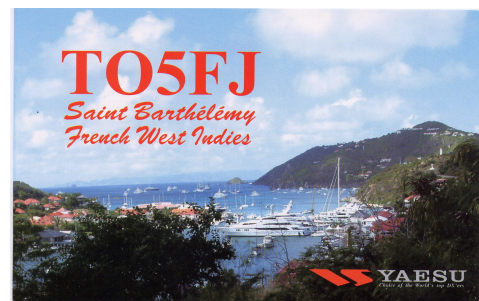
73,

Pat

Mark Your Calendars

These are the dates for future ADXA meetings. Please note the year as well as the date:

- March—3rd Saturday—(15 March 2008) - Location N5ZM's QTH
- June—3rd Saturday—(21 June 2008). Location K5UZ's QTH.
- September— 3rd Saturday (20 September 2008). Location: Avery Pavilion, Hot Springs
- December—1st Saturday (6 December 2008). Location: AECC, Little Rock.



Card Checking

Earl will be available to check cards as usual before the meeting. If you want to have your cards checked please arrive at 11:00. Also, let Earl know that you are going to be bringing cards.

AI5P Travels in Europe 2007

AI5P

Like many of my adventures, this one started innocently enough with an e-mail from an old friend - Dave, G4ETG. We were stationed together in The Netherlands back in the 1980's. He asked if I was planning to attend the RSGB HF Convention in October (this was in May). I hadn't spent any length of time in Europe since my 1998 trip so I started doing some research.

After countless e-mails and checking of Web sites, I put together an itinerary to travel via airplane, train, automobile and ferry to ten countries. I did not take any radio equipment but hoped to operate from friends' stations and pre-arranged local contacts.

I arrived in Zurich on August 28th and was met by my good friend Rudi, HB9RG. He is a county hunter as well as being a long-time DXer. He lives about 15 miles south of Zurich. In three days of casual operating from his outstanding station (Honor Role #1, 5BWAZ, 5BWAS, 9BDXCC, etc), I had 634 contacts as HB9/AI5P.

Departing rainy Switzerland, I took the train down to northern Italy to visit another old friend - Tony, I2PJA. He had arranged a dinner with a number of local hams and we also went to the semi-annual Hamfest in Montichiari. Lots of fun! Operating from the beautiful (in the middle of lovely vineyards!) QTH of Oreste, I2TAO, I managed to log 37 Q's as I2/AI5P.

I had read several years ago that Laura, 3A2MD, offered a Bed and Breakfast at her home in Monaco. This was my next stop. I was able to operate her station whenever she was not using it. This is the location where I had the most contacts - 1882 as 3A/AI5P. As you know, Monaco is a tough path from the States. The small country (485 acres) is completely

blocked to the north and northwest by its topography. As a matter of fact, in one week of operating, I never even heard a U.S. station on any band.

Unfortunately, no one in the U.S. will get my 3A/AI5P QSL card! As you can see in the photo QSL, its quite an interesting place to visit and people/yacht watch!

I did go, on the spur-of-the-moment, to Nice, France (country number 11), for a day-trip from Monaco but didn't arrange any operating possibilities.

The next leg (via overnight train) got me to Dresden, Germany. I had always wanted to visit here - but it was in the former GDR. I was amazed at the combination of modern shopping malls and historical buildings! I didn't operate from here but had a very nice visit with Heinz, DL5DSA ex-DM2AOL, who lives nearby. We had several contacts during my earlier Pacific travels.

Moving to Eisenach, Germany, I met another county hunter, Gerd, DL5AWI, ex-Y44UI. I had worked him in many counties in my U.S. travels on CW. He and some friends have leased a former government site and set up the contest station DF0ESA. I had the opportunity to operate from there and made 118 Q's as DL/AI5P.

Back on the train for an all day trip via Fulda and Hamburg to Copenhagen, Denmark. I was quite surprised at all the things to see and do - wonderful museums as well as the world famous Tivoli Gardens (an amusement park).

Everything centralized and within walking distance (if you like to walk!). One evening I took the train down to Lundby to visit Leif, OZ1LO, and his brother Joern, OZ8RW. Leif is one of the world's top DXers as noted in the DX Challenge. They have quite an antenna set-up! Of course, Leif has worked them all and Joern, who only operates on 6 meters, has 194 countries confirmed! In a short period, OZ/AI5P managed to put 80 Q's in the log before catching the train back to Copenhagen.

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Flying to Oslo, I returned to a country I had last visited in 1985. Beautiful country, lots to see... and the most expensive place on my trip! I took the train over to Bergen across scenic mountains.... and snow! Back in Oslo, I thought my operating luck had run out when the club station I had been promised fell through - great equipment but no antennas! They were in the midst of upgrading their systems and had disassembled all their antennas! Luckily, one of the club members - Kaare, LA8FC, offered to take me to his apartment and let me make some contacts. That was the good news; the bad news was all he had was a 10-15-20 tribander and it was 10 p.m. - 20 meters was dead as a hammer. Then he showed me his key - a replica of a Swedish Railroad straight key! Boy, was I in trouble - but I managed to catch an EA station calling CQ on 20 meters and then a local LA station - I'm sure they wondered who was sending such terrible CW (first time with a straight key since 1969 I think!). But two contacts in the log from LA/AI5P.

On to Sweden to visit Lars, SM5CAK. He is a well-known DXer and county hunter whom I had also visited in 1985. You might remember he published an extensive QSL Manager list at one time. He surprised me by arranging a special call - SI5P - for me for my visit. It's so nice what some countries can do for their amateur radio operators. SI5P soon had 238 Q's in the log.

From Motala, I took the train to Stockholm - my first visit there. What an amazing city! Really beautiful and once again, many things to see and do within walking distance of downtown. Unfortunately, it was now late September and the weather was beginning to turn colder with some rain. One day, Len, SM5AOG, drove me to the well-known contest station SK0UX.

Located at a former army signals test site, it hosts a vast array of various antennas covering, I suspect, every ham band allocated in Sweden. Here, as SI5P/0, I was able to put an additional 183 Q's in the log from Sweden.

On September 30th, I took the ferry on a beautiful, sunny day to the Aland Islands. After a six hour voyage, the ferry arrived at Mariehamn to be greeted by zero visibility due to fog! Here I had my second encounter with Murphy - arrangements to operate the super contest station OH0Z fell through. Fortunately, with the help of their wonderful tourist office (it was the off season for sure and they weren't too busy!), I was able to telephone and meet Einar, OH0NJ. He is the leading DXer in OH0 and I'm sure many ADXA members have worked him. He is Honor Roll #1 and lives on a farm north of Mariehamn. He was kind enough to meet me in town and take me to his home where I got to operate as OH0/AI5P. I soon had 96 Q's in the log. Quite by chance, there was a local radio club meeting that night that I was able to attend and meet six of the locals, including Kee, OH0NA/OJ0NA, who worked on Market Reef for many years.

One of the other hams I met was Gey, OH0GG. Later in my visit, he and his wife insisted I visit their cottage where his station is located. I was able to make an additional 89 Q's as OH0/AI5P. What gracious hospitality! I also learned that many hams in Scandinavia have their stations at a second location in the countryside due to space limitations, power line issues, etc.

One evening I did get the opportunity to visit OH0Z with Einar, OH0NJ. It is far out in the countryside with an amazing location and fantastic antennas. I couldn't operate (one of the owners has to be present) but it was worth the visit just to see such an amazing station. Hopefully the antenna picture will give you an idea! It was getting towards dusk by the time we got there so the picture may be on the dark side.

Taking the overnight ferry to Helsinki, I arrived to find a rainy and cold city. But a beautiful and interesting place. I hadn't realized that Finland was a part of Russia from 1809 to 1917. After the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, Finland declared its independence. You can still see the Russian influence in the architecture and other areas

as you walk around Helsinki. Heikki, OH2LH, took a day off from work to show me around the city and its surrounding area. Another example of great hospitality!

We visited Jukka, OH2BR, in his new home. You might remember him from his 3 month stay on Pitcairn Island as VP6BR in 2000.

I took the train to Riihimäki to visit another county hunter (and DXer) - Henry, OH3JF. He had arranged for a visit to the Army Signals Museum and a lunch with a group of local hams. Henry is a Quad fanatic and has worked them all. He has almost finished working all the U.S. countries as well.

From there, OH3/AI5P got 227 contacts in the log.

Flying to London, I did some sightseeing to include my first visit to Bletchley Park (the main British WWII code breaking establishment) and the Imperial War Museum at Duxford (WWII airfield). It was interesting to see both sites had amateur radio stations - GB2BP and GB2IWM. In fact, David, M0XDS, was operating GB2IWM when Dave (G4ETG) and I visited. We got a nice tour of the station and the signals equipment storage shed!

In some casual operating from Dave's station, I managed to get 33 stations in the log from M/AI5P.

The RSGB HF Convention was held at the Wyboston Lakes Centre in Bedfordshire (near Cambridge) this year (2007) for the first time. A first class facility (rooms and meals) - so if you have the chance to go, do it! It was a pleasure to meet a lot of old friends and to meet other hams for the first time. Very nice presentations on DXpeditions to 3B7C, BS7H, and VP2MTE among others. Technical forums and IOTA programs rounded out the outstanding weekend affair.

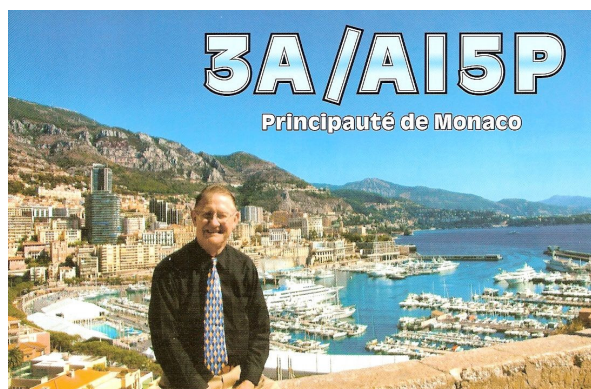
In summary, I had a great time visiting old friends and new places. There were a total of 3619 contacts in the log from

ten countries - five of which were new countries for me to operate from (3A, OZ, LA, OH0 and OH).

If you were trying to work me it would have been most likely by pure luck or seeing me spotted. Earl, N5ZM, was the only ADXA member to work me (in fact in four countries - HB9, DL, SM, and OH). He is now a proud owner of the AI5P Europe 2007 QSL card!

Keep tuned for the next AI5P travel announcement!

Good hunting! 73, Rick





W5HTY Accepting his Honorary Membership



**Charles "Frosty" Frost, Our Guest Speaker
African Safari DXpedition**

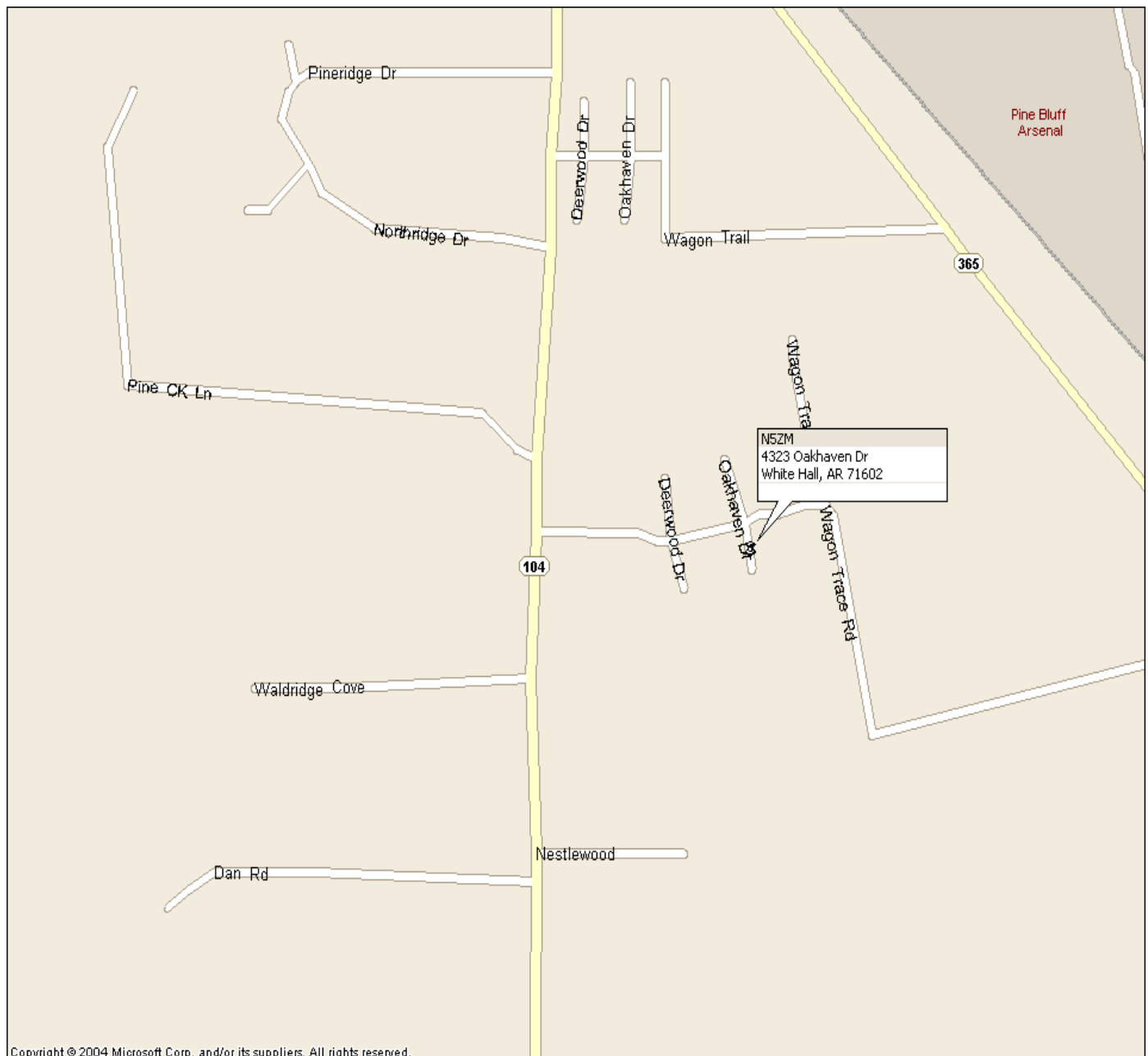
MAP TO N5ZM's

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
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