



# *The ADXA Quarterly*

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## **ADXA OFFICERS**

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## **ADXA MEETING MINUTES**

**T**he 2008  
3rd quar-  
ter meeting of the  
ADXA was held on

Saturday, September 20, 2008 at the Avery Pavilion at Blakely Dam.

Those that signed the sign-in sheet included the following members: Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Earl Smith, N5ZM, Pat Patterson, W5VY, Paul Wynne, AF5M, Myrtle Wynne, W5OOI, Lenny Mendel, K5OVC, Dave Jacques, K5DV, Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ, Libby Jacques, WB6AXD. John Evans, WB5BHS signed in as a guest.

President Pat Patterson, W5VY, called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM. Pat welcomed our guest John Evans, WB5BHS. Pat thanked Libby and Dave for taking care of the eats for this meeting. As usual they did an excellent job. Pat also thanked anyone who brought something to this meeting.

## **Health and Welfare**

No word on Martin Hankins nor any word on Frank Kollatt.

## **Old Business**

A motion was made by K5DV to dispense

with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as distributed. AF5M seconded and the motion carried.

N5RN gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as presented by AF5M. Seconded by K9IW. The motion carried.

## **New Business**

Pat reminded everyone that the next meeting is at AECC on December 6th. Randy Young, N5LE/V73RY will be our speaker at the next meeting. Randy will share his experiences of operating as V73RY.

Pat asked for an update from AF5M on the DXAC activities. Paul basically said that the DXAC is dormant and reminded everyone that the DXAC is by consignment only. The last item of discussion was remote operations.

K9IW asked the group to send him your DXCC updates and we will get them published on the web.

CY0 support will likely be requested next year.

K5OVC has access to Nellie's (XE1CI) logs.

YASME will be a topic for an upcoming meeting. Most likely 1st quarter 2009.

AF5M suggested that we give new members a free membership for 2008 if they will join for 2009. K5DV seconded and the motion carried.

Pat asked about a DX-Forum at an Arkansas hamfest. Russellville (7 March)? There was a lot of interest in doing this but will need further discussion.

A motion was made to keep the current slate of officers for 2009. The motion was made by K5DV. N5ZM seconded and the current slate of officers will serve another year.

A motion was by K5DV to adjourn. N5ZM seconded. The motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 1:32 PM.

## Words of Wisdom from the President

**W5VY**

Looks like sun spots are making a come back! Funny how great just a few are when you've had none for a long spell. There are some interesting DXpeditions in the works for early 2009. The "KP1-5 Project" is mounting a major effort from Desecheo with operation beginning on February 12<sup>th</sup> and lasting 14 days. It has been 15 years since KP5 was activated for more than just a few hours.

Vladimir Bykov, UA4WHX, has been cranking out cards from his 26 month African adventure. I received a batch a couple of weeks ago. Vlad really has the knack for capturing great images of the people in the countries he visits. He has certainly handed out a lot of new ones over the years. Has anyone in the group ever met Vlad?

During the late 60's I was stationed at a small Naval Communications Station near Edzell, Scotland. I had a reciprocal call, GM5AMD, and operated from the base club station. It was great being in the "neighborhood" with the Europeans. I spoke

to Verner, SM4DTL, and Anders, SM0DZL on a fairly regular basis. I saved up my leave and took a 30 day vacation to visit the continent in September, '69. It was a bit like Europe on \$10 a day. My transportation was my right hand drive VW bug and my accommodations were a pup tent or my car. Verner had asked me to call him if I made it to Sweden. I called and he met me at the outskirts of his town, Karlstad. Verner took a couple of day's vacation to show me around Western Sweden. He and his lovely wife, Greta, made me feel right at home and we had great discussion about the things folks everywhere are interested in. After Karlstad I drove to Stockholm and my tour guide there was Anders, SM0DZL. I corresponded with both fellows for a number of years after my visit. I worked Anders on 20M RTTY from KG6AAY a couple of years later. That was "real" RTTY....a Teletype Model 28KSR and a rack mounted Modem/TU. I still have occasional e-mail contact with Anders. His tower and antennas are "in the barn" after several job related moves. He has plans to get back on the air one of these days.

If you have developed a friendship with a foreign ham after meeting on the air please take time to write a short article about your friend and either send it to Glenn for the next newsletter or post it to the list server.

Randy, V73RY, should have some interesting stories to share with us about his stay on Kwajalein. Spread the word about the Annual Meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Bring a friend or two to enjoy Randy's presentation. The lunch will be Barbeque (Beef and Pork) with Cole slaw, bean and potato salad.

73,

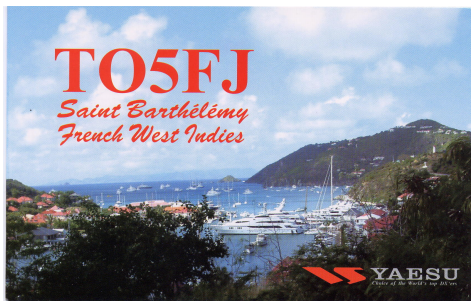
Pat, W5VY



## Mark Your Calendars

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

- December—1st Saturday (6 December 2008). Location: AECC, Little Rock.
- March 21, 2009—Location— TBD
- June 20, 2009—Location—TBD
- September 19, 2009—Location—TBD
- December 5, 2009—Location—TBD



## Card Checking

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

A Story

Bill, K9IW

During a recent trip my wife and I were on we drove around the back woods of East Texas. On one back road I saw a sign in front of a broken down shanty style house: "Talking Dog for Sale." Well I needed a break so I stopped to see what the deal was. I went into the backyard and see a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there..

"You talk?" I asked.

"Yep," the Lab replies.

Well after I got over the shock of hearing a dog talk, I asked "So, what's your story?"

"Ah shucks there ain't much to tell. Is that a VUU screwdriver antenna on your truck out there?" "How did you know that," I asked?

The Lab looks up and says, "Well, I'm a ham radio operator. I got my Ticket when I was a young pup and in no time at all I had my 5 band DXCC in Phone and CW. The CIA heard about me and asked me to do some spy work for them. I would hang around the communications centers and with my keen hearing I could copy the transmissions. Because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping, I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years." Copying high speed CW all day really tired me out and I knew I wasn't getting any younger. So, I decided to settle down. I retired from the CIA (8 dog years is 56 CIA years) and joined a ham radio club. In fact I won first place in the Oklahoma QSO Party two years in a row. Then I had a mess of puppies and got away from Ham Radio for a while. I sure miss my radio. Why don't you buy me and I'll be your CW operator in the Texas QSO Party.

I said "let me see what I can do."

I went back in and asked the owner what he wanted for the dog.

"Ten dollars," the guy says.

"Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?"

"Because he's a liar. He never did any of that stuff. He's just a No Code Technician."



## Map to ADXA Meeting

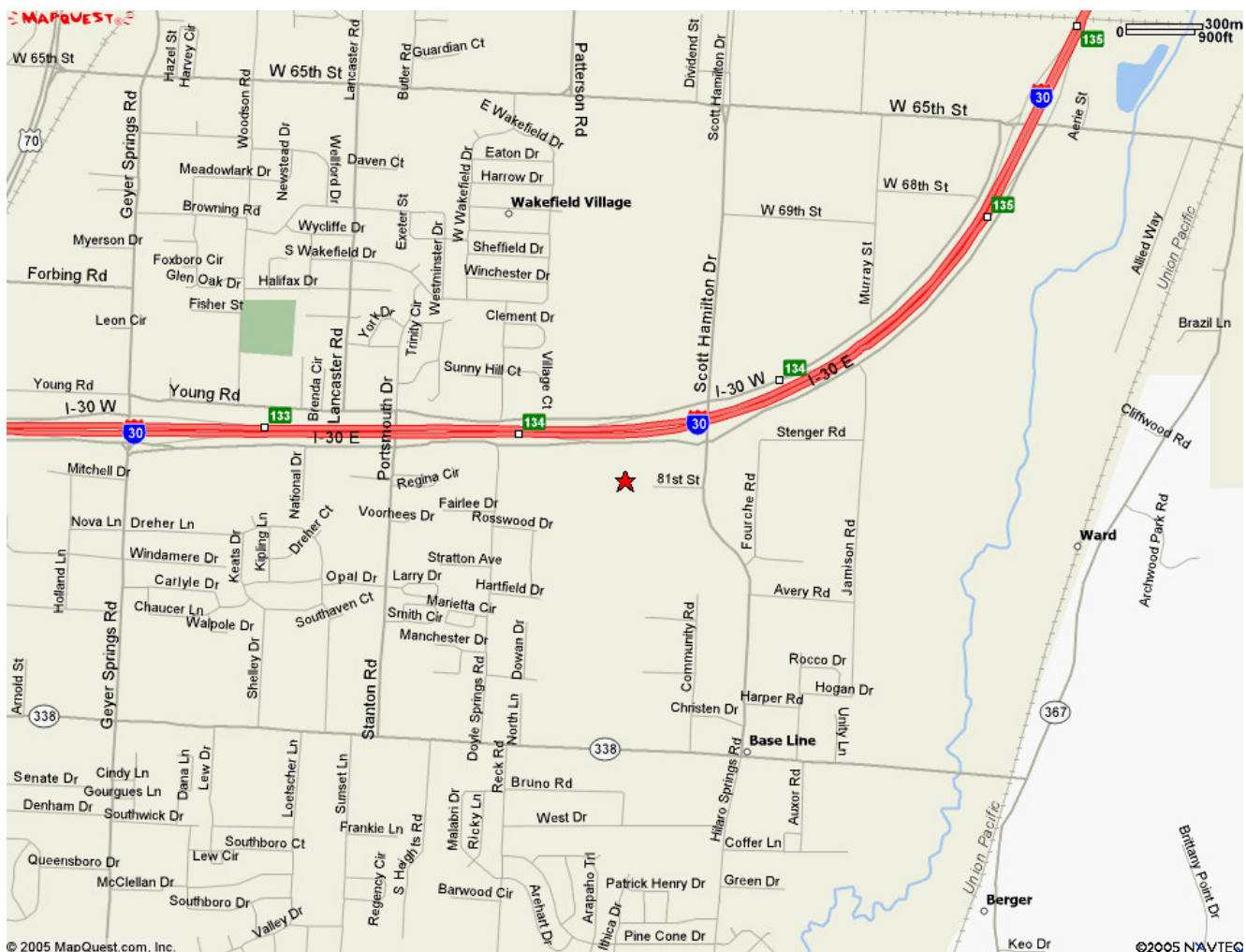
### 1 Cooperative Way

### Little Rock, AR 72219

Coming into Little Rock from the West on I-30 take the Scott Hamilton Road Exit. Turn right (south) onto Scott Hamilton. Drive one block and turn right on "Cooperative Way". Drive about a block to the AECC Campus entrance. Stay to the right and park in the Visitor's parking lot.

Coming from downtown Little Rock on I-30 take the Scott Hamilton Road Exit. Turn left (south) onto Scott Hamilton. Drive about ¼ mile, past an Exxon Station and Motel on the right, to "Cooperative Way". Turn right onto Cooperative Way and drive about a block to the AECC campus entrance. Stay to the right and park in the Visitor's parking lot.

The front door will be locked but hopefully we'll have a volunteer to watch the door. Please call me on my cell, 501-416-6826, if you have problems getting in the door.





## ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

### MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

CALL: \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION: ☐ NEW ☐ RENEWAL

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_.

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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 **\$25.00**, Family membership **\$35.00**

#### **MAIL APPLICATION TO:**

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