



ADXA Minutes



ADXA Officers (2023)

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PROMOTING DX AND DXING THROUGHOUT ARKANSAS

ADXA Quarterly

The fourth quarter (Annual Convention) ADXA meeting was held on November 11, 2023, at Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Russellville, AR. The featured guest speaker was Adrian Ciuperca, KO8SCA.

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

There were several interesting presentations by Adrian and ADXA members. A very informative annual meeting.

ADXA President W5ZN called the business meeting to order at approximately 4:20 PM.

N5RN was asked to read the minutes as presented in the previous newsletter. A motion was made by

W5VY and seconded by AI5P that the minutes be accepted as printed. Motion carried.

N5RN gave the Treasurer's report. AI5P motioned that the Treasurer report be accepted. WB5JJJ seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business: Election of officers. Nominations for officers from the floor were requested. K5UZ motioned that the nomination from the floor cease. AI5P seconded. The current slate of officers will serve as officers for 2024.

Board members. Nominations for board members were requested. N5QS and W5JAY were nominated. W9DCT motioned that nominations cease. K5UZ seconded. N5QS and W5JAY were elected as 2024 board members.

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Items of Interest

[ADXA Quarterly Meeting](#) - Saturday March 02 2024 - 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where:

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

Meeting minutes (continued)

W5ZN discussed the need to make adjustments to the Articles of Association since there are new government reporting requirements if we are to continue using electronic payment programs/applications.

W5ZN read the suggested changes to Article 4, Article 5, Article 6. W5ZN also suggested adding two articles, Article 9 and Article 10.

These changes were discussed and approved. These changes will be documented and a revised Article of Association made available.

There were some follow up discussions about adjusting the required percentage of the membership present to make changes to the Articles of Association. The 2/3 attendance level was thought to be too high.

Quarterly meeting discussion. Some discussion about making the summer meeting a Zoom meeting. This will be discussed in greater detail in future meeting. Members should give the idea some thought.

W5JAY made a motion to adjourn. N5ZM seconded.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:50 PM.

Attending today's meeting:

Members: N5RN N5ZM W5KI W5VY K5CS K5FUV N5QS N5QT N5QZ KI5QOS KI5QQH KI5UCZ K500 KI5QQG KF5TL N5EE KM5G K5EJ K5UZ N4JQQ K5FXB K5VR KJ5BWG K1LEC WB5YEY N5ZMX K5DXR WB5L K5TLT KC7DC K5DB W5JAY WQ5T WB5BHS AI5P W5ZN K5XH K5YY W5XNA WB5JJJ W9DCT W5KMK W5AEN K9OZ W5RZ WA5BDU K5UR and N5QJ

Guests: KJ5FA KI5CHW N4OPE K5UYN KB5VWN KB9ELS KC5CFE KI5HAV K08SCA KG5ZCI KE5EIY KJ5CWR N88TF WB5JAN KD0CKY Holly Roderick, and Kim Harrison

From the President

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Joel, W5ZN

Greetings ADXA Folks – Let’s talk about pets.

Most folks, if not everyone, love pets. They have become as much a part of our families as our kids or siblings. We care about them, spend time with them as well as a lot of money on them. Pets come in different varieties, cats and dogs are the most popular although these days we see a number of “unique” pets floating around.

My favorite pet is a peeve.....that’s right, a pet peeve!! C’mon Harrison, that’s not a pet! OK, then why do we refer to a peeve as a “pet”? A pet peeve is simply something that is personally annoying or a personal dislike of which we frequently complain; a particular personal vexation.

My pet peeves haven’t really changed over the years but as I grow older, I have more courage to express them. Most of you know outside of work and family my passion, my only passion, is amateur radio. I don’t golf, watch TV, or much of anything else. Radio is my life long love (Kim even acknowledges that!) so I naturally have a few pet peeves about things in ham radio. The most concerning is the seriously deficient technical knowledge of radio amateurs today but that is something that can be overcome. The real root of the issue is most today have absolutely NO desire to learn anything beyond memorizing some questions to pass an exam. Emergency preparedness and emergency communications have always been one of the primary components of the Amateur Radio Service and should always be. What occurred several years ago, though, is the focus changed to getting folks licensed as “operators” and developing and maturing technical knowledge took a back seat.....if it was even in the car to start with!

“Where you going with this, Harrison?” is the question I always pose (and you always ask) after an opening to my writings. Well, once again it is simple and applies to one of the missions of ADXA in providing opportunities for you to increase your technical knowledge and skill to improve your station and be at the top of your game in the pileups when that new one is on the air.

If you refer back to the third paragraph of this writing, I noted my pet peeve is not on the lack of technical knowledge and skill of hams but rather the lack of desire to learn. When I go to a hamfest I like to attend the technical forums that are offered. There is always something I can learn regardless of what I already know (or don’t know!!). The rooms are usually packed with folks who have a desire to learn but the hamfest is flooded with a greater number who care nothing about that. They only care about whether they can find a better deal on a \$15 Baofeng radio out of China that doesn’t meet the FCC regulatory requirements for signal purity, and they don’t care that it doesn’t! The extent of their technical knowledge is to go home, pull out a Visa card, and buy some time on a remote station to work DX then brag about their “accomplishments”!

Now, we can argue all night and into the next day, and most likely into the next night, whether that was the result of the elimination of the Morse requirement for licensing but it wasn’t. I would offer that most folks who obtained an amateur radio license in the last 20 years couldn’t pick a 470 ohm resistor out of a police lineup if their life depended on it and that’s not a result of not knowing Morse! Should they possess basic electricity and electronics knowledge? Maybe not but they should at least have the desire to learn and that’s the whole point of my writing (grumbling?). YOU are BETTER than that. WE are BETTER

From the President—continued

than that. We are DX'ers, the top of the class in amateur radio. You were sponsored and accepted to be a member of this association, one of the oldest and most respected DX associations in the USA....heck, in the WORLD, and it is exciting to see the desire that each of you have to learn more than you now know about the technical side of amateur radio.

We're definitely NOT from the government, but we, ADXA, are here to help. We're not going to "spoon feed" you but do whatever we can do to provide each of you with the resources to improve your knowledge to build a better station or improve the one you have. To improve your knowledge base of operating skill to enable you to get in that pileup and walk over the east coast when working Europe and trample those W6 weenies for that south pacific rare one you need. One of the most informative technical presentations that generated several questions and comments this past year came during our annual conference when Roger, N5QS, and Dennis, W5DM, presented "Towers & Concrete". Even I learned a few things !!!

The March meeting program is on 6-meter EME. You may wonder why the heck that is applicable. DXCC countries confirmed on 6-meters is included in the DXCC Challenge numbers. Many of you have, or are working toward, a 6-meter DXCC. Most DXpeditions today include 6-meter EME in their station line up and it's not that difficult if you have at least a 7 element Yagi and can run 500 watts or more. Specific "technical" details March 2!

At a future meeting we want to line up ADXA member Mark Graves, K500, to talk to us about power line noise. Mark works professionally in the engineering department of a power distribution cooperative and tracking down noise is one of his responsibilities. There are so many noise sources that plague amateur radio today and our first claim is it is power line noise. Quite frequently that is not the source and is often tracked down right inside the individual's own home! We want to provide you with the knowledge, information, and tools to assess your own situation to allow you to develop a great working relationship with your power company when line noise issues do develop so you can resolve them quickly.

As always, thank you for your support of ADXA and for taking the time to read this rambling. Now, get back in the shack and "GET IN THERE AND WORK 'EM!!"

73 Joel W5ZN

ADXA President

The Term "DXpedition"

Rick, AI5P

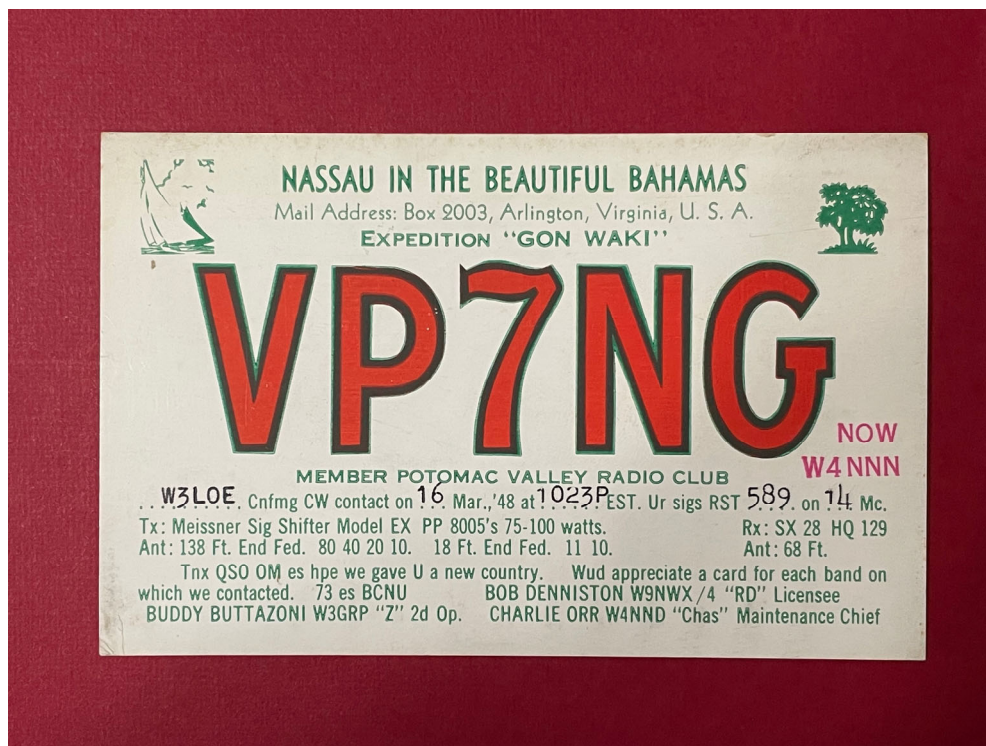
We all know what it means.... "One or more operators activating a rare or semi-rare entity on the bands".... but where did the term originate?

One can certainly surmise that the term is an off-shoot of the term "Expedition - a journey or excursion undertaken for a specific purpose."

This leads us to the 1948 VP7NG operation - the Expedition "Gon Waki" by Bob, W9NWX; Buddy, W3GRP; and Charlie, W4NND. This was one of the first post-war operations in the Bahamas - especially done for the 1948 ARRL DX Contest and considered the first modern "DXpedition." Great transmitter, receivers and antenna! And note the honest signal report given to W3LOE.

Many attribute this operation as the beginning of the use of the term "DXpedition." It's a great story of amateur radio history.

You might recognize the name Bob Dennison (W9NWX)... he later became W0DX/VP2VI and was President of both the ARRL (1966-1972) and IARU. After heading up the VP7NG trip during the 1948 ARRL DX Contest, Bob was credited with being the "father of the modern DXpedition." His other firsts include Clipperton (1954 - FO8AJ) and Malpelo (1961 - HK0TU).



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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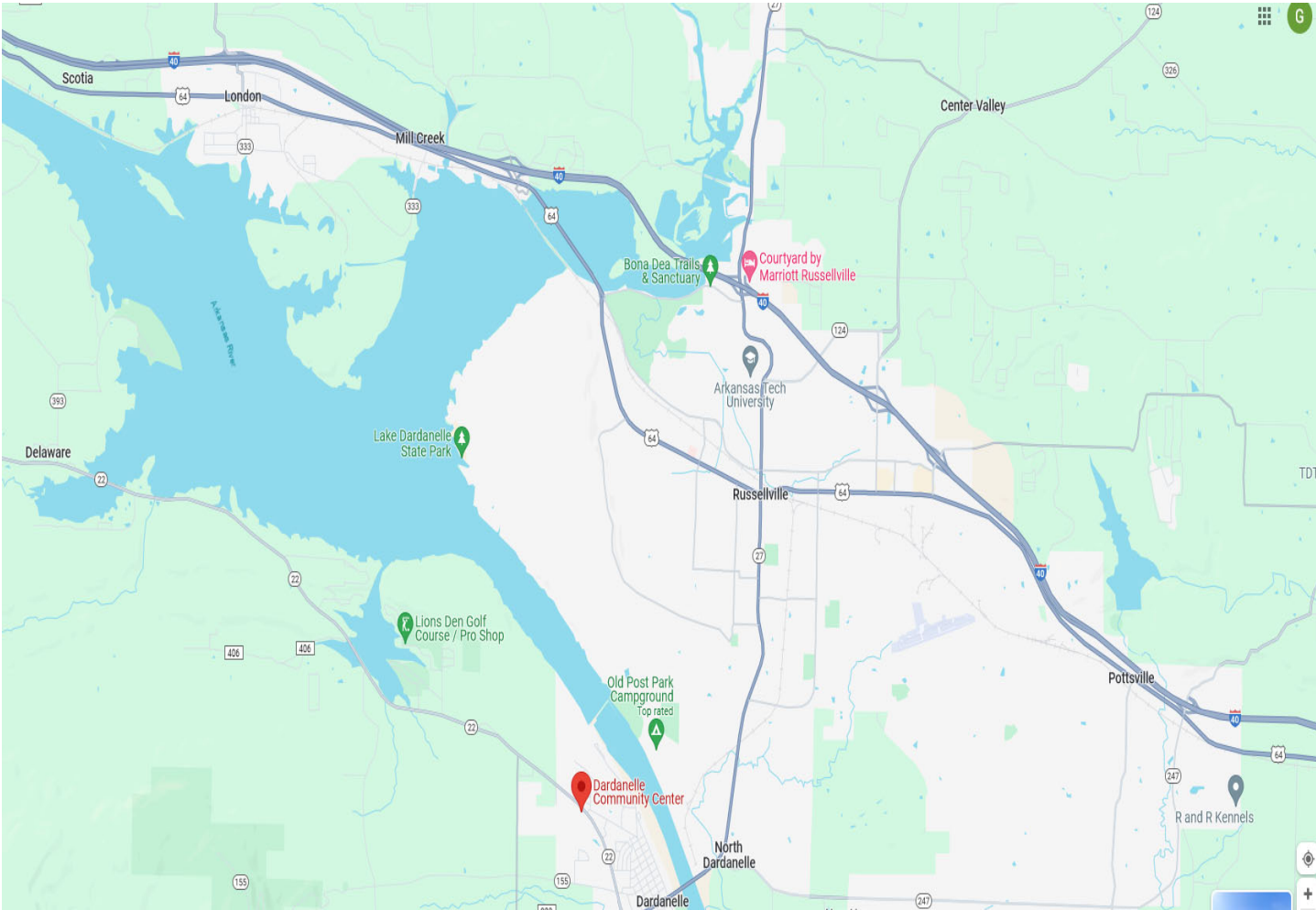
Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—March 02, 2024

The next ADXA Quarterly meeting is:

Saturday March 02, 2023 – 11:00 AM to ~12:00 PM

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

GPS Coordinates
35.23566 -093.17514



ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

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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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