



ADXA Minutes



The second quarter meeting of the ADXA was held at Old Chicago Pizza in North Little Rock. Those that signed the sign in sheet include Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Paul Wolf, AA5PW, Landon McCord, AF5OD, Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ, Pat Patterson, W5VY, Roger Gray, N5QS, Dawn Gray, N5QT, Jack Hampton, N5KG, J Ferguson, N5LKE, Robert Love, KE5FNA, Frank Fahrlander, N7FF, Bruce Plantz,

K9OZ, Earl Smith, N5ZM, David Norris, K5UZ, and Ken Blevins, K5ALQ. Guests included Andy Schaefer, AA5DC, Ford Ferguson, Edwynne Love, and Bonnie Fratesi. The meeting was called to order by the President, N7FF at 1:11PM. Bruce, K9OZ was thanked for setting up the meeting at Old Chicago. We then went around the room and introduced ourselves.

An ARRL update was provided by K5UZ. The FCC was thinking that they would be able to cut back on the Field Engineering organization but that appears to be unlikely. HR1301 is making good progress and is gaining sponsors. A Senate version is in the works. As for enforcement, peer pressure seem to be quite effective... the bubba patrol if you will.

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Upcoming Dates

The next meeting for ADXA is:

September 19 2015 — Spillway Pavilion.

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.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING THIS MEETING PLEASE LET DAVE JACQUES KNOW SO THAT WE CAN GET AN ACCURATE HEAD COUNT FOR FOOD AND DRINK. REACH HIM AT KSDV@ATT.NET

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Special points of interest:

- *Club Meeting September 19, 2015 — Spillway Pavilion, Blakely Dam*

As for LOTW, cyber attacks are the cause for the LOTW down time. It is believed that Red China and Russia are behind it. More awards via LOTW are coming. For example, WAZ and CQ Awards.

DXCC remote operations. Expect some rule changes. It is likely that login information will have to be turned over for remote sessions. Remote operations may have to have operators at the location.

The ARRL will be raising the dues in 2016. Many steps have been taken to reduce costs but now it's time for dues to be raised. They haven't been raised since 2001.

As a follow up to the Centennial, National Parks on the Air. Won't be until 2016 at the earliest.

Health and Welfare

Ollie and Jean are having some difficulties right now.

Frank is doing about the same.

New Business

WBORUR was nominated to be a member of ADXA. N5ZM made the motion. K5UZ approved. The motion carried.

Discussion about Hamcom. Seems there was a marathon going on at the same time and it played havoc especially with the traffic. No outdoor flea market. Seems that many preferred the Plano location.

Dayton update— In a word NASTY! There are some promised upgrades to Hara in the works. Approximately \$15M worth of upgrades. It is still believed that even with the issues Dayton has that if you haven't gone you should.

Robert Love gave a report on Visalia. The meeting was good and there were more commercial vendors than in years past.

DX Requests

We received one for South Cook but was rejected because it wasn't in the top 50.

Update on the trip to Caribbean (Montserrat). AI5P, KE5FNA and possibly a few others. Scheduled for November 2015.

Closing remarks

K5UZ reminded the group of SEDCO (now W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention) in Pidgeon Forge, TN September 25th and 26th. Field day is next week. Be safe but have fun. Everyone was reminded that the next meeting is September 19 at the spillway. K5UZ made the motion to adjourn. K5ALQ seconded and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:00PM

Words of Wisdom From the President Frank Fahrlander—N7FF

Hi all,

I'm celebrating Thanksgiving Day early by reflecting on some things for which I am truly grateful. The first on my mind is this hobby itself and the many aspects of it that have enriched my life. While technology has provided easier forms of communication, there is still the thrill of sending out your own radio signal from your own antenna and speaking with folks with similar interests all over the world. As DXers, we have all had the "ah ha" moments of getting a new one in the log or reaching out to meet another friend a long ways away. I am grateful too for ADXA and the many members who are willing to help others and aid in club functions such as meeting and meal preparation , QSL checking, educational and entertaining programs and education. We all benefit from an active membership.

This year I'll be coming up in 2 years as your president and while I could do it again I think it is healthy and wise to ask others to serve. Please consider the opportunity to help the club in a leadership role.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting. I'm bringing two guests that have started to show an interest in DX. Please give them your encouragement.

73,

Frank

Congratulations to Dave and Libby



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

ADXA in Five Years— Dynamic or Dead?

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ADXA in Five Years – Dynamic or Dead?

Editorial by Joel Harrison,
W5ZN

DX'ing is the single most exciting aspect of amateur radio and has been since its beginning. The desire of experimenters at the beginning of the 20th century to communicate beyond local distances was the catalyst in the early expansion of amateur radio.

When the pursuit for recognition of personal & station achievement by means of accrediting distant contacts was formally proposed in QST in 1935 by Clinton B. Desoto, the DXCC program was birthed and became THE standard by which that achievement is acknowledged.

The DXCC program, without question, continues to be the driving force behind the expansion of personal education of radio amateurs in the radio art. The personal desire to learn world geography, propagation characteristics, antenna design and expert operating techniques has promoted the mentoring of literally hundreds of thousands of radio amateurs in their pursuit of

DXCC recognition.

Even today, after a multitude of changes in technology and consumer use of personal devices that make distant communication common place, the DXCC program remains the most popular program in amateur radio and supports a thriving amateur radio industry.

How does the ADXA continue to thrive in today's society and amateur radio climate? When my involvement in the ADXA began in the early 70's I was a teenager in high school bored with English but consumed with amateur radio. ADXA was a thriving organization that provided not only a challenge to improve my station but mentoring to help me do so. You may suggest this was a peak growth time in amateur radio when distant consumer communication was nonexistent and therefore amateur radio had an added appeal. There is some truth to this however the thrill of personal achievement has never declined, is alive today and so is another growth peak in amateur radio. New and old radio amateurs have a burning desire to learn the

many aspects of the radio art.

This became quite clear last year in the early stages of the W1AW/x portable operation. I usually monitor, but don't pay much attention to, our local repeater. One day I overheard a group of local new hams discussing dipole antennas, the formula for selecting the correct length, tuning it to be resonant, how to position it in order to direct the major lobes to a target area. Their conversation caught my interest and the discussion continued for a few days. Each day they returned with a report on what the following day's work achieved. I learned their source of information was the ARRL Antenna Book and their discussion based on what they had learned the previous day. What also surprised me greatly was the driving force behind their effort.....a challenge to each other to work each of the W1AW/x stations on at least one band! This provided more gratification to me in listening to the enthusiasm of these new hams interested in more than just an across town HT contact

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than it provided for them. My gratification soon turned to dismay when I realized there were new hams in my own local radio club with a burning desire to learn “real” amateur radio techniques, those of special importance to me, and I was doing absolutely nothing to mentor these fellow radio amateurs. SHAME ON ME!!!!

The only comfort I had, sadly, is the fact we see this all too often in amateur radio today and I keep asking myself why? Where would we all be in our amateur radio pursuit if that one Elmer, that one person that mentored you and me would have looked at us and concluded we’re not worth their time? And just to be clear I’m not suggesting we “spoon feed” our fellow radio amateurs, new or old, but provide them with advice, guidance and a challenge so they can take their amateur radio experience to the next level!

I have been very fortunate to have the privilege and opportunity to travel around the country and a number of places in the world representing amateur radio. One glaring fact I continue to see

are standing room only forums that provide practical technical information for radio amateurs. Hams want to learn! I have had the privilege for the past five years to be selected as a “Professor” at Contest University just prior to the Dayton Hamvention. Each year over 250 radio amateurs arrive early in Dayton to attend a full day of seminars on antennas, radio propagation and operating techniques. Each year over 80% of the attendees are “first time” students. An even greater percentage do not identify themselves as “contesters” but rather are there to learn from accomplished radio amateurs the technical aspects that have made each Professor successful so they can implement what they learn into their own station.

What makes all of this come together is the local club and providing a mentorship that is not only sorely needed today but is greatly desired by both new and old radio amateurs seeking to take their station and their achievement to the next level.

So, here is my challenge to

the ADXA – we are not just the premier DX club in Arkansas we are THE DX club in Arkansas! We have a long, rich history and our reputation is solid. We have among our ranks some of the most successful DX’ers in the history of the DXCC program and amateur radio. Let’s take advantage of the opportunity we have today to mentor and mature a new group of DX’ers that are here in Arkansas, sitting there literally begging for a challenge and a desire for personal achievement with their own station.

Let’s be dynamic, otherwise in five years ADXA will be DEAD !

73 Joel W5ZN

Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—September 19, 2015

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

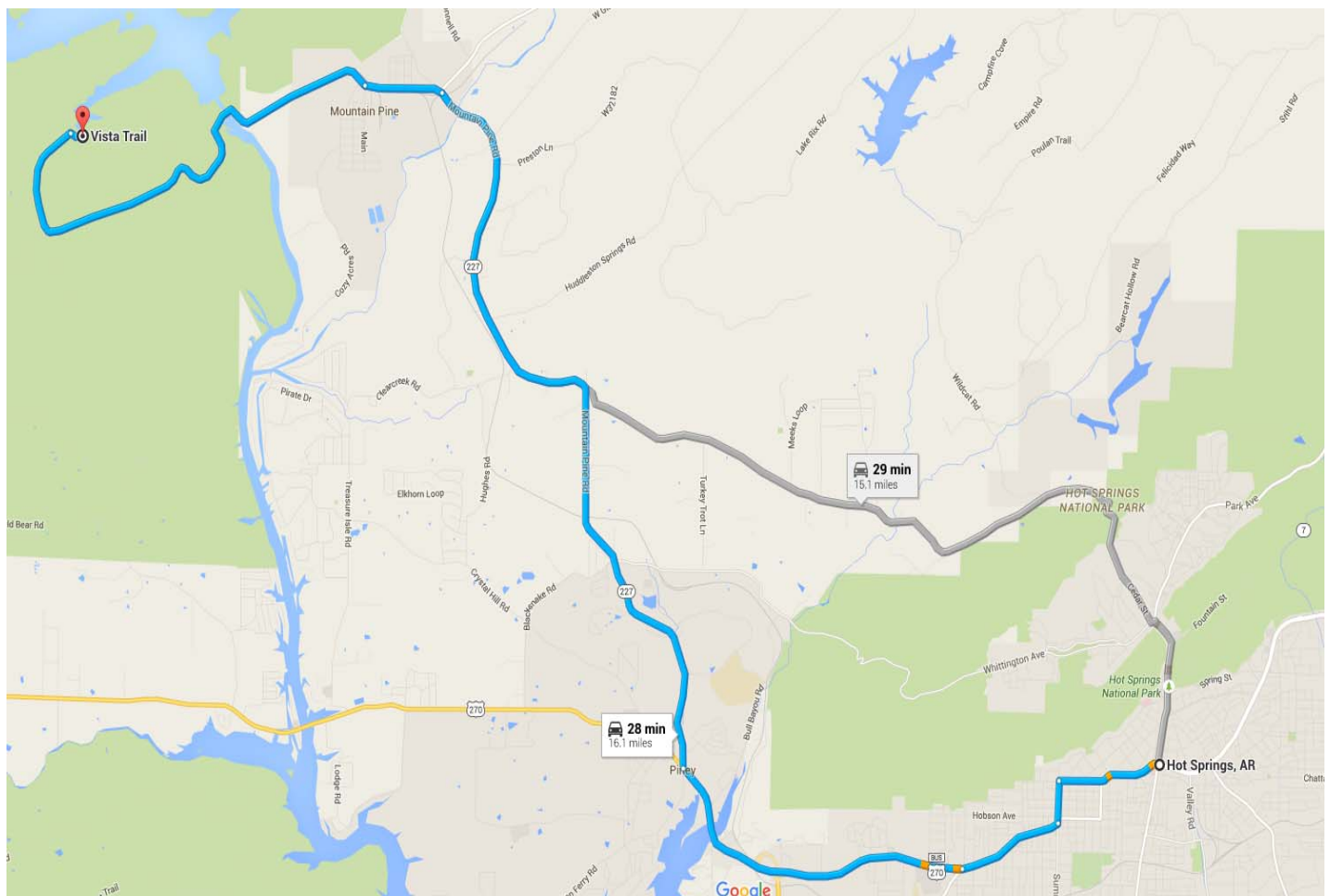
GPS Coordinates:

34° 34' 12.80" N

93° 12' 52.33" W

[Google map link](#)

**The Vista Trail is very close to the Spillway Pavilion
(google wouldn't let me move the destination)**



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

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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