



ADXA Minutes



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PROMOTING DX AND DXING THROUGHOUT ARKANSAS

ADXA Quarterly

The second quarter ADXA meeting was held on June 17, 2023 at the Brown's Catfish in Russellville, AR.

ADXA Vice President W5VY called the meeting to order at approximately 12:08 PM.

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

W5VY thanked WB5JJJ for arranging Brown's Catfish for this meeting.

AI5P motioned to accept the 2nd quarter minutes as presented in the newsletter. N5ZM seconded. Motion carried.

N5RN gave the Treasurer's report. W9DCT made a motion to accept the report; N5ZM seconded. The

motion was approved, and the report was accepted.

New Business: None.

Old Business:

PayPal discussion: ADXA has a EIN number now. We are looking at getting a 501C3 status. A 501C3 status is simpler to file tax returns, if necessary, than other C classes.

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

W5ZN is working on an agenda and speaker for the Annual meeting.

North Little Rock VHF will be hosting a VHF convention next month (last weekend in July). This is for 2M and up. There should be rovers at the convention.

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Items of Interest

[ADXA Quarterly Meeting](#) -
Saturday September 16 -
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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

Meeting minutes (continued)

Please consider sharing your projects and activities as an item for the club meeting and for the newsletter.

W5VY had a short presentation on DQRM. It was titled "Is there a Solution". Hopefully, Pat will post the presentation on the ADXA website.

There was discussion about 3Y0J and the issues they saw. It was mentioned that some believe the DQRM was from Europe.

At this time, northwest Arkansas is being considered the location for the Annual Meeting.

Motion made to adjourn by WB5JJJ. The motion was seconded by K5ALQ. The meeting adjourned at approximately 13:09 PM.

Attending today's meeting:

Members: AI5P – Richard Harris, K5ALQ – Ken Blevins, K5CS – Charles Shingleur, K5FUV – Bill Kennamer, K500 – Mark Graves, K5XH – Mark Whatley, K90Z – Bruce Plantz, N5ER – John Clark, N5RN – Glenn Wolf, N5ZM – Earl Smith, W5RZ – Dennis Schaefer, W5XNA – Tom Northfell – associate member, W5VY – Pat Patterson, W9DCT – Dennis Tune, WB5BHS – John Evans, WB5JJJ – George H Cotton.

Guests: KB5VWN – Deborah Graves, KC5CFE – Brenda Clark, KG5CCT – David Swenson, No Call – Wayne Newell

From the President

From the President

Joel, W5ZN

Greetings ADXA Folks,

The coronavirus identified as Covid-19 will be with us for the rest of our lives but hopefully if contracted it is not as deadly as it was when it first appeared in late 2019. That shouldn't be a surprise because we still have the influenza virus that's been around for centuries that medical researchers never have eliminated either and it has caused countless deaths and disruption of our daily lives. Just like the flu, Covid is here to stay in one form or another and something we must live with although the social and political reaction has changed our daily routine forever. So, to quote a famous line from the movie Shawshank Redemption "Get busy living, or get busy dying!" I prefer the former and have declared Covid as an excuse and life disruption over and it's time to move forward.

Well, Harrison, nice of you to pontificate but what in the world does that have to do with DX? Its very simple; the DX world has declared the same and the evidence is in the number of DXpeditions planned for the 2023/24 winter season. We were all excited with the number of DXpeditions that appeared last winter, even some very juicy ones to the #2 and #3 needed DX locations.

Look at the number of upcoming DXpeditions listed on our website homepage or look at DX World's DX Bulletin 523. The list is quite extensive. Not all of us will need these for an all time new one, or even a new one on a particular band or mode, but it will generate considerable excitement and we will all be in the pileups battling it out regardless of need. Once again, now is the time to review your station "to do" list and get crackin' to finish it.

When I was elected ADXA President and assumed the office in January 2016 I had three goals for ADXA to achieve. Refresh and update our website, mentor new and existing members to the next technical level, and to grow ADXA. It is very rewarding for me to report that, together, we have achieved all three objectives. The officers and board fully supported the effort and we now see ADXA back to the level it was once in history. Sitting back and enjoying these accomplishments won't keep ADXA as one of the premier DX groups in the United States. We must have new ideas and direction while maintaining our history and traditions that brought us to where we are today. To keep that thought clearly in mind I would like to offer a quote from Hiram Percy Maxim, penned in 1927, that I always closed my report to the ARRL board with when I was President. In that writing, "The Reason Why", Maxim ended by stating "Everything that A.R.R.L. undertakes must be 100% for the general good. That policy bred loyalty and confidence. With those two things

From the President—continued

an organization can prosper forever." This applies to every organization, not just ARRL. In fact, it applies to every organization and not just amateur radio groups.

With that thought in mind, it is time for me to step aside as ADXA President. I have thoroughly enjoyed the past 8 years and the support you have given to grow ADXA together and accomplish the goals we set at the start of 2016. I want to encourage you to identify a person ready to assume the office of President. Now, please understand I'm not walking away! I still plan to be very active in ADXA and assist in whatever capacity I can, just not as President.

Just as I always ended my President's Report to the ARRL board with Maxim's quote I will end this report with a quote I have made quite often, if not always, at the conclusion of my writings to ADXA:

GET IN THERE AND WORK 'EM !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

73 Joel W5ZN

ADXA President

Visalia International DX Convention

Rick, AI5P

For the DXer, the "Big Daddy" of all conventions is held in the Convention Center in downtown Visalia, California. The 2023 convention was the first held since 2019 and was the 74th edition of this outstanding event. It is held on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning in April - this year the 21st thru the 23rd. Hosted by the Northern California DX Club, it gives you the chance to attend a number of presentations and, most importantly to me, the opportunity to meet old friends as well as meet some of the outstanding DXpeditioners of the day. I still remember meeting and talking to both Lloyd Colvin, W6KG, and Don Miller, W9WNV, at previous conventions.

To quote their booklet - "People come to IDXC for many reasons. Some folks want to learn. Some want to see the latest ham radio equipment. Some need their QSL cards checked. Some hope to take home a nice raffle prize. And some are just happy to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones - Eyeball to Eyeball."

The Marriott Hotel is adjacent to the convention center and provided outstanding service and food. You don't have to stay there but it's super convenient.

There were twenty DX and technical presentations as well as the ARRL, DX, Contest and YL forums. A sample of the presentations included the DX University, Contest Academy, JT Alert, T88WA Dxpedition, Grounding and Bonding, Solar Cycle 25, Networking Basics, TX5N DXpedition and DXing Using Remotes.

After the presentations, you can head off to the DX Bar: Attitude Adjustment Hour to meet folks, brag about your catches or commiserate with someone about the one you missed. But don't expect too much sympathy!

There were 27 exhibitors including HRO, Flex Radio, Elecraft and Yaesu.

Lots of raffle tickets sold as there were 33 prize donors with lots of major prizes to include five Icom 7300s, two Icom 7610s, three Yaesu FTDX10s, a Yaesu FTDX101D, a SteppIR Urban beam, a Flex 6400, a US Tower ALM16 portable telescopic tower, two \$500 gift certificates from DX Engineering, and a \$500 gift certificate from Island Amplifiers. The Grand Prize was an Elecraft K4D transceiver!

Unfortunately, I didn't win any of those but, for the first time ever at a radio event, I did win something - a Dorman Conduct-Tite Wire Tie Pack.

In the past on Friday night there have been specialty dinners—IOTA, Contest, and Top Band. This year there was only the IOTA dinner which I attended and was able to talk to my friend Dan, W4DKS, just back from Sable Island; Adrian, KO8SCA, who talked about the K7K DXpedition; Lanny, W5BOS, long-time IOTA DXpeditioner; and Bob, KK6EK (VK0IR).

Rick Harris—AI5P

Visalia International DX Convention (cont.)

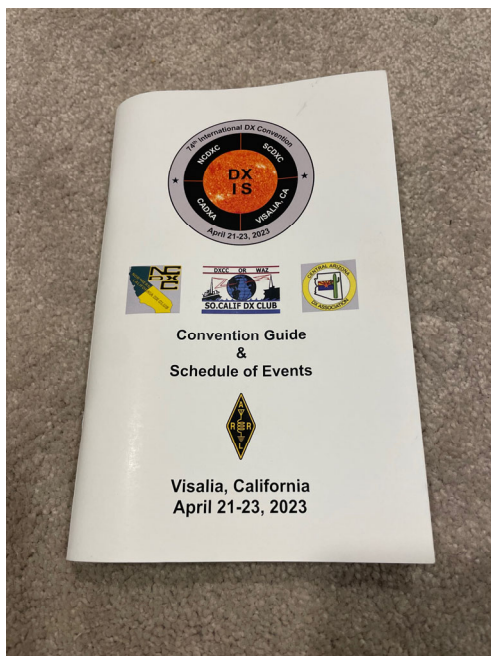
Rick, AI5P

The Saturday night dinner featured the Keynote Speakers Adrian, KO8SCA; David, WD5COV, and Mike, AB5EB. This was the presentation of "The 3Y0J DXpedition to Bouvet" program. They definitely had a rapt audience for this one.

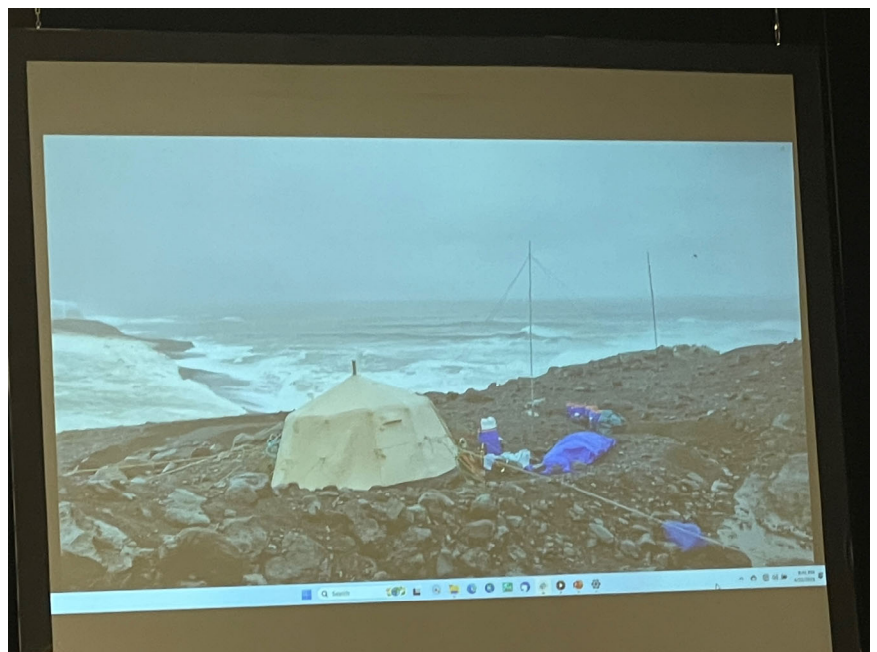
My takeaway was the surf and weather defeated their plans for what they wanted to do. I believe they did the best they could under the circumstances once you heard the challenges they faced.

Hopefully you will get the chance to go to this convention! It's always nice to say you're from the Arkansas DX Association. There was one other ADXA member there - a hard charger DXer somewhat associated with the ARRL.

73 Rick AI5P



Welcome to IDXC 2023



Bouvet DXpedition

Rick Harris—AI5P

Visiting the Azores

Rick, AI5P

After my visit to Lisbon, I flew out to Terceira Island in the Azores. The Azores is an archipelago composed to nine major volcanic islands about 870 miles west of Lisbon. Terceira is the location of the Azores' oldest city, Angra do Heroismo, now one of three capital cities of the Azores. It is also the site of the U.S. Air Force detachment at the Lajes airport.

I had originally coordinated with Mike, CU3HY, for a visit as I had worked him a number of times from my POTA operations. Unfortunately, Mike was ill with the flu during my visit so I didn't get to meet him. Luis, CT4NH, in Lisbon was able to get me in touch with Antonio, CU3AC, who graciously allowed me to operate from his station. I had noticed his big antenna as I walked around town but didn't know who owned it!

Antonio's primary station consists of a Yaesu FT-2000D, SPE Expert 1.3K-FA amplifier, and the Mosley TA-53M antenna. Operating as CT8/AI5P, I was able to put 229 contacts in the log including ADXA members K5UR, W5VY and K1LEC.

Antonio is a retired Portuguese Air Force officer and a great host. He is quite often on the bands.

I encourage everyone to visit Portugal and the Azores if they have the chance. However, take notice that flights to the Azores are often delayed or cancelled due to winds and/or fog at the islands!

73 Rick AI5P



Antonio, CU3AC



CU3AC QTH



Up-and-coming ADXA DXer K5UR receiving his award for working me the most time on this trip

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:

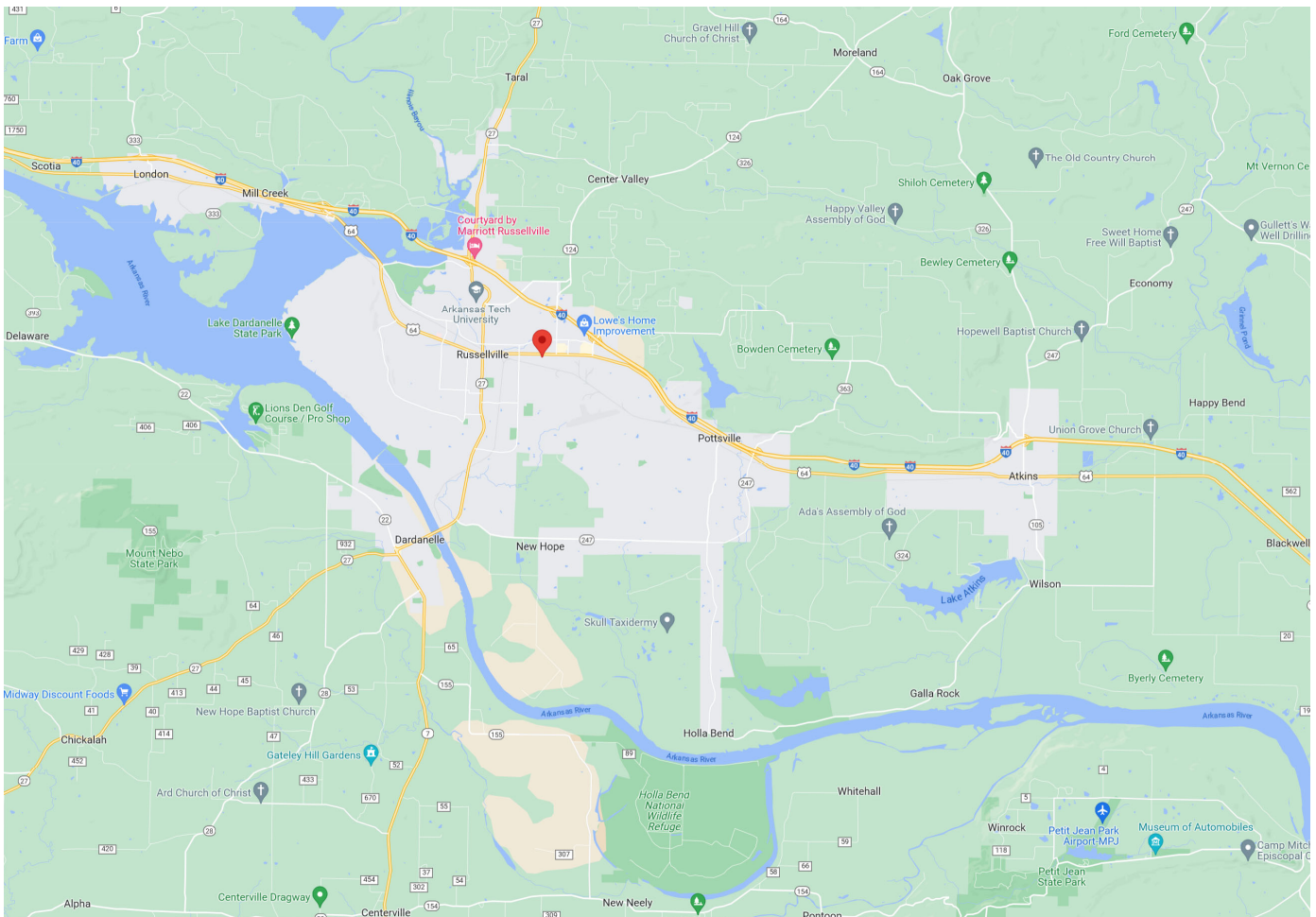
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Brown's Catfish

1804 E Main St, Russellville, AR 72801

GPS Coordinates

35.2778915, -93.1146176



ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

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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**

Dues can also be accepted via PayPal:

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**Make sure you select the personal tab and identify this payment as a gift
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