



ADXA Minutes

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PROMOTING DX AND DXING THROUGHOUT ARKANSAS

ADXA Quarterly

The first quarter ADXA meeting of 2024 was held at the Arkansas River Valley Hamfest at the Dardanelle Community Center in Dardanelle, AR.

ADXA President W5ZN called the business meeting to order at approximately 11:10 AM.

To connect faces with call signs, we went around the room, and each person introducing themselves and where they were from.

N5RN was asked to read the minutes as presented in the newsletter. A motion was made by K9OZ and seconded by K5FUV that the minutes be accepted as printed. Motion carried.

N5RN gave the Treasurer's report. K5FUV motioned that the Treasurer report

be accepted. K5UZ seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business: None from the board. Nothing was brought up from the floor for discussion

There being no further business K5UZ made a motion to adjourn. W5JAY seconded that the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 AM.

Attending today's meeting:

Members: N5RN KB9ELS KF5TL KI5QQG W5KI KM5G K5XH W5DM K5FUV WB5JJJ N5ER WA5BDU K500 W5SJ W5JAY W5CJF WQ5T WB5BI K5UZ W5XNA N5LKE AI5P WB5YEY K1LEC N5QS N5QT K5JUC K5VR W5KZ KG5S K5ALQ K5DB KI5UCZ K5CS K9OZ N5ZE WB5BHS W5CI

Guests: W5DQ WX5DR K5MRG KG5BPN KE4DSX KI5VJY WSIT N5QU

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Items of Interest

[ADXA Quarterly Meeting](#) - Zoom meeting. Zoom meeting opens at 12:30. Meeting starts at 1:00 PM

Where:

Zoom Meeting

From the President

Joel, W5ZN

2024 – The Amateur Radio Year in Review?

Traditionally a “year in review” is reserved for late December. So far, 2024 has experienced some significant lows in its first five months that warrants an early review.

The year began with the collapse of CQ Magazine, first published in 1945. CQ had experienced financial ups and downs throughout the years but the current economic and social environment finally took its toll on the business.

In April, MFJ Enterprises announced that as of May 17, 2024, the company will cease on-site production at their Starkville, Mississippi, facility thus terminating the Ameritron, Hy-Gain, Cushcraft, Mirage, and Vectronics product lines. Martin Jue, who many of us know personally, said he was retiring and the business he started 52 years ago would be no more.

In May, ARRL was the victim of a sophisticated network attack by a malicious international cyber group that caused a disruption of network devices, servers, cloud-based systems, and PCs including our beloved LoTW!

Those three events are a disastrous start and makes you ponder what in the world will happen during the remaining 7 months of 2024. It's a presidential election year so you could conclude it will only get worse, regardless of which side of the aisle you sit on!

Rather than look at a glass half empty (or more) let's review some positive things so far in 2024.

ARRL is tirelessly working to restore all services. It will take a little bit of time but they will be successful. They have reported that your LoTW records are safe.

Even though CQ Magazine is dead a group of contest enthusiasts saw the possibility of this happening a few years ago and formed the World Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF) for the sole purpose of assuming management of the CQ World Wide contests and awards and have been doing so successfully now for a few years. This will continue regardless of whether CQ Magazine resurfaces or not.

Most importantly, as DX'ers, we are at the height of a sunspot cycle and propagation is blasting on all bands. We are yet to see a major opening on 6 meters to Europe and Asia but it is coming and the band openings to South America and the Pacific on 50 MHz have been amazing! Several ADXA folks have put an all time new one in the log and have increased your band totals for DXCC Challenge.

From the President—continued

Amateur Radio isn't going away. It is a licensed radio service defined in the international radio regulations and is vibrant and highly respected. Amateur radio manufacturers continue to crank out new product lines and we are all eager to step up and buy equipment. The Dayton Hamvention announced a record attendance this year. I'm very critical about hamfest attendance numbers and how they are calculated but even I positively commented on the large crowd size this year.

So, in the BIG PICTURE from my perspective the glass is not half empty, its completely full. Three major events in amateur radio this year have been earth shaking, but NOT earth shattering! I won't even attempt to predict what the next 7 months of 2024 will produce other than continued excellent band conditions that should drive our focus going forward. Now, you know what to do.....

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

73 Joel W5ZN

Visiting Slovenia

Rick - AI5P

In March I had the opportunity to take a road trip in Europe with my grandson and son-in-law. We visited Poland, Slovakia, Austria, Hungary, and two countries I had not visited before - Slovenia and Croatia.

I hoped to be able to operate under the CEPT agreement in these two new DXCC entities so I took the opportunity to e-mail Milan, S55DX, with whom I had contacts over the years. He later told me that he had worked me when I was in New Mexico, ZL7, KH0, FM, 9Y4 and PJ6. He replied immediately and invited us to visit him in the small village of Jezero, which is near Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia. We arrived on Easter Saturday and were treated to a wonderful BBQ lunch prepared by his son Marko - whose hobby is cooking BBQ!

Milan is a retired telecommunications specialist in the Slovenian Air Traffic Control Agency. He was originally licensed in 1974 which allowed him to operate from the club station YU3ACP - the Radio Club "Elektron" in Brezice, Yugoslavia. In 1980 he received his personal callsign YU3TEX followed by YT3KY in 1988. After Slovenia received independence in 1991, he was issued the S55DX callsign. He is very active in chasing DX - currently at 333 entities - and also the Summits on the Air (SOTA) program.

His station has the Yaesu FT-DX5000 with the OM Amp 2000A and Expert 1.3 K-FA. Antennas include an Italian Echo Yagi beam covering 30 thru 10 meters, inverted V's on 160/80/40 and 60 meters, a 7 element yagi for 6 meters, a 10 element yagi for 2 meters and a 19 element yagi for 70cm.

This was the weekend of the CQ WPX SSB contest so I got to operate as S5/AI5P for several hours racking up around 300 contacts - including ADXA members K5UR, W5DM, N5ZM, WB5JJJ and K1LEC.

It's always a thrill to meet amateurs in person with whom you have contacts - especially in a foreign country. Milan and his family's hospitality provided us with a wonderful memory of visiting the beautiful country of Slovenia.



S55DX Antennas



Milan, S55DX

Card Checking

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- ♦ If you have cards that you need checked contact
 - Earl Smith, N5ZM
 - Jay Bromley, W5JAY
 - Roger Gray, N5QS
- ♦ They will talk to you about how to best handle getting the cards to them to be checked.
- ♦ Also Earl is a CQ DX Awards Checkpoint if you need cards checked for their awards.

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Next ADXA Club Meeting— June 15, 2024

The next ADXA Quarterly meeting is:

Saturday June 15, 2024 – 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM +/-

Zoom Meeting

Zoom Meeting opens at 12:30. Meeting starts at 1:00 PM

ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

BUSINESS NAME

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APPLICATION: ☐ NEW ☐ RENEWAL

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STATE: _____

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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:

Using your PayPal account send your dues payment to

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

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