



ADXA Minutes



The first quarter meeting of the ADXA was held at home of Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ. Those that signed the sign in sheet include Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Paul Wolf, AA5PW, Landon McCord, AF5OD, J. Ferguson, N5LKE, Roger Gray, N5QS, Dawn Gray, N5QT, Jonathan Setcer, N5QJ, Ken Blevins, K5ALQ, Robert Love, KE5FNA, Bruce Plantz, K9OZ, Frank Fahrlander, N7FF, Earl Smith, N5ZM,

Dennis Schefer, W5RZ, and Pat Patterson, W5VY. Guests included Tom Walker, NH9Q, Edwynne Love, Melissa Schaefer, N5HX, and Nick Kennedy, WA5B-DU. The meeting was called to order at 1:06 by President N7FF. Frank thanked Dennis and Melissa for hosting our meeting. We then went around the room introducing ourselves.

DXpeditions

There was some discussion about the criteria to use before ADXA will sponsor a DXpedition.

- How much are the expenses
- How big of a challenge is it
- Where is it on the wanted list (ClubLog)

After some discussion it was motioned that we support the following:

- Chesterfield

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Upcoming Dates

The next meeting for ADXA is:

June 20 2015 —Old Chicago Pizza. 4305 Warden Road, North Little Rock, AR 72116

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 March 21, 2015 — Home of W5RZ and then a trip to the BAT. 1:00PM*

Words of Wisdom From the President Frank Fahrlander—N7FF

Dayton Hamvention was a great experience again this year. As is often the case in our hobby, the most enjoyable parts are meeting with old friends and making new ones.

At the DX dinner we listened to Don Greenbaum, N1DG and Tom Harrell, N4XP spoke about the complex and difficult planning that goes into a Dxpediton. Their experiences with the C82DX Dxpediton were particularly challenging. I certainly appreciate the efforts and expenses that go into getting a rare one on the air. It is good to know that our club is helping folks like this do all that for the DX community. Thanks to all of the ADXA members.

This year I was fortunate to have my wife Phyllis with me at the DX dinner. Sitting right next us during the dinner was the youngest ham I have ever met. Colton, KE0CRD, is now 6 years old and he got his license when he was 5. Here he is with his dad (Zeke, K0XK) and his great uncle (Bill, K6KN).



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Zeke and Bill are obviously very supportive of Colton and youth in ham radio. For example, Zeke gave his son a life membership in ARRL; that's a real bargain at his age! As you may be able to see from Bill's shirt, he has been involved in Boy Scouts and K2BSA.

Colton has worked a few countries on 10 meters and he is now studying for his general license. We exchanged hand drawn pictures of each other (very creative, I might add) and I challenged him to meet me on 40 meters in the future.

A highlight of Hamvention for me is always the ARRL Youth Forum. Carole, WB2MGP, led another wonderful program this year. The program honors young people who are enthusiastic about our hobby and talks to us about that interest. All the presentations were great. Here is picture of Carole and the young hams who did such a wonderful job. They are meeting with astronaut, Mike Fincke, KE5AIT.



I got to the forum early and sat in front. About 15 minutes later, who shows up to sit next to me? It was Colton, Zeke and Mike. That was great. Colton got singled out in this forum as the youngest ham in the crowd and Carole made a strong suggestion that this youngster might participate in the forum in the future.

All the presentations were great. I particularly enjoyed the talk from Faith, WA4BBC (10 years old) and Zechariah, WX4TVJ (12 years old) describing their experiments with antenna designs for 2 meters. I

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loved seeing them describe their work and working together as brother and sister in the presentation.



Notable was a last minute, unscheduled presentation by a young man who played an important role in emergency communications during the powerful cyclone "Hudhud" which caused widespread flooding and property damage and claimed several lives in India in 2014. He is a great example of a young ham using the hobby for public good.

Dxing offers a particularly fascinating and challenging aspect of the hobby for young people. Organizations like the Youth DX Adventure are helping. Any ideas on how we can help?

Card Checking Tips

Earl—N5ZM

DXCC Card Checking will be available at the meeting. To avoid problems with field checking your application be sure to follow the instructions on the ARRL website. Note that as of April 2, 2012, there are 2 ways of doing a paper card submission, online and traditional. You can no longer do a hybrid LoTW and paper card submission on a single application. It is absolutely necessary that you follow all the instructions and have all the paperwork properly filled out or I will not be able to check your cards.

If you use the preferred Online Electronic DXCC Application <<https://p1k.arrl.org/onlinedxcc/>> for your paper cards it will be easier and cheaper for you. It will also go a lot faster at HQ when they get your paperwork since you already entered your card data in the ARRL system. With the online application you can enter the cards in any order. Just make sure to enter the QSOs on cards with multiple QSOs together to facilitate checking. The reason you don't have to sort by band then mode is because there is minimal data entry work at HQ when they get your field checked application.

You can also use the Traditional Application forms <<http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-forms>> where you fill in and print the PDF forms for the application and record sheets. Make sure to follow those instructions. A traditional application will cost you roughly twice as much as the online application to cover data entry costs at HQ. With a traditional application you must sort cards by band then by mode with all the multiple QSO cards being listed last to facilitate data entry at ARRL HQ. If you use the traditional application make sure you include valid credit card info on the bottom of the PDF application form.

Whichever way you do it, follow those instructions and make sure the cards are properly sorted in the same order as your DXCC Record Sheet. Also make certain that all the QSL card information (call, date, band, mode, country) has been entered correctly on the record sheet.

Bring the following:

- Cards sorted per your Record Sheet
- Printed copy of the signed and dated Application Sheet
- Printed copy of the DXCC Record Sheet
- Stamped envelope addressed to DXCC Desk, ARRL HQ, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111, so I can mail your application to HQ.

Thanks, Earl N5ZM

Tobago

AI5P—Rick Harris

Caribbean 2014

The second part of my 2014 Caribbean trip was to Tobago. This would be my first trip, technically, to South America. Tobago was not that far from Grenada, but you had to fly via Trinidad. It's only a 40 minute flight from Grenada to Trinidad and then a 25 minute flight to Tobago. Departing Grenada gave me two new experiences in air travel. The first - before you could go to the check-in counter, you could be (and I was) called over to a table where you had to place your suitcase up for inspection.

The second - as I was sitting in the departure lounge, I was called, along with four others, to go to the luggage area and there they went through all my luggage again.

Finally, I was on my way to Trinidad. I was amazed at the size of Port of Spain as it was lit up like a large American city. My flight to Tobago was delayed so it was after midnight before I finally arrived at my destination. I selected the Top O'Tobago Villa after searching the internet. I had exchanged e-mails with the manager about amateur radio and there was one villa (there are only three with one main house for rent) I thought might allow some antenna space.

Fortunately, I was correct and the dipoles worked wonders. I actually had more contacts here than Grenada with the four-element beam. Great location and very nice place to stay.

I was active on 30, 20, 17, 15 and 12 meters. A total of 2906 contacts were made with only 226 on SSB (8%) and 2680 on CW (92%). Most of the contacts were made on 20 and 17 meters (1898 or 70%).

Some of the more interesting contacts were HB0CC, HS0ZEE, YB0MWM, TG9AWS, MD0CCE, VP8NO, and YB9/DJ7XJ. The most exciting contact was VU2PHD breaking a pile-up with a true 599 contact on 20 meters! I couldn't believe his signal strength.

Tobago is the smaller of the two main islands that make up the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. The island is about 24 miles long and 6 miles wide.

Possession of Tobago has been fought over by numerous nations since it was first sighted by Columbus in 1498. Over the years, the Dutch, English, Spanish, Swedish, Courlanders (present-day Latvians), and French transformed Tobago into a battle zone and the island changed hands 33 times, the most in Caribbean history, before it was finally ceded to the British in 1763 by the Treaty of Paris. In 1889 the island was made a ward of Trinidad. Trinidad and Tobago received its independence from Britain in 1962.

During my stay, there were several days of rain. I didn't mind at all. It was nice hearing rain for a change after my years in New Mexico. I did rent a car for a few days to drive around and see the sights. I wanted to circumvent the island but when I got to the northern tip the locals told me that the drive back on the northern side might not be possible because of the rain and the chance of mud slides. But on other days it was beautiful and I visited Fort King George, the Argyll Waterfall, the Forest Reserve (established in 1765), and viewed Little Tobago (a sea bird sanctuary), St. Giles Rocks (off the northern coast and featured

on my QSL card), the Tobago Museum, the Botanic Gardens, and Pigeon Point - probably the most photographed white sand coast in Tobago.

Other interesting points were the Speyside Waterwheel (circa 1800 - used to squeeze the juice from sugarcane), the Couronian Monument (dedicated by Latvia in 1976), and Forts Bennet and James. I think the most curious sight is the "Mystery Tomb" in Plymouth. Betty Scott died in childbirth in 1783. Her epithet on the gravestone reads - "She was a mother without knowing it, and a wife without letting her husband know it, except by her kind indulgences to him." The inscription and the stories behind it have become a favorite conversation starter and debatable topic all over the island.

I departed Tobago on the afternoon of September 1st, through Port of Spain (Trinidad), to Miami. After spending the night in Miami, I flew to Atlanta and onward to Albuquerque arriving on the evening of September 2nd. It turned out to be quite an adventure!

73 Rick AI5P

Tabago

AI5P—Rick Harris (continued)



Sunset



Speyside Waterfall



Fort King George



Pidgeon Point Beach



St. Giles Rocks



Colorful House

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- Heard
- S. Sandwich/South Georgia

The motion passed. There was some follow up discussion about some of the DXpeditions forgetting about North America. It was pointed out that many of the recent DXpeditions have gotten much of their support from North America. EP6T for example.

Some discussion about LOTW and it being up and down.

Old Business

WB5AAA made the decision to resign from his VP role. K5ALQ agreed to take over.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes by N5ZM. Seconded by N5QS. The motion carried.

N5RN gave the Treasurers report. N5ZM motioned that it be accepted. N5QS seconded. Motion carried.



Health and Welfare

Ollie and Jean are having some difficulties right now

Frank is doing about the same.

Lenny is doing ok. He has set up a DX station at his retirement community.

New Business

Rick and Dennis are considering a trip to the Caribbean next year. The cost is approximately \$400/week. Get with Rick and/or Dennis for full details if interested.

Closing remarks

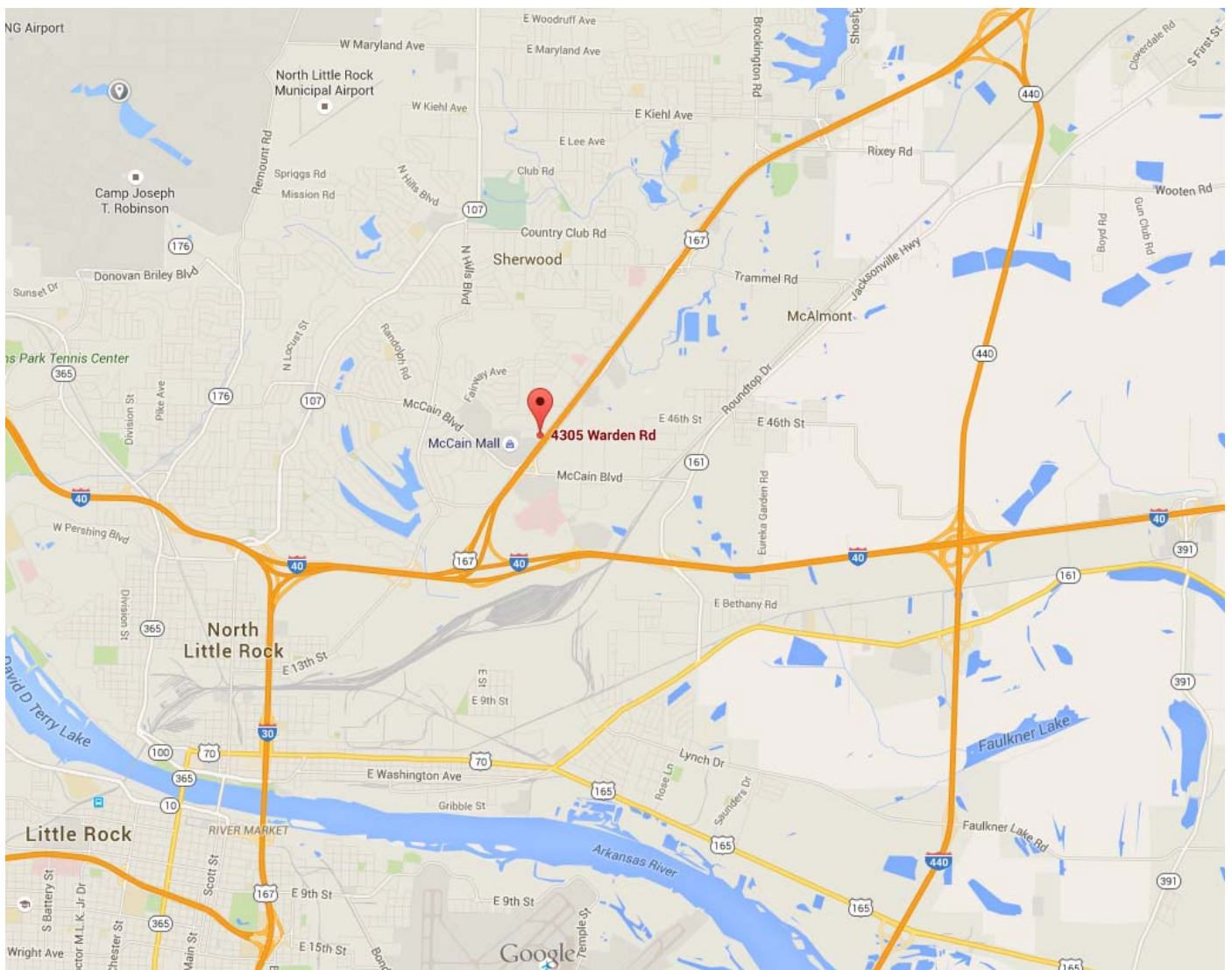
K5ALQ moved to adjourn, N5LKE seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 PM. W5RZ gave a brief presentation on the history of the BAT. After the presentation several members and guests headed towards the BAT (Big Arkansas Tower) site.

←———— W5RZ Calling CQ QLF

Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—June 20, 2015

**Old Chicago Pizza
4305 Warden Road
North Little Rock, AR 72116
GPS: 34.7941933 -92.2225069**

[Google map link](#)



ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

BUSINESS NAME

President: Frank Fahrlander, N7FF
Vice President: Jim Barron, WB5AAA
Secretary/Treasurer: Glenn Wolf, N5RN

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LICENSE CLASS: _____

APPLICATION: NEW RENEWAL

NAME: _____

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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**

Dues can also be accepted via PayPal:

Using your PayPal account send your dues payment to
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Make sure you select the personal tab and identify this payment as a gift or there will be a surcharge.

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