



ADXA Minutes



ADXA Officers (2022)

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ADXA Quarterly

The third quarter ADXA meeting was held on September 17, 2022 at Brown's Catfish in Russellville, AR.

The meeting was called to order by ADXA President W5ZN at approximately 12:15 PM.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed in the ADXA newsletter by N5QJ. Seconded by K5UZ. Motion carried.

N5RN gave treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept. Motion was seconded and the report was accepted.

With many new faces and meeting for the first time in a while, everyone introduced themselves and said where they were from.

DXpedition funding: ADXA will donate an additional \$500 to the 3Y0J DXpedition effort. We will continue to monitor the FT5/W Crozet effort for possible additional funding as it progresses. Our financial condition is very strong given that very few DXpeditions meeting our funding criteria have occurred over the past 3 years. DXpedition activity is slowly

increasing and ADXA is hopeful it will continue to improve.

ADXA Most Needed: Please update your most needed DXCC countries. We have a list on our website (link on the home page) but it is now almost four years old. Of course, you old dogs who have worked 'em all won't have an update however we have several new members and members who have been very active during this time picking up some new ones. J, N5L-KE, takes care of this for us. The list on the web page is a pdf document. We have a spreadsheet you can use to update your list. It is not currently on the web site so we will get it posted and let you know when it is available for use. The importance of this list is its use in determining whether the ADXA Board should propose to fund a DXpedition effort. While Club Log maintains a list of most needed it is not specific to Arkansas or to ADXA members. If an entity is planned for activity and is very low on the Club Log needed list it may very well be very high on the ADXA most needed list. Both are important!

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Items of Interest

[ADXA Quarterly Meeting](#) — Saturday December 3 – 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM—Hospitality Suite 3:00 PM till 7:00 PM

LaQuinta Inn & Suites
111 East Harrell Drive
Russellville, AR

Meeting minutes (continued)

ARRL Membership: In accordance with our Articles of Association, ARRL membership is required for membership in ADXA. It is also required for DXCC participation since DXCC is an ARRL awards program. We have two members who have let their ARRL membership lapse (yes, we have ways to check!!) so please take care of this. This is a simple reminder and we won't mention it publicly again (unless it is a recurring matter) but will address it with the individual member if it is not resolved.

ARRL Report: ARRL Delta Division Director David Norris, K5UZ, and ARRL Arkansas Section Manager J Fergusen, N5LKE, presented an update on ARRL. David noted the excellent work by ARRL CEO David Minster, NA2AA in "modernizing" many of the HQ operations and departments. He reported on LoTW and the planned work to update the system. We had an extensive discussion with feedback on the issues ADXA members are experiencing and also some of the excellent qualities of LoTW that should be retained. While LoTW does have issues its design is more than 20 years old and usage has grown far beyond what was envisioned. Even so, it still is light years ahead of having to wait 6 months for a paper QSL card to arrive via the USPS and then waiting months for DXCC credit after mailing the card to ARRL HQ for verification! AR SM J N5LKE highlighted the upcoming solar eclipse in 2024 that will have Arkansas in total darkness. ARRL President (and ADXA member) Rick, K5UR, sent his regrets at being unable to attend due to a previous personal commitment. ADXA is extremely fortunate to have our ARRL elected officials as not only ADXA member, but VERY ACTIVE members as well. Thanks to all of you for your support of DX, DXCC, and ADXA!

Annual Meeting: ADXA is still ramping back up "post-COVID" for in-person meetings and details for our annual meeting are not yet firm. We will have an annual meeting however it will not be at the level of past annual meetings/conferences. Details and the venue will be forthcoming.

Officer & Director Nominations for 2023: The current slate of officers and directors were nominated for 2023. At the annual meeting the floor will be opened for additional nominations with the election to follow.

ADXA Callsign Badge: If you would like to order an ADXA callsign badge please contact Roger, N5QS, at n5qs@ncaars.org

Meeting Programs: A program was not planned for this meeting. Instead, ideas were solicited for future programs. We want to ensure we are providing programs on DX and technical matters you want to hear. This generated an excellent discussion. If you have a program topic you would like to add please let me or Pat, W5VY (or both of us) know and we will add it to the list. The topics identified at this meeting were:

Logging software and LoTW

Antennas (any topic!)

Antennas for the Little Pistol or stealth (or HOA residents)

IARU – What is it and how does it function

How to build an effective station regardless of size

Remote operation for those who live in restricted areas

A motion made to adjourn by WA5RN. Seconded by K5ALQ. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1330.

Meeting minutes (continued)

Attending today's meeting: N5RN, W5ZN, K1LEC, WA5RN, KI5FXK, N5LKE, KG5KS, N5QS, N5QT, W9DCT, K5XH, W5XNA (Associate), K5DB, W5KI, W5JAY, WQ5T, W5RZ, KM5G, K5FUV, N5QJ, K5ALQ, N5ER, K1TU, K5EJ, K9OZ, WB5JJJ, WB5BHS, W5VY, K5CS, and K5UZ. Guests included Wayne Newell, Dorothy Cooney-N5REK, and Daniel Weatherly-N5DDW

From the President

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Joel, W5ZN

Greetings to all ADXA folks!

2023 will mark the Arkansas DX Association's 56th year. That's a pretty impressive time for any club or group to exist. Even more impressive is ADXA maintaining itself as a 100% ARRL membership club. Of course, our focus is DX and ARRL's DX Century Club (DXCC) award requires you to be an ARRL member to participate so that helps. Supporting ARRL is a very productive two-way street. We are all members and support ARRL's effort and we enjoy significant support in return. Not just what ARRL does in defending and promoting amateur radio but among our very active ADXA membership is the current ARRL President, Delta Division Director, and Arkansas Section Manager in addition to a past ARRL President and current Secretary of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). We all love this and very much enjoy the access we have to these folks. While they do great work for us they alone do not make ADXA a prominent, successful organization, and for 56 years! That success and prominence comes from each and every member who shares a passion for the art of radio, the fulfillment of achieving a personal goal in operating, building a station, or learning something new about electronics.

This is our last quarterly newsletter of 2022 so a bit of review is in order. We finally came out from under COVID lockdown and held our first in-person meeting in March since the first quarterly meeting in 2020. Thankfully we have continued and will once again have an annual meeting with some excellent programs. We still have some ramping back up to do to get back to the level of annual conference we had prior to Covid however 2023 should get us there. One thing that will help is to change the date of our annual meeting from the first weekend in December. These days, especially this year after the world has opened back up, booking a meeting room for an event after Thanksgiving and in December is very difficult unless you plan almost a year ahead of the event. There are several prominent DX'ers and radio amateurs who have expressed a desire to attend our conference as a special guest, but not during the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The December weekend has traditionally been our annual meeting date however we are not locked in to that weekend. Our Articles of Association state "The fourth quarterly meeting to be an annual meeting at a site and time to be determined by the membership." So, I will be proposing to move our annual meeting to a date in November, yet to be determined, before Thanksgiving.

DXpeditions have finally returned. After two years of literally no trips to exotic DX locations we seem to be drinking from a fire hose! ADXA folks are picking up new ones and filling the airwaves. It's a beautiful thing!

This year ADXA signed up as a participant in Club Log's League Competition that takes the number of different DXCC's a ADXA member has based on logs in Club Log and ranks them as an aggregate total against other DX clubs around the world. Our ranking has varied between 48th to 50th and that's pretty darn good! It will be interesting to see how our ranking fares after all of the current DXpeditions upload and the confirmations are tallied!

On behalf of the officers and directors of ADXA, THANK YOU for your support of ADXA and the art of long distant communications! I very much look forward to an exciting 2023, ADXA's 56th year!

73 Joel W5ZN

From the QSL Shoebox

Rick, AI5P

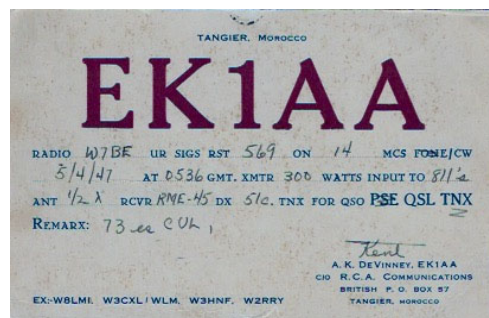
The Tangier International Zone was a 144 square mile area centered on the city of Tangier, Morocco. Under the protectorate of France and Spain and the joint administration of France, Spain and the United Kingdom (and later Portugal, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, Sweden, and the United States), the Zone was established in 1924. It was reintegrated into independent Morocco in 1956. Credit for this country included contacts on June 30, 1960, and before. After July 1, 1960, they counted as Morocco.

Here are three examples of Tangier QSL cards - Note the three distinct prefixes!

CN2AL - for a SWL report from England in 1952.



EK1AA - for a CW contact with W7BE on 20m on May 4, 1947.



KT1BB - for a Phone contact with W1QPN on 20m on October 13, 1951.



73 Rick AI5P

Card Checking

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- ♦ If you have cards that you need checked contact either
 - ♦ Earl Smith, N5ZM
 - ♦ Roger Gray, N5QS
 - ♦ Rory Bowers, K5CKS (on temporary leave)
 - ♦ Jay Bromley (W5JAY)
- ♦ 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.

ADXA Annual Meeting—tentative agenda

The current program schedule is:

- ♦ History of DXCC Deleted Countries and the Status of Current Inactive Entities - K5FUV Bill Ken-namer. For those who may not know, Bill has extensive knowledge in this area, having served as ARRL's DXCC Manager at HQ for several years.
- ♦ Noise! How to slay the Grim Reaper for Weak Signal Reception - W5ZN Joel Harrison
- ♦ WSJT-X and Everything you Wanted to Know about FT8 & FT4 but Were Afraid to Ask - John Evans, WB5BHS & George Cotton, WB5JJJ (The FT8 Dynamic Duo!!!) Think you know everything about the digital modes of the WSJT-X software package? You may be surprised you don't!! I hear there may be a "live" demonstration in the works!
- ♦ Shunt Feeding Your Tower or Hanging an Effective Wire Vertical From Trees - W5ZN Joel Harrison
- ♦ Some of the prizes this year will be two \$100 gift certificates from DX Engineering and other relevant

Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—December 3, 2022

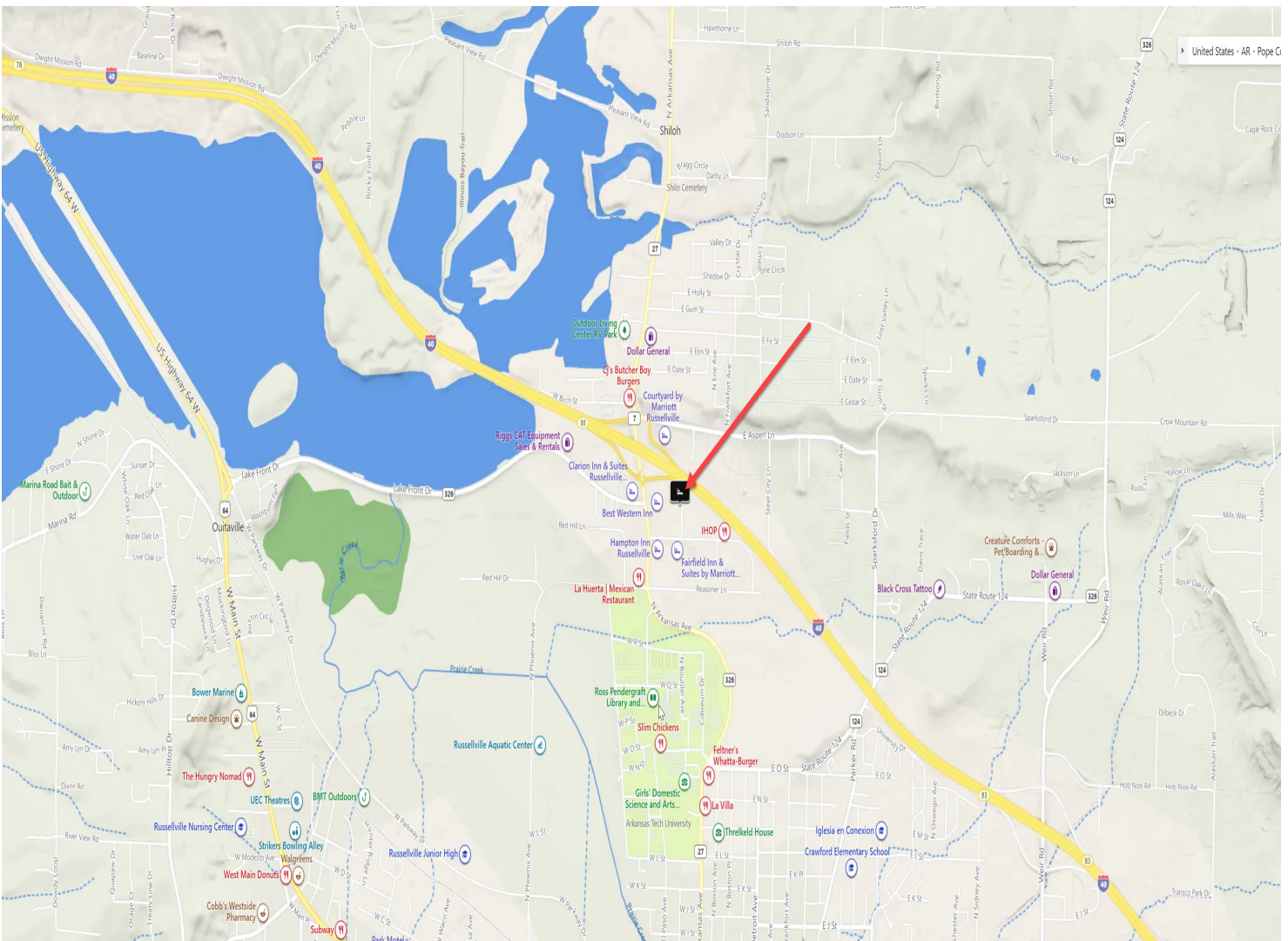
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Russellville, AR

GPS Coordinates

35.303944, -93.135071



ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

BUSINESS NAME

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LICENSE CLASS: _____

APPLICATION: ☐ NEW ☐ RENEWAL

NAME: _____

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

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:

Using your PayPal account send your dues payment to

n5rn@adxa.org

**Make sure you select the personal tab and identify this payment as a gift
or there will be a surcharge.**

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