



The ADXA Quarterly

ADXA Minutes



The third quarter meeting of the ADXA was held at the Spillway in Hot Springs, AR on September 21, 2013. Those in attendance: Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Jim Barron, WB5AAA, Dave Jacques, K5DV, Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ, Earl Smith, N5ZM, Bill Harper, K9IW, Frank Kollatt, W5BPT, Pat Patterson, W5VY, Ollie Gade, W5GO, Libby Jacques, WB6AXD. Guests included Melissa Schaefer, N5HX, Sharon Smith, Madge Kollatt, KA5RSH, and Sunnye Davis.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President WB5AAA, Jim at 13:13 PM. Guests were recognized.

K5DV motioned that the minutes as presented in the newsletter be accept. W5VY

seconded and the motion carried.

N5RN gave treasurer's report. N5ZM motioned that it be accepted, K5DV seconded. The motion carried.

Health and Welfare

K9IW will be having stem cell transplant. In Dallas. Should be back in November.

Old Business

Website—N5RN to get with WU1U and begin the process of moving the website

W5JE is now listed on the ARRL website as a DXCC card checker.

N5ZM suggested that everyone use the online submission form. WB5AAA said he had a problem using a debit card.

New Business

W5BPT if 75 years young qualifies to become Honorary member. K5DV and W5VY to take care of the details.

Next meeting. N7FF to be contacted about next meeting. Most likely in Hot Springs.

Nominating committee recommends keeping the same slate of officers. N5ZM seconded the motion. All will return pending N7FF's okay.

Closing remarks

K9IW moved to adjourn, K5DV seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

Upcoming Dates

The next meetings for the ADXA are as follows:

December 7 2013 — Smokin' in Style, Hot Springs, AR.

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 December 7, 2013—Smokin' in Style, Hot Springs, AR

Words of Wisdom From the President Frank Fahrlander—N7FF

Well I'm back from our 50th wedding anniversary trip to Hawaii. It was great. Phyllis and I were there last when we celebrated our 25th anniversary. We are considering doing it again for our 75th. J



For next meeting I had hoped we might have a guest speaker talk to us about their Dxing adventures but I didn't manage to pull that off. I hope the club doesn't mind but I have decided I will give a presentation about my experiences at Barry Goldwater's Air Force MARS station where I operated for several years in a group which became known as the BASH-HAL-NE-AE Amateur Radio Club. You'll have to come to the meeting to learn what the name means. I hope you will enjoy it. I gave this presentation to our Hot Springs Village ARC 7 years ago.



I would like to ask each of you to include in your prayers Bill Harper who is currently at Baylor Medical Center undergoing cancer treatment. There are others in the club too who deserve your prayers. I know we all wish them well.

Not much wisdom this time, sorry. See you at the meeting,

Frank, N7FF

Central America—2013

AI5P—Rick Harris

Central America 2013

The idea for this trip originated when I got my International Amateur Radio Union Permit prior to my cruise on the Panamanian registered cruise ship *Carnival Magic*. It was valid for all of 2013 and covered several countries in Central America. I was interested in visiting Panama, El Salvador and Nicaragua. I had a note about a rental QTH in Nicaragua operated by Octavio, YN2N. A quick e-mail confirmed that the rental option was available depending on the date. He would apply for the Nicaraguan license for me as part of the rental agreement.

I then checked the National Amateur Radio Societies of both Panama, and El Salvador to try to find someone who could “sponsor” me for my visit and allow me to operate. I did not take any equipment with me so that would be the only opportunity to get on the air. I had been to Panama twice while in the Army but only for a few days on business – no real time for sightseeing.

Fortunately, I was very lucky and got immediate positive feedback from Luis, HP1ALX, in Panama City and Edgardo, YS1ECB, in San Salvador. They provided me with lots of information and offered to help during my visit.

Airline reservations were made to start on August 29 and return to Albuquerque on September 25th. All this planning was done prior to my later involvement with the Sable Island DXpedition. More about that later.

Just before my trip started, I double-checked my reservations and found, to my surprise, the direct flight I had booked from Dallas to Panama City had been cancelled and I had been rerouted via Miami. Supposedly they sent me an e-mail but I didn’t get it. This changed my arrival time in Panama City and I notified

Luis of the last-minute change.

Arriving at the airport, my first surprise was the security process – your picture is taken – along with your fingerprints on a state-of-the-art computer system! Then I noticed a big sign which informs tourists that if you have a medical emergency, Panama gives you free insurance for 30 days – Wow!

Spain began exploring the area in 1501. Balboa “discovered” the Pacific Ocean from the mountains of Panama in 1513. In 1821, Colombia, which included Panama, gained its independence from Spain. Panama is the youngest republic in the Western Hemisphere, founded in 1903, when the area broke away from Colombia.

Luis and his wife Betty met me at the airport and took me to my hotel in the Albrook area. From the hotel I had a great view of the Bridge of the Americas and the southern approach to the Panama Canal. They took me to the older part of the city – colonial *San Felipe*. This area is undergoing extensive renovation. A number of older buildings are here – including the *Iglesia de San Jose* (Church of St. Joseph’s) – home of the Golden Altar. It was about the only thing of value salvaged after the pirate Henry Morgan sacked the city in 1671. In this area are many stalls hawking handicrafts and souvenirs to the tourists. The most famous are the *Molas* – colorful, intricate, multi-layered appliqué textiles sewn by the Kuna Indian women. Although I had some my previous visits, I couldn’t resist buying another beautiful piece! I came down by taxi on another day to do more sightseeing and photography. I also got to walk around the Presidential Palace area – once through security! You can see the skyline of modern day Panama City from here with its skyscrapers and unique architecture. A lot of people refer to the skyline as “Little New York.”

I spent a few hours at the Albrook Mall. It was huge! At least three times as big as the largest here in Albuquerque. Lots of neat stores – large department stores to smaller boutique shops. No problem in knowing the prices – the U.S. dollar is the official currency of Panama.

Of course, the main tourist attraction is the Panama Canal. Signing a treaty with Panama, the United States began construction of the canal in 1904. Over 75,000 workers were involved. The first ship sailed through on August 15, 1914. One of the largest and most difficult engineering projects ever undertaken, the Panama Canal shortcut greatly reduced the time for ships to travel between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Its construction remains one of the greatest engineering achievements of the 20th century. The canal remained under U.S. control with complete ownership transferred to Panama on December 31, 1999.

I made two trips to the Miraflores Locks Visitors Center. Miraflores is one of three sets of locks in the canal and is the southernmost one. The locks are 110 feet wide and ships are lifted (or lowered) 54 feet in two stages. Here you can watch ships, see a film about canal history, visit the Canal Museum and generally have a great experience!

On September 5th, we took a trip to Colon on the Caribbean side of Panama. I didn’t realize until I arrived in Panama that since 2007 the Canal has been undergoing an expansion which will double its size by 2015. The ongoing construction was something to see – as well as the huge new locks which came from Italy!

I was lucky enough to attend a meeting of both the Radio Club de Panama and the Panama Canal Amateur Radio Association. I met a number of Amateurs and pleased to actually meet Cam, HP1AC, one of the oldest Panamanian licensed



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AI5P—Rick Harris (Continued)

hams and one of the most active.

I was able to operate from Luis' home station as HP1/AI5P three times on both SSB and CW for a total of 487 contacts. His home station consists of a Kenwood TS-2000 and a Cushcraft MA5B beam. Several contacts were made with ADXA members.

A great time in Panama – and now off to a new county – El Salvador!



Panamanian Molas



Panamanian Molas



Panama City Skyline



Miraflores Locks



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AI5P—Rick Harris (Continued)



Luis, HP1ALX



AI5P with Cam, HP1AC, at Radio Club de Panama meeting



Golden Altar



For your consideration—Honorary Membership

At the last meeting there was a side bar discussion about the requirements for Honorary membership to the ADXA.

Dave Jacques, K5DV, forwarded the following information about Honorary Membership from the ADXA Articles of Association:

Article 3: (d.) Any currently active member reaching 75 years of age

and having 15 years of previous membership may be considered for Honorary Life Membership. Recommendation may be made by any active full member and shall require a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of full members present at any regular quarterly meeting. Honorary Life Memberships shall

be limited to no more than five (5) at any one time. An Honorary Life Member shall not be entitled to any of the rights and/or benefits of full or associate members.

Be thinking about these requirements and guidelines and let's discuss at the next meeting.

Dues are Due

As a reminder, your 2014 ADXA dues are due. I will be collecting them at the December 2013 meeting.

Yearly Individual Dues: **\$25.00**

Family membership: **\$35.00**



Dues can also be accepted via PayPal:

Using your PayPal account send your dues

payment to:

n5rn@adxa.org

Make sure you select the personal tab and identify this payment as a gift or there will be a surcharge.



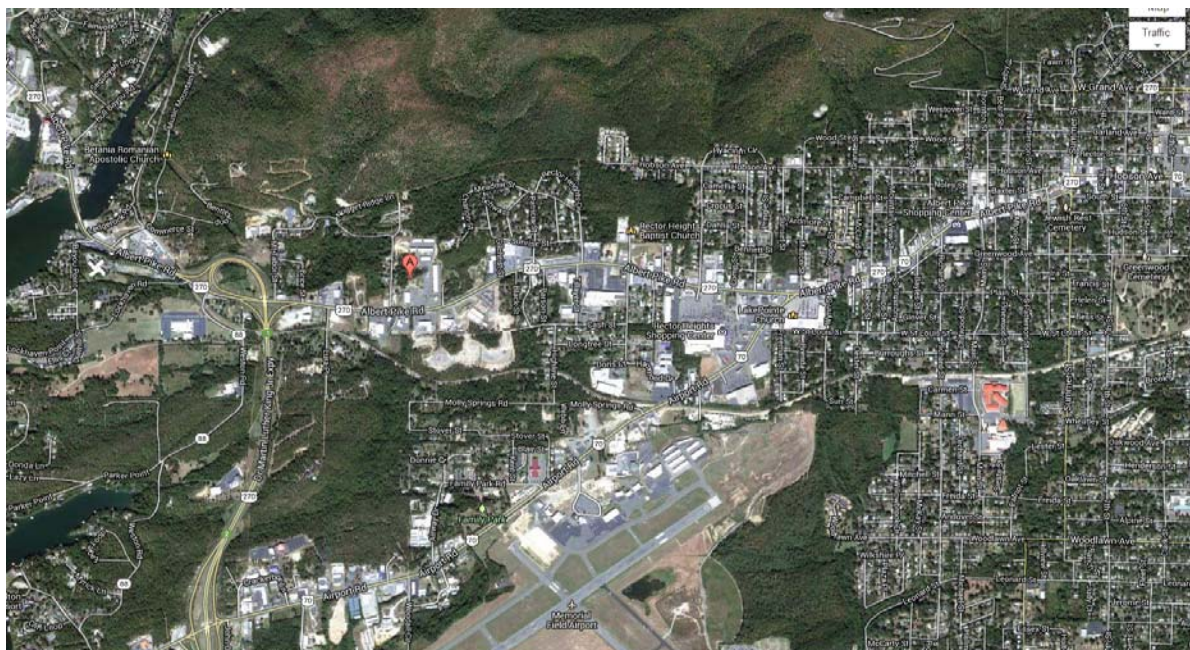
Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—September 21, 2013

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

Click [here](#) for Google Maps


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ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

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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

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