



ADXA Minutes

ADXA meeting November 13, 2021 at Brown's Catfish, Russellville, AR.

Meeting called to order by W5ZN at 12:15 PM.

Attending:

N5QZ, K5CKS, Alberta (K5CKS guest), N5LKE, N5QS, N5QT, N5ER, KC5CFE, W5KI, W5RZ, K5ALQ, Ken Jr., WB5JJJ, K5YY, W5XNA, K5XH, KM5G, W5VY, W5SJ, K5FUV, K5EJ, WB5NFT, K5UR, Holly Roderick, WB5BHS, W5PIG, N5DDW, KG5STP, W5ZN

Moved by N5LKE, 2nd by K5YY to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2020 meeting as published in the newsletter.

No old business

New business

- Election of officers—Moved by K5FUV, second by N5LKE that the current officer slate be re-elected. The floor was opened for other nominations. None received. Motion carried unanimously. W5ZN President, W5VY Vice President, N5RN Sec/Treasurer, N5ZM Director, N5QS Director.

- Moved by K5EJ, 2nd by K5FUV funding for the 3Y0J Bouvet DXpedition approved for \$500 plus \$30 to cover PayPal fee. Total \$530 with a contingency to provide an additional \$500 in the future as plans progress.

Announcements:

Please send your most needed updates to N5LKE.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

ADXA Officers (2022)

President: Joel Harrison W5ZN
Vice President: Pat Patterson W5VY
Secretary-Treasurer: Glenn Wolf N5RN
Director: Earl Smith N5ZM
Director: Roger Gray, N5QS

ADXA Website

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[ADXA Quarterly Meeting](#) —
March 12, 2022—11 AM till 2 PM
Location: Western Sizzlin, Russellville, AR

From the President

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Joel, W5ZN

The Covid pandemic still has a grip on the world and DX, not to the extent it once did, but it is still impacting what was once normal in amateur radio. Thankfully it did not prevent our ability to communicate via the radio and most likely that helped save us from total insanity. We're still feeling its impact on face-to-face meetings with the cancellation once again of the International DX Convention in Visalia, CA. The ARRL National Convention in Orlando is still planned, as well as Dayton (Xenia) although some vendors have cancelled. Without getting in to a lengthy and unproductive political debate I am simply ready to just live with this mess, returning to whatever form of normal is possible and move forward. I'll just leave it at that.

ADXA has returned to in person meetings. Our November 13, 2021 meeting in Russellville was very well attended and it was great to see everyone. For 2022 we are returning to our quarterly meetings in March, June, September and December. The Executive Committee is currently reviewing proposed dates and locations.

The 2021-2022 contest season is starting to wind down with only two major DX contests left to go. The weekend of February 19-20 is the ARRL International DX Contest-CW and the weekend of March 5-6 is the ARRL International DX Contest-Phone.

I hope each of you make use of our ADXA website. ADXA VP Pat, W5VY, and I work to keep it as current as possible. There is good information there. An ADXA member recently ask me a question and my answer was the info is on our website. His response was "Oh, I never look there, maybe I should!" Yes, you should!

If you have not yet paid your 2022 membership dues, I kindly request you to please do so. There are a number of good reasons and it permits you to vote on ADXA related matters! You don't get to vote if you don't pay the dues. Most importantly it helps us fund DXpeditions. Granted, DXpeditions have been somewhat stifled the past two years however several are being planned and we just contributed \$500 to the 3Y0J Bouvet DXpedition. The ADXA logo is proudly displayed on their website as a contributor. So please consider renewing your ADXA membership. Several of you have done so already and I thank you.

Now for a little Op-Ed from your President.

Once upon a time, when I was ARRL President, I was invited to speak at a large convention banquet. At the time there were a number of technological advances occurring in amateur radio in addition to an ARRL proposal to regulate modes by bandwidth rather than emission designator (a wise move that still has not caught on!). There was resistance to some new digital modes that had appeared on the scene and to ARRL's proposal, claiming it was an attempt to eliminate and destroy CW. I felt compelled to speak on that and titled my banquet presentation "Amateur Radio's Great Technological Boom, and Why Ham's Refuse to Accept It!". It didn't take long for someone to post the title of the upcoming presentation all over the internet and the wires went wild with immediate rejection, even though absolutely no one had even seen or heard the presentation. I had not even finished preparing it!

From the President (Cont)

Panic and mass hysteria set in. How could the ARRL President make such a claim? We're hams and always at the forefront of technological advancement, right?

Defining or describing "new technology" is akin to explaining the taste of milk. We all agree it doesn't taste like chicken so that's out the window but that is about all you can say except it is usually served cold. So, what really is "new technology" and how does that apply to our world of DX'ing?

When I was first licensed, AM was on the fast track out of ham radio as the popular voice mode. CW was king and I was drawn to it because my first license did not afford me any privileges except CW. Once I upgraded my personal teenage income did not afford me the financial privilege of buying a rig with SSB capabilities, so I became even more attracted to my first "mode love" of CW and as a result my proficiency significantly increased. CW is still my most loved and preferred mode but frankly right now if you want to find some serious DX it is scarce on any mode except a new digital mode, namely FT8. My feelings provide me with a similarity to what the die-hard AM folks must have felt when everyone had migrated to SSB. I am not "anti-FT8" and have stated that publicly many times. It has generated far more activity on the bands, especially for DX, than would occur if it did not exist. Now, you may say this is because no one must learn Morse Code to obtain an amateur radio license today and therefore the FT8 folks do not know CW. Well, you don't hear much SSB DX activity either! When I hear comments of that nature it reminds of many, yes MANY, hams I know who learned CW but never sent one dah, or even a dit, over the radio and would only use phone. So I say "what's the difference?" I'm sure the counter argument is the person had to learn Morse as a first step. OK, fair enough but it doesn't support an argument against the popularity of FT8.

Now to the point I made in my above-mentioned presentation about hams refusing to accept amateur radio's technological boom. Without much effort you can think of at least three things that have occurred since you obtained your license that was "new technology" (remember, we can't define or describe it but we all know it when we see it). The immediate response from the amateur radio community is to reject it because it is not traditional. Now try to define what is considered "traditional" within amateur radio these days!

As DX'ers we poo-pooed the packet clusters when they first appear. It was spoon feeding a bunch of lazy operators, right? We publicly argued against them but privately we were sneaking in there and watching the DX cluster! Was this any different than our old "call up lists" or "one ringer" on the phone in the middle of the night? No, the packet cluster just provided everyone the same opportunity as the private call up lists! And today we can't even turn on the radio and listen without having the DX packet cluster running so we can "see" what's on!

If you've followed my rambling this far then please follow me just a bit further. Joe Taylor, K1JT, became a ham along with his brother when they were teenagers. A funny story from that time is they pulled down the chimney from the family's home one afternoon while trying to support an antenna from the chimney! Joe's passion for listening for weak VHF signals resulted in his being awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for developing a method to detect very weak signals originating from what they discovered were orbiting pulsars way out in space. There isn't one single group in the world that wouldn't be honored to claim a Nobel Laureate among their ranks yet ra-

From the President (Cont)

dio amateurs have called Joe everything from the man that destroyed amateur radio to the great Satan! All because he simply wanted to repay something to amateur radio for generating his interest in physics as a teenager. And he has done it all for free! Just think, a technology that allows 60 separate non-interfering QSO's to occur within a standard 3 KHz SSB bandwidth! A great technological advancement for amateur radio, and yet some completely reject it as the death of amateur radio!

FT8 has become so popular worldwide that you will find several DX stations on the FT8 frequencies on almost any band. If you don't listen there you can easily fall in to the trap of concluding the bands are dead, conditions are horrible and amateur radio is simply doomed! If that is the case, I'll leave you with just one wise thought from the master of life and wisdom, Charlie Brown:



From the QSL Shoebox

Rick, AI5P

Have you heard of the DXCC entity that took 18 years to activate? Yep, it happened. Actually, it may have been qualified 26 years as an entity prior to activation. Where is it? It's Malyj Vysotskij Island—known to DXers as M-V Island (4J or R1). Its history is pretty unusual.

Between 1918 and 1940 the small island - about a mile long - was Finnish territory (You might remember that Finland declared independence from Russia after the 1917 Russian Revolution). It was called Ravansaari and was populated by about 1000 Finns, mostly employed in the timber industry. In 1940 it was annexed by the Soviet Union - along with the surrounding territory. Recaptured by Finnish troops in 1941, it again fell to the Red Army in 1944.

In 1962 Finland leased M-V Island from the Soviet Union along with the nearby Saimaa Canal for 50 years. This area would serve as a gateway for shipping from the Finnish Lake District to the world.

This agreement left continental USSR and Soviet islands between M-V island and Finland. Under the existing DXCC rules, this qualified M-V island as a separate DXCC entity. Indeed, the ARRL established "country" status for M-V island on November 17, 1970.

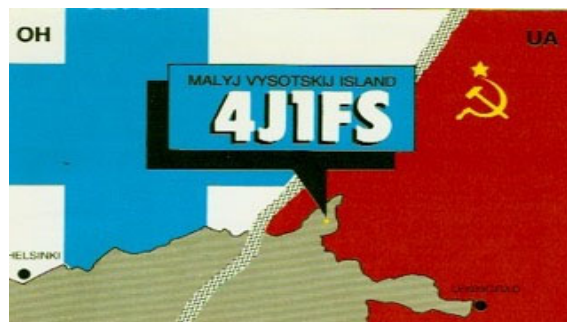
It would take 18 years before all the obstacles to mount an operation were finally overcome. The first operation was 4J1FS in 1988. Three Finnish and three Soviet operators managed to log 14,765 contacts with the one station permitted in 96 hours.

A number of DXpeditions to M-V island took place over the years. The last activation was R1MVW (DXpedition callsign) and R1MVC (CQ WW CW callsign) in November, 2005. The 18 operators made almost 47,000 contacts. It's curious that there were no activations after this 2005 activation before it was placed on the "Deleted List" in 2012.

Under the new Saimaa Canal lease treaty signed by the Finnish and Russian governments in 2010, the island was to be managed again by Russian authorities with an effective date of February 17, 2012. This placed M-V Island on the "Deleted List" with credits being given for contacts on or before February 16, 2012.

Here are QSL examples of the first and last M-V Island activations:

4J1FS - Contact with W4UW on 20 meters SSB on July 8, 1988



R1MVW - Contact with G4KFT on 40 meters CW on November 17, 2005



World Radio Team Championship—Chuck, KM5G

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Due to the pandemic the WRTC (World Radio Team Championship) that was scheduled for July, 2022 in Italy has been pushed back to July, 2023. In an effort to keep the event in the public eye, the committee organized a new WRTC award, which began on January 1st and runs through the 2022 running of the IARU contest in July.

There are ten special event stations in Italy with a II prefix, followed by their region number (0-9), & ending with the WRTC suffix. They are very active on all bands/modes. You can work them once per band/mode AND you can work the same station again on the same band/mode in all the major DX contests. You can find all the details on the WRTC website when you click on the award banner.

One of the cool things about this is the current update of all the “hunters” on the website. Every time you make a new contact, your total is updated. There are several club members listed. If you collect wallpaper, you can download your certificate after the IARU contest in July.

Card Checking

If you have cards that you need checked contact either

Earl Smith, N5ZM

Roger Gray, N5QS

Rory Bowers, K5CKS

They will talk to you about how to best handle getting the cards to them to check.

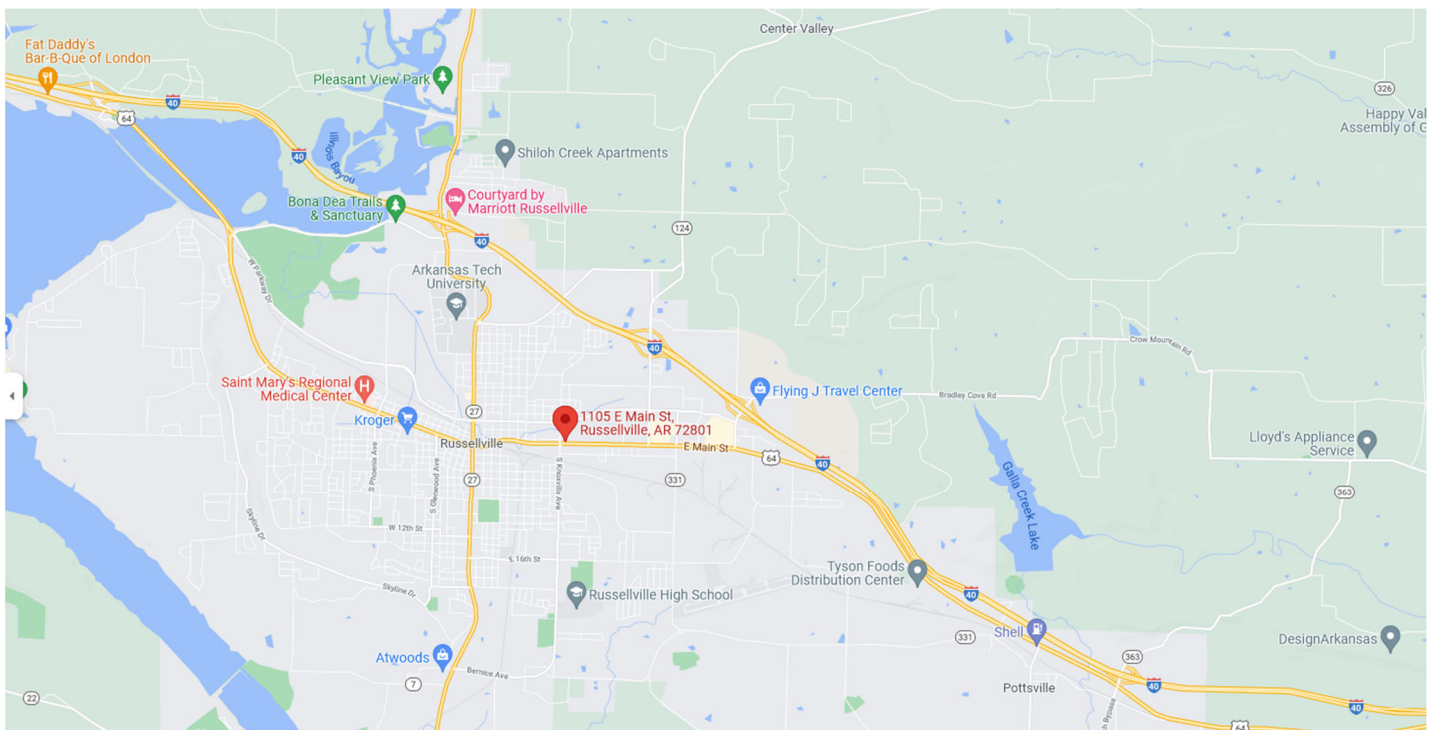
Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—March 12, 2022

The next ADXA Quarterly meeting is:

March 12, 2022 11:00 AM till 2:00 PM at

**Western Sizzlin'
1105 E Main Street
Russellville, Arkansas**

**GPS Coordinates
35.2785068, -93.120047**



ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

BUSINESS NAME

President: Joel Harrison, W5ZN
Vice President: Pat Patterson, W5VY
Secretary/Treasurer: Glenn Wolf, N5RN

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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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