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ADXA MEETING MINUTES

The 2010 4th quarter meeting of the ADXA was held on Saturday, December 3 2010 at the Whole Hog Café in Hot Springs Arkansas.

Those that signed the sign-in sheet included the following members: Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Dave Jacques, K5DV, Lenny Mendel, K50VC, Ollie Gade, W5G0, Frank Fahrlander, N7FF, Bill Harper, K9IW, Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ, Pat Patterson, W5VY, Jim Barron, WB5AAA, Jimmy Ballew, N5ZIV, and Earl Smith, N5ZM.

Guests included Earnest Wolf, K5YKD, Patty Patterson, Michelle, Matti and TJ Ballew, Jean Gade, and Norma Mendel, KC5DD0.

President Pat Patterson, W5VY, called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM.

Health and Welfare

Old Business

A motion was made to have the minutes as presented in the newsletter be accepted. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

N5RN gave the treasurer's report. K5DV motioned that they be approved. N5ZM seconded. The motion carried. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

New Business

N5ZM suggested that we discuss officers for the 2010–2011 calendar year. Bill Harper, K9IW, agreed to be nominated for President. Frank Fahrlander, N7FF, agreed to be nominated for Vice-President. Glenn Wolf, N5RN, agreed to continue as Secretary/Treasurer. Previous 2 presidents will service as board members—Pat Patterson, W5VY, and Earl Smith, N5ZM.

Dave Norris, K5UZ, Delta Division Vice Director talked about the Spectrum Defense fund, national broadband, and the new DXCC countries. He commented to that LOTW is growing by leaps and bounds and that even though there are “glitches” with the new ARRL webpage, over all it is good.

There being no more business. A motion was made to adjourn by W5G0. Seconded by K50VC and the meeting adjourned at 1:36 PM.

Mark Your Calendars

These are the dates for future ADXA meetings.

March—3rd Saturday (19 March 2011) - The home of Earl and Sharon Smith.

September—3rd Saturday (17 September 2011) - Spillway Pavilion, Hot Springs, AR



Norma Mendel, KC5DDO, Silent Key

Norma Mendel, KC5DDO, became a silent key on January 20, 2011.

Norma is survived by her husband, Lenny, K50VC.

Norma was always a pleasure to be around and will be missed by everyone that had the pleasure of getting to meet her.

ADXA made a memorial contribution to the Humane Society of Hot Springs.



AI5P TRAVELS

NORFOLK ISLAND

After yet another stopover in Auckland, I flew to Norfolk Island on October 22nd. Air New Zealand again tagged me overweight (\$\$) even though the airplane was about 20 percent full. I soon had my rental car which came with the cottage. I had learned of the cottage through my friend Nigel, G3TXF, and it has been the site of a number of radio operations. Norfolk Island is only 13 square miles so you can't get lost! However, as I learned, if there is road work blocking

the road you just sit and wait! It is interesting to know the cattle (many residents have a few head which are butchered for personal use) have the right of way on the roads!

Norfolk is about 1 and 1/2 hour flight from Auckland. Isolated in the South Pacific, it is an Australian External Territory. It was discovered by Captain James Cook in 1774 and named for the Duchess of Norfolk. Then politically a part of New South Wales, Norfolk was twice (1788-1814 and 1825-1855) used as a penal colony.

The second attempt resulted in a prison of infamy and dread and it was closed in 1855. It is said prisoners would murder their guards in order to "escape" by being hanged. In 1856, Norfolk was resettled by Pitcairn Islanders, descendants of the HMAV Bounty mutineers and their Tahitian companions. About 40 percent of today's islanders can trace their ancestry to the Bounty mutineers.

Norfolk is the only place in Australia that celebrates Thanksgiving - a tradition started by American whalers in the 19th century. Home of the magnificent Norfolk Island pine tree and the Norfolk language (a mixture of Tahitian and 18th century seafaring English), the island is truly unique!

I had plenty of space for my antennas and soon discovered that, again, 30 meters proved to be the band of choice. I did participate in the CQ WW on SSB but just made a few contacts. I also tried 80 meters CW with a homemade antenna from some speaker wire I brought. The total number of contacts was 1838 with 236 (13%) on SSB and 1602 (87%) on CW. Band totals: 80 (35), 40 (258), 30 (1146) and 20 (399).

Unfortunately, 17 meters again was a total bust. Interesting stations worked included EA8TL, MD0CCE, UN2E, KP4TF, A31KK, CX7TT, P29VLR, V63DX, VK0BP, R1ANB, E51USA, SV1FXN/8, EA6UN, FM5CD, 4K9W, 5B4MF, and KH0/JR2DOL.

It was great fun to roam the island and take pictures. Although the island is small, there are about 100 miles of roads to find all sorts of interesting sights and historical locations. Lots of beautiful scenery to include unusual birds and plants.

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Most of the time I was there the weather was quite nice. The main "town" has the interesting name of Burnt Pine. It has an interesting mix of stores and cafes (and one mall!).

It appears Norfolk is a favorite vacation spot of older Australians - certainly no hot night spots! I did see (from a distance) the QTH of Jim Smith, VK9NS, with a beam and four-square antenna.

Norfolk turned out to be one of my favorite places! Truly unique in many ways! As I departed on October 31st back to New Zealand for the final stop on this year's trip, I was really happy I had decided to go to Norfolk. It turned out to be quite a nice surprise!

Words of Wisdom

From the President—Bill, K9IW

Hello from your new president.

Thanks to everyone that attended the annual meeting held last December at the Whole Hog Café in Hot Springs. I think everyone enjoyed their meal and we had a nice room all to ourselves. I think it's a good place to keep in mind for future meetings.

I'm sure we all enjoyed all the "new" PJ's that were on the air last October. It was kind of like shooting fish in a barrel but enjoyable anyway with all the different groups and individuals anxious to give us all a "new one". Finally, the ARRL DXCC Desk has caught up to the end of the year and they have made the changes to the DXCC countries list. The LoTW certificates are now issued and most of the operations have uploaded. In the meantime, I think the QSL cards have all been sent out and received.

Each of us have incurred lots of changes to our DXCC totals – some deletions and, hopefully, even more additions. Please review yours and send the

information to Pat, W5VY. You can look at the member stats page on the club website (www.adxa.org) to see the information required.

I guess the next one to look forward to is Southern Sudan. With the propagation getting better (slowly!) maybe that one won't be too tough either. Will the old ST0 cards count for that? I haven't heard.

Finally, I'd like to know how W5BPT enjoyed his lunch at McDonald's Wednesday (3/9)??

Hope to see you all at Earl's.

73, Bill, K9IW

Card Checking

Earl will be available to check cards as usual before the meeting. If you want to have your cards checked cards please arrive at 11:00. Also, let Earl know that you are going to be bringing cards.



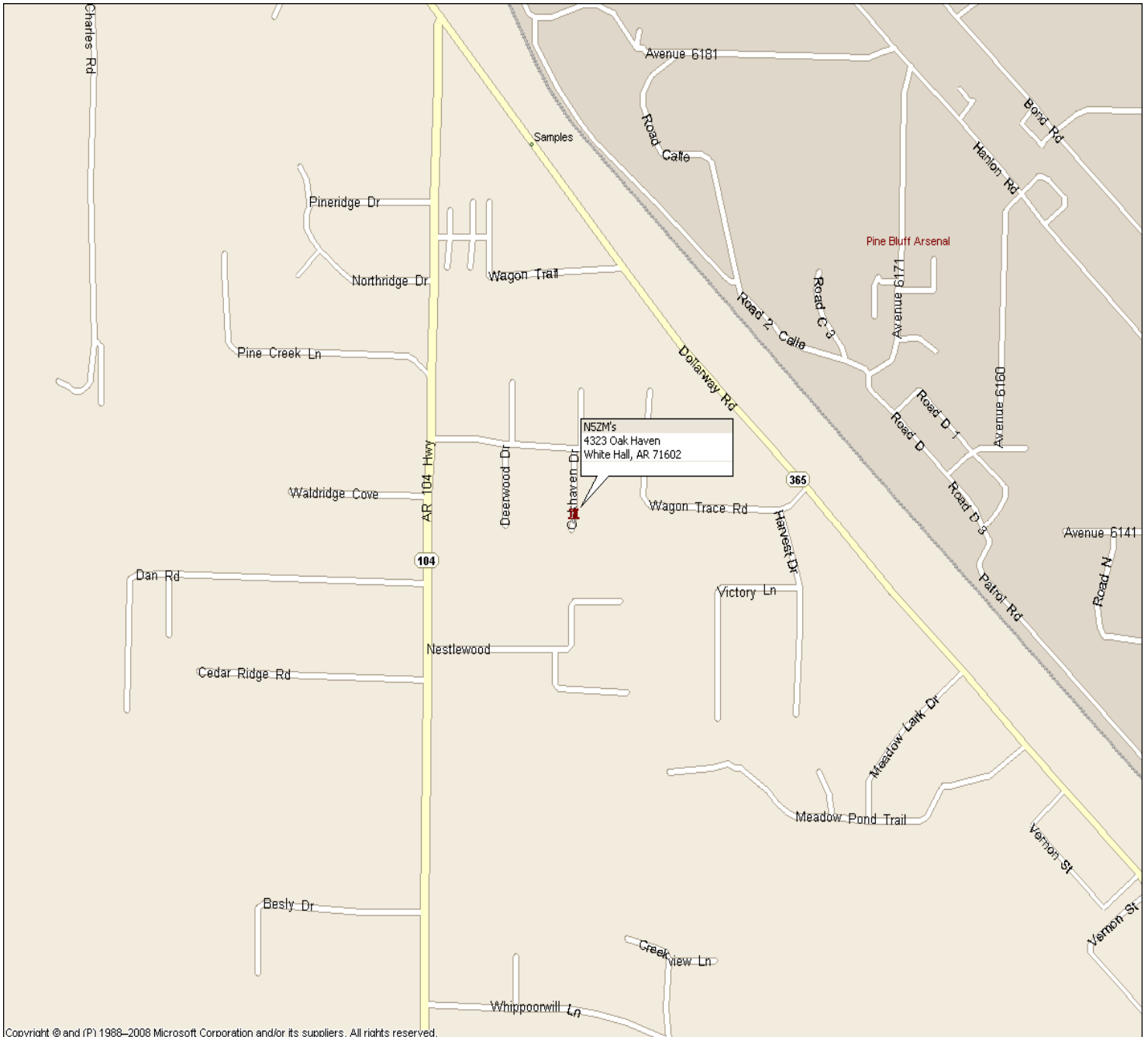
MAP TO N5ZM's

North is up

When on I530 look for the Exit 30 (Highway 104). If you are coming from the north you will go under the overpass and be heading North. Look for Wagon Trace road (approximately 2 miles) on the right side of 104. Oak Haven isn't far down Wagon Trace. See next page for finer detail on finding Wagon Trace and Earl's house.



Map to N5ZM's 4323 Oakhaven White Hall, Arkansas





ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

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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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