



ADXA Minutes



ADXA Officers (2023)

President:
Joel Harrison W5ZN

Vice President:
Pat Patterson W5VY

Secretary-Treasurer:
Glenn Wolf N5RN

Director:
Roger Gray, N5QS

Director:
Jay Bromley, W5JAY

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ADXA Quarterly

The fourth quarter (Annual Convention) ADXA meeting was held on November 15-16, 2024, at Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Russellville, AR. The featured guest speaker was Bernie McClenny, W3UR.

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

There were several interesting presentations by W3UR, K5FUV, W5VY, W5SJ, and AI5P. It made for a very informative annual meeting.

The DX Hog award was presented to Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ.

ADXA President W5ZN called the business meeting to order at approximately 14:30 and thanked

W3UR for being our guest speaker. W3UR was presented with the Arkansas Traveler Award.

N5RN was asked to read the minutes as presented in the previous newsletter. A motion was made by N5ZM and seconded by W5DM that the minutes be accepted as printed. Motion carried.

N5RN gave the Treasurer's report. K5VR motioned that the Treasurer report be accepted. W5RZ seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

N5ZM made a motion that W5MQ be considered for Honorary membership. W5SJ seconded. The motion was approved.

Next was the election of officers for 2025. The current nominees were presented for consideration. There were no nominations from the floor.

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Items of Interest

[ADXA Quarterly Meeting](#) –
Saturday March 08 2024 –
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where:

Dardanelle Community Center
2059-2099 State Highway 22
Dardanelle, Arkansas

Meeting minutes (continued)

W5DM moved that nominations cease. N5ZM seconded.

The officers for 2024-2025 are:

Joel Harrison-W5ZN President
Pat Patterson-W5VY Vice President
Glenn Wolf-N5RN Secretary/Treasurer.
Roger Gray-N5QS Director
Jay Bromley-W5JAY Director.

New Business: None

W5ZN recognized N5LKE, J our Arkansas Section Manager, for acquiring the ARRL books that were given as prizes.

W5SJ made a motion to adjourn. W5FUV seconded.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 14:40 PM.



W5RZ receiving the coveted DX Hog Award

Attending today's meeting:

Members: N5RN W5YV AI5P KC7DC KI5FXK N5QZ N5QT N5QS W5DM K9OZ K5YCM
K5JUC N5ZM N5LKE KF5TL KI5QGG KI5QOS KI5QQH WA5BDU K500 K5EJ WB5JJJ W5RZ
K1LEC W5CI W5MQ W5ZN K5FUV N4JQQ

Guests: K0UU WA5YSD KB5VWN and Faye Newman

From the President

From the President

Joel, W5ZN

Greetings ADXA Folks,

In the summer of 2015, I was approached by a group of ADXA members and asked to run for ADXA President. I gave it some thought and knew there were things that urgently required change otherwise, ADXA would cease to exist in the next few years. Very simply and bluntly it was dying a slow death. The first needed change was our website, it was in very serious need of an upgrade into the modern world of internet web sites. Second was membership because we had declined to where all our members were from central Arkansas and frankly that did not warrant being known as the "Arkansas" DX association. We also needed to get back to having a program during our meetings and not simply go somewhere to eat a hot dog. I remembered our great annual meetings of year's ago and those had simply disappeared. I desired a return of those.

After some more thought and urging from the group I agreed on one condition, if we could convince Pat, W5VY, to be Vice President and Glenn N5RN to remain as Secretary-Treasurer I would be a candidate. I also pledged I would not be a party to any previous personality spats that had occurred and damaged ADXA.

At the December 2015 meeting I was elected ADXA President and began my first term on January 1, 2016 along with Pat VY as the VP (a past ADXA President!) and Glenn RN as the Secretary/Treasurer.

Pat volunteered to rebuild the website and I worked on membership. I contacted ARRL and asked if it was possible to receive a list of all of the hams in Arkansas who held DXCC. The list was provided so I divided the state into four quadrants and began counting where they were located on a map. The bulk of the DXCC holders were from the northwest quadrant, not necessarily surprising but highlighted the need to open a dialogue with those folks and determine why they were not ADXA members. The reasons varied but the most glaring response was in the past they did not feel a part of ADXA, that it had become a central Arkansas activity and they were ignored. I made it clear that was not the case and would immediately change. We also made it clear we didn't care what class of license you held, what your DX standings were, or what mode or band you preferred to operate on. All we cared about is you had a legitimate interest in DX'ing and a desire to improve your technical and operating skills.

It was also odd that ADXA would not meet, or have a forum, during at least one Ar-

From the President—continued

kansas hamfest. ADXA had moved away from this due to personality reasons and was even having one of the ADXA quarterly meetings on the same weekend as one of the hamfests but in a different part of the state. That stopped immediately!

With the help of my close personal friend Ron Evans, K5XK, who lived in Bella Vista, we began recruiting the northwest Arkansas DX'ers and our membership began to grow, not only from there but also in central Arkansas. Pat, VY completed the redesign of our now very beautiful and informative website, we began having a technical presentation during our meetings, and moved our 1st quarter meeting in March to coincide with the Russellville hamfest. This was a good location because, not only did we have a number of ADXA members in Russellville, it was half way between northwest and central Arkansas making it as convenient as possible for our members to attend. Glenn RN was at every single meeting, recording minutes and maintaining our finances, as well as publishing a very nice quarterly newsletter, ON TIME, every quarter.

The annual meeting/conference got a reboot as well and now attracts special guests such as KO8SCA, W3UR, K4UEE, W3LPL, N0AX, K9LA, and many others.

Since we are now back to a membership located all over Arkansas (and a few in the Memphis area!) and to provide the most convenient opportunity for everyone to attend our meetings, we have transitioned to holding our 2nd and 3rd quarterly meetings virtually, via Zoom. This will also permit us to have a special speaker from outside the state for these meetings.

John, WB5BHS, has volunteered to be our program director. I'm excited about his decision. John is a very long time personal friend and one of the very first hams I met after I obtained my license, along with Stan K5VR, Rick, K5UR, George WB5JJJ, and Don K5DB.....back in the "old days" as teenagers. When my parents would travel to Russellville for various events they were active in, John and George would drive by and pick me up (George had a car!!!!) and we would visit Frank, W5BLP (Big Lovin' Papa) and others in Russellville.

Today, ADXA is in great condition and once again among one of the most respected DX clubs in the world. As such, it is a good time for someone to take over as President and continue our great success. I will not serve another concurrent term as ADXA President at the end of this year. I want to make this known now so the ADXA folks will have time to select a very capable president for 2026.

From the President—continued

Volunteers make the world turn and are vital to any organization or group. Sadly, volunteerism has been on the decline the past few years. Rick, K5UR, another very close personal friend (and great volunteer over his entire lifetime) and I have discussed this for several years. Younger generations see no need, nor have a desire, to belong to a group or organization and volunteer. They just like to hang out in a venomous social media corner. You see it today in churches, civic organizations, youth groups, and the list goes on. Unfortunately, there are a very, very few who do volunteer that have personal agendas or a desire for self promotion that destroys a lot of volunteer enthusiasm.

I understand folk's lives are busy these days but you have control to establish your life priorities. For me, 2025 is the year that Kim and I need to wrap up a number of things we're involved in and take a break in 2026. I trust each of you understand this and will respect my decision. I've tried to step down as ADXA President for the past two years and have been convinced to stay on. What you each need to understand is I am NOT going away to never be seen again! I will still be active in ADXA, I will still assist in contacting folks outside ADXA to be our special guest at the annual conference or a quarterly virtual meeting, and I can still assist in arranging a hotel for our annual conference. Most importantly, I will still WALK ALL OVER YOU in a pile up!

Its time for someone else, though, to make the daily decisions for ADXA and you have an outstanding board of directors to work with. If that were not the case, I would have just simply walked away two years ago.

I look forward to another great year, 2025, for ADXA and many years beyond. As the saying goes, "DX is" but I will take it one step further. It is THE absolute most popular amateur radio activity, bar none, and has been since amateur radio began - the desire and passion to work stations far away. Heck, Hiram Percy Maxim's desire in 1914 was DX and to just be able to communicate from Hartford, CT 20 miles up the road to Springfield, MA! That was real DX that year. So, its not just "DX is" but rather "DX is, always has been, and always will be"!

Now, with the vision of my old basketball coach Joe Pitt's long skinny finger pointing at you....."GET IN THERE!!!"

73 Joel W5ZN
ADXA President

Ham Shack

Steve Rutledge —N4JQQ

I suggested to Joel that it would be nice to see member's shacks in the newsletter. I spoke too soon. I have enclosed some photos for our editor to choose from and a description of what I'm chasing DX with here in Memphis.

My primary HF radio is a Kenwood TS-890. It is a great radio but I'm partial to Kenwood's. My back-up HF rig is a TS-590SG. I also have a TS-590 on the shelf which I use as the IF rig for my 902 and 1.2 transverters plus the six-meter side is connected to a PAR omni-directional antenna on the tower if I want to monitor six. I also have a 2.3 transverter which I only connect during contests to give rovers points.

I use the 890 for six and I have an Icom 9700 for two and 432 which replaced Icom 275s and 475s. The 9700 is a nice radio but I have to keep the manual in front of me. I also bought a device from the DX Shop where I got my 432 amp which connects to the IC-9700. It automatically switches my keying to whatever amp I have on-line when I switch the radio to that particular band. The 9700 only has one connection for a keying line.

I have an Icom IC-375 for 222. The encoder just went south on it and I'm trying to decide if I want to try and have it repaired or buy a transverter. A lot of money for the dozen Q's or so I make on 222 in a year.

Finally, a Kenwood TS-870 which I use for SHARES WinLink with a P4Dragon modem.

My amps are an Acom 1000 X 2. I've been unlucky with Acom products but they work well when they work. I also have a Drake L7 with Eimac tubes which is a great piece of gear but no six meters. It is ready to go anytime I need it. A Henry 2002A for two meters which I keep at 600 watts and a Gemini 70 from the DX Shop in Wales, UK, which gives me 300 watts on 432. The Gemini amps are very good and you can't beat the customer service. All solid state. Finally, a 130 watt RF Concepts brick for 222.

Antenna tuner is Palstar HF Auto. Works well but I don't need to use it often as my antennas on the ham bands are all resonant.

I monitor my power with an LP-100 Digital Vector RF Wattmeter.

I have SSB preamps at my rotator for two, 222, 432 and 1.2. SSB sequencers in place.

And I have all the other stuff you would normally see in a ham's shack but mine is not near as neat as Joel's. Unfortunately, I'm in a fairly small room on the second floor of my house, located on a city lot. The run from my shack to the top of my Rohn tower is 160' and then there are all the jumpers.

Antennas:

JK XR-5 10, 12, 15, 17, 20 just replaced a Force 12 C3e which was an original antenna from the first C3e. It was and still is a great antenna.

JK XR-301 30 meter rotatable dipole which replaced a Cushcraft D3W 12-17-30 meter rotatable dipole. The CC was great but not made as well as it could have been. However, I worked my 340th entity on it on 30 meters.

A frame with 3 of the long loopers on it for 902, 1.2 and 2.3 made by Dave, K1WHS.

C3i two meter antenna, 27' boom.

C3i six meter antenna with 28' boom.

C3i 222 antenna with 17' boom.

C3i 432 antenna with 17' boom.

All of this is on a heavy duty mast from Texas Towers, 24', which is held in place by the thrust bearing on the top of the 45G, another thrust bearing and then the T2X rotator.

My tower, a Rohn 45G is 65' with an upper and lower set of guys. The top guys are Phyllistran and bottom set is steel.

I have inverted vees for 80, 60 and 40 as well as a Cushcraft vertical for 40/80.

I have all entities confirmed and rarely run more than 600-800 watts. I'm on FT8 a lot chasing six meter countries and filling band slots. I do know how to send/receive CW using a Bencher paddle and a Logikey K-5 keyer. I have 336 of the current entities confirmed on CW.

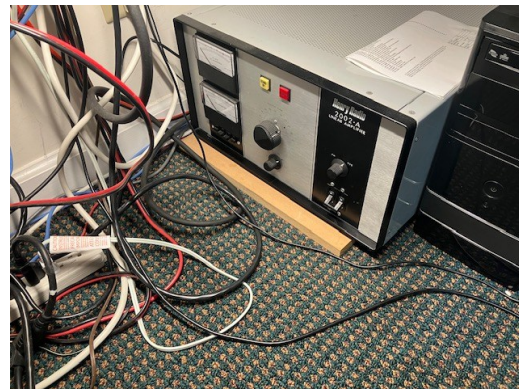
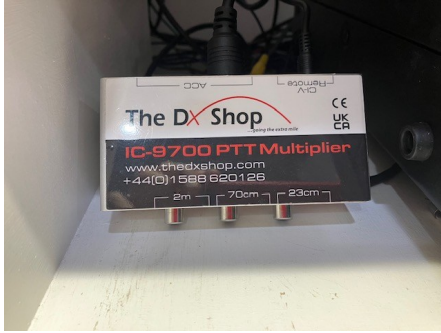
I have a LOT of hardline going up the tower and it is no fun crawling on my hands and knees to get it from the opening in my roof to the shack.

I can't wait to see what you guys over there are always beating me with.

I want to thank Craig Faith for putting my two new antennas on my tower. I could never have done it without Craig. Also, John, KT4AC, Trent, N4DTF and Steve, W4DTA.

Steve, N4JQQ

Ham Shack—Steve—N4JQQ



Ham Shack—Steve —N4JQQ



ADXA members

WIN

ARRL CW DX Contest

By Bill, W5SJ and Stan, K5GO

Three ADXA members on site - Bill, W5SJ/ZF2EZ , Chuck, KM5G/ZF2MG, and Stan, K5GO/ZF9CW along with Bill, KO7SS/ZF2SS operated the 2025 ARRL CW DX Contest from Stan and Rita's home on Cayman Brac with Stan's son Kevin, N5DX and Gerry, W1VE, in New Hampshire operating remotely.

This was a new experience for the crew at ZF5T. For the last few years, ZF5T (Stan's Contest Call) had been Multi/Single, Low Power, resulting in a world record for that category in 2022. After talking to the other operators, we decided to go after the "Big Boys" this year in the M/M category and plans were made to add additional stations so that we could have up to four high power stations on the air at the same time. We made it happen – new computers, filtering, and all that was needed for each station.

We competed in Multi/Multi, High Power, targeting PJ2T, the perennial winner.

The schedule was made up and all went smoothly; no power outages, no equipment or data problems and minimal interaction between stations. The six-member team worked well together and the results speak for themselves.

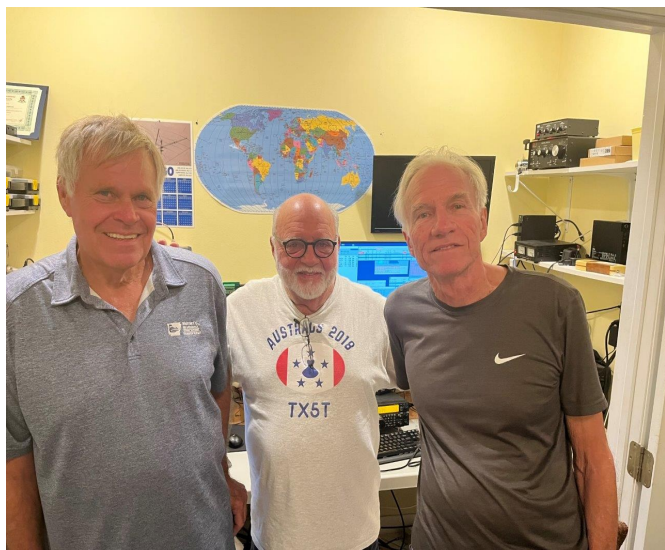
ZF5T scored 9,758,316 points; PJ2T scored 8,501,130

We are very proud that we won by 1,200,000+ points in our division!!! For the first time at this level, to take all the marbles, is a significant achievement!!

We had asked for ADXA members to seek us out to obtain "clean sweeps" and many of you did just that. TKS to all who added points for us in the log.

CONGRATULATIONS, ZF5T TEAM!!

ZF5T—Continued



ADXA Members L to R
K5GO W5SJ KM5G



Bill W5SJ/ZF2EZ at STN 2 and 3



Chuck KM5G/ZF2MG at STN 2 and 3

K5GO/ZF9CW
(host for ZF5T Contest STN) at STN 1



ZF5T—Continued



Qtr Wave Vertical for QRP



Bill, ZF2EZ running EU with KX3 at 5 watts



New—Stacked Tri-Banders

ZF5T—Continued



ZF2EZ QRP Shack

ZF2EZ with KX3



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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ADXathon

Based on logs received, the totals are:

KI5QQG 99—Winner!

W5ZJ 78

W5RZ 52

KI5UCZ 45

KM5G 44

K1LEC 40

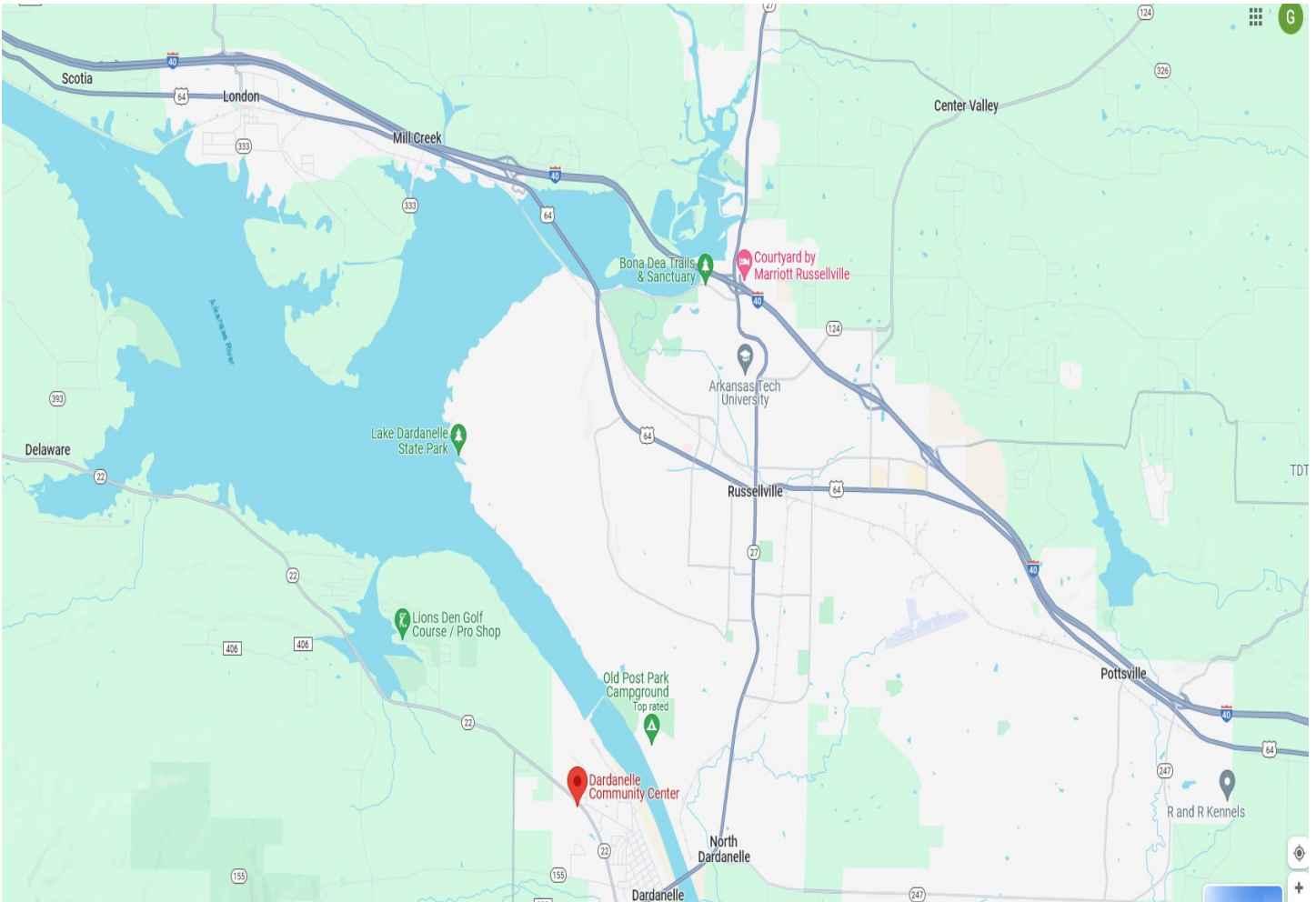
Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—March 8, 2025

The next ADXA Quarterly meeting is:

Saturday March 08, 202 – 11:00 AM to ~12:00 PM

Dardanelle Community Center
2059-2099 State Highway 22
Dardanelle, Arkansas

GPS Coordinates
35.23566 N -093.17514 W



ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

BUSINESS NAME

President: Joel Harrison, W5ZN
Vice President: Pat Patterson, W5VY
Secretary/Treasurer: Glenn Wolf, N5RN

Club Mailing Address:

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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**

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