



# The ADXA Quarterly

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## ADXA MEETING MINUTES

**T**he 2009  
4th quarter  
meeting of the ADXA  
was held on Saturday,

December 05, 2009 at the AECC office in Little Rock.

Those that signed the sign-in sheet included the following members: Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Dave Jacques, K5DV, Jimmy Ballew, N5ZIV, Lenny Mendel, K5OVC, Jim Barron, WB5AAA, Frank Fahrlander, N7FF, Bill Harper, K9IW, Paul Wynne, AF5M, Myrtle Wynne, N5OOI, Roger Gray, N5QS, JM Rowe, N5XFW, Earl Smith, N5ZM, David Norris, K5UZ, Ollie Gade, W5GO, Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ, Pat Patterson, W5VY. Guests included ARRL President, Joel Harrison, W5ZN, Arkansas Section Manager, JM Rowe, N5XFW, Ryan McAfee, N5QZ, Dawn Gray, N5QT, Melissa Schaefer, N5HX, Sharon Smith, and Abbey Love.

President W5VY called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM. Pat recognized our guests—ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, and Arkansas Section Manager, JM Rowe, N5XFW.

Pat spoke about the importance of ARES-RACES and encouraged participation in these activities. Contact JM for more information.

## Health and Welfare

Frank Kollatt is home and feeling a little better

## Old Business

W5VY 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. WB5AAA seconded. The motion carried. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

## New Business

DXpedition: Pat asked about support of the XV/3W in April 2010. N7FF made a motion to support; K5OVC seconded and the motion carried.

There being no more business. A motion was made to adjourn the formal part of the meeting.

Pat introduced Joel Harrison, W5ZN. Joel was first licensed in 1972. He's been Section Manager, Division Director and was elected ARRL President in 2006. Joel on the DXCC Honor Roll, 9 band DXCC, 2600+ challenge points, 11 band VUCC, and enjoys low band contesting. Joel then gave an very interesting presentation on Effective Receive Antennas for Low Band DXing.

After Joel's presentation, Pat introduced David Norris, K5UZ. David is our Delta Division—Vice Director. David gave a presentation on the challenges of he faced when building his rotating tower.

Paul Wynne, AF5M, then gave a brief presentation about the history of the ADXA. He expressed his concern about increasing the number of members. Paul encouraged everyone to contact others and encourage them join us. K5UZ suggested that we set up a booth or make a presentation at the larger hamfests.

Pat said that he contacted the current slate of officers and they all indicated that they would be willing to serve another year. A motion was made to accept the current slate of officers for another year. K5OVC seconded. The officers were approved by those present.

K9IW said that he hadn't received any updates but asked for everyone to please send him updates on their DXCC work.

N5ZM motioned that we adjourn the informal part of the meeting. K5DV seconded. And the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30

### Mark Your Calendars

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

- March—3rd Saturday—(21 March 2009) - Location: N5ZM's QTH
- June—3rd Saturday—(20 June 2009).

Location: TBD.

- September— 3rd Saturday (19 September 2009). Location: Avery Pavilion, Hot Springs
- December—1st Saturday (5 December 2009). Location: AECC, Little Rock.

### Notes from ADXA Members

From an email dated Wed, Nov 18, 2009 at 8:36 AM:

Hello Glenn

Last night at 0000 Utc i was hearing a Mongolian station , Call JV1A Operator Naran JT1BV. Freq. 7140 QSX 7155 A true 5-9 . He recognized my call. I had learned some Mongolian words from Bator JT1BG ( S.K.) I worked him at 0024 utc. 5-9 both ways. It was my 2nd JT on SSB , Last one was Dec 1982 with Walt JT0GM H.C. UV3GM both on 40 & 75 meters. 40 & 75 mtrs 1 month short of 27 years ago for my Zone 23

He had a big pileup.

73es

Lenny K5OVC

## AI5P TRAVELS

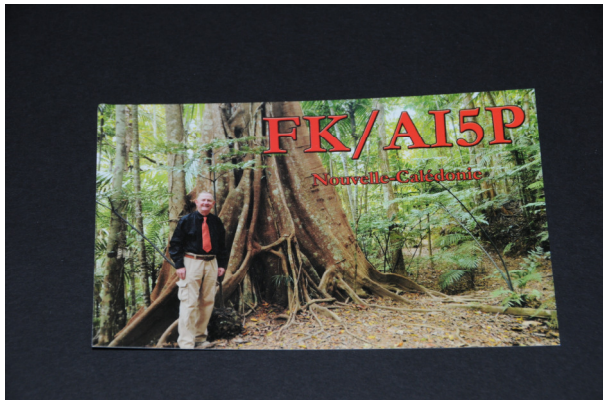
### New Caledonia

I arrived in New Caledonia via Auckland on Oct 1st, 2009. I had, unfortunately, not gotten any feedback from local hams from my e-mails. I found a great hotel on the north side of the main island (Grand Terre) which would help tremendously with the signal to stateside. Then I discovered it was about a 4-5 hour drive to the airport from there. With my early return flight, I didn't want to chance a problem. So I found another nice hotel about 45 minutes from the airport but on the south side of the island and not on the beach. Grand Terre is about 250 miles long, very mountainous, and averages 30 miles in width. So it's a very large place. I stayed at the Naina Park Hotel in the small town of La Foa and it couldn't have been

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nicer with great hospitality and no problems for my wire antennas.

The great voyaging canoes of the Melanesian



people sailed into New Caledonia over 1500 years ago, but it was Captain James Cook who named the islands in memory of Scotland when he arrived in 1774. In 1853, Admiral Febvrier-Despointes claimed the islands as French territory. Between 1864 and 1894 it served as a French penal colony. During World War II, New Caledonia served as a major Allied naval and air base. New Caledonia is now a self-governing territory of France and its economy centers on mining (nickel, copper, and cobalt), metallurgy, and tourism. It has 25 percent of the world's known nickel resources.

I was kept busy during the week with playing on the radio and sightseeing. Conditions weren't too good and even 20 meters wasn't so hot. Seventeen meters was a total bust. I ended with 1716 contacts with only 29 (2 %) on SSB and 1687 (98 %) on CW. There were 236 Q's on 40 meters (5 on SSB, 231 on CW), 1045 on 30 meters (CW), and 435 on 20 meters (24 on SSB, 411 on CW). Interesting stations worked included P29CW, 3D20CR, ZS3Y, GI3OQR, FM5CD, 5W0DW, R1ANC, ZS4U, BA7MG, TX5SPA, MD0CCE, and XW8B. Africans are particularly difficult from the Pacific. I've probably only worked a handful in all my trips the Pacific.

Sightseeing was extremely interesting with two trips to the capital Noumea ( 1 1/2 hr drive from hotel ) and visits there to the New Caledonia Museum, Noumea City Museum, Maritime Museum, city market, the American WWII Monument, Tjibaou Cultural Center, the fantastic Zoological and Botanical Garden and the remarkable Noumea

Aquarium. The aquarium was one of the best I've ever seen! The Maritime Museum turned into quite an event as there was an open house on a French destroyer tied up at the dock as well as a WWII-era dance inside the museum with great "swing" music and lots of local young people dressed in WWII-era clothing and uniforms and quite good at dancing the jitterbug!

Outside the Noumea area I also visited the Teremba Fort Penal Center (Circa 1874 and restored), hiked in the Park of the Large Ferns (where the QSL photo was taken), and viewed the remains of the "Pierced Rock" - where, unfortunately, erosion had caused the stone to crumble and fall into the ocean.

The visit to New Caledonia turned out to be much more interesting than I had originally thought it would be. A great start to my 2009 Pacific trip!

## Card Checking

Earl will be available to check cards before the meeting. If you want to have your cards checked, please let Earl know in advance and plan on arriving at the meeting place at 11:00.

## Words of Wisdom

Pat Patterson, W5VY

What a difference a few sun spots can make. With just a little help the higher bands have come to life in what seemed like a very long quite spell. My operating time has been limited but I managed to pick up a couple of outright new ones and quite a few new band entities on 17M and 12M.

The 3W6C DXpedition to Con Co Island, Vietnam, is still on track for an early April arrival. Our Logo has been added to the “club sponsors” page of their web site <http://www.3w6c.qrv.ch/club-sponsors/>

I spotted Lenny, K5OVC, and Frank, W5BPT, at the ARARF Hamfest in Russellville. They were selling some of their DX secret weapons. Frank says he’s on the mend and feeling better. Lenny had a lot of neat stuff on the table. He had a couple of automatic lightning detector widgets that would shut off power to his station if a thunderstorm cranked up in his area. The ARVARF ‘fest is always a great hamfest....if you missed it put it on your “list” for next year.

I recently received an e-mail from José Luis, EA1AX. He is a Amateur Radio “Pin” collector and is looking for “Pins” related to clubs, events, etc. to add to his collection. Check out the “Pines Radioaficiando” page on his web site

<http://www.ea1ax.es/index%203.htm> .

Please drop Jose Luis a note if you have any Pins you’d be willing to part with.

Hope to see you all at Earl’s DX Palace on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Remember “Growing old is mandatory – growing up is optional”.

73,

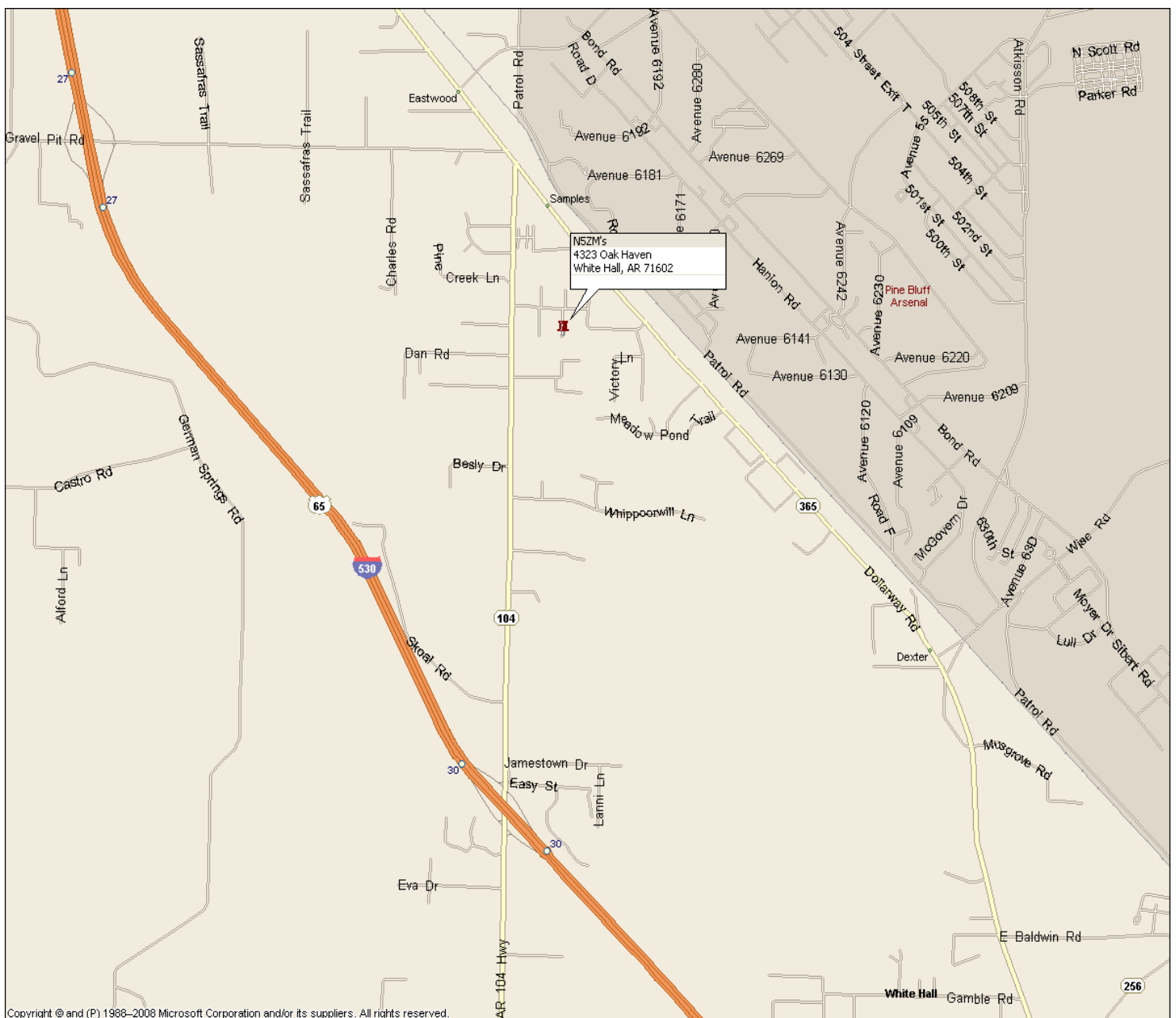
Pat, W5VY

The logo for ADXA is rendered in a bold, red, sans-serif font. The letters are thick and blocky, with a slight shadow effect behind them. The 'A' and 'X' are particularly prominent. The logo is centered horizontally within a white rectangular area.

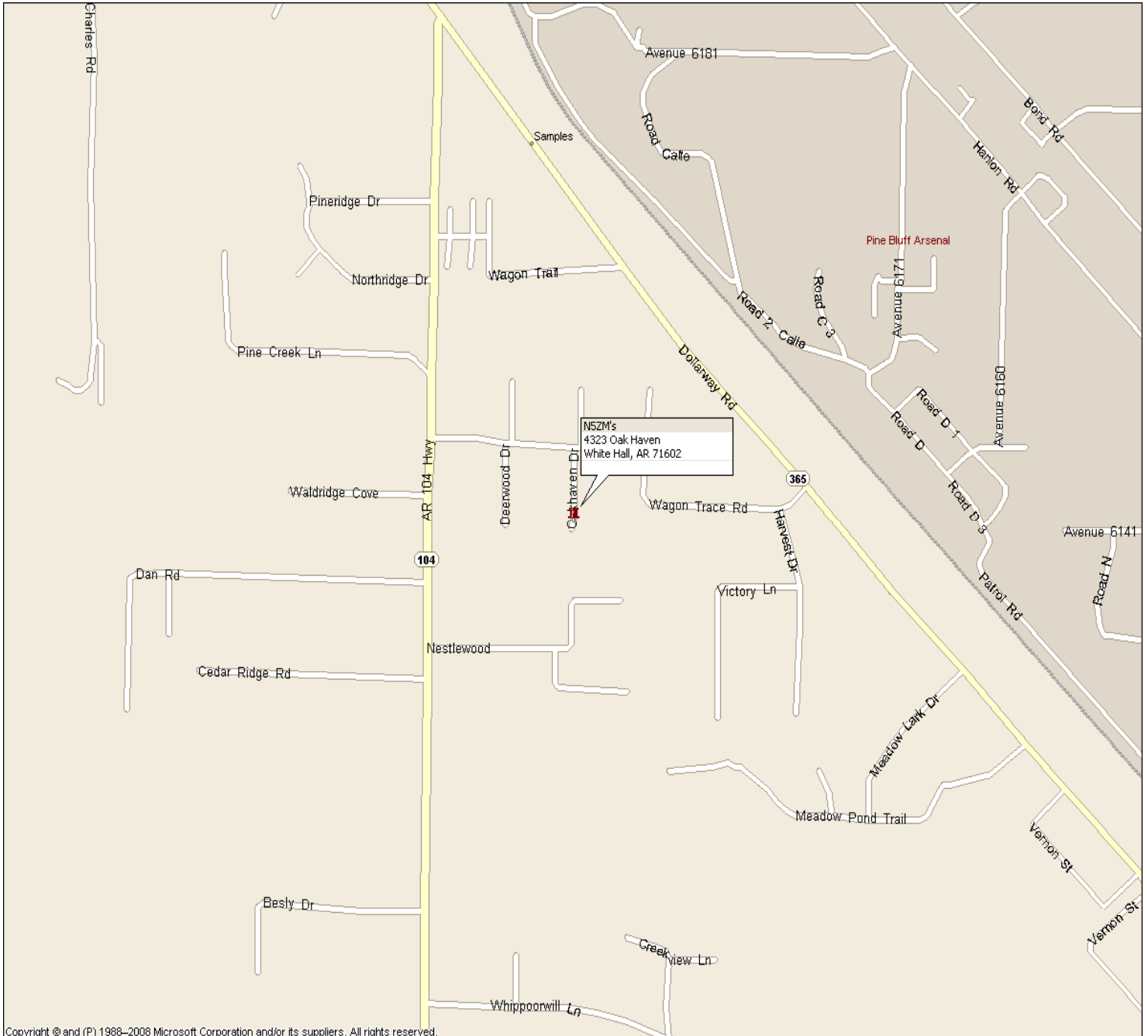
# MAP TO N5ZM's

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**

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

APPLICATION:  NEW  RENEWAL

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

PHONE: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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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**

**MAIL APPLICATION TO:**

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