



ADXA Minutes



PROMOTING DX AND DXING THROUGHOUT ARKANSAS

ADXA Quarterly

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The second quarter ADXA meeting of 2024 was our first ever Zoom meeting.

ADXA President W5ZN called the zoom meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Joel introduced our guest speaker - K9LA-Carl Luetzelschwab. After the introduction Carl gave his presentation on "Solar Cycle 25-The Next 2 years".

The ADXA business meeting was called to order at 1:47 PM.

N5RN gave the Treasurer's report. N5QS motioned that it be accepted and N5KLE seconded and the Treasurer's report was accepted.

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

in the newsletter. The 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 a motion was made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded that the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 PM.

Attending today's meeting:

Members: W5VY, K1LEC, W5JAY, WQ5T, K5YCM, K5GO, KM5G, K5DB, K5VR, W5AAJ, N4JQQ, N5RN, WB5BHS, K5YY, KC5DC, K5UR, W5KI, N5QZ, K500, N5DX, WA5BDU, K5CS, W5ZN, N5LKE, N5QS, N5QT.

Guests: K9LA, KG5UWD, KD5HRT, KE8WHH.

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Items of Interest

[ADXA Quarterly Meeting](#) - Face to Face at the QTH of W5ZN. Meeting will run from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM +/- . Updates via ADXA reflector.

Where:
528 Miller Rod
Judsonia, AR 72081

From the President

From the President

Joel, W5ZN

In the Year 2025

With credit to Zager & Evans 1969 #1 hit song “In the Year 2525” as the catalyst for this writing, the year 2025 may prove to be interesting for amateur radio. The internet and chat rooms are full of depressing prophecy spelling the doom of amateur radio, just like the song’s lyrics predicting the demise of mankind.

I’m not sure why people insist on such a negative futuristic outlook. Oh sure, at my age I complain and argue about the government and today’s society like most everyone but amateur radio is my escape from the world’s madness.

Certain numbers always bring out an equal number of good and bad ideas, and milestones. The upcoming year 2025 is certainly one of those and amateur radio seems to have its share of them.

On the good side, the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) will celebrate its 100-year anniversary in April. Prior to 1925 Hiram Percy Maxim along with folks from Great Britain, France, and a few other countries knew the world’s governments would have a negative impact on the Amateur Radio Service and the best proactive defense would be a unified global effort. The result was the establishment of the IARU in Paris of that year. During the past 100 years IARU has thwarted numerous attempts by government or commercial interests to acquire primary spectrum allocated to amateur radio. IARU has also obtained new allocations as well on 30, 17, and 12 meters and finally obtained a worldwide primary allocation on 40 meters from 7.0 to 7.2 MHz. ARRL is a major part of IARU with a full time staff person and numerous volunteers dedicated to this work.

2025 also has some exciting DXpeditions scheduled. Just two short years ago several hams claimed DX was dead as a result of the negative impact from the pandemic and the prediction of the worst sunspot cycle in history, worse than the “Maunder Minimum”, would leave the bands useless. Now we can’t stop talking about how amazing this sunspot cycle is and all the DX on the bands. Think about that for a minute and allow the lunacy of the doomsday prediction to sink in!

“Now Harrison, 2025 can’t be all filled with sugar and spice and everything nice!!” That’s right and it’s not. The concept of “DXCC 2025” and a rewrite of the DXCC rules is troublesome. There has been no argument put forth that documents a flaw

From the President—continued

in the current rules.....NONE! The two main reasons that have been expressed are the lack of activity from the top 10 most needed and the time it takes to achieve DXCC Honor Roll. The argument against a DXCC rules change to address these two opinions has been stated many times in the chat rooms, email reflectors, and at our own meetings. I'll just sum up my position with one statement; If you absolutely, positively have to have it overnight, call FedEx, not the DXAC!

More specific to ADXA, what does the year "2025" hold for us? We currently have 75 "on-the-air" active members that range in age from 11 to, well, way up there! It's not 75 grumpy old men sitting around prophesying the demise of amateur radio. Dennis, W5RZ, has shown us the "BIC" concept pays rewards. Nicholas, KI5QQH, has shown us a little determination and focus will allow you to hit that magical "100 mark" and get that nice certificate on the shack wall. This establishes the fact that ADXA is just like Santa Claus, we're "everywhere" on the bands!!!! How about all those nice spots we see on our email reflector? Many of you comment with thanks that the spot provided a new one on a band or mode or an all together new one! Sure beats those "one-ringers" from the old days!

So, what now? Well, just like my old coach, Joe Pitt, would say when he would point that long skinny finger at me when I was on the bench, "GET IN THERE....."

73 Joel W5ZN

Visiting Croatia

Rick - AI5P

After a great visit to Slovenia and Milan, S55DX, we headed to Croatia. The country of Croatia is located at the crossroads of Central and Southeastern Europe with its capital city of Zagreb. The country has over 1,000 islands and islets of various sizes in the Adriatic Sea with just 48 of them permanently inhabited.

I had corresponded with Tom, 9A2AA, in Split to try to arrange a meeting. I had worked him many times over the years, particularly in the 1970s and 1980s. He was licensed in 1959 in Yugoslavia as YU2NEG (later YU2DX and YU2AA) and, when Croatia became independent, as 9A2AA. Tom and I met for dinner and I enjoyed hearing about his experiences as a guest operator at 9N1MM and BY1PK in 1983. He also told me a fascinating story on how he was finally able to get permission to operate as 6U1DX on his last day in Sudan.

Tom is on the top of the Honor Roll having worked them all on SSB and lacking only North Korea on CW with a DXCC Mixed of 373 and DX Challenge of 3157. He is also on the top of the Islands of the Air Honor Roll having worked all but 7 islands groups. What was amazing to me was that he had activated over 670 of Croatia's islands! Visiting Tom was very interesting!

I had noticed earlier in the DX bulletins that my friend Charlie, NF4A, would be operating at the 9A1A super station during the ARRL DX Contest. Through Charlie I was able to meet Emil, 9A9A, who kindly offered to host me at the 9A1A Headquarters station in Zagreb. I was able to operate as 9A/AI5P for about four hours and made around 185 contacts. Stateside condx were poor but K5UR and N5ZM were able to find me. The big contest station 9A1A is located about 25 miles outside the city. Emil, 9A9A, and Nikola, 9A5W, are the owners of the station. To view the amazing station, please go to <http://www.qrz.com/db/9A1A> and you see the amount of work and expense needed to establish such a super station. If I remember correctly, all the antennas are fixed (no rotators) covering the world. 35 Yagis on four 120 ft towers! It was the hospitality of these amateurs in Slovenia and Croatia that allowed me to have some great radio experiences on this trip to Europe.

73 Rick AI5P

Visiting Croatia (Continued)



<- Antennas at the 9A1A Headquarters Station

"They are very serious about contesting!" ->



Visiting Croatia (Continued)



<- Poster of the 9A1A Contest Station



With Tom, 9A2AA, in Split ->

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.**
 - ♦ **Also Earl is a CQ DX Awards Checkpoint if you need cards checked for their awards.**
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Next ADXA Club Meeting— September 21, 2024

The next ADXA Quarterly meeting is:

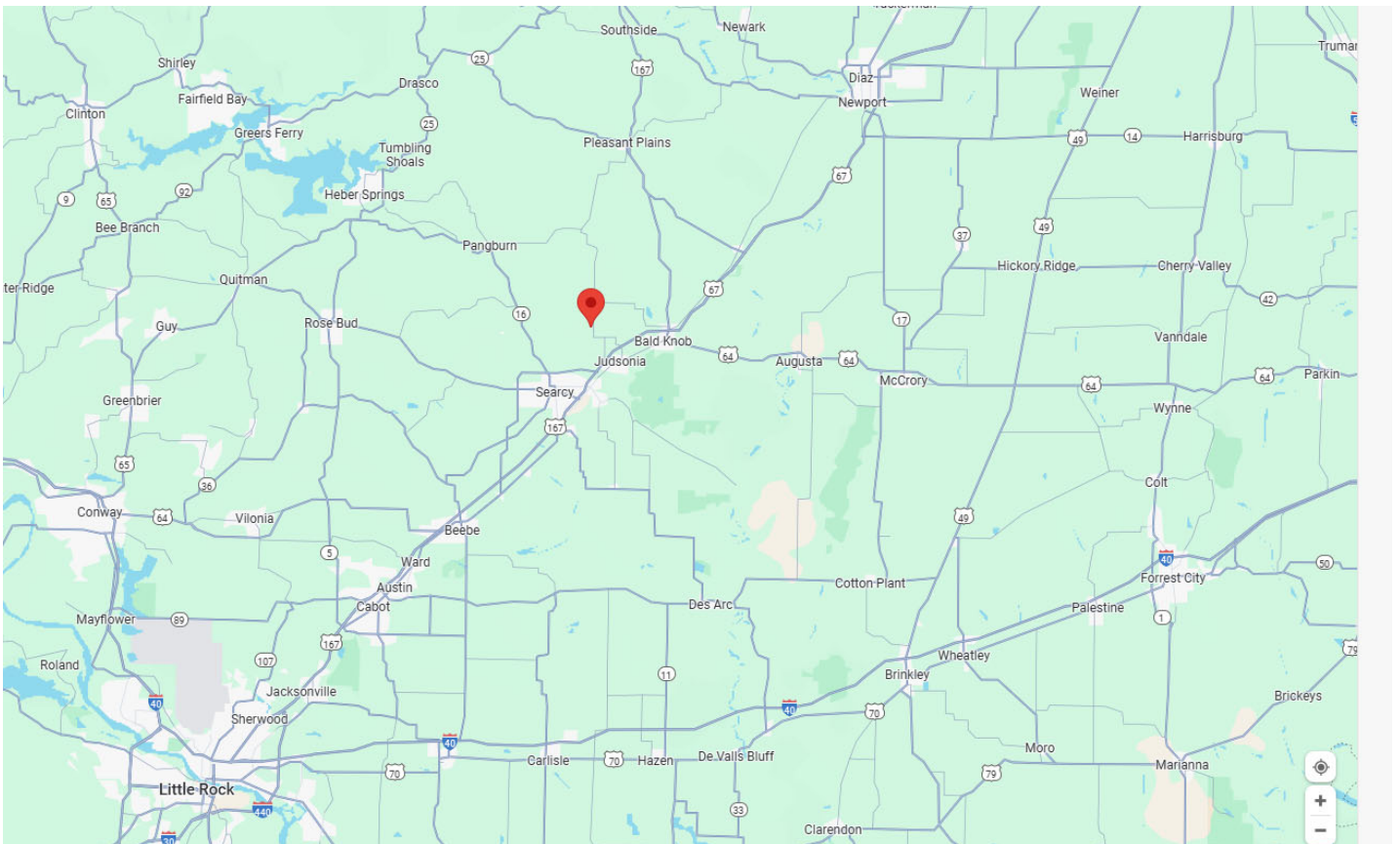
Saturday September 21, 2024 – 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM +/-

At the QTH of W5ZN

528 MILLER RD
JUDSONIA, AR 72081
USA

GPS coordinates
35.2178279, -92.0309911

Latest updates will be provided by W5ZN on ADXA reflector.



ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

BUSINESS NAME

President: Joel Harrison, W5ZN
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LICENSE CLASS: _____

APPLICATION: NEW RENEWAL

NAME: _____

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CITY: _____

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

n5rn@adxa.org

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

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