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ADXA MEETING MINUTES

The 2006
3rd quar-
ter meeting of
the ADXA was held

on 16 September 2006 at Avery Pavilion.

Those that signed the sign-in sheet included the following members: Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Dave Jacques, K5DV, Libby Jacques, WB6AXD, Paul Wynne, AF5M, Jimmy Ballew, N5ZIV, Jay Bromley, W5JAY, Pat Patterson, W5VY, Lenny Mendel, K5OVC, Myrtle Wynne, N500I, and Earl Smith, N5ZM. Guests included Kathy Bromley, WQ5T, Norma Mendel, KC5DDO, Michelle Ballew, Matti Ballew, and Patty Patterson.

President N5ZM called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM. Earl thanked the Hot Spring group for the great job that they do. Guests were recognized. Earl also thanked Pat for his work on the second quarter meeting.

Health and Welfare

K5UZ's wife, Susan, is doing okay.

No problems with blood or circulation. W5BPT is doing ok. Dave Jacques, K5DV, is recovering from knee surgery.

Martin, W5HTY, is doing well.

Old Business

K5DV made a motion that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and accepted as printed in the newsletter. AF5M seconded and the motion carried.

N5RN give the Treasurer's report. AF5M made a motion to accept. K5DV seconded and the motion carried.

The 4th Quarter ADXA meeting will be at Rod's Pizza on Central in Hot Springs. The program will be AI5P and his Pacific travels. N5ZM to talk to Rick about his plans for December.

As a backup to Rick, it was suggested that we look at Bill Priakos. N5RN to secure use of projector for the December meeting.

At this point there was discussion about the old ADXA meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

ARRL Update: Moore to send out new criteria for checking cards. It

is possible that checkers will be able to go back beyond 10 years. Don't expect a change on 160. On combined applications (LOTW and cards), apply for LOTW credit no more than 1 week before the cards are going to be checked. There are new DXCC rates in effect. Note that new rates DON'T include postage and handling. Remember awards are for Mode and Band but not Band/Mode.

It was pointed out that Representative Mike Ross (D) represents southeast Arkansas and it was asked if we should consider a contribution showing ham support for his efforts. This died for lack of a motion.

Web Page

Glenn to get with Pat so that we can start updating the page.

We didn't receive any requests for support. Likely to see requests for VU7.

Be looking for AI5P during his pacific travels.

K5DV made a motion to adjourn. W5VY seconded and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

Words of Wisdom from the President

Earl Smith, N5ZM

Well here it is time for the 4th Quarter ADXA Meeting. It does creep up on you fast. I hope everyone has been able to work the ones they needed. I would like to thank everyone that attended the 3rd Quarter meeting in Hot Springs. We enjoyed the company of everyone. Be sure to thank the Hot Springs gang for all their hard work in preparing for the meeting. Please invite someone that has an interest in DXing or Contesting to one of our meetings. We would enjoy meeting them.

It has been rather quite the last couple of months. 5A7A has started as I write and seems to have quite a large operation going. I hope to be able to work them on 160 for my last HF band with Libya. The 'Route 66 On The Air' boys were active again in September and provided some fun for those of us who get involved each year. I even made my first ever QSO over Echolink on 70 cm for the Repeater credit. Of course I know everyone is looking forward to the Laccadive's (VU7) coming on the air in December. Good Luck to all.

As far as what has been going on here at N5ZM, I have added to my DXCC totals with confirmation of KH8SI on CW and SSB and 5 Bands. Added to the CW confirmations was a long sought after QSL from EZ8AQ (#334). RTTY confirmations added were ES and XX9 (#324). In September I entered the CQWW RTTY Contest as Single Operator/Single Band 7 MHz. I finished fourth for the USA mostly due to a very stormy weekend. I had to shut the station down several times for extended periods. I received the RTTY Round Up Plaque for First Place W/VE Multi-Op, with N5RN, in which we set a new record. That's about it from here.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone for the 4th Quarter meeting at Rod's Pizza in Hot Springs on 2 December. The program is provided by Rick AI5P with some beautiful pictures from his recent Niue (ZK2) trip. Hope all of you can make it. Dave, Ollie and Lenny will be in charge so I am sure we will have a great time.

Earl N5ZM...



Mark Your Calendars

These are the dates for future ADXA meetings. Please note the year as well as the date:

- December—1st Saturday—(2 December 2006)—Rod's Pizza on Central in Hot Springs.
- March—3rd Saturday—(17 March 2007) - Location TBD
- June—2nd Saturday—(16 June 2007). Location TBD
- September— 3rd Saturday (September 15). Location: TBD

The logo for ADXA, featuring the letters 'ADXA' in a bold, red, sans-serif font. The letter 'D' is stylized with a white outline and a red fill, and the letter 'A' is also stylized with a white outline and a red fill. The logo is set against a white background with a subtle shadow effect.

AI5P AND MURPHY VISIT THE COOK ISLANDS

Rick Harris, AI5P

Arriving in Rarotonga on my third visit.... it was raining. This continued for the next 7 out of 8 days. The first three days were serious rain. The first problem was the fact that my accommodations had been double-booked. Fortunately, at least I knew this before I left the States. So the first four nights I was the house guest of Victor, E51CG. This was extremely nice of him as he also had another house guest from New Zealand.

This allowed me to use his beam but the conditions were so poor it really didn't make too much of a difference. The extreme winds one night snapped my 30 meter window. Victor and I made some temporary repairs and it worked fine.

I ended up with 1429 contacts with 1358 on CW (95%). I was surprised that 17 meters was such a bust. I only had 33 contacts there - all on CW. The best bands were 40 meter (379 contacts) and 30 meters (724 contacts). So these two bands accounted for 78 percent of my total contacts.

The last four days I moved to the beach bungalow that I had used on my previous trips. Conditions continued to be poor. Then I forgot what I was doing while raising the antenna through a pulley system (I was watching some small kids playing in the area and didn't want them to get tangled up with the ropes).... oops.... the next thing I know the antenna rope which I

should have tied down is now 50 feet up in a palm tree hung up.... then thru the pulley on the ground. Now I have no way to use the pulley. So I try to put up the 30 meter window with a second pulley in the dipole configuration. Then... snap.... the repair job breaks leaving the 300 ohm part of the antenna up 40 feet stuck in the pulley and the rest of the antenna on the ground. That was it for the antenna system..... so the last day I had no antennas at all!

I did manage to work several of the ADXA Gang and also F0/KM9D, 4K8F, DT8A, 8P6MD, EA6UN, 3XD2Z, V73RY, 3XM6JR, CE1URJ, CX7C0, HS0ZBS for some of the more interesting DX.

The E51APX operation was most likely the first on CW with the new Cook Islands Prefix. It changed from ZK1 to E5 on July 1, 2006.

The E51APX QSL has been designed and ordered and should be available around the first of the year.

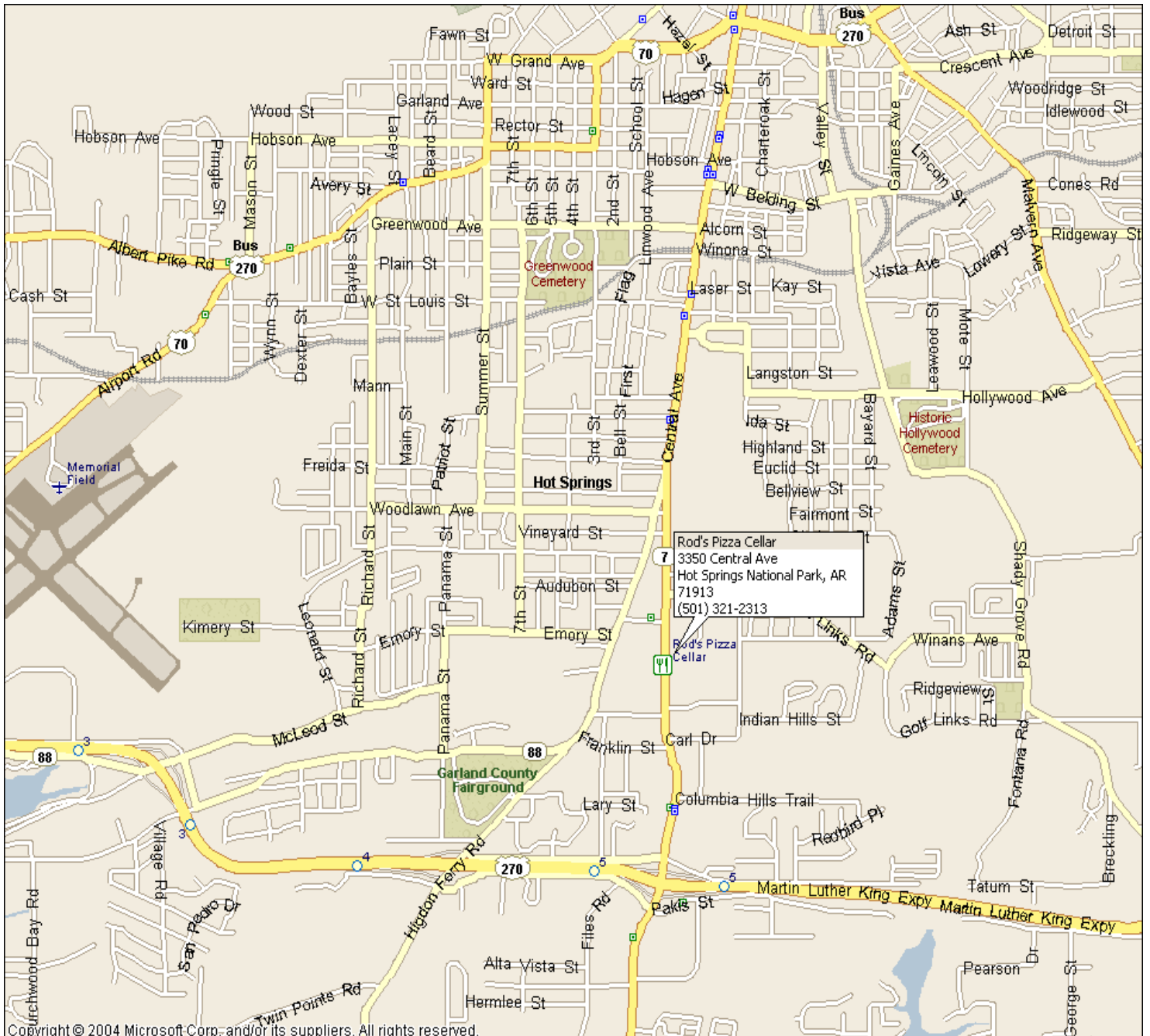
Next time - Adventures on the Rock of Polynesia - Niue.



Map to ADXA Meeting

Rod's Pizza Cellar— 3350 Central Avenue

Hot Springs, Arkansas





ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

CALL: _____

LICENSE CLASS: _____

APPLICATION: NEW RENEWAL

NAME: _____

PHONE: () _____.

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP:

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**

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