



ADXA Minutes



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PROMOTING DX AND DXING THROUGHOUT ARKANSAS

ADXA Quarterly

The fourth quarter ADXA meeting was held on December 03, 2022 at the LaQuita hotel in Russellville, AR.

ADXA President W5ZN called the meeting to order at approximately 11:06 AM.

W5ZN mentioned that lunch would be at about 11:50. He reviewed the agenda.

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

K5FUV motioned to accept the 3rd quarter minutes as presented in the newsletter. AI5P 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 Business: None.

New Business: W5ZN made a case for a donation to Club Log. After a bit of discussion, W5ZN proposed an amount. N5ZM made the motion to donate to Club

Log; N5QS seconded. Motion carried.

The next item was a donation to QTH.com. This donation was to recognize the support for our webpage hosted on QTH.com. W5ZN proposed an amount for the gift, K5FUV made a motion. AI5P seconded. The motion carried.

Annual meeting discussion. It has not been easy over the past years to hold this event. It is hard to get a location to hold the event. Speakers could be more available if we changed the annual meeting date. The discussion brought up the possibility of:

- changing annual meeting date (2nd or 3rd weekend in November).
- Moving annual event to 3rd quarter
- Post a poll on website asking for ideas of when to hold the annual meeting

This will be an action item for 2023.

K5UZ gave an update on ARRL activities. Highlights:

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Items of Interest

[ADXA Quarterly Meeting](#) - Saturday March 4 - 11 AM to 1 PM

Where:
Arkansas River Valley Ham-fest

Dardanelle Community Center on Highway 22

Meeting minutes (continued)

- Annual board meeting is next month
- ARRL is seeing negative growth in membership
- Sell the ARRL, especially at the local level
- 1/3 of licensed hams are ARRL members
- ARRL is targeting new hams

N5ER asked about LOTW. K5UZ indicated that work continues on LOTW.

N5LKE gave an update on state ARRL activities. The Arkansas section is the only section to show an increase in ARRL membership. He encouraged everyone to report their volunteer hours. ARES reports are also important as a dollar amount assigned to the volunteer hours.

ARRL president K5UR was asked to say something and was “speechless”—a rarity for sure.

AI5P will be traveling this summer. Destinations will be announced soon.

Drawings for prizes were held. A mug, a CQ magazine subscription, and Antenna Handbook were awarded.

K1LEC awarded the DX Hog.

WB5BHS and WB5JJJ presented a presentation on FT8.

Motion made to adjourn. The motion was seconded. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:42 PM.

Attending today's meeting: N5RN, N5ZM, AI5P, K5YY, WB5BHS, WB5JJJ, W5RZ, K5CS, K5EJ, K5UZ, K1TU, N5REK, N5ER, KC7DC, K5DB, N5LKE, K1LEC, N5QS, N5QT, K5ALQ, W5JAY, N4DTF, WQ5T, K5XH, W5XNA, W9DCT, K5FUV, KM5G, K5UR, N5QJ, W5YV and W5ZN. Guest included Holly Roderick.

From the President

From the President

Joel, W5ZN

Once upon a time amateur radio flourished with DXpeditions to exotic African and Asian countries, remote pacific islands, and uninhabited ice capped and volcanic islands in the South Atlantic and Indian oceans. All of the bands were alive with DX around the clock, we would anxiously wait months for an envelope with exotic stamps to arrive via the postal service that contained a most coveted QSL card to finally confirm we had completed a QSO. We were all teenagers and our high school friends thought we were weird. Our school superintendent would place our personal QSL card on a pin board in his office and brag to the other superintendents around the state that one of his students had passed a federally administered exam and had been issued an amateur radio license!

Once we became adults and entered the work force, the technological foundation we developed as radio amateurs pushed us to revolutionize a personal computer industry and design and build satellites that can “see us” from 20,000 miles out in space. We develop a worldwide interconnected data network and a cellular telephone network. Research each of these industries and you will find an engineer, a senior manager, a major company CEO, and even a Nobel Laureate whose technological learning began in amateur radio. We had a work ethic second to none in the world!

We applied our professional inventions to our passion for amateur radio that allows us to no longer give a “one ringer” in the middle of the night to our DX buddy to alert them a much-needed DXCC country is on. We all simply connect to the DX cluster and receive an automatic alert of what we need because all of our old paper records are now on the computer. Our radios are defined by software and no longer subjected to analog deficiencies. We no longer have an interest in receiving that exotic envelope in the mail because we covet an instant confirmation on LoTW, or sometimes the remote DX is connected to that world wide data network via a satellite phone and can provide a real time “live” log for us to see our QSO scroll by. Did I mention radio amateurs were directly involved in the creation of all of these?

Then life happened and time moved on. Society changed as a result of what we had developed and produced. Even those of us who proclaim we don't like change have done just that, become enslaved to what we created. Then all of a sudden, the world experienced a pandemic that none of us had ever experienced, given the last one that impacted the world the way COVID-19 did occurred in 1918. Now, we're living in a world that has been changed forever as a result.

You may read the above and conclude it's a bunch of nonsense. Fair enough but the point is, where does that place us today, in 2023, in the world of DX? After two years of absolutely no DX success you could say, like a coach after an awful season, “We're in a rebuilding year!”. If so, what a rebuilding year the 2022-23 winter season has been for DX. Since last October we have seen multiple DXpeditions back on the trail, the #2 and #3 most wanted DXCC countries have been activated and all of the ADXA folks have put a new one in their log either on a band/mode or one you did not have.

From the President—continued

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Joel, W5ZN

The pileups weren't easy, though, as the deliberate QRM'ers (DQRM) were out in force and that is my tie in from above. Amateur radio is a reflection of our society and its quite obvious there has been a decline in civility within our ranks. DQRM is not new, it has occurred for years and whether it has become worse can only be gauged by our memory that sometimes doesn't recall how bad some things used to be, only the good.

Regardless, it is not good. Unfortunately, the regulators in each country won't take any action. It doesn't rise to the level of concern (read that as the monetary amount of a fine that could be assessed) for them to address. Once again it is being left to the amateur community to address and resolve. It's an easy problem to identify however determining who the culprit(s) is requires a lot of effort on our part, but the real effort is stopping it. Sometimes publicly identifying the source, once identified, can stop the activity however you could be open to a civil complaint from the accused, even if it was a frivolous complaint. It could also be dangerous. You never know how someone will respond in today's society when confronted. I do believe, however, that if the DX clubs around the world can raise \$1 million or more for a DXpedition, we can work together to address and resolve this issue. It will be interesting to see what develops in the coming months.

I've mentioned before that I love a pile up. I can't stay out of them, even if it is a simple special event station in the U.S., I've got to "GET IN THERE" then listen for a while. I enjoy seeing ADXA folks in pileups as well but more importantly I'm ecstatic to see you are all part of the solution to bad operators! You are an example with your quality operating ethics and set the bar for others to follow. Maintain that standard, other folks are watching us!

I look forward to our meeting March 4. Until then, you know what to do.....(GET IN THERE AND WORK 'EM!)

73 Joel W5ZN

From the QSL Shoebox

Rick, AI5P

Foreign enclaves on the Indian Subcontinent

There are three deleted entities on the DXCC list from the Indian Subcontinent. Let's take a look at how these entities were created and what caused them to be deleted. All three had amateur radio operations, but one of them is considered to the rarest of the "rare."

From the 16th century, European nations began eastward trade routes to India and the Far East. Trading posts, forts, and enclaves from Austria, Sweden, The Netherlands, Denmark, France, Portugal and England were found on the Indian Subcontinent. By the end of the Second World War, only three European powers remained in India. England, of course, controlled India as the British Raj - or the rule of the British crown on the Indian subcontinent. England dissolved the British Raj in 1947 - this led eventually to today's India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

But this still left French and Portuguese India. The French had been in India since 1668. They eventually ceded their territory to India between 1947 and 1954. Some French India amateur radio stations operated during the post-war period. FN stations are on the deleted entity list with credit given for contacts on or before October 31, 1954.

The Portuguese had been in India since 1505 and their territories were known as Goa, Daman and Diu. Goa was by far the largest of the three areas - it being on the middle west coast and the other two areas further north. After independence in 1947, India requested that Portuguese territories be ceded to India. Portugal refused to negotiate on the sovereignty of its enclaves. Finally, on December 19, 1961, the Indian Army invaded and this resulted in the annexation of Goa, Daman and Diu.

During the post-war period, there were a few amateur radio operations from Goa. Credit for this deleted entity is given for contacts on or before December 31, 1961.

This leaves the DXCC entity of Damao (Daman) and Diu. Why is it so rare and its QSL card considered the rarest in the world?

Daman and Diu consisted of two separate areas divided by the Arabian Sea. Daman was a coastal town while Diu was a small island and village.

It was only activated once - On August 2, 1948, by Willard (Bill) Hunton, W6ODD (ex-XU1AG and MX3AG), a radio officer in the U.S. Merchant Marines. Operating as W6ODD/CR8 at Diu Island, he made ("over 40" by one source) or, by another, 55 contacts on CW. He was running 30-50 watts into a vertical zepp antenna with a Hammarlund HQ-129X receiver. Another source notes him as being on the island two more days but no additional U.S. contacts. QSLs were mailed, received and submitted to the ARRL, which accepted his operation for DXCC credit. He confirmed that this was not a shipboard operation. This is now considered by many as the rarest DX operation and QSL in the world.

There are only five known QSL cards from this operation although he apparently sent a card to all contacts. You can view them all on the K8CX QSL Card Gallery.

At some point, it was pointed out to the ARRL that Damao and Diu met the geographically separated distance from Goa to entitle it to separate DXCC status. So it was added and deleted the same day, thus being the third deleted Indian Subcontinent entity. Like Goa, credit was given for contacts on or before December 31, 1961.

One of the DX stories about the W6ODD/CR8 operation is that it was the only entity not worked by the legendary DXer Don Wallace, W6AM.

The story is that he was out working on his rhombic antenna farm (14 rhombics on the Palos Verdes Peninsula) that day and said he would "work it tomorrow." Of course, for this one there was no "tomorrow for U.S. stations!" If you are not familiar with W6AM, I suggest you "Google" him.

The example of the W6ODD/CR8 card belongs to my friend Jim McCook, W6YA. He inherited it from the estate of W6RR (formerly W6ITA),

Gordon Marshall, who was one of the lucky ones to work Diu. Jim tells me he got quite a surprise when checking Gordon's cards - finding this one as well as cards from AC4, FN, CR8 (Goa), and other special ones in the post-war period. Note the "Pse QSL!"

There you have it - history and rare QSLs from the Indian Subcontinent!

From the QSL Shoebox

Rick, AI5P

For you WWII movie lovers, check out the 1980 film *The Sea Wolves*, a film featuring India and Goa - great movie!

73 Rick AI5P

Thanks to Wikipedia, K8CX Ham Gallery, W4YO's article "The Question of DX Rarity" in the January 2017 issue of *CQ Magazine*; *Don C. Wallace, W6AM, Amateur Radio's Pioneer* by Jan D. Perkins, and Jim McCook, W6YA.



Map of Diu (Portuguese India)

"Portable Operation at the Goa Airport"

Goa - Portuguese India

HB9QP/CR8

Confirming our two way SSB QSO

Radio	Date	Time GMT	Report	Band
WØJYW	OCT 11 1959	1313	5-7	14

With special thanks to Raul, CR8AC who made it possible.

Cards: The Richmond Amateur Radio Club

Gilbert Fournier
HB9QP - ELØA

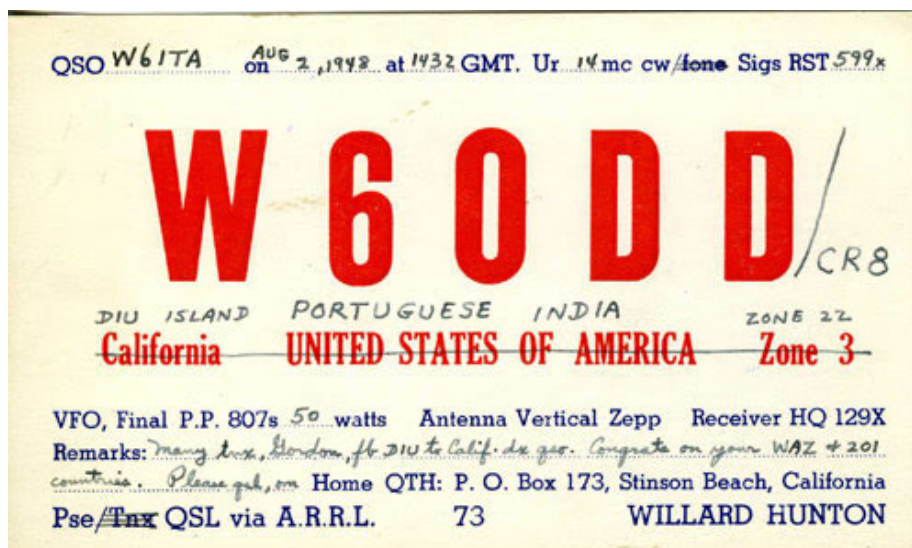
HB9QP/CR8 (Goa) card for SSB contact on 20 meters with WØJYW on October 11, 1959

From the QSL Shoebox

Rick, AI5P



FN8AD (French India) card for CW contact on 20 meters with W6VFR on January 16, 1950



W6ODD/CR8 (Diu Island) card for CW contact on 20 meters with W6ITA on August 2, 1948

Card Checking

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- ♦ If you have cards that you need checked contact either
 - Earl Smith, N5ZM
 - Roger Gray, N5QS
 - 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.
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Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—March 4, 2023

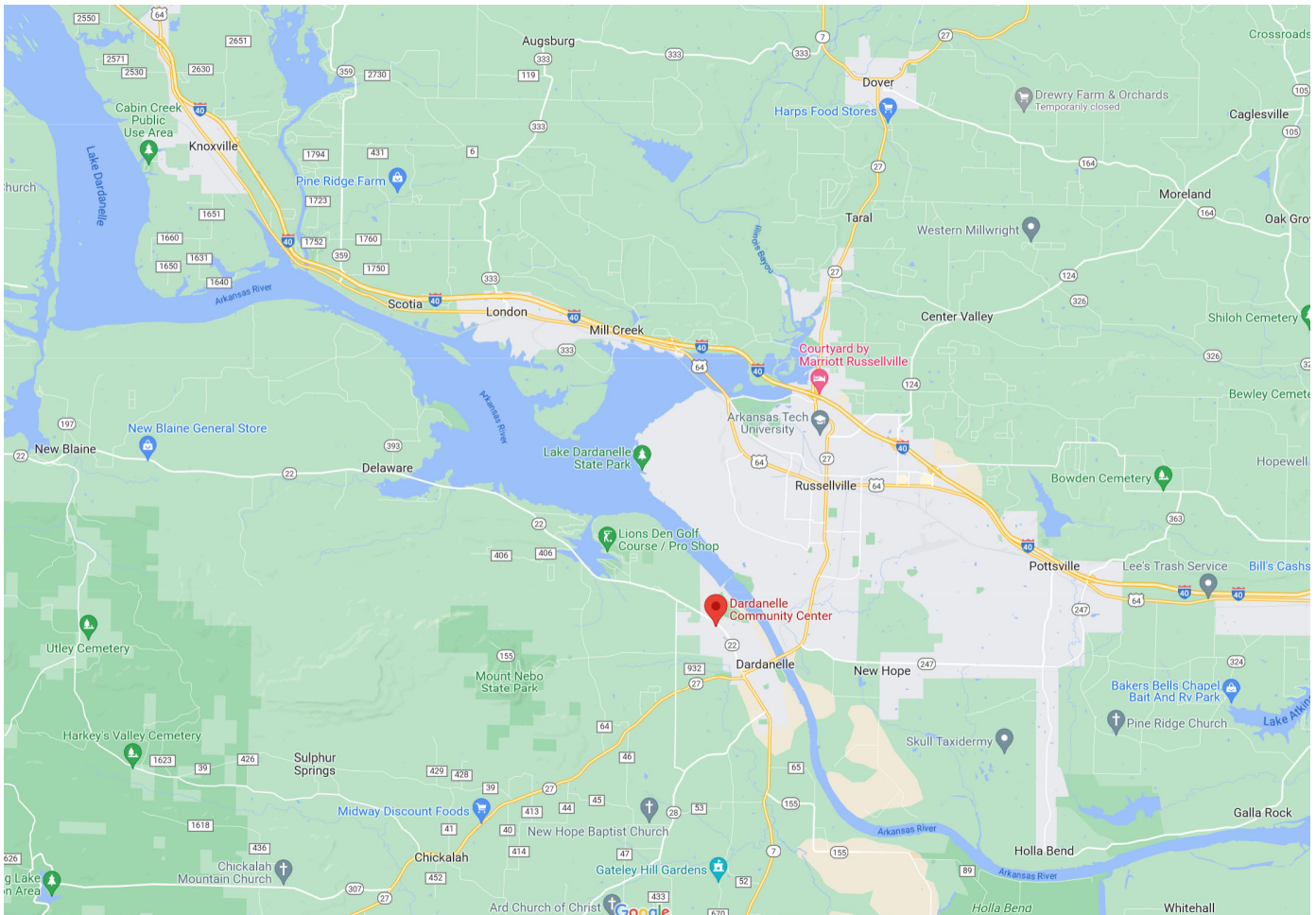
The next ADXA Quarterly meeting is:

Saturday March 4 – 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Dardanelle Community Center
2059-2099 State Hwy 22, Dardanelle, AR 72834

GPS Coordinates

35.2927363, -93.2709768



ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

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