



ADXA Minutes



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PROMOTING DX AND DXING THROUGHOUT ARKANSAS

ADXA Quarterly

The first quarter ADXA meeting was held on March 4, 2022 at the Arkansas River Valley hamfest in Russellville, AR.

ADXA President W5ZN called the meeting to order at approximately 11:05 AM.

To connect faces with call signs, we went around the room, and each person introduced themselves.

K5YY motioned to accept the 1st quarter minutes as presented in the newsletter. K5UZ seconded. Motion carried.

N5RN gave the Treasurer's report. K5UZ made a motion to accept the report; W9DCT seconded. The motion was approved, and the report was accepted.

Old Buisness: None.

New Business: W5ZN explained that we use QTH.com for free and that they don't accept donations. W5ZN believes he will be able to get them to accept an Amazon gift card as the donation.

PayPal discussion: ADXA is needing a Tax ID number to avoid PayPal taking 28% off the top of our transactions. W5VY is to head up this effort and will provide updates as things are determined. This new rule applies to all third-party financial apps.

N5LKE spoke and encouraged member to submitted their most wanted. N5LKE will work with W9DCT to take care of this. The "current" ADXA most wanted list is 4 years old.

VOTA-Volunteers on the Air-Arkansas will operate W1AW/5 in June and October of 2023.

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Items of Interest

[ADXA Quarterly Meeting](#) -
Saturday June 17 - 10:30 AM
to 2:30 PM

Where:
Brown's catfish- 1804 E
Main St, Russellville, AR
72801

Meeting minutes (continued)

W5ZN is coordinating this effort. Operating a W1AW/5 station is NOT open to any one. Operators will sign up for 1 hour slots. More details to follow.

W9DCT and K5DB both made presentations. W9DCT on beverage antennas and K5DB on his XR5 project.

Motion made to adjourn. The motion was seconded. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:07 PM.

Please note that the meeting room was very noisy and this made it difficult to hear everything. Hopefully a better spot will be found for next years meeting.

Attending today's meeting: N5RN, K5UZ, N5LKE, KI5FXK, K1LEC, WA5RN, N5QZ, N5ER, W9DCT, K5DB, K5YY, K5TRT, W5KMK, W5CI, KI5QQG, KF5TL, K9OZ, K5JUC, W5XNA, N5PRA, N5QS, N5QT, K5FXB, WB5JJJ, W5ZN, KC7DC, K5XH, W5VY, W5KZ, KM5G, W5KI, N5KLE and WB5BHS. Guest included KC5CFE, KB9ELS, N5REB, W5REN, K5UTM, WB5ARI, K500 and W5KZ.

From the President

Joel, W5ZN

Greetings ADXA Folks,

Do you remember your very first amateur radio contact? Pretty exhilarating, wasn't it? Whether it was across the country, state, county or just across the street, it was magical. How in the world were we able to close two contacts on a CW key, or speak in to a microphone, and have it disappear into thin air then miraculously reappear somewhere else?

I love watching magicians. I remember the first time I went to Las Vegas back in the 80's. I told Kim we weren't leaving until I saw a magician, even if it was only to do something simple like pulling a rabbit out of a hat, although Bullwinkle never could accomplish that feat! We went to see Lance Burton when he first became famous and started his Vegas gig. We were seated on the second row and I was amazed at the illusions he would present. Of course, Kim claimed she could see strings or wires or figured out how he conducted the routine but I didn't and I didn't care. I was in a personal zone of awe!

Fast forward some years later when I penned the "*It Seems to Us*" column in the March, 2006 issue of QST titled "Main Street USA". I began the column by noting my working some DX, especially S9SS on 160 meters and immediately looked at a map of Africa to pin point Sao Tome. Then, and still to this day, I do that and marvel at how someone at a faraway place can hear me.

A few years later I spoke to a group with a presentation I called "Magic, Main Street, and the Average Joe". It centered around the magic of radio, how it impacted the lives of three average boys named Joe, and how this all came together on Main Street USA. The three "Joe's" were Dr. Joe Taylor, K1JT, Joe Walsh, WB6ACU, and Joe Rudi, NK7U. I will be quite surprised if you don't know these "average Joe's". One is a Nobel Laureate, one is a famous rock star-guitarist, and the other is a three-time World Series baseball champion that played with the Oakland A's. So, what's so magical about a group of world-famous guys named Joe? Its that they once were just an "average Joe", a kid that became attracted by the magic of radio. Their time on the air was spent developing a stellar work ethic, they made mistakes but rather than give up they learned from them, and from strategically planning their operating time they developed a skill for achieving the various operating accomplishments they sought. They applied the skill and ethics they learned from the magic of radio, down there on Main Street, to their professional careers and became not only highly successful, but highly respected.

Regardless of whether we are named Joe and where we are currently in life, we started out as just an average person that discovered the magic of radio in our own little world on Main Street USA. The lesson in this for ADXA folks is that nothing comes without focus, dedication and effort. Sometimes your goal can be achieved in short order, sometimes it will take what seems like a life time. I'm saddened when I hear DX'ers complain, after being an active DX'er for only a short period of time, that they haven't been able to achieve DXCC Honor Roll. It's called "Honor Roll" for a reason.

I'll just end this thought with one question. If you want to achieve DXCC Honor Roll and haven't yet hit the mark, and are concerned about it, what's your plan to get there? You do have a plan, don't you, or are you just waiting for someone to hand it to you because you believe you're a nice person and entitled to it?

From the President—continued

We recently had to bid final farewell to Lenny Mendel, K5OVC (SK), one of our Honorary Life Members. Some of you, unfortunately, did not have the opportunity of knowing him. Lenny was intense both on and off the air, but he knew what his goal was and he worked hard to achieve it. Lenny didn't like CW and I don't know if he ever used it on the air. But as was noted in some of the reflector posts after his passing, he buckled down and learned it to meet the requirements for his amateur radio license at the time. He had a goal, he developed a plan, and worked his plan to achieve his goal.

OK, Harrison, so far you've hit DXCC Honor Roll whiners, you've hit the no-code proponents, so what's next? Only to drive home the point I make in just about every post to our reflector and every President's column I write for our newsletter. Nothing comes to anyone who sits around and won't help themselves. What do you want to achieve in DX? What do you want to achieve in amateur radio? You have to develop a plan and then manage it. It will most likely be something you need help with. I have a different spin on "Don't ask, don't tell" and it is simply "don't ask, don't get no help!" So chime in if you're struggling with a DX or radio project.

We see all types of personalities in DX circles these days. Its simply a reflection of our society. Just remember, ADXA has been around for a very long time and is highly respected as a leader in the DX community. You are a member of an elite group in ADXA and as the holder of ARRL's DXCC award, please make sure you display that level of respect and decency on and off the air in your DXCC pursuit.

Now, "GET IN THERE AND WORK 'EM!!"

73 Joel W5ZN

Visiting Portuguese Amateurs

Rick, AI5P

In March I had the opportunity to visit Portugal and the Azores. Although I had visited and lived in a number of European countries, this was my first visit there.

Portugal is a country located on the Iberian Peninsula and whose territory also includes the Atlantic archipelagos of the Azores and Madeira. One of the oldest countries in Europe, Portugal established one of the longest-lived maritime and commercial empires in the 15th and 16th centuries. Portugal has left a profound cultural, architectural and linguistic influence across the globe. It was a wonderful opportunity to see beautiful historic sites and enjoy some fantastic meals!

I didn't take any radio equipment with me but had arranged beforehand to visit some amateurs. My host in Lisbon was Luis, CT4NH, a well-known DXer and IOTA chaser. Luis and I had the same QSL manager - W3HNK - back in the day and had several contacts over the years.

Luis' primary station equipment is a Kenwood 990S and an OM2500 amp. His antennas include a Opti beam for 10-40 meters, 160m Inverted L (also for 60m), an 80 meter dipole, 30 meter dipole, and a 7-element yagi for 6 meters.

Luis was licensed in 1977 and has a DXCC (Mixed) of 352/339 - needing only North Korea. He has an amazing total of 173 countries on 160 meters and 181 on 6 meters! He is heavily involved in chasing Islands on the Air and has 1007 IOTAs confirmed. He is a member of the Portuguese DX Group and publishes a weekly e-mail of active and scheduled DX and IOTA operations.

I enjoyed putting CT7/AI5P on the air and put 96 contacts in the log. ADXA members W5CI, W5SJ, and W5AAJ made it through on 10 meters SSB.

Luis was a great host and it was a great pleasure to meet him. He was also a great help in me getting on the air from the Azores.

On to the Azores next issue!

73 Rick AI5P

Luis, CT4NH



Visiting Portuguese Amateurs—continued

Rick, AI5P



Opti Antenna



Logo - Portuguese DX Group

Ducie Remote Operations

Lanny, K1LEC



UPCOMING – **VP6A** will be on the air from Ducie Island (OC-182) from June 11-24, 2023 (actual dates will be subject to WX). There will be five stations on the air on all bands from 160 to 6 meters, working CW, SSB and FT8.

Following the successful test of remote operations at [FO/AA7JV](#), where over 11,000 remotely operated QSOs were made by five remote operators, VP6A will apply this concept to a full rare island DXpedition.

A total of 14 operators based in North American, Europe and Asia will operate land based remote controlled stations around the clock. There will only be three local operators at Ducie: W6IZT, KN4EEI and AA7JV. This small team will set up and maintain the stations and operate locally from the nearby boat. They will visit the island once a day to refuel the generators and do any necessary maintenance. In line with the minimum foot-print concept, there will be no camping on the island.

This will be the first full DXpedition utilizing the RIB concept that features a large number of remote operators with a small footprint on a remote island. Four RIBs (Radio In a Box) will provide a total of 5 stations capable of 24/7 operation on 10 bands.

The RIBs feature complete stations capable of up to 1 kW in a weather-tight housing that allow remote operation. These RIBs were developed with support from Northern California DX Foundation. The goal is to enable a new, minimum impact operating mode for environmentally sensitive areas. RIBs also speed up the installation of stations. This will enable our small three-person team to build the five stations, including antennas, in a relatively short time.

All donations should be made to the Northern California DX Foundation. Ducie island is No 56 on Club Log's most wanted list. On the 6 meter band it is No. 26, therefore given we will be active during the E season, a special focus will be placed on 6 meter operation with gain antennas and a power amplifier. Additional details and the list of operators, as well as regular updates will be posted on the VP6A QRZ.com page.

To follow the Ducie DXpedition follow this link: [VP6A](#)

Card Checking

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- ♦ If you have cards that you need checked contact
Earl Smith, N5ZM
 - ♦ He will talk to you about how to best handle getting the cards to them to checked.
 - ♦ Also Earl is a CQ DX Awards Checkpoint if you need cards checked for their awards.
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Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—June 17, 2023

The next ADXA Quarterly meeting is:

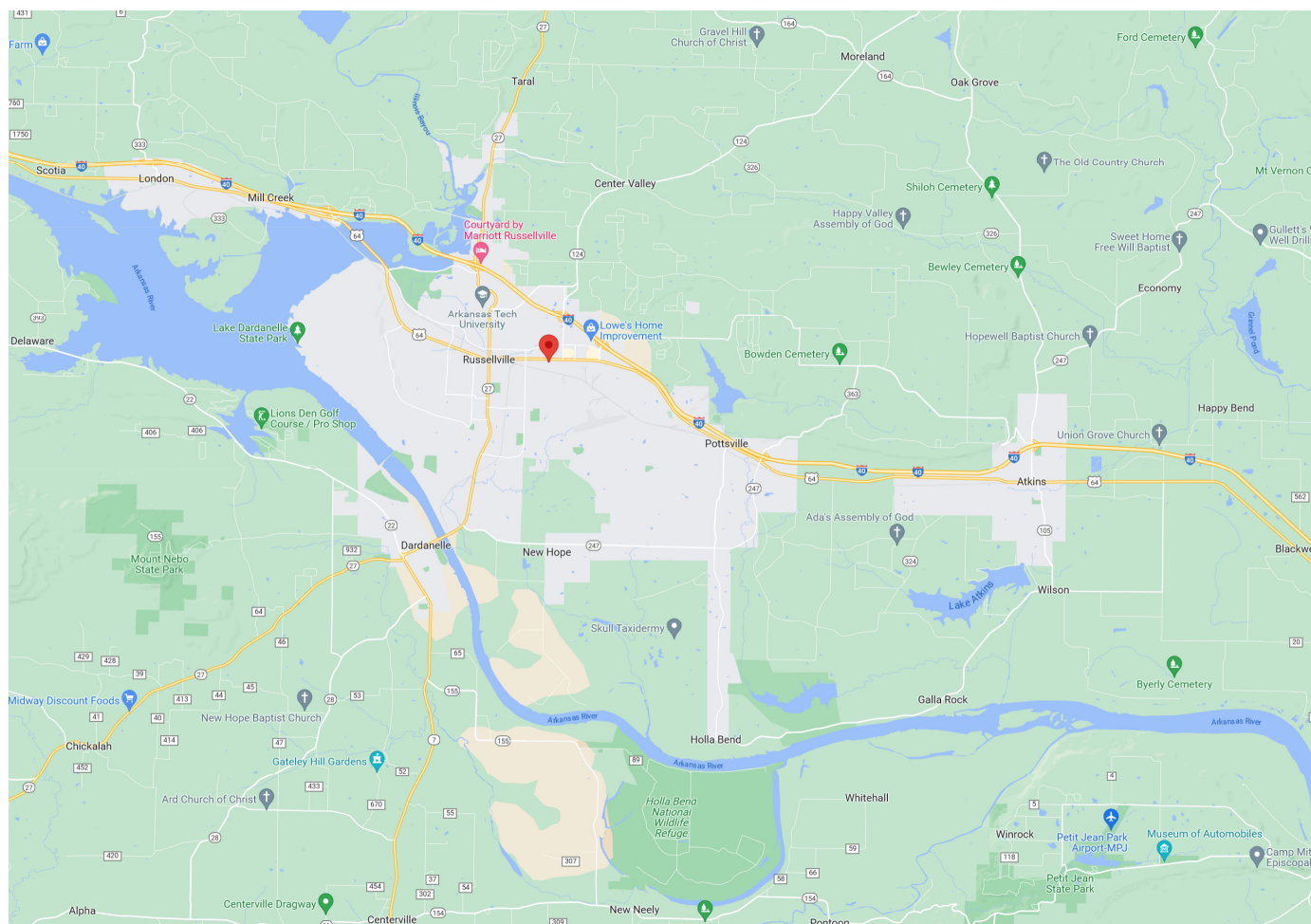
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35.2778915, -93.1146176



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(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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