



# The ADXA Quarterly

## ADXA Minutes



The first quarter meeting for 2013 of the Arkansas DX Association was held at the home of Earl Smith, N5ZM on March 16, 2013. Those in attendance: Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Paul Wolf, AA5PW, Dawn Gray, N5QT, David Norris, K5UZ, Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ, Roger Gray, N5QS, Dave Jacques, K5DV, Libby Jacques, WB6AXD, Bill Harper, K9IW, Jim Barron, WB5AAA, Ollie Gade, W5GO, Frank Fahrlander, N7FF, and Pat Patterson, W5VY. Guests included Andy Schaefer, AA5DL, and Sharon Smith.

The meeting was called to order by President N7FF, Frank at 1:15 PM. Guests were recognized.

### Health and Welfare

Everyone is doing fine. Earl and Bill are cancer free. Lenny is doing well as well.

### Old Business

K5DV motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented. K5UZ seconded and the motion carried.

N5RN gave Treasurer's report. WB5AAA motioned that the report be accepted. K5DV seconded and the motion carried.

Webpage—Pat to work on getting page updated.

### New Business

K5UZ gave an ARRL update. LOTW is doing well. Issues of 3 weeks ago was

probably an attack. In ARRL board meeting Administration and Finance suggested that LOTW have its own committee. Some beta products are in the works. LOTW has been very successful though there are still some rough areas. Some rough areas seem to be related to WAS credits.

DXCC mobile is a possible new award. Burden of proof is a concern.

Kosovo will likely be a new entity.

DXAC was mentioned and everyone was reminded that they only make recommendations.

Smokin' in Style was selected as the location for the June 2013 meeting. K9IW to take care of arrangements.

### DXPeditions

No requests for support at this time.

### Website

WU1U has offered to maintain and the offer was accepted.

N5ZM mentioned the need for a card checker. After some discussion W5VY and N5QS were nominated as checkers. N5QS was selected as the nomination for Delta Division Card checker. Passing a test is also required to become a DXCC card checker.

### Award presentation

Awards for AI5P's last travels were made by N7FF. WB5AAA won for SSB. Mixed was won by N5ZM (a shot glass from Bahamas)

### Closing remarks

N7FF asked that the member think about and bring to him some ideas for club activities especially for the meeting.

It was suggested that maybe a contest among the members. For example, how many countries can you work in a month.

N5ZM read the 2012 RTTY Roundup plaque to the membership. A win for N5ZM and N5RN.

Earl shared his comments on the new plaque.

Jim, WB5AAA, has 9 band WAS via LOTW.

K9IW moved to adjourn, WB5AAA seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

## Upcoming Dates

The next meetings for the ADXA are as follows:

**June, 2013**—Smokin' in Style.

**September, 2013**—Spillway

All meetings begin at

1:00 but food and drinks are served beginning around 12:00.

If you have cards that you would like to have checked, please contact Earl at n5zm at adxa dot org. You should plan on arriving early

around 11:00 to give Earl enough time to check cards and then grab a bite to eat.

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### Special points of interest:

- Club Meeting June 15, 2013—Smokin' in Style—Hot Springs, AR

## Words of Wisdom From the President Frank Fahrlander—N7FF

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Well, we had another great time at Dayton. I'd like to spend some time at the next meeting having those that attended the Hamvention share their experiences. If you have any "show and tell", bring them along.

Bill and I attended the DX banquet and I luckily won a couple of books and a subscription to CQ magazine. One of the books is OE5CWL's "Sloper Antennas." Since I use wire antennas mostly, this book is of particular interest to me. I need something better for 80 and 160 for sure. The other book is DJ9ZB's "DX World Guide." I'll bring it to the meeting for you guys to peruse. It is a nice reference book for the DXer.

For me, the highlights of Dayton are always the DX Forum, meeting old friends, making new ones and attending the Youth Forum. I've ordered the videos of this year's Youth Forum and

I will probably be bringing them to a future meeting so you guys can at least get a taste of what I enjoyed so much about it. My heart is always warmed by seeing these youngsters talk about their involvement in the hobby. This year there was a 10 year old boy that was remarkable. They were all great, however. I am very hopeful that these new hams will keep the life blood flowing in this great hobby. DXing is often what catches the interest of youngsters and one talk was from the youngster who was featured on the cover of the May issue of QST for his DXing in Cyprus. It was nice to hear from him directly on his experiences and what he enjoyed the most. I spoke with his mom and dad briefly at lunch time. With parents like them their son was destined to be a ham. His sisters are hams too. We've perhaps all re-

ceived some encouragement from others to get into the hobby. Two events will forever stick in my memory: 1) my very first QSO and 2) realizing what ohm's law really meant. Both of these would not have occurred without the generous help from my "Elmers" who were right by my side giving me guidance and encouragement. Is there anything our club could do to encourage young folks here in Arkansas to get "caught up" in the hobby as well. Bring your suggestions to the meeting!

Here is looking forward to the June meeting..

Frank, N7FF

# Dominica

## Rick Harris, AI5P

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Visit to Dominica - The Nature Island

Getting to Dominica is not easy. You have to go via San Juan or Antigua. Right before my trip I got a call from American Airlines that they no longer flew from San Juan to Dominica! They rescheduled me with Seaborne Airlines - a new airline! I flew from Albuquerque via DFW to San Juan to overnight. The next morning I checked into Seaborne - naturally, they had no idea I was booked with them. Fortunately, the flight was not full and many of the people got the same response I did. It was a beautiful day and the flight went by many of the Leeward Islands including Montserrat - where I could see the results of the 1995 volcanic eruption.

Landing at Dominica is quite an experience - you fly around the mountains to approach Melville Hall Airport and then dip down for a landing. Quite the ride!

Dominica, known as "The Nature Island of the Caribbean," is famous for its unspoiled natural beauty with lush mountainous rainforests - home of many rare plant, animal and bird species. It boasts 365 rivers, spectacular waterfalls, some of the Caribbean's top dive sites and the highest concentration (8) of potentially active volcanoes anywhere. It was first settled by Carib Indians from South America 500 years prior to Columbus. Christopher Columbus named the island after the day of the week he spotted it, a Sunday (Dominica in Latin), November 3, 1493. It was the last of the Caribbean Islands to be colonized by Europeans due chiefly to the fierce resistance of the native Caribs. France ceded possession to Britain in 1763 and it became a British colony in 1805. The island gained independence as the Commonwealth of Dominica in 1978.

I stayed at the Sea Cliff Cottages in the small village of Calibishie. Several DX operations have taken place from there. I had my usual DX setup - the Icom IC-706MKIIG and dipoles and/or double bazooka antennas. I could only put up one antenna at a time due to the limited support options (read trees) around my cottage.

It was nice to see some rain after a couple of days. Dominica has about 400 inches of rain per year so you can always expect to have it. But, as it turned out the second week, rain became a major issue and I had to cancel several drives I wanted to take.

Conditions were particularly good the first couple of days and I worked a number of interesting DX during my stay: 9M6XRO, ZS2I, SV5DKL, A92IO, RI1FJ, OY9JD, P29NO, Z320G, DR10EDBG, A45XR, 5T0JL, OX3XR, 4K8M, 403A, A65CA, TF2CL, VP8NO, YB2LSR, and 5Z4/DF5ZP.

Stats for the J75PX Operation:

CW - 40m - 108, 30m - 1176, 20m - 543, 17m - 698, 15m - 514, 12m - 260, and 10m - 91. Total 3390

SSB - 20m - 55, 17m - 153, 15m - 9, 12m - 1, 10m - 3. Total 221

Total Q's: 3611 (94% on CW, 6% on SSB)

The top two bands were 30 meters (33% of Q's) and 17 meters (24% of Q's).

DXCC entities worked: 93

The two week trip (6 - 20 April) went by pretty fast between exploring the island and operating. Roseau, the capital, was a 90 minute drive. A town of about 16,000, it was easy to get around just by walking. While I was there, one of the last cruise ships of the season arrived. The town got crowded in a hurry!

I did get some nice sightseeing in - the Rain Forest (with plenty of rain!), the twin waterfalls of Trafalgar Falls, Emerald Pool, Kalinago Barana Aute (Carib Village by the Sea - the Carib Territory), Fort Shirley (British army post circa 1763-1854) and the Botanical Gardens. Although I didn't do any tours, there are several tied to the filming of Pirates of the Caribbean II and III in Dominica.

My big adventure was a hike to Victoria Falls. It's a hour hike into the forest fording the river 5 times - and then an hour back fording the river again 5 times! It requires a local guide and dealing with heat, scaling slippery boulders and wading through the swift waters (up to your waist at times). But to see the 425-foot falls up close was worth the hike! But I sure knew I wasn't 21 any more! The QSL card features a photo of this experience.

Dominica - it lives up to it's name of the Nature Island!

Photos:

1. My cottage - If you look closely, you can see the dipole.
2. J75PX setup
3. Victoria Falls

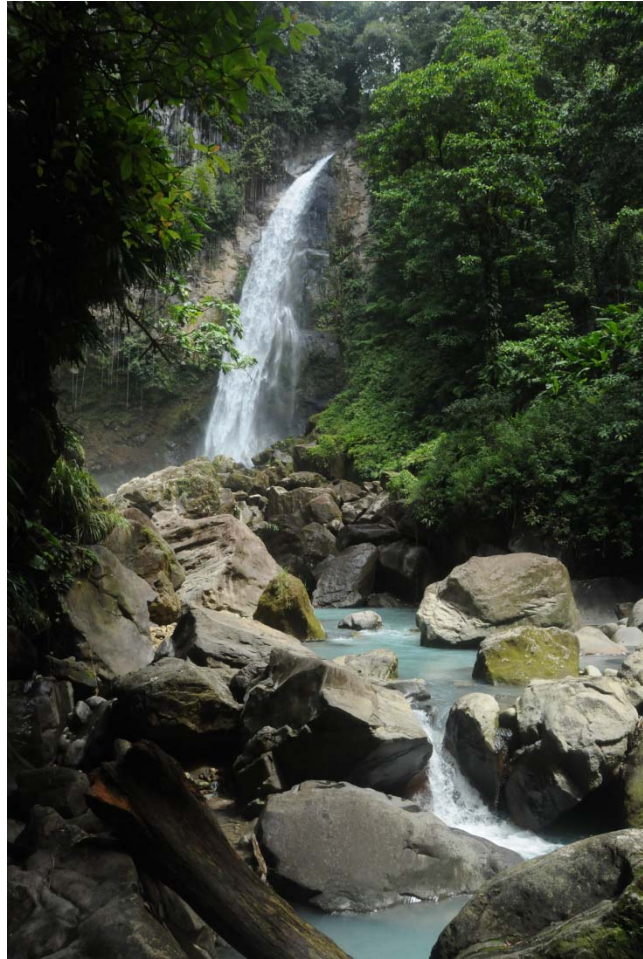
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**Victoria Falls**



<- J75PX Setup

# Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—June 15, 2013

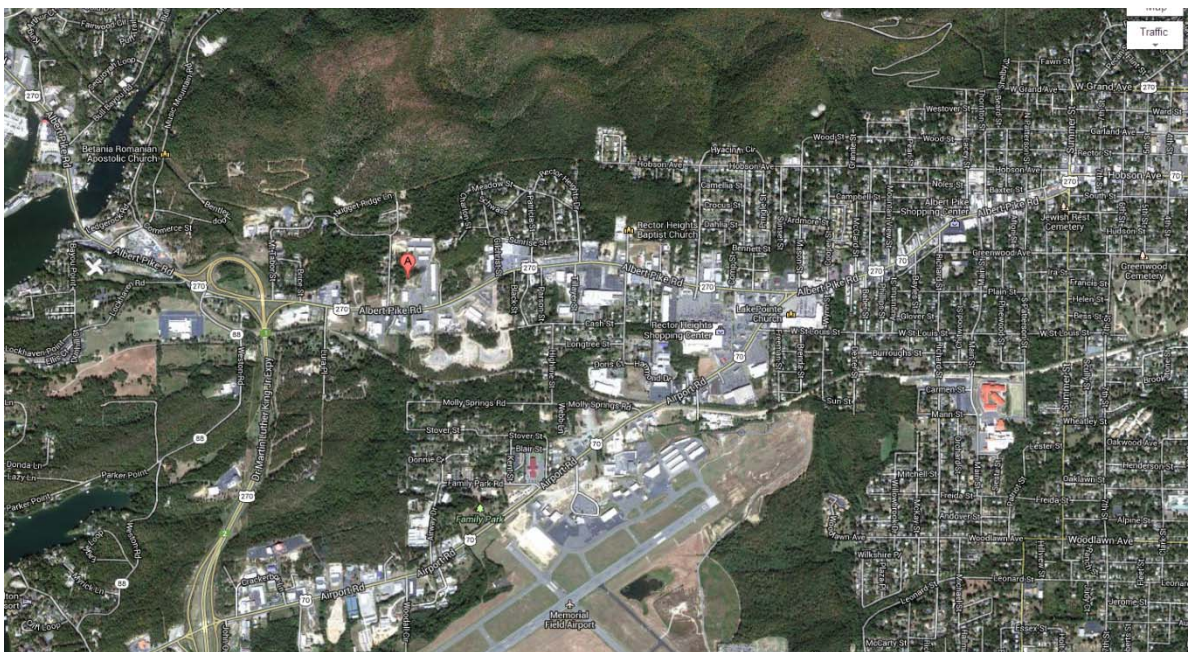
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## Smokin' in Style

2278 Albert Pike  
Hot Springs, AR  
Phone: 501.767.9797

### GPS Coordinates

34° 29.50422' N    093° 05.79984' W  
34.491737 N    093.096664 W



## Directions

Google Map click [here](#)



## ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

### 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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