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Those who were identified as attending the Zoom meeting included:

Officers

President: Jay Bromley, W5JAY
Vice President: EJ Jones, K5EJ
Secretary/Treasurer: Glenn Wolf, N5RN
Director: Roger Gray, N5QS
Director: Joel Harrison, W5ZN

Meeting Minutes

The second quarter meeting of the ADXA was a Zoom meeting hosted by President Jay Bromley, W5JAY on June 20, 2026.

W8HC Hal, N5QT Dawn, N5QS Roger, W5JAY Jay, WQ5T Kathy, K5VR Stan, W4DTA Steve, WB5BHS John, N5RN Glenn, K5OO Mark, WB5JAN Jan, KG5KS Kenny, W5XNA Thomas, W5RZ Dennis, W5VY Pat, KT4AC Thomas, K5CS Charles, W5KI Robert, K1LEC Lanny, K5STL David, W5CJF Charles, N5ZE Steven, KI5QQG Debbie, AA6KJ Jussi, W5KMK Michael, K5DB Don, N5ZNE Stephen, KJ5CWP Brad, K5HEX Ryan, KI5KTE Carla

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Next Meeting

Saturday, September 19, 2026
1:00 – 2:30 PM Central
Zoom opens about 12:30 PM

Guest Speaker
Bernie, W3UR
"Top 25 Most Wanted"

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Meeting Minutes

as recorded by Glenn Wolf

President Jay Bromley, W5JAY, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 PM local.
A brief presentation by Jan, WB5JAN, and Tom, W5XNA, was made in recognition of the Governor's acknowledgment of Amateur Radio Week.

Reading Minutes of the last meeting
Move to accept as printed in newsletter – Jan – WB5JAN
Second – Kathy – WQ5T
Motion carried

Treasurer Report
Presented by Glenn Wolf – N5RN
Move to accept – Stan – K5VR
Second – Kathy – WQ5T
Motion carried

New Business
None

Old Business
None

Motion to adjourn
Motion to Adjourn– Steve – W4DTA
Second by Glenn – N5RN
Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:10 PM local

Presentation
Hal Turley, W8HC.

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From the President

Jay Bromley, W5JAY

As far back as I can remember when the month of September comes around, I start thinking about ham radio, fall contest and DX season. I am not a big contester, but I like to dabble in it for sure! At the end of August, RI1FJL pops up and that was a very nice DXpedition. That DXpedition got me into the Fall DX mode for sure. The Franz Josef Land ops were great on all modes. Then ZD8GB pops up in SuperFox mode and does an instant upload to LoTW. That sure brought a smile to mine and Kathy's, face. That was an ATNO for her. Then VP5/K5UR pops up on 20m FT8 and that was great to work Rick. I always love working folks I know that are DX! Thanks, Rick, for the QSO!

I also think about antennas more during the fall months, after it cools off a bit. This year I was planning on making some much-needed changes; they were small but would improve my station. Then came an unexpected event that caused me to go into the hospital. I am fine right now, just 30 days behind me, but the doctors are telling me to take it easy for 90 days. So, my antenna dreams are just that for now, hi. Still, I am on the air with my mighty Fan Dipole, LOL.

Back in 2014, Kathy and I made a long road trip to the ARRL Centennial. Along the way we traveled around some of The Great Lakes. We stayed on the back roads as much as we could and took our time. Found a lot of neat things to see along the way. When we finally made it to the Centennial Hamfest, a ham pops up from behind the backside of one of the booths; Joel, W5ZN. He saw our Arkansas T-shirts and an instant friendship was born. I knew Joel from his old ARRL Director days. It was nice to be reintroduced so far from Arkansas!

Another person we met at the Centennial was Bernie, W3UR. I was introduced to Bernie by Bill, W5SJ, who was also in attendance. We all had such a great time and what a great memory for sure! The ARRL Centennial was truly an event of a lifetime. I can't thank Bill enough for that introduction and I've been following Bernie ever since. Bernie writes for QST under the "How's DX" column. He also publishes *The Daily DX* and *The Weekly DX*. A few years ago, Bernie was at one of our annual ADXA Conferences and did a great job! Unfortunately, I was unable to attend that annual ADXA conference! Bernie is a very dynamic speaker, but more important are the topics he chooses to speak about. He usually will do "The Top 25 Most Wanted". Why is that topic so important to a DXer? Well, that Top 25 List changes every year. This year's DXCC landscape has changed, some years it changes a lot and others not so much. If you are number 1

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Jay Bromley, W5JAY

on the DXCC Honor Roll, this may not be that important to you. However, for the rest of us DXers, information is power!

By the way, I am super pleased to announce that Bernie, W3UR, will be our guest speaker on the "Top 25 Most Wanted" for our next ADXA Zoom meeting. New DXers and the ones not number 1 on the DXCC Honor Roll need to make the next ADXA Zoom meeting for sure. The date is Sept 19 at 1:00 p.m. Central time zone. I hope to see you guys in the zoom meeting. I will be posting the login info and a few reminders the week of the meeting. In the last year we had a few entities drop off the Top 25. It will be great to learn what other entities could be coming up in the next year or so. There is probably no one that knows more about upcoming DXpeditions than Bernie.

The DXCC Honor Roll is a lifelong journey and I have made some great friends along the way! Many of them I have mentioned. To me, it is not the awards as much as the camaraderie along the way! Although I do like chasing awards. DXing is like going into battle with your best friends. It truly is a great hobby!

My advice to all hams is to be sure to put yourself out there. Speaking of which, it was one year ago that Rick, K5UR, talked to our ADXA group about volunteering and putting yourself "Out There!". If you get a chance, please do that, even if it is at the local club level, I promise you good things will come from it and it will add to your life!

Along the way, please take the time to enjoy new things, like attending some of the larger hamfests that have DX and Contest related forums. You will be rubbing elbows with some of the greats in our hobby. Now to be honest, not many remember me, but they always seem to remember Kathy. I was in a forum at Huntsville one time and Bob K4UEE walked by me. He looked down at me and said I think I know you? Then a big smile would come over his face and he would sit next to Kathy and they would chat about something unrelated to ham radio or DXing! Bob always recognized my Kathy first and I was along for the ride, hi.

Now the rest of this is mainly for new DXers. You Big Dogs or the ones number 1 on the DXCC

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Honor Roll won't get much out of the rest. Usually, one gets into DXing and looks for their first DXCC Mixed. Then maybe they might try DXCC on each of the modes and at the same time building up their band totals. After the first 100 on Mix, you then look towards 200 and then head towards the 300 total. As you climb up the ladder and just over the 300 mark, you might start looking how far you are away from DXCC Honor Roll. As you move up the ladder, it gets harder. Some years you will be lucky to get one All Time New One (ATNO). Other years, if you are really lucky you might gain more. Conditions around the world play a huge part in all this! Some years DX entities are off the air for various reasons and then they return. Like our solar cycle, DXing is in a constant state of change! The bottom line of all this is to be aware of what you need that is new and then watch for them when they come on the air.

In short, you should not miss any Top Most Wanted DXpeditions when they come on the air! What is a top Most Wanted DXpedition? It is usually around the 50 Most Wanted mark. When you start out, nearly everything is a Top Most Wanted DXpedition. I am sure you've seen the ADXA reflector where someone says they worked an All Time New One (aka ATNO). Just be sure you don't miss any DXpeditions that you need and then the rest will fall in place. When I was a working stiff, if something came on that I needed, I would do my best to work them at least once. My mode of choice was usually CW. Main modes back then were CW, Phone, and RTTY that morphed into Digital. These days my digital totals are quickly coming up to my CW totals. SSB is behind my Digital mode totals. I hope to do something about that in time! Just hard to be on SSB with a compromise antenna! While I am thinking about Most Wanted, be sure to fill out your ADXA Most Needed form. Instructions are right off the main ADXA page. This gives the ADXA board better information when it comes to funding DXpeditions and what matters to our membership!

As I was moving up the DXCC Mix, somewhere around the 320 mark I subscribed to Bernie's *The Daily DX* and *The Weekly DX*. I give credit to Bernie's *The Daily DX* for helping me get to the DXCC Honor Roll's magical 331 mark. Now *The Daily DX* continues to help me move closer to number 1 HR status.

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The other thing that helped me get to the DXCC HR, was DXLab suite written by Dave Bernstein, AA6YQ. I use most of the DXLab suite of programs for keeping track of my totals and stalking DX prey that is rare. Mt Athos is one I remember needing in a big way. One year while attending Dayton Hamvention I went to a DXLab forum called "Stalking Monk Apollo". Two weeks later, I had Monk Apollo in my log using Dave's techniques I learned from that forum. This was on CW and at the bottom of the solar cycle! One thing that DXLab's Keeper logging program has is Real Time Award Tracking (aka RAT). With two mouse clicks I can see who I worked, confirmed or verified, and those logged contacts come right up with another mouse click. If you use something like Excel, great, but to me that is very labor intensive! Personally, I would rather be on the air chasing DX. BTW, the DXLab software is free and if you get a chance to visit one of Dave's forums you won't regret it! Now I know, logging programs are pretty personal stuff, but if it takes you more than a couple mouse clicks to find what you need or yours doesn't do Real Time Award tracking, you might want to consider trying another logging program. All I am saying, DXLab, just like Bernie's *The Daily DX*, helped me get the rare ones into the log and on the DXCC Honor Roll. DXLab will also sync up to LoTW, which enhances day to day DX logging. It also interoperates with WSJT-X and other programs.

Of course, one can get on LoTW and download their award matrix. Maybe look at their last printout when you submitted QSL cards. Again, it is always the time thing with me and as you get older you realize time is very valuable! One last thing, if you are not diversified on the modes, please consider trying to do them all! If you don't, I can guarantee you will miss something you need at some point in time! I can remember one DXpedition that was on RTTY mode only and guess what, I was not on RTTY mode. I vowed right then and there, never let that happen again. At that time, it was an ATNO for me. Also don't be an FT8 "Only" sort of guy and if you are only doing CW/SSB, try WSJT-X's FT modes. By adding something like JTAlert and or GridTracker to WSJT-X you might find it is more entertaining than you thought was possible. Almost like playing a video game!

Another great resource is our own ADXA web page for upcoming DXpeditions! When you see Joel, W5ZN, be sure to thank him for that! Also, please thank all our officers when you see them.

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They do such a great job for the ADXA! If I had been more aware, I am sure I could have dropped the time in half that it took to get on the DXCC Honor Roll. That time period for me was around 30 years. Bernie will have some up to date information on how long it would take if you started today, with good antennas and a DX mentor. When you are just starting out DXing and you see someone that has them all or seems to be doing a lot in a short amount of time, hang out with them and take notes! It will make you a more effective DXer! Elmer others as you learn what it takes to be a better DX operator.

Ok, I will quit with the tips for getting more DX contacts in your log. The journey has been quite a ride and really never ends. Enjoy it! Are these the only tips? Of course not. Just some off the top of my head. Please keep up the great work and help others get into DXing!

Our ADXA membership is great! I want to thank every one of you spotting on the ADXA list and Elmering others new to the hobby. It has been great to see everyone helping each other with spots and technical information that moves folks up the DXCC ladder. Keep it up and see you at the Zoom meeting coming up!

73 de w5jay/jay

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Where You Start Is Not Always Where You Finish

Jon Reynolds, KI5UCZ

It is with mild apprehension that I begin this tale, knowing the men, the myths, and the legends whose eyes may encounter this article. I suspect a large majority of the Arkansas DX Association were licensed back when a Morse code proficiency test stood between a prospective amateur and his ticket. I was not. When the FCC dropped that requirement in 2007, the first hurdle in my radio world was cleared — and I didn't even know it yet. Fast forward fifteen years: I tested in fairly quick succession for Tech, General, and then Extra. I'm not sure I would have gotten into amateur radio at all if that first hurdle hadn't been knocked down for me, fifteen years before I ever walked into the hobby.

The following March, I went with some friends to the Dardanelle hamfest. As I entered the great halls of the gymnasium, the first aisle I stumbled down was occupied by the Razorback Net table. I don't remember who I talked to, but I was proud. As he sized me up, I gave him my call sign, and when he asked what class I held, I told him "Extra." I saw a gleam in his eye — and then I had to climb down off my high horse and confess the caveat: I was a "no-code Extra." I thought some of the wonder left his eyes, but it didn't. He assured me that was perfectly acceptable, because where you start is not always where you finish. I worked through the rest of the tables, saw everything, bought some things, and took even more home.

Things rocked along quickly from there. I was running a Kenwood TS-430S that my dad, N4OPE, had given me — he'd bought it used from a friend, I believe, back in the early 1990s. I made some SSB contacts, worked my way through WAS, and picked up a few DX entities. Then a SignaLink brought that thirty-five-year-old radio into the modern world on FT8. I finished WAS and turned my focus to DXCC, because that was my entry point into the ADXA.

I made DXCC shortly after, joined the club, and kept racking up countries. Somewhere around number 170 or 180, I realized that what had been easy was getting harder to find. It was about then that I got the idea — and it may be all in my head — that some meaningful share of the remaining entities might be reachable mainly through my old friend, CW. True or not, the more tools I have in the box, the better my chances. So I set out down the road less traveled. I started with a phone app and learned the alphabet, the numbers, and some "important" punctuation. Then I switched to a different app that smashed the letters together and got me thoroughly confused. Eventually I got dangerous with six characters, "KI5UCZ," and made my first contact,

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Jon Reynolds, KI5UCZ

to Hawaii. Both a state and an entity: double credit.

Shortly after that, I got what I was really after — an all-time new one on CW. And here, allow me to step down off the high horse once more. In the modern world, the radio I own can decode a solid signal with a fair degree of accuracy. If a fella reads a spotter page, tunes to the frequency of a spotted entity, and lets the radio decode what's coming through, he can get on the air, participate, and get better — even if all he does at first is send the code himself. Once you're on the air, you learn faster. You start filling in the letters the radio misses. And eventually, if you keep challenging yourself, you work past the radio entirely and pick one out of the noise that was too weak for it to decode. That is very satisfying.

I say all this to say: wherever you are in this hobby, challenge yourself, have fun, and try new things. And — where you start is not always where you finish.

73,
KI5UCZ

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Card Checking

If you have cards that you need checked, contact Earl Smith, N5ZM; Jay Bromley, W5JAY; or Roger Gray, N5QS. They will talk to you about how best to get the cards to them for checking.

Silent Keys

It is with sadness that ADXA Records announces 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 May 2025
- WB5AAA Jim Barron
- WB6AXD Libby Jacques
- WA5NFC Joe Swafford
- KE5PO Stewart Long Oct 06, 2025

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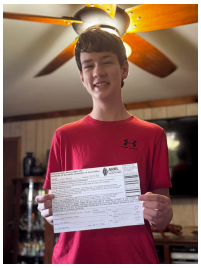
Extra Extra

Debbie McKenzie, KI5QQG

Members of the ADXA, Ithyca KI5QOS and her brother, Nicholas KI5QQH, recently upgraded their licenses to Amateur Extra. Nicholas will have a new call sign shortly.



They both hold DXCCs and are gaining new countries.

Charles KF5TL and Debbie KI5QQG are extremely proud of their grandchildren and of carrying on the greatest hobby!

Update: Nicholas got his Extra call. He is now AJ5CW.

N5ZM Update

Earl Smith, N5ZM

N5ZM Earl Smith in White Hall, Arkansas, is going to close his station in the very near future. I'm moving to a retirement community in Southwest Little Rock.

Soon, I'll post a list of all the ham radio-related items that will be available. Some freebies, some for sale.

Let me know if you have something you might have a yearning for. [:-)))

I will still be active with the ADXA and interested in DXing.

73 Earl N5ZM
Email: n5zm@n5zm.net

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the ADXA will be virtual. It will be on September 19, 2026. The Zoom call will open up approximately 30 minutes before the meeting begins. The meeting is scheduled to last from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

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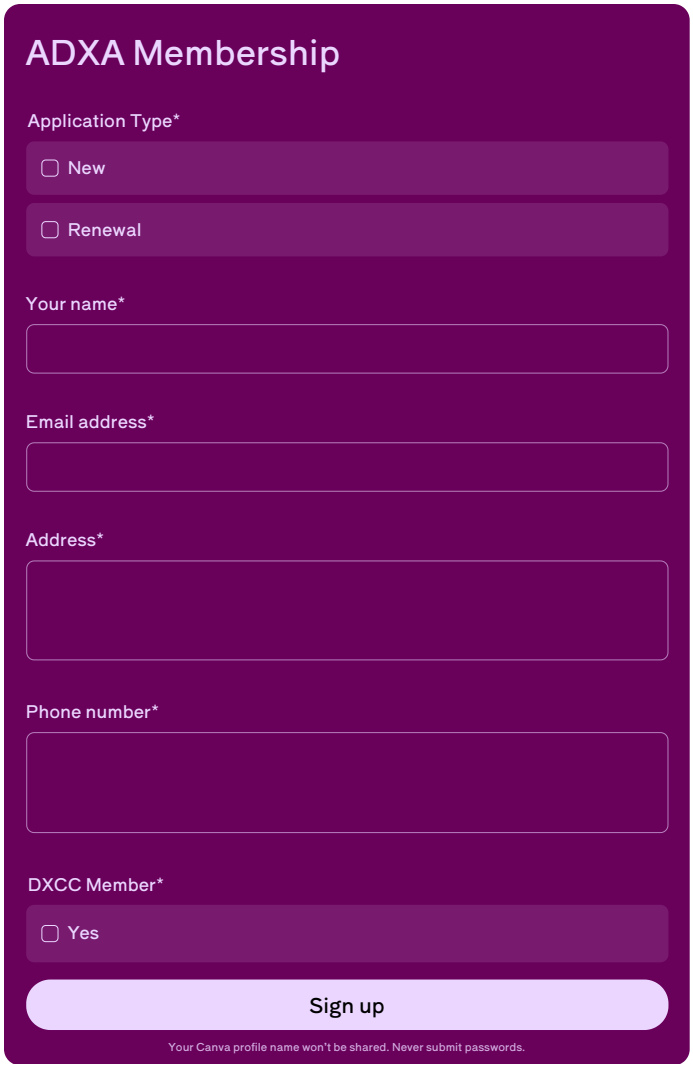
Membership Application

You can find the membership application or renewal form on our webpage. Eventually, it will be available here as well.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