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ADXA Minutes

The second quarter ADXA meeting was June 18, 2022 at Corky's BBQ in North Little Rock, AR.

Meeting called to order by W5VY at approximately 12:25 PM.

W5VY explained why W5ZN was not able to attend.

K5FUV motioned that the minutes be approved as presented in the March newsletter. N5ZM seconded and motion carried.

Attending:

N5ZM, Ň5RN, N5QJ, WB5JJJ, W5PIG. WB5BHS, N5ER, KC5CFE, K5FUV, KM5G, K1LEC, N5QS, W5KI, W5XNA, W5VY, K5DB, K5XH, KG5TRI, and K5ALQ.

N5RN gave the Treasurer's report. It was motioned and seconded that the report be accepted. The motion carried.

No old business

New business

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There was some more discussion about the "noise" on the reflector. A suggestion was made to use the digest more. The issue/concern is now considered closed.

A second donation for Bouvet will be discussed and considered.

There was some discussion about the September meeting. Specifically location. It was said in "jest" that we consider the QTH of W5ZN. Fayetteville was also mentioned as a location. W5YV to get with W5ZN and see what works out.

N5ZM moved and K5FUV seconded that the meeting be adjoured. The motion carried and the meeting ended at approximately 12:42 the meeting adjournment.

W5VY had prepared an interesting presentation on the VOA (Voice of America) Bethany Relay Station.

Items of Interest

<u>ADXA Quarterly Meeting</u> — Septermber 17, 2022 —11 AM till 2 PM Location: Brown's Catfish in Russellville, AR



From the President

From the President

Joel, W5ZN

DX IS.....or "WAS"?? For hard core DX'ers like us that question is akin to "To be, or not to be". That IS the question!!!! Now, those of you who know me are already aware I didn't study the works of William Shakespeare but I have worked a lot of DX. Does that qualify me to talk about DX? Does working a small amount DX qualify anyone to talk about DX? It absolutely does and I'll give you one example. Most of us (all of us) have come to rely solely on the DX cluster and DX spot information. If you don't talk (post) about what you're hearing or working how in the world will the rest of us know what's on the band? That's part of the "DX drive" inside us all. We hear a juicy DX station and we must tell the world via a cluster spot or post! It has helped us all (yes ALL of us) to jump in and work a DX station at one time or another, even one you may not need.

So how does that fit in with the all-time DX Rule #1 "LISTEN, LISTEN, LISTEN, LISTEN.....and then listen some more"? If we all sit back and just wait for someone to post DX then who is going to find the DX if no one is listening on the bands? DX Rule #1 applies now more than ever and if you don't subscribe to Rule #1, see Rule #2: "DX Rule #2 - Read Rule #1".

Now back to the original question: "DX IS, or DX WAS". What drives one's approach to that question depends on where you are on the ladder of our DXCC pursuit. Those who are old DX dogs, worked 'em all or close to it, don't see much in the way of DX needs however those who are working their way to Honor Roll, that first 1,000 for the DX Challenge plaque, or have a focus on DXCC on a specific band are finding lots of DX. There is a ton of spots daily and when I apply DX Rule #1 I hear lots of DX. I enjoy reading or hearing about what ADXA folks are pursuing because it keeps me energized. That is one reason why I continually ask what your goals are, what you are hearing/working on the bands, and where you are in your standing's pursuit. For you, DX IS!

For those of us who are on the Honor Roll, #1 on the Honor Roll, close to or over the 3,000 mark on the DX Challenge, and have DXCC on every band through 50 MHz we fall in to a trap of "DX WAS", and the great days of DX are behind us. Get that thinking OUT OF YOUR HEAD! The drive of chasing DX is still alive in us all and is evidenced by how excited we all get when a good DXpedition comes on the air, even for a DXCC entity we don't need. We're all in those pileups, duking it out and trying to beat out all the other ADXA folks in there......ADXA folks are already walking over W6's and the east coast weenies, right???

Our website lists several DXpeditions scheduled over the next six months, two of them VERY BIG! But even for the lesser needed DXCC entities, we will all be in there, getting them in our log, checking the Club Log standings daily to see how we fair with everyone else, and striving to be "THE BIG DOG!" That is very healthy for ADXA and even generates stories (lies?) to tell at the next eyeball meeting!

DX IS....it never "WAS" and never will be. Establish your DXCC objectives, set your goals, develop a plan then execute that plan and by all means "GET IN THERE AND WORK 'EM!!!"

73 Joel W5ZN

Rick Harris—AI5P

From the QSL Shoebox

Rick, AI5P

One of the more interesting countries on the deleted list is Trieste.

The Free Territory of Trieste (F.T.T.) was an independent territory situated in Central Europe between northern Italy and Yugoslavia. It was under the direct responsibility of the United Nations Security Council in the aftermath of World War II. It was established on February 10, 1947, and divided into two areas: the port city (and capital) of Trieste with a narrow coastal strip (Zone A) and the other a small part of the Istrian peninsula (Zone B). I was surprised to find out that there were about 5,000 American and 5,000 British troops stationed there under the Allied Military Government in Zone A. The F.T.T. was dissolved on October 5, 1954, and basically Zone A (with a few minor changes) was given to Italy and Zone B to Yugoslavia. However, amateurs could gain credit for Trieste if they had a contact made on or before March 31, 1957.

Here are two examples of Trieste QSLs:



This contact was from AG2AG (an U.S. Army Captain) with W3BES on March 12, 1950, on 20 meters CW.



This contact was from I1NU with W6ENV on October 14, 1948, on 20 meters CW.

Rick Harris—AI5P

AI5P/KL7

In July my grandson Hudson (W5HTD) and I travelled to Alaska. The plan was to enjoy the sights of three national parks and enjoy some fun adventures together. Radio was a secondary thought although I did take my Icom 7300, a laptop for FT-8, mag mount and mobile antennas for 17 and 20 meters. All the operations were from rental cars - at \$ 250/day hi.....

I did have the opportunity to get on the air from each of the only three national parks accessible by road: Denali, Wrangell-St. Elias, and Kenai Fjords.

Denali NP is the home of North America's highest mountain - Denali at 20,310 ft; Wrangell-St. Elias NP is the park system's largest at 13.2 million acres and the home of the Kennecott Copper Mines (operating 1911-1938); and Kenai Fjords NP is famous for its glaciers and whale-watching.

Very limited radio operations during the day due to other activities and I had no nighttime operations. Of course, operations that far north is always a "crap shoot" with propagation. I was surprised not to even hear any JA's or UA0's when I was on.

This was my first time operating FT-8 from the mobile. Interesting experience! Just over 100 contacts were made - mostly on CW and FT-8. I'm happy to report three ADXA members made it into the log: N5ZM (FT-8), K5CS (FT-8), and W5RZ (CW and FT-8). Congrats on finding me!

I certainly can recommend going to Alaska if you have the chance. We were lucky with the weather as I was told it had rained quite a bit the previous two weeks. We had two days of rain as well. The only other issue is the fact that it is a very expensive place!

73 Rick AI5P

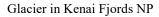
Snow-covered Denali

Kennecott Mines



Operating in Wrangell-St Elias NP









Card Checking

If you have cards that you need checked contact either Earl Smith, N5ZM Roger Gray, N5QS

Rory Bowers, K5CKS (on temporary leave)

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

Also Earl is a CQ DX Awards Checkpoint if you need cards checked for their awards.

Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—March 12, 2022

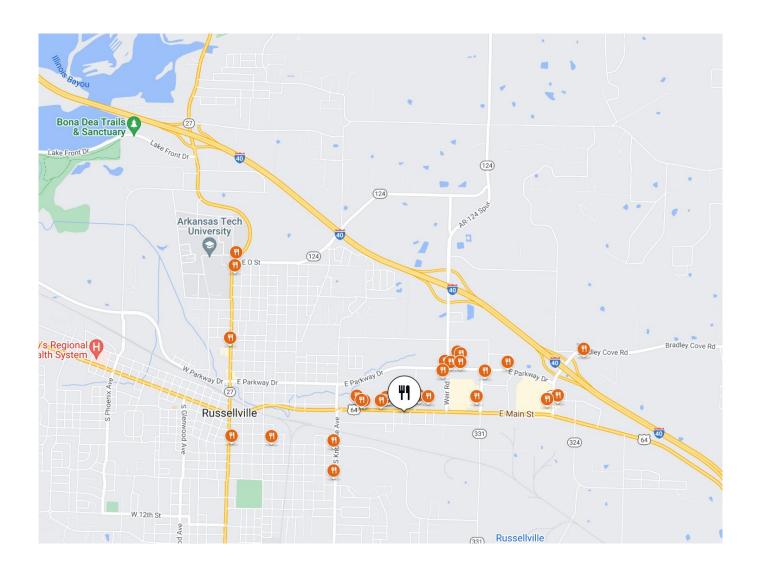
The next ADXA Quarterly meeting is:

September 17, 2022 11:00 AM till 2:00 PM at

Brown's Catfish 1804 E Main St Russellville, AR 72801-5333 479-968-3360

GPS Coordinates

35.2779057, -93.1142984





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VALID INTEREST IN DX REQUIRED FOR ASSOCIATE (NON-VOTING) MEMBERSHIP

YEARLY DUES \$25.00, Family membership \$35.00

Dues can also be accepted via PayPal:

Using your PayPal account send your dues payment to

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