



# The ADXA Quarterly

## ADXA Minutes



The second quarter meeting of the ADXA was held in the meeting room of 'Smokin' in Style' in Hot Springs, Arkansas on June 15, 2013. Those in attendance: Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Paul Wolf, AA5PW, Dave Jacques, K5DV, Frank Fahlander, N7FF, Jerry Fay, WU1U, Bill Harper, K9IW, Frank Kollatt, W5BPT, Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ, Jay Bromley, W5JAY, Ollie Gade, W5GO, Jim Barron, WB5AAA, Earl Smith, N5ZM and Pat Patterson, W5VY. Guests included: Madge Kollatt, KAFRSH, Kathy Bromley, WQ5T, and Sunnye Davis.

The meeting was called to order by President N7FF, Frank at 13:38 PM. Guests were recognized.

Went around the room and let everyone introduce themselves.

K5DV motioned that the minutes as presented in the newsletter be accept. AA5PW seconded. Motion carried.

N5RN gave treasurer's report. WB5AAA motioned that it be accepted, K5DV seconded. The motion carried.

### Health and Welfare

Everyone seems to be doing fine.

### Old Business

New card checker is W5JE, Charles Floyd and will be come official when it appears on the ARRL website. Much of the card checking process can be done online now.

### New Business

N5RN to review settings for email reflector to see if we can allow attachments and HTML.

### DXPeditions

ADXA voted to support FT5ZM (Amsterdam).

### Website

WU1U has offered to maintain and the offer was accepted.

To allow Jerry to work on the website several items need to be taken care of and may need membership approval.

Send W5VY status updates so the webpage can be updated.

### Award presentation

AI5P Awards for J75PX AND TO5PX

Winner: Mixed N5ZM 26 points

CW: K5UR 23 points

SSB: W5RZ 22 points

Honorable mentions:

K9IW 21 points and W5BPT 19 points.

### Closing remarks

WB5AAA and W5JAY and N7FF shared their Dayton 2013 experiences. Generally positive reviews. W5JAY enjoyed the videos and the contesting information and getting to meet Dave of DXLab fame.

K5DV moved to adjourn, N5ZM seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:17 PM.

## Upcoming Dates

The next meetings for the ADXA are as follows:

**September, 21 2013**  
—Spillway

All meetings begin at 1:00 but food and drinks are served be-

ginning 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 September 21, 2013—*Spillway, Hot Springs, AR.*

# Words of Wisdom From the President Frank Fahrlander—N7FF

Hi all. While I'll not be at our next meeting, my thoughts will be with you – not. © My wife and I will be off on a nice trip to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

At times, it is heart warming to think back to the past. I did some thinking about how I got into Dxing and remembered a few things that perhaps other members might relate to. My first confirmed DX contact was with VE3AZX in October 1955 when I was 12 years old. A VE7 later in that same year was also memorable. It was a way to learn a little bit about Canadian geography. I was hardly a Dixer in those days. I was a rag chewer. I also would spend hours on 40 CW with WN8CSK playing chess and gabbing about things or operating in NTS traffic nets.

It wasn't until March of 1956 that I had my first confirmed European DX station in the log. I was still WN8CGF and the QSO with Marc, F3MS, is still in my memory. I was very nervous. Usually with CW you have a chance to make notes on your copy for things to reply with but this was my first real DX contact and I was flabbergasted. I remember thinking I should ask him something so I asked him what the streets were like there in France. I remember that he answered the question too! I mentally painted a picture of brick-lined streets and folks sweeping them with brooms in the mornings. Here is my cherished QSL form Marc .

Forty three years later, I first worked Mike, F5IN, on 40 meters. We have worked each other on 160, 80, 40, 20 and 15 meters over the past 13 years. Although Mike has changed his QRZ.com page now, back a few years ago I happen to look at it and found some of his biography in French. There in the middle of it was the call, F3MS. I sent Mike an email and we enjoyed talking about Marc. It turned out Marc was a key person in Mike's ham life too. He was Mike's CW helper ("Elmer") in the early 60's.

While DX QSO's have been fun and memorable, I never found myself actually putting a lot of DX calls in my log until I was brave enough to enter the 1995 CQ WW CW DX. I was amazed at how easily I had added 57 new countries to my log. I've enjoyed many DX contests over the years but until I joined the ADXA (at the urge of K9IW) in 2008, I had no serious interest in getting my DXCC. After joining, I started to take QSLing seriously so I could get my DXCC. Bill will remember, I'm sure, my first 'bundle' of cards he helped me send to the bureau. Through Bill's encouragement and the fine help of Earl, N5ZM, I acquired my DXCC in April 2008. In the last 5 years I've managed to get my mixed score to 280. Now my log looks like a real Dixer and that is about all I find in my log these days. Thank you to those who encouraged me along the way.

I think it would be interesting to hear the stories of other members. I asked Bill, K9IW, to share some of his early memories. Here is his story:

"My first DX contacts (other than VE) were KG4FU and LU7AS as a novice in 1973. I don't know who my first QSL was but I'm sure it was a thrill to get. Sometime after upgrading to advanced, I put up a mini-quad (remember that one?) and was working some DX. In fact, it looks like I was working mostly DX after upgrading. I

think I preferred the short contacts to rag chewing. One day in late 1976 or early '77 I got a phone call from my friend Dick, W9TA (then W9LUH) telling me there was a station on that I might want to work (XX9 I think). I could barely tell there was a station there and when he put the phone up to the radio, he sounded like he was next door. I soon after put up a tribander and was a DX'er. I'm sure the amp came soon after. I got my DXCC in September 1974."

Thanks Bill.

I'm sure there are more stories out there. Please send them to me for future issues!

Have a great meeting and Aloha.

Frank, N7FF

**F3MS**

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WAC . HSC . DUF . DXCC . WBE . WAS .  
DPF . BERTA . WASM . WAE2 WAC 80 .

GRA : VAUTHIER Marc  
39, Av. de Sainte-Menehould  
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To Radio :  
WN8CGF  
Ur RST : 569

QSO 11 MAR 56 at 1400 Cmt - CW phone 27 Mc.S  
TX : 50, 100 watts - RX : Super 12 - 18 tubes  
Ant : Center feed 40 mtrs Marc 73, DX cul OM France  
PSE (TKS) QSL via REF or direct opr Marc

## Updates from Members

### K5OVC—Lenny

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Here at Glen Mills, PA. I have started a club. with W2DTN John. we have bought a Icom 756 Pro II from Frank W5BPT. We have a Alpha Delta DX CC multi band dipole, covers 10-15-20-40-80. It is located in the attic of the building up 60 ft, Area Elevation 430 ft.

I am waiting for a new

club call. for The Maris Grove amateur radio club. I have divested the old Hot Springs, AR, Amateur radio club call WA5BRF. I usually connect to K3WW node in Perkasio, PA. I have worked 15 countries with my call K5OVC/3

All is well here. Not the best ant. but at least I am

on the air .

Good health & DX  
73es

Lenny K5OVC/3

### W5BPT—Frank

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Madge and I plan on coming to the next meeting and I let Dave know. The only news that I have and do not remember if I had mention it or not is that on Sept 15th it will make my 60th year of being licensed. I started

with WN5BPT and upgraded the next year as W5BPT. Same call for 60 years. Funny thing is that my novice expired on the 15th of Sept. 1954 and my upgrade was dated the 16th of Sept. 1954. So I was not off of the air for even

one day. Hi. I did hold the call of KG1FR in 1962/1963 when I was in the USAF stationed in Sonderstrom, Greenland. (UGH). That was the call block at that time for Service personal in Greenland.



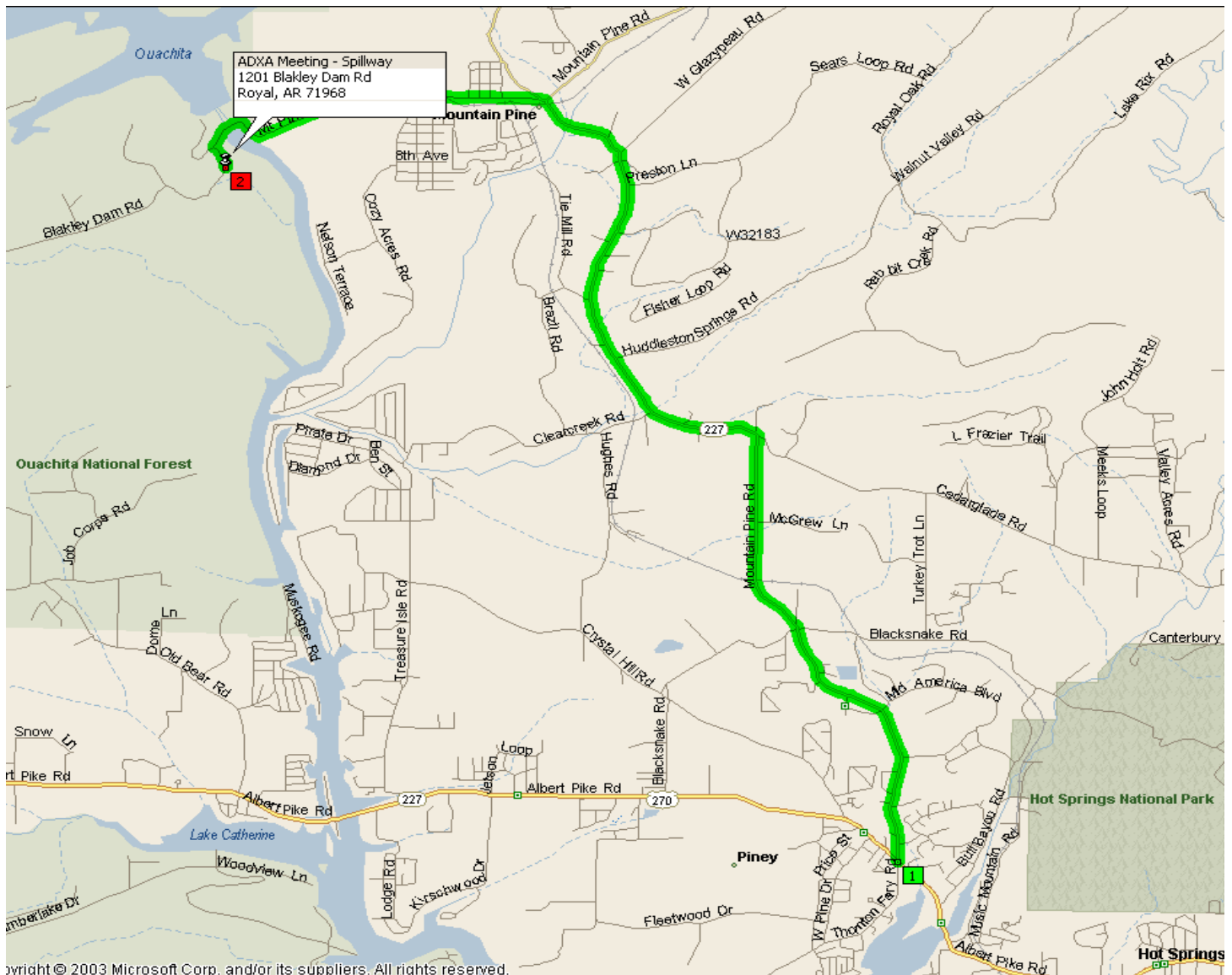
# Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—September 21, 2013

## 1201 Blakely Dam Road Royal, AR Proceed to the Spillway Pavilion (not Avery)

GPS Coordinates:

34° 34.216' N 93° 12.871' W

**TO HELP WITH FOOD AND DRINK, PLEASE LET DAVE JACQUES KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING— HIS EMAIL: K5DV@ARRL.NET**





## ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

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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**

**Dues can also be accepted via PayPal:**

**Using your PayPal account send your dues payment to**  
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