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ADXA MEETING MINUTES

The 2009 3rd quarter meeting of the ADXA was held on Saturday, September 20, 2009 at the

Avery pavilion in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Those that signed the sign-in sheet included the following members: Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Myrtle Wynne, N5OOI, Libby Jacques, WB6AXD, Dave Jacques, K5DV, Jimmy Ballew, N5ZIV, Bill Harper, K9IW, Jim Barron, WB5AAA, Paul Wynne, AF5M, Earl Smith, N5ZM, Ollie Gade, W5GO, David Norris, K5UZ, and Pat Patterson, W5VY. Guests included Michelle Ballew and Matti Ballew.

President Pat Patterson, W5VY, called the meeting to order at 1:14 PM. Pat introduced our guest—Michelle and Matti Ballew.

Pat thanked Dave and Libby Jacques for the good food and snacks.

Health and Welfare

Pat mentioned Martin Hankin's passing. Several were able to attend his funeral. Found out that Martin had served on the bank board for 50 years and sang in the choir for 50 years. His DXCC count was 366. He needed VU7 and BS7 for #1 Honor Roll. Martin will be missed by the amateur community as well as by others.

San Hutson, K5YY, is moving but it isn't clear where.

Frank Kollatt is in hospital for issues related to a

heart valve.

Old Business

A motion was made by AF5M and seconded by K5DV to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as printed in the ADXA newsletter. The motion was passed.

N5RN gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made by K5DV to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. K5UZ seconded. The motion carried.

New Business

N5ZM made a motion and seconded by K5DV to support the Conway Reef DXpedition, 3D20CR.

Send updates on your statistics to K9IW.

Annual meeting will be at AECC on December 5, 2009. BBQ will be the meal. The hat will be passed.

K5UZ provided an update on ARRL activities. Nothing new from DXAC. Swains is still a concern. FCC position on BPL is still anybody's guess. As of right now BPL doesn't seem cost effective.

For the December meeting—send suggestions for a speaker to Pat.

Honorary status for our current members. W5GO is now our oldest member.

N5ZM motioned that we adjourn. K9IW seconded. The motion carried and the formal part of the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.

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.

Mark Your Calendars

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

- December—1st Saturday—05 December 2009. Location: AECC, Little Rock.
- March—3rd Saturday—March 20, 2010. Location: To Be Determined



Trip to the South Pacific - 2009

Rick, AI5P

My trip turned out to be one of my best as far as being interesting, exciting, and fun.

I think the highlights of the trip were the visit to Norfolk Island and The Bay of Islands in New Zealand. And walking around the Sky Tower in Auckland - outside on a one meter platform with no handrails 192 meters above the ground... but that's another story!

Radiowise, a mixed blessing. Conditions 20 meters and above were not good.

Most of the contacts were made on 30 and 40 meters. The number of contacts were: FK/AI5P - 1716 (98% on CW), YJ0PX - 2003 (95% on CW), AI5P/VK9N - 1838 (87% on CW), and ZL/AI5P - 375 (100% on CW). I'm not sure if conditions, my little signal, or lack of interest caused a (to me) decline in ADXA callers. I did, however, manage to work at least one ADXA member from each of the locations. Of the total 5932 contacts, 3439 (58%) were on 30 meters - definitely the workhorse band on this trip. I will try to give some detailed travel adventures in following issues of the Newsletter.

73, Rick



TX3A
160m Receiving (George, AA7JV)
(from the TX3A website)

Words of Wisdom from the President

Pat Patterson, W5VY

Despite the low sunspot average throughout most of 2009 there have been a number of successful DXpeditions. The "state of the art" for DXpeditions seems to be improving with better rigs and antennas these days.

The TX3A effort is a case in point. Two guys, George, AA7JV, and Tomi, HA7RY, are cranking out Q's on the low bands with a minimal amount of hardware. They have a pair of K3s, two SGC-500 amps and one 1.5kW generator. What they are doing is akin to fishing for a 25lb brown trout with 4lb test line! They are using some innovative lowband Rx antennas to help overcome the high ambient noise level. A number of ADXA members have hooked up with them on 160, 80, etc.

We have a great program lined up for the Annual Meeting. Joel, W5ZN, will be on hand to do a presentation on his multi-bay Low Band antenna array. Joel used this new secret weapon to win 1st place, Delta Division, Single Op, High Power, 80M single band, in the 2009 ARRL International DX CW Contest. Joel had 571 Qs with 84 Multipliers. Also, David, K5UZ, will be on hand to deliver a K5D presentation provided by Bob, K4UEE. David will also share his research and analysis of forces on rotating towers with big antennas lashed to them.

We need some new blood in the group...please recruit a friend and bring them to the meeting.

73/DX,

Pat

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: _____

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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**

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