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## ADXA MEETING MINUTES

**T**he 2010 second quarter meeting of the ADXA was held on Saturday June 18th at Whole Hog Café in Hot

Springs, AR.

Those that signed the sign-in sheet included the following members: Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Dave Jacques, K5DV, Frank Fahrlander, N7FF, Jim Barron, WB5AAA, Jerry Fay, WU1U, Lenny Mendel, K5OVC, Ollie Gade, W5GO, Earl Smith, N5ZM, Bill Harper, K9IW, Jimmy Ballew, N5ZIV, Dave Norris, K5UZ, Roger Gray, N5QS, and Pat Patterson, W5VY. Guests included Sharon Smith, Jean Gade, Tonya Geater, KE5SNS, and Randy Geater, K5NDX.

## Health and Welfare

Frank Kollatt is getting his home back together after a tornado caused some damage. Joel Harrison, W5ZN, lost his mother-in-law a week ago. K9IW has completed his chemo!

A motion by K5DV was made to have the minutes as presented in the newsletter be accepted. The motion was seconded by K5UZ and the motion carried.

N5RN gave the treasurer's report. WB5AAA motioned that they be approved. K5DV seconded. The motion carried. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

## Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

## New Business

It was decided that Pat Patterson, W5VY, would become the trustee of AD5XA

## DXpedition:

**STO:** N5ZM commented that there is a lot going on in the area. Border conflicts.

**P5:** K5OVC asked if there is anything to P5. Nothing heard.

## Meetings:

**September:** Blakely (3rd Saturday in September)

**December:** AECC (1st Saturday in December)

## AI5P Awards

**Mixed:** 28 points—N5ZM (tortoise magnet)

**CW:** 13 points—K5UR Keychain

**SSB:** 9 points—WB5AAA—Magnet surfboard

## K5UZ Update

**Southern Sudan:** seems to be arguing with in organization. PSC (Program Services Committee) will responds shortly.

**W5GO:** BPL may be over. Not likely to see anymore

spending on expanding BPL. K5UZ believes it isn't a feasible option.

HR607—the 70CM auction. Need a letter writing campaign. Can use [www.arrldelta.org](http://www.arrldelta.org) for a letter template.

The survey the recently went out didn't give responders enough options as two options were a better answer.

HR91—Spectrum Protection. Covenants and Restriction protection are receiving some attention.

Delta Division Director election will be at the end of the year.

N7FF talked about his Dayton experience. N7FF enjoyed the and recommends attending the youth forum. There was a program for Young Hams to travel to Costa Rica to experience the other side of a pileup. Astronaut Doug Wheelock, KF5BOC, was at Dayton 2011. He said that he really enjoyed talking to schools.

N5ZM gave a report on HamComm. Don Greenbaum gave a talk on VP8ORK. Greenbaum did a study and found that majority of the funding for DXpeditions (86%) came from NA. Details of his analysis will appear in future QST and will likely ruffle some feathers.

There being no more business. A motion was made to adjourn by K5DV. Seconded by WB5AAA and the meeting adjourned at 1:36 PM.

## Mark Your Calendars

These are the dates for future ADXA meetings.

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

Decemeber—1st Saturday ( December 3, 2011) - AECC office.

## Words of Wisdom

### From the President—Bill, K9IW

It was nice to see everybody at the Whole Hog in June. It seems to me that place works out pretty well for us—good food, fast service, our own space, etc.

I hope everybody was able to work STOR. They seemed to be pretty easy to work—even for us little pistols. It surprised me that the didn't work Zone 34 (SU1SK, their own zone) until two days before the end of the operation. Be sure to send your updates to Pat; everybody should have some new stats of this one.

I hope to see everybody at Blakely on Saturday.

73, Bill, K9IW

## Hawaii 2011

### AI5P

I had been thinking about a Hawaiian trip for a couple of years and in September, 2010, decided to start planning. I wanted to go in conjunction with a trip to American Samoa. By December the travel plans and arrangements were in place.

Of course, Hawaii isn't in the list of "wanted" DX but it is for county hunters. There are five counties in Hawaii with arguably the rarest county - Kalawo - in the U.S. More about that later.

I arrived in Honolulu on March 22nd and stayed there two days strictly as a tourist. There are many things to do and see. I guess the most interesting to me as a military history buff was the tour to Pearl Harbor and the U.S.S. Arizona memorial. I've seen many pictures and movies of the era but to see it in person was quite a thrill.

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On March 25th I flew to the "Big Island" of Hawaii. I had made arrangements to stay at the B&B run by Randy, KH6RC, and his wife Lynn at Ocean View on the SW side of the island. The "Big Island" is big - all the other islands can fit into its square mileage area. It was about a two hour drive from the Hilo airport to their location. Randy's station is set up for contesting and I was able to use his Icom 756 Pro III, Steppir Yagi and Swan Mark II amp for the CQ WPX contest and a few other hours in between sightseeing. I did make about 1300 Q's in the contest.

For the county hunters I used my Icom 706 along with Ham Stick antennas I had brought along for 40, 30, 20 and 17 meters.

The main sightseeing here was the Volcanoes National Park and the Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden.

On March 30th I flew to Molokai via Honolulu. Molokai is a very laid back island and not one of the most visited. County hunters go here because it has both the rare Kalawo county and the rest of the island is part of Maui county. The only "town" is Kaunakakai which has the island's only two gas stations and a two or three block "main drag" with all the stores. Regular gas was \$ 4.78 a gallon.

I had the good fortune to meet and have lunch with Merv, K9FD/KH6 (ex-KH7C), who lives on Molokai. He only operates CW and I'm sure many of you have worked him.

Here I had one of my most interesting tourist adventures - a morning of whale watching! It was pretty entertaining and I got a lot of nice pictures.

On April 1st I departed for Kauai - again via Honolulu. Kauai is famous for rain but I was pretty fortunate. This is certainly a beautiful island and many TV and movies have been made here. Sightseeing included the Kauai Plantation Railway and Waimea Canyon - the "Grand Canyon of the Pa-

cific."

On April 5th back to Honolulu to run the county and finish up sightseeing. I also met both Stan, KH6CG, and Bill, KH6OO, and their wives during this stop. On April 7th I departed for American Samoa and returned to Honolulu on April 18th. I had a 12 hour layover before the trip back home and Bill, KH6OO, kindly offered to take me to the Tuesday morning coffee of the KH6BB Amateur Radio Club. Here I met a number of the local hams including John, K1ER, whom I had known for many years and had met once before at the New Orleans DX Convention. I was then taken out to the U.S.S. Missouri where Bill gave me a personalized tour and then I was given the opportunity to operate KH6BB - quite a thrill!

I make over 300 contacts from the rental car setups for the county hunters. One ADXA member worked me in all 5 counties - without skeds - he researched the county hunting spotting network and made good use of it!

I encourage all of you to visit Hawaii if you have the chance. Terrific place with lots to see and do (and buy!) 73, Rick **AI5P**

## 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.

## American Samoa

**AI5P**

After my fantastic time in Hawaii, I boarded the twice weekly Hawaiian Air flight from Honolulu to Pago Pago, American Samoa. Departing two hours late, the five hour flight went by pretty quickly. American Samoa is on the same day but one hour behind Hawaiian time.

The Samoan Islands are part of Polynesia, a trian-

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gular area of the Pacific bounded by Hawaii, New Zealand, and Easter Island. The 1899 Treaty of Berlin divided the Samoan archipelago between Germany and the United States. New Zealand occupied the Germany colony of Western Samoa at the outbreak of World War I in 1914. It became the independent county of Western Samoa (just Samoa since 1997) in 1962.

American Samoa consists of those islands west of the 171st meridian of west longitude - five rugged, highly eroded (and extinct) volcanic islands and two coral atolls with a land area of 76 square miles. It is a tropical paradise with steep volcanic mountains with Mount Matafao rising to 2142 feet on Tutuila - the main island. It was a strategic U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps base from 1900 through World War II. Pago Pago's harbor is one of the best natural deepwater harbors in the South Pacific and is sheltered by its shape from rough seas and protected by peripheral mountains from high winds. Today's economy is focused on the tuna fishing industry and the development of tourism. The National Park of American Samoa is the only U.S. National Park south of the Equator.

I had booked an airport hotel for the first night since I knew I would be arriving after dark. The next morning my B&B host picked me up at the hotel and drove me to his house. It was off the beaten path (literally) but turned out to be a super place. I had a package deal with him for the room and a car (\$ 175/day). The Turtle and Shark B&B was a nice quiet place right on the ocean (no beach) - with a "blowhole" about 30 yards away that would shake the windows at times. It was a two story building separate from his home. The second story had three bedrooms with a common area kitchen and lounge where three renters could actually stay at the same time. Luckily, I had it all to myself the entire time.

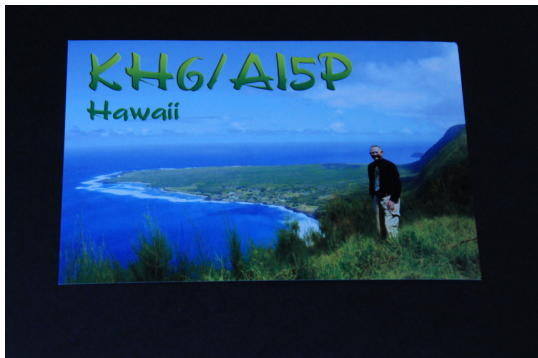
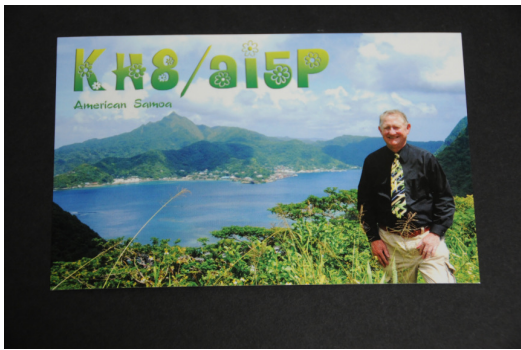
I was able to put up two wire antennas so that saved me a lot of legwork changing bands. 17 meters turned out to be quite a workhouse with 44 percent of the contacts on that band. I made contacts on 80 thru 15 meters. I put up a 15 meter dipole at the last minute with some speaker wire I

bought and that turned out pretty good. I probably should have tried that band sooner. A total of 3769 contacts were made during the 10 days there with 78 percent (2940 Q's) on CW and 22 percent (829 Q's) on SSB. Interesting contacts included: 9L5MS, 9M6YBG, XV2RZ, BV7CW, 6Y1X, ZS1A, V51B, 5W0X, TL0A, BX5AA, HB0CC, R0/KE5JA, P29CW, 9H1SP, E20YLM, PJ7/K2GSJ, and A65BR.

The bands opened around 4 p.m. local time (0300 Z) and stayed open to around midnight local time. This was excellent for me as it allowed me most of the day to sightsee and drive around. Tutuila Island is around 20 miles long east to west with a steep mountainous spine running the length of the island. Most of the villages are south of the "spine" so signals to the north have to get over them. Apparently there hasn't been much activity from the local hams for a few years. I got quite a few "thanks for the new country" remarks. The camera was kept quite busy with the rugged coastline, beautiful flowers, Samoan "falas" (homes) and variety of churches. Every village seemed to have a least two huge churches of unique design and colors. I was lucky (quite by chance) to be there for "Flag Day" (The anniversary of the raising of the American flag on April 17, 1900, when American Samoa became a United States Territory) and chance to see the "long boat" race - about 7 miles from the ocean starting point to the Pago Pago harbor. These 40 man canoes - each sponsored by a different village - were quite a sight to see. I noticed quite a bit of money changing hands that day!

American Samoa - quite a cultural mix - McDonalds and KFC mixed with traditional Samoan villages and culture - I had quite an interesting adventure! Rick KH8/AI5P



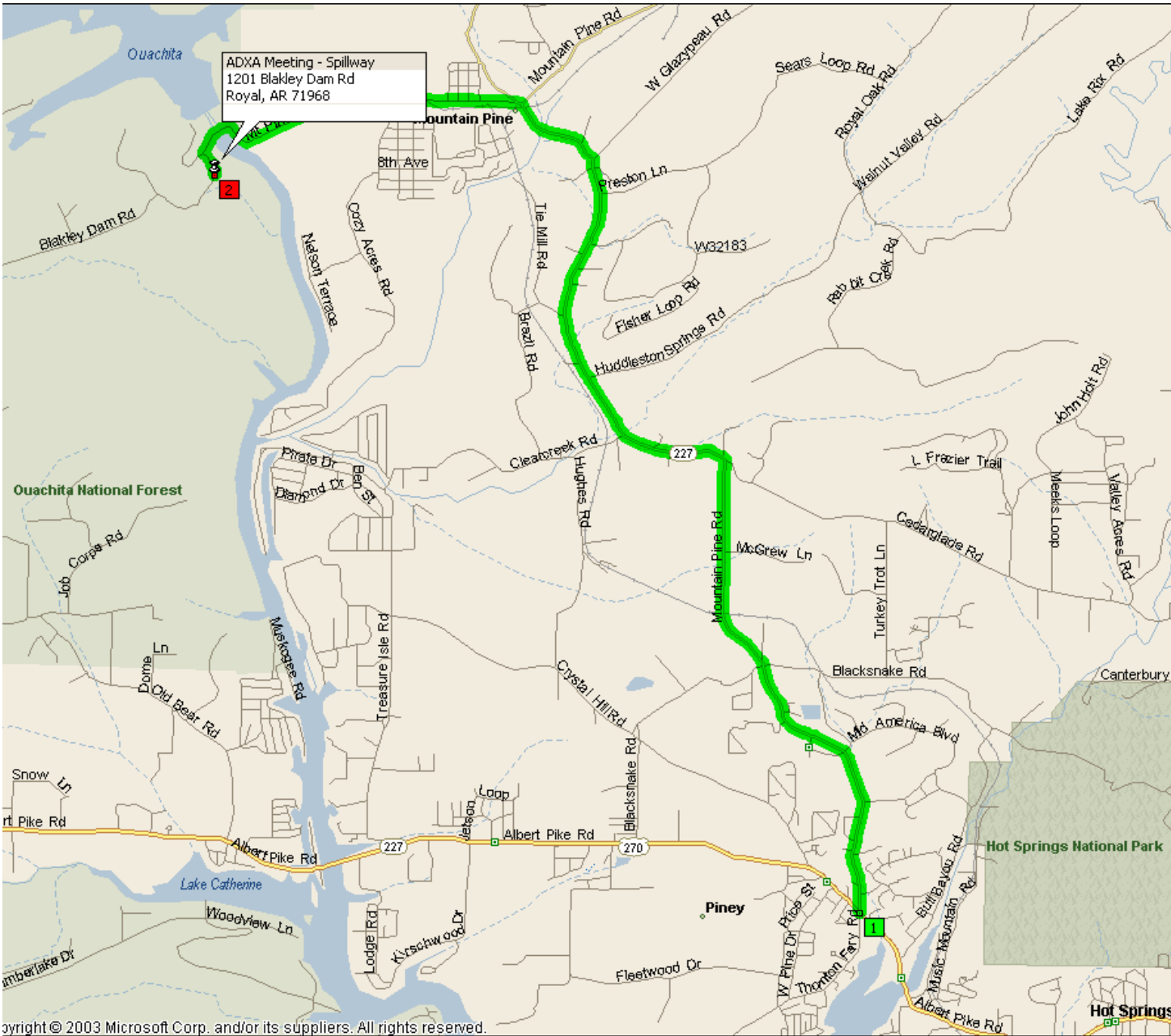


# Map to ADXA Meeting

## 1201 Blakely Dam Road

### Royal, AR

#### Proceed to the Spillway Pavilion (not the Avery)





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**MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION**

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**ARRL MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES:** \_\_\_\_\_.

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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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