



ADXA Quarterly

ADXA Minutes



The first quarter meeting of the ADXA was held at the Russellville Hamfest in Russellville, Arkansas on March 4, 2017. Those that signed the sign in sheet included Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Ken Blevins, K5ALQ, Earl Smith, N5ZM, Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ, Landon McCord, AF5OD, Joel Harrison, W5ZN, Roger Gray, N5QS, Dawn Gray, N5QT, J Ferguson, N5LKE, David Norris, K5UZ, Bruce Plantz, K9OZ, Jonathan Setcer, N5QJ, Glenn Holmes, N5KLE, and Pat Patterson, W5YV. Guests included Wayne Vande Pol, N2WV, Craig Faith, and WA5YSD.

The meeting was called to order by the President, W5ZN at

12:50 PM.

W5ZN asked N5RN to read the minutes. N5ZM made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as printed in the newsletter. N5QS seconded. The motion carried.

N5RN gave a Treasurer's update. N5QS made motion to accept. W5RZ seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business

ADXA website—. W5ZN is pleased with the new website. Some of the new features:

- Membership renewals. Remember that new members still need a sponsor.

- Active ARRL membership is required.

A comment was made that the form asks for too much information on a renewal.

N5RN asked the attending members if they had any objections to distributing the newsletter to the reflector. It reduces the need of keeping two separate lists. After some discussion it was agreed that the ADXA reflector will be used to distribute the newsletter.

W5YV asked for input on how to display the many pictures sent in by AI5P.

Do we need to post the DX code of Con-

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Items of Interest

[Club Meeting Saturday June 17, 2017 @ 11:00 PM](#) — Western Sizzlin Steakhouse, 3492 W Sunset Ave, Springdale, AR 72762

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N5ZM commented that we should look at the LSDXA website for ideas of content and emphasized that our site must be kept current.

New Business

Executive committee made a motion that we support the Bovet (#2 most needed) with a generous contribution. The motion pass unanimously.

N5QS shared that there is a new (modified) ADXA badge being made by a company in Searcy. N5ZM asked if there would be any copyright issues with the DXCC logo. K5UZ will investigate but doesn't believe there will be.

K5UZ gave an ARRL update:

- Still concerns about remote operators
- DXCC card checker requirement will eventually be raised to require at least 200 countries
- NTS with ARES—probably no changes in what is in place now.
- OO/NTS/ARES—there may be some changes forthcoming.
- It was reported that 40M CW segment has been hit by CB'ers. K5UZ will follow up.
- New license class proposed by ARRL most likely won't go anywhere.

New section manager, J Ferguson N5LKE, introduced himself and said he wants to leave something for the next generation of hams and he wants to be involved in it.

W5ZN indicated that he's working on a special activity to recognized ADXA's 50th anniversary.

N5ZM made a motion to adjourn. K5UZ seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.



Words of Wisdom From the President

Joel Harrison—W5ZN

Words of wisdom.....I have no clue how the President's column received such a title. I don't claim to possess wisdom in any particular area, I'm just a ham! That in itself, though, says something about all of us. While obtaining your amateur radio license doesn't anoint you with wisdom it does provide a path, a freeway actually, to gain considerable experience in many areas. When I was a kid studying for my first amateur radio license I knew absolutely nothing (you may think that still applies!) and struggled to grasp the electromagnetic theory required for the exam. I basically worked at simply accepting what was written about specific topics as truth without actually verified it in practice. When I finally passed my Novice examination and began applying what I had read and mentally learned into finalizing a station with a transmitter and then getting on the air, real world experience starting teaching me a number of hard lessons. 46 years later I still find myself receiving instruction from yet one real world amateur radio experience after another. Please join me, and I actually challenge you, in not only acquiring a new experience in amateur radio but also in sharing that experience with others. Want to share some of your experience at a future ADXA meeting? Just write it up and let us know. We would love to have you do this. Doesn't have to be long our fancy, just show us something that can improve our station, operating technique or working more DX! Mulling things over in your head is a perfect thing to do while your mowing the lawn!!

As I have commented previously, DX seems to slow down in the summer time. We pursue other activities and projects during the warmer months. This "DX Slow-down" is a perfect time to work on a new DX related project or plan your strategy for the upcoming fall/winter months. What are you trying to achieve in DX'ing? First 100, 200 level, DX Challenge, DXCC on a specific band or mode? You must have a plan on how to get there. Start writing those ideas and plans down and put a strategy together then in the fall and winter implement it.

This year the Dayton Hamvention moved to their new location at the Green County Fairgrounds in Xenia, OH. A lot has been written and many complaints voiced by those who were not there! As one who actually was I can tell you I like the new location. Sure, there are some things that will require tweaking. For an event the size of Hamvention experiencing their first year at a new venue that's only normal. From my perspective, the new facilities are a vast improvement over the dilapidated HARA compound. Regardless of your opinion of the Dayton Hamvention it is still the one place where you, as a radio amateur, can go and see it all and meet just about anyone, famous or not, in amateur radio.

On that note, Contest University was held once again on Thursday prior to Hamvention. There was a record registered crowd of just over 300 attending this year. They went away with an expanded insight into antennas, propagation, station building, operating techniques and many other areas from “Professors” who have many years of experience in these areas and are very willing to share it.

This month we will be holding our second quarterly meeting in Springdale. This will be the first time in many years that ADXA has ventured off in to other parts of the state aside from those centrally located. There is a large core DX community in northwest Arkansas and it simply makes sense for us to hold one of our meetings there. While I understand it may be a bit too far for some to travel by the same token having our meetings in central Arkansas provides the same challenge for our northwest Arkansas members all the time! If we are going to be the “Arkansas” DX Association we have to recognize this and I was very pleased that everyone enthusiastically agreed with this at our annual meeting last December. We will have our brief business meeting in addition to a technical program. The agenda for the program is being finalized and will be presented later via our reflector.

I trust everyone has found our new website informative. Pat, W5VY and I continue to keep it current with information of interest to Arkansas DX’ers. If you have recommendations let us know. Please understand we may not be able to implement every suggestion, however we are open to a variety of items to help keep everyone informed.

I very much look forward to seeing everyone Saturday in Springdale!

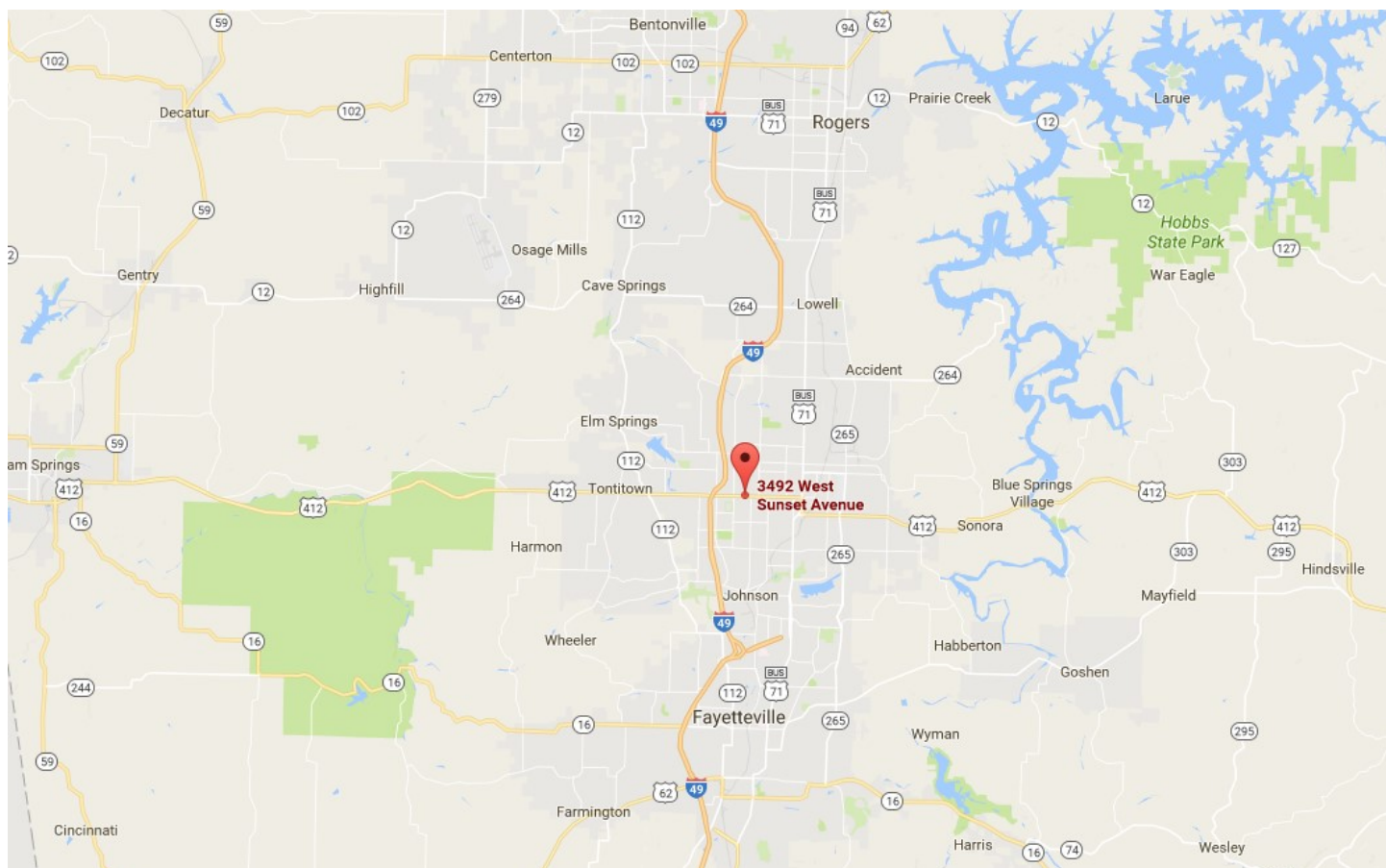
73 Joel W5ZN
ADXA President

Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—June 17 , 2017

Western Sizzlin Steakhouse
3492 W Sunset Ave
Springdale, AR 72762
GPS: 36.1755297,-94.1594888

Meeting Start time is approximately 1:00 PM

[Google map link](#)



ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

BUSINESS NAME

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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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