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ADXA MEETING MINUTES

The 2009 1st quarter meeting of the ADXA was held on Saturday, March 21, 2009 at the home of Earl and Sharon Smith, N5ZM.

Those that signed the sign-in sheet included the following members: Paul Wynne, AF5M, Myrtle Wynne, N500I, Martin Hankins, W5HTY, Pat Patterson, W5VY, Ollie Gade, W5G0, Lenny Mendel, K50VC, Bill Harper, K9IW, Frank Fahlander, N7FF, Dennis Schaeffer, W5RZ, Dave Jacques, K5DV, AI5P, Richard Harris, Jim Burkhart, AD5BV, and Earl Smith, N5ZM. Guests included Jonathan Setcer, N5QJ and co host Sharon Smith

President Pat Patterson, W5VY, called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM. Pat introduced our guest -N5QJ.

Health and Welfare

Frank Kollatt is not doing well.

Old Business

A motion was made by K5DV to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as printed in the ADXA newsletter. A5FM seconded and the motion carried.

N5RN gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made by AF5M to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. N5ZM seconded. The motion carried.

New Business

The 3rd Quarter Meeting has been taken care of but we need a place for the 2nd quarter. AF5M and N500I stepped up and

offered their home for this meeting.

We didn't have any ARRL representatives present so we didn't get any direct updates from the League.

W5G0 indicated that he would contact our Section Manager, JM Rowe, and have him put our info on the section page.

Bill Harper, K9IW, asked that we send our DXCC updates to him so that he can update the document he's keeping. It will be periodically uploaded to the ADXA webpage.

Question was asked about our ARRL Affiliated Club Status. N5RN agreed to check with the League.

N5ZM made a motion to pre-approve a donation for LSDXA should they ask. W5G0 seconded. The motion carried.

AI5P indicated that the CY0 trip has been cancelled. There will be 3 Americans going in October 2009. It is expensive trip. CY0 is probably not needed by Americans. Rick indicated that he was planning on going to the Grand Caymans and Jamaica this May.

The Benton County Radio Operators Club is putting on a hamfest April 25th at the 1st Church of the Nazarene in Rogers. They have requested ADXA present a DX Forum at the hamfest. Pat asked for suggestions for topics for the Forum. He indicated that he should be available that weekend and would work to put something together. Any suggestion related to this send to Pat.

AI5P presented the Pacific Awards-SSB went to K50VC, CW went to W5G0, and overall went to N5ZM.

Pat introduced Bill and Lenny and turned the floor over to them to talk about YASME. The Yasme Foundation offers a beautiful plaque to anyone who submits QSL cards showing contacts with 30 dif-

ferent callsigns of YASME officers, directors and/or operations. For proof of 60 contacts, a trophy in the shape of the sailboat "Yasme" is awarded. See the YASME web site for details: www.yasme.org. The YASME Foundation also will supply QSL cards for some of the YASME sponsored DXpeditions.

Bill brought his Plaque, Boat and a copy of

"The YASME book: YASME--The Danny Weil and Colvin Radio Expeditions
By James D. Cain, K1TN".

Lenny, K50VC also brought his YASME award boat.

Pat to put a link on reflector about YASME interview. Here's the link to the MP3 audio file of an interview with Danny Weil, VP2VB, recorded by Wolf, OE1WHC <http://dokufunk.org/upload/weil.mp3>

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 1:56 PM.

Words of Wisdom from the President

W5VY

Well, looks like Solar Cycle 24 is finally starting to come alive. There have been a few days of SSNs in the mid 20's but the average is still only about 3. The new NOAA consensus prediction is for Cycle 24 activity to be lower than average with a peak in May 2013 at a maximum SSN of 90. Carl, K9LA, presented a propagation forum at Ham Com and predicted 15M F2 openings to Europe by spring 2010 and 10M openings to Europe in early 2011. Carl pointed out that the Sun doesn't read NOAA's predictions and may not fully cooperate!

I attended the Software Defined Radio forum at Dayton. There were good presentations on the state of the art in SDR. Joel, W5ZN, gave a talk on Contesting with an SDR. Joel has a Flex 5000A and used it in the ARRL DX CW weekend

this spring. He reported that the close in filtering is nothing short of phenomenal and spoke of a "run" of DL QRP (5 W) stations on 80M. Of course Joel has some very good RX antennas for 80 but his evaluation of SDR RX performance was very positive. I also visited the TAPR booth and looked over the boards that are available for their High Performance SDR (HPSDR) project. Looks like you could build a 160-6M RX with USB interface for about \$500. The RX is basically an A/D converter hooked to the antenna connector. The A/D does about 130 million samples/sec with an FPGA doing all the DSP processing after the A/D. As A/D performance improves I think it will be difficult for a traditional Superhet design to remain competitive.

I've noticed more WSJT/JT65 activity on the HF bands. Seems to be some controversy brewing about JT65 making it "too easy" to work DX with low power/poor conditions. Seems to be an incremental improvement over previous digital modes such as FSK, PSK31, etc.

The 5BDXCC DX Dinner was a big hit. Bob, K4UEE, gave a great presentation on K5D. Bob feels that the K5D effort generated considerable good will with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He is hopeful that future applications for access to other entities that have been closed by the USFWS may be treated more favorably. Of course everyone asked Bob when he would be going to KP1/Navassa. My XYL, Patty, and I got to sit at one of the VIP tables (as your ADXA President). Bruna, daughter of Piero Begali, I2RTF, and her husband Roberto were seated at our table. Bruna was on hand to present the Begali key being provided as one of the door prizes. She is a delightful lady and after failing to win the door prize I went by their booth the next day and purchased a Sculpture...a real work of art.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Wynne mansion on June 20th. Bring a friend.

73/DX,

Pat

Mark Your Calendars

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

- June—3rd Saturday— 20 June 2009. Location AF5M's QTH.
- September— 3rd Saturday—19 September 2009. Location: Avery Pavilion, Hot Springs
- December—1st Saturday—05 December 2009. 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.

Noteables

From the ARRL RTTY Round Up Article (July 2009)

Multi-Single Low-Power (MOLP)

Team N5ZM shows you the exact roadmap of how to win a Roundup category. First you log 1,249 second-place all-time QSOs and then set the all-time multiplier record for your category with 122. You then leave the next station in the dust. Earl, N5ZM and his operating buddy Glenn, N5RN clinched their fourth victory in a row again, setting both a new US/VE record and Delta Division Low-Power record.

All indications are that Rick's recent trip went well and likely made a number of contacts (and even one with N5RN!!)



Dayton 2009

N7FF

Well the Hamvention is over and I just have a few words to offer from the standpoint of a novice DXer at the convention.

The last DXCC application I submitted via Earl got completed the day before Bill, K9IW, and I left for Dayton. I had been keeping a watch on my application because I had some 160M cards to have checked. So, seeing that now I could, I got another application together and took my cards to Dayton.

I arrived mid-afternoon at the DXCC checking desk and there were about 10 checkers busy at work. Most of those having their cards checked had about 20-50 cards but a few folks had 3-5 inches of cards to check. I had 41. The wait in line was about 45 minutes. While in line, I met a very nice fellow from Florida who was there with his first DXCC submittal. He was really excited. Like me, he had been in the hobby for a long time (I've been in since '55) but the DX bug had just never bit him until late in life.

We both lamented over all those deleted countries we'll never get in our total.

My card checker was from Michigan and a real nice fellow. He said the largest stack of cards he ever had to check was 2000+ and he said the fellow watched him like a hawk during the whole long ordeal.

The DX banquet was fun and entertaining. At our banquet table we had few very interesting DX station operators.

John, KH6NF, is a fighter pilot in the Air Force Reserves and lives in both Hawaii and Alaska. He has operated at KH6XX. He has a nice web page and is trying to setup a contest station in KL7 land. It was very interesting hearing about his experiences flying the F-22 Raptor.

Simon, LZ0BTV was the digital operator at E44M. He's very young and lives in a small town south of Rome. This was his first trip to the states. We've emailed a couple of times and he said he didn't particularly care for Dayton. Apparently he walked down town and got accosted by a street person asking for loose change.

Bernd (I don't have his call), is from Germany and is a "Butcher Meister." He is a manager and teacher of some 100 butchers. He's quite an accomplished DXer. I didn't have the courage to ask him how he liked the steak we were served. I thought the steak was okay but not the best that America has to offer :).

Phil, LX2A/LX7I, seemed quite young but has been on DXpeditions of note.

On top of the enjoyment of meeting such nice DX personnel first hand, I won a logging program at the DX banquet raffle!

It was very interesting to see youngsters getting into the hobby. Carol, WB2MGP, has been spearheading the Youth Forum I attended. This forum is slowly gathering support and she is doing a great job promoting and recognizing young hams. Nine youngsters were given stipends and equipment prizes for there accomplishments at the forum.

It was also great to hear Astronaut Richard Garriott's talk in the ARRL forum. He is very talented, driven and a great story teller. His dad, Dr. Owen, who was in Skylab in 1973, was in the audience. I can't think of better pair of spokes persons for the hobby. Richard talk was informative and humorous. One story involved how both he and his dad used recordings of his mother to make it seem that she was aboard the space craft. Owen did it with a micro cassette recorder. Richard perfected it with a computer.

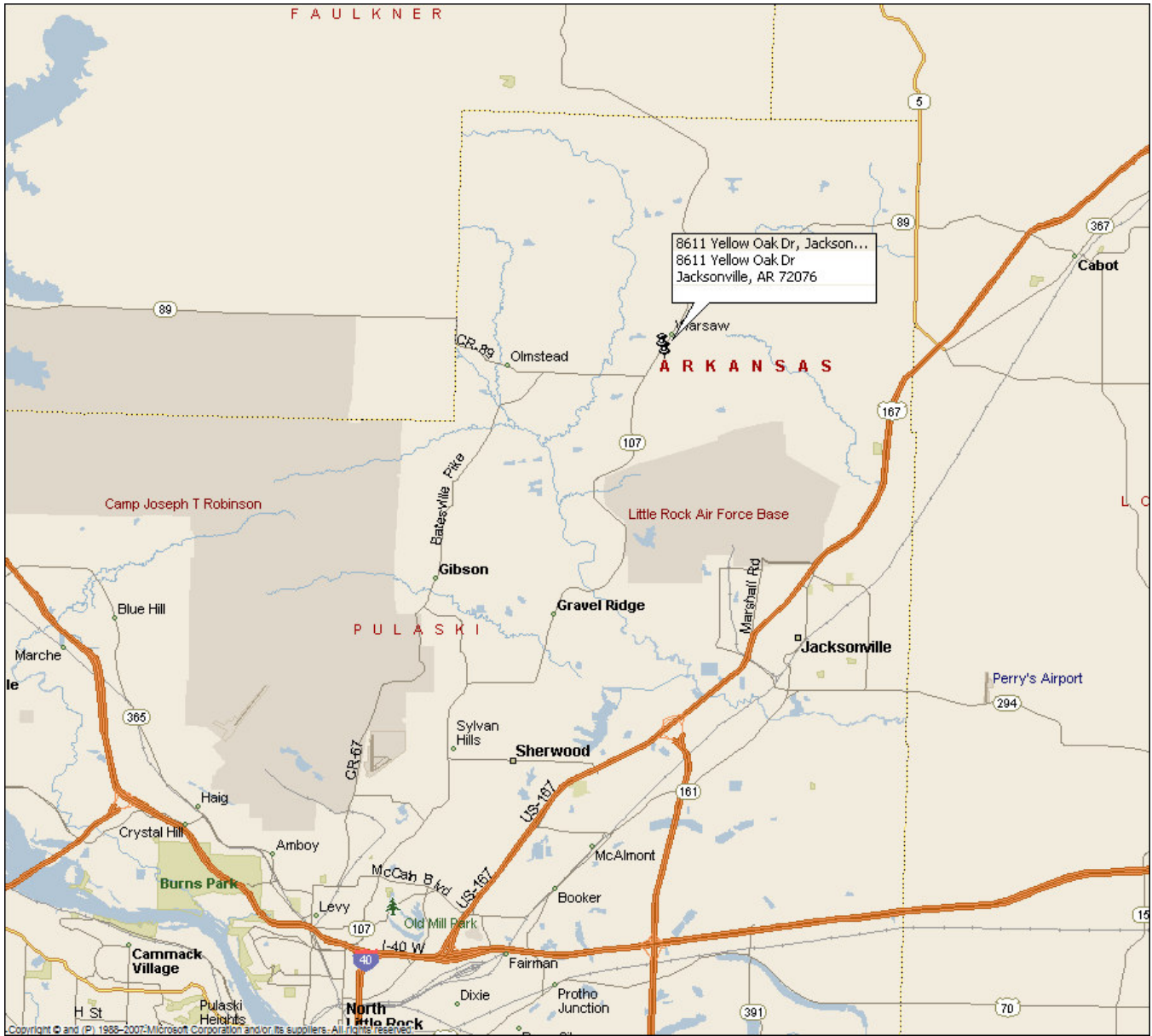
The DX forum was interesting. There we heard about E44M, K5D and VK9DWX. The fellow who talked about VK9DWX was only 21 yr. old and was a rookie the team scouted for the trip. What a bright and talented young man. K5LBU, Frosty, also gave an informal talk about DXpeditions in Africa where everything is provided. Makes me want to go to see what its like on the other end of the pileup.

73, Frank, N7FF

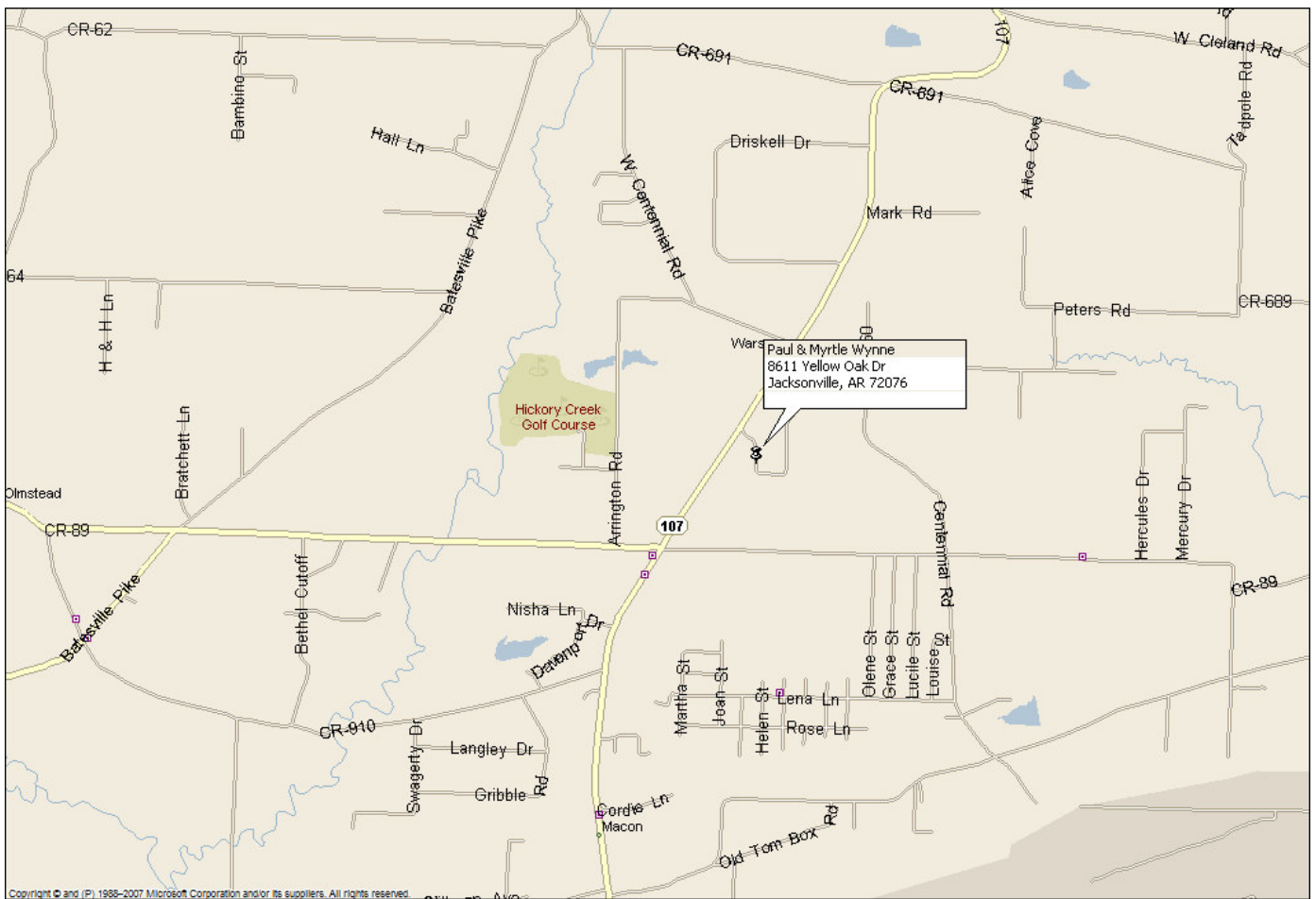


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North is up



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