



ADXA Minutes



PROMOTING DX AND DXING THROUGHOUT ARKANSAS

ADXA Quarterly

ADXA Officers (2026)

President:
Jay Bromley W5JAY

Vice President:
EJ Jones K5EJ

Secretary-Treasurer:
Glenn Wolf N5RN

Director:
Roger Gray N5QS

Director:
Joel Harrison W5ZN

The fourth quarter ADXA meeting was held on November 08, 2025 at the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Center in Springdale, Arkansas. The meeting was held in conjunction with the ADXA Annual Convention.

After a day of many interesting presentations by Gregg Marco, W6IZT, Joel Harrison, W5ZN, EJ Jones, K5EJ, Bill Kenamer, W5FUV, and Kevin Stockton, N5DX, the meeting was called to order by President Joel Harrison, W5ZN at 1548 local.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented in the newsletter by K5FUV. Seconded by K5UZ. Motion carried and the minutes were accepted.

N5RN gave the Treasurer's

report. K5YY made a motion to accept the report. W5DM seconded. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Old Business:
None

New Business:
How ADXA will be funding DXpeditions is being reviewed by the ADXA board. The goal is to reflect what the members of ADXA need. Everyone is encouraged to submit their needs to J to help keep the list of needs current.

K5YY thanked W5ZN for his involvement in IARU.

Election of Officers: The next order of business was the elections of 2026 officers. N5QS, representing the board, presented the proposed list of officers. This list was as follows:

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Items of Interest

[ADXA Quarterly Meeting](#) - Saturday March 07 2026 - 8:00 AM to 05:00 PM

Where:

Arkansas River Valley Hamfest

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

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W5JAY as president, K5EJ as Vice President, N5RN as Secretary/Treasurer, N5QS as Director, and W5ZN as Director.

Opening the nondominations process to the floor, a motion was made by W5DM to close the nomination process. K5UZ seconded. W5DM then motioned that we accept the list nominees as presented. KI5QQG seconded. The proposed slate of officers was declared elected and will begin serving their term in 2026. Congratulations to the new officers.

W5ZN took a moment to thank Pat Patterson, W5VY, for his service. He's not going anywhere and will be available to help in any way he can. Pat has taken care of some challenging issue for ADXA.

K5UZ took a moment to recognize Joel, W5ZN, for what he has done. Joel revitalized ADXA. His efforts have brought ADXA back to prominence. It great club to belong to if you are interested in DXing and contesting. Joel received a round of applause for his efforts.

The ARRL will be recognize 2026 as the "Year of the Club". Pay attention to the January issue of QST. Bernie McClenny will be recognizing clubs that are actively promoting Amateur Radio .

K5UZ- Delta Division Director-reminded folks to fill out the HOA letter that is available on ARRL website. This HOA effort has the potential of making significant changes to what HOA's can restricted with respect to amateur radio.

In closing, W5ZN thanked N5KLE for the ARRL's donation of prizes for this year's Annual Conference.

K5YY motioned that the meeting be adjourned. K5UZ seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 1556 local.

From the President

Jay, W5JAY

Well how did this come about? To be honest, I don't know, but part of this started in that ADXA zoom meeting with K5UR Rick, saying we need volunteers. If you missed that meeting, you should really try to go hear him talk about that sometime in the future! If you put yourself out there I promise it will change your life for the better! Then came Roger N5QS asking me if I would be president and finally, Joel W5ZN made sure I was going to take the job. There was no turning back and Joel told me more than once, failure is not an option!

Joel has done a great job with the ADXA and he is not going anywhere! Joel was our longest serving ADXA president, that I know of. Think about it, Joel was our president since 2016! I like the growth that has happened under Joel's leadership. I remember seeing Joel for the first time down at the Mena Hamfest when he was an ARRL Director. I don't even know how many years ago that was? I never thought in a million years our paths would cross again. Then in 2014 Joel was sitting in the sidelines of the ARRL Centennial Hamfest. When he saw Kathy and I wearing our Arkansas Razorback shirts, a new friendship was born. Hard to believe that was over ten years ago!

Slowly I became more and more involved with the ADXA, mainly promoting the ADXA within our own local club. Somehow I got on the ADXA board. I still do not know how I got on the board? Looking back it was good for me to put myself out there. I was apprehensive on that as well. Joel just looked at me during our annual ADXA conference and said serve on the board for a couple of years and if you don't like it, move on. Needless to say, I stayed. I enjoy working with all the ADXA officers! We are so bless to have them. Much of what goes on behind the scenes, would make you proud you are an ADXA member!

If you don't know who the ADXA officers are for 2026, we have an all-star lineup. The Vice President is EJ Jones, K5EJ, Secretary-Treasurer is Glenn Wolf N5RN and the directors are Roger Gray N5QS and Joel Harrison W5ZN. Pat Patterson, our past ADXA VP is one of web page gurus! Even though Pat has stepped down it is nice he is around for advice! Program director is John Evans WB5BHS. Joel W5ZN is also the Annual Conference Chairman and our main Web Page guy. I hope I didn't miss anyone? Again, we are so lucky to have them!

I can't say enough good things about the ADXA officers. They are some of the best DXers in the world! If you need a DXing Elmer or Mentor, you could not belong to a better club, period!

I can't help being apprehensive on being your new ADXA president especially when you look at our history of who the past presidents were! There is a lot of hero worship on my

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part. One of my heroes is K5UR Rick. We first met at the Little Rock Hamfest. We had been introduced by a friend, that knew we had both purchased Alpha 77 amplifiers. Nothing like comparing amps to gain a new friend. Even back then, Rick tried his best to get me into the ADXA. I don't remember if he was ADXA president or not at the time, but if not, he soon was. Being a jerk at the time, I told him I knew I could work DX, so why chase them? Rick just smiled, I can only imagine what he was thinking. What an idiot I was! Still Rick invited me to join that ADXA meeting while attending the Little Rock Hamfest. It was fun and he sowed the seed, that didn't sprout for another 20 years!

Now I completely get it! It is not about the awards, but the journey and friendships along the way! DXing is life long journey for sure, just like ham radio in general. I want thank everyone that sent me a kind note congratulating me on becoming the ADXA president. Looking back, it is pretty surreal how the whole thing evolved. More memories I will treasure!

One of the things I want to see continue is our growth with the ADXA. That is something we can thank Joel for, but that also goes much deeper. The members promoting the club within other clubs. By promoting I mean to Elmer new hams, Elmer them on DXing, get them to join the ARRL and then finally join the ADXA. The reason for the above progression is you need to be an ARRL member to join the ADXA.

We want and need good quality hams and DXers! I know I am going to try harder than ever with my local club, BVRC, to find good DXers to join the ADXA. I hope you will join me getting new DXers into the hobby and helping them. There is a lot to learn. By Elmering, you will help yourself learn the art of DXing. I hear this all the time, I haven't been in the hobby long enough or I am not qualified enough. Well I will tell you the fastest way to get qualified, try your hand at Elmering and I promise, you will learn more about the art of radio and DXing! I want to add, if you put yourself out there, good things will not only happen along the way, but will also change your life for the better! In my case, even my family is part of journey and have made their lives better.

Speaking of clubs. Did you notice right out of the gate we got a nice story about the ADXA in the January issue QST. In the "How's DX" column. Again, thanks Joel for doing that! BTW, that "How's DX" is authored by Bernie W3UR and if you don't know about the Daily DX you should go check that out. Burnie is a great DXer as well and I would not be on the DXCC Honor Roll without the Daliy DX and Bernie's help! Bernie's "How's DX" is another great resource from the ARRL's QST.

As I am writing this KP5/NP3VI Desecheo Island is still going strong. They have extended their operation for a few more weeks. I didn't need them on many bands, but needed them on 12m, 10m, and 6m. I never thought in a million years I would get them on 6m! That 6m opening is stuff that makes great lifetime memories! I was chasing with K5VR Stan (who lives up the road from me), and my wife Kathy WQ5T was also in the chase. Stan got them first, then me, and finally Kathy got in their log. So what is the big deal you

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say? Here is the big deal, Stan and I are running compromised antennas! To be honest, right now I only have a 40m/80m Fan Dipole up at 50 feet and a HEX beam 3 feet off the ground. For a number of reasons, I didn't get the HEX up on a pole or the tower. Ditto for my old Force 12 antenna. Never think you can get in there and work them! Keep trying and no matter what, you have nothing to lose by chasing them! Update on Miss Kathy, she has the KP5 on all modes and bands, except 160m. What fun and she was kicking my tail, especially on SSB! It was fun to see her move up the ADXA ranking and I was chasing her! Time will tell if I can pass her or not. She goes to bed early, so I have that going for me!

A couple of more things I want to comment on. Please get your "Most Needed Worksheet" filled out. The worksheet and instructions are on the ADXA home page. Your membership, helps support many of these DX expeditions, and the data from the worksheet tells us what our members need and which DX expeditions to contribute to. Plus at the same time, we also look into expeditions that have good track records. We do our best to be good stewards of your money!

Speaking of which, Joel puts a lot of time into making sure the DX expeditions coming online are right there on the home page for you to look at. Pat W5VY, is the one that adds your member standings and also busy uploading more material from past ADXA Quarterly newsletters. What a great resource that is. Some of you know how much I enjoy reading about our ADXA history and radio history in general!

If you are not uploading your log to ClubLog please consider doing that. Most logging programs make this very easy or you can just export to Clublog with your ADIF log file. After registering with ClubLog you can see your ranking within clubs like the ADXA during an expedition. I belong to ADXA, QRP ARCI and ARRL. The later one is very hard to get into the top 100 overall, but I managed it a few times with the KP5. I am very proud to see so many new ADXA DXers in the top 20 within the ADXA club ranking. When you are chasing expeditions like KP5, it's fun to see how you measure against the Big Dogs! More important, our ADXA club ranking is very good, currently at 16 in the world as a club. I would love to see our club ranking get into the top ten some day! I think when Joel added our club to ClubLog, the ranking at that time was the top 25 or so?

By the time you see this, please remember to get your club membership renewed if you haven't done so already. Also our next meeting will be at the Russellville Hamfest. Details to follow on our reflector of any changes.

So go out and Elmer a new ham, Chase DX hard, put yourself out there and volunteer! You will be glad you did, I promise! 73 de w5jay..

C6

Steve Rutledge, N4JQQ

I've decided to take my six meter beacon off the air in FL16is after almost 40 years. The C6AFP, 50.040 beacon was established when an op rented our house at Treasure Cay, Great Abaco, The Bahamas. He was an avid six meter fan and suggested the beacon. It started out as electronic parts in a shoe-box on 50.062. At the time, amateurs in the UK and Europe were excited about it as they planned on using it to determine when and if the band was open to the US. Soon, we realized the frequency was the same as many US beacons so it was changed.

As time passed, my brothers and I sold the house and the beacon was moved to Green Turtle Cay, Abaco, where a friend of mine, Bill Wiseman, C6AGN, let me put it up at his house. In the meantime, several ops in the US were helping out and it was transformed into a converted commercial VHF radio. The antenna was a Ringo Ranger. When Bill passed, I moved the beacon to my brother's house which is located in the settlement, New Plymouth, also on Green Turtle Cay. It ran from there for quite a few years. The antenna was a PAR horizontal antenna that replaced the Ringo Ranger which was worn out from numerous hurricanes, storms and life in general. The Ringo Ranger never stopped working in spite of all this.

Present day. It occurred to me that six meter beacons were not as useful as they once were. FT8, DX Maps and other means via the Internet pretty much have replaced their usefulness. So, about three weeks ago, I asked my brother to take everything down and return it to me here in Memphis. He was going and coming via private aircraft so it was no problem. I have included some pictures of the latest gear, a Motorola low-band mobile radio converted to six meters, an added piece of equipment which enabled programming of the callsign, a 12 volt power supply and SWR meter so we could tell if it was working or not. The arrangement never failed after years of service.

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I will also mention my two-meter repeater in Abaco. I put that on the air at Treasure Cay. The Bahamian authorities gave me permission to install it on their 200' communications tower near our house. A rigging crew came to the island and installed a commercial antenna for me. It was fed with 7/8" Heliac. I flew a set of Wacom duplexers down and it was on the air. The signal was tremendous and at the time there were five or six Bahamian and US hams living on Abaco. Then Hurricane Floyd came along and the antenna disappeared. I had another one installed and we were back on the air. In the meantime, a rigging crew from Australia was hired to do some work on the tower. They called me and said they needed to relocate my antenna. They did and added 1-5/8" Heliac. The repeater kept on running until Hurricane Dorian blew the entire commercial tower down. I never recovered the duplexers or the repeater. Pictured is my spare repeater which is on 145.210. If anyone knows someone who needs a reliable two-meter repeater, they can have this one. It IS crystal controlled though.

This repeater was the only functioning two-meter repeater in the country.

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Beacon Antenna



The Ride



C6AFP



Dinner

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Dinner—Again!



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Last location of beacon



Memories from the 2025 ADXA Annual Conference



Memories from 2025 ADXA Annual Conference (continued)



Debbie KI5QQG —2025 DX Hog Award

Card Checking



Card Checking

- ◆ 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.

Silent Keys

It is With Sadness ADXA Records the Following Silent Keys Who Were Prominent Members

AF5M Paul Wynne
K5CKS Rory Bowers
K5OVC Lenny Mendel
KB5DN Melvin Belknap
KB5RF Harold Wilson
N5WJ Jerry Stroud
W5BPT Frank Kollatt
W5GO Ollie Gade
W5HTY Martin Hankins
W5MQ Bennie Tomlinson
WB5AAA Jim Barron
WB6AXD Libby Jacques
WA5NFC Joe Swafford
KE5PO Stewart Long Oct 06 2025

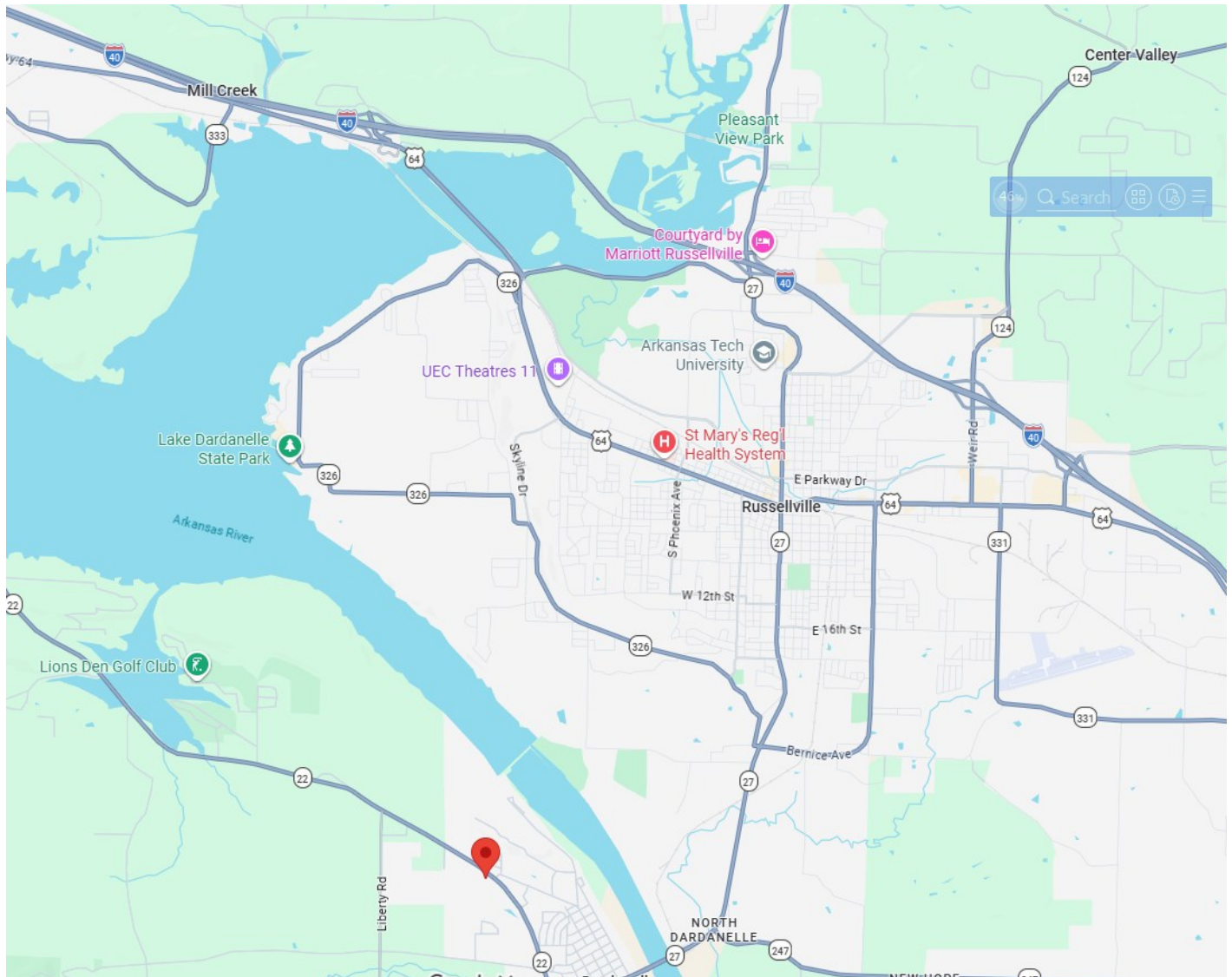
Next ADXA Club Meeting—November 08, 2025

The next ADXA Quarterly meeting is:

Saturday March 7 , 2026 – 11:00 AM to ? - Rooms 1 & 2 at the ARV Hamfest

<https://sites.google.com/view/arv-hamfest/home>

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



ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

BUSINESS NAME

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STATE: _____
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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
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