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ADXA MEETING MINUTES

The 2005
2nd quar-
ter meeting of
the ADXA was held

on 18 June 2005 in Russellville.

Those that signed the sign-in sheet included the following members: Earl Smith, N5ZM, Bill Harper, K9IW, Pat Patterson, W5VY, Ollie Gade, W5G0, Jimmy Ballew, N5ZIV, Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ, Paul Wynne, AF5M, Myrtle Wynne, N500I. The following guests also signed in: Patty Patterson and Melissa Schaefer, N5HX.

There was no Executive Board meeting,

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM by President Earl Smith, N5ZM.

Health and Welfare:

N5ZM announced that Lester Woosley, W5EIJ, was SK.

K50VC shared in July 2005 that Frank Kollatt, SR., W5EFA was SK.

Old Business:

Earl asked that the minutes from the previous meeting be read. A motion from W5G0 was made requesting that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. K5DV seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A motion was made to approve Treasurer's report. After the report was given, the motion was seconded and passed.

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Fourth Quarter meeting will be December 3rd in Little Rock. N5ZM and AF5M will find right place.

W1AW/5 will need SSB operators on 20/40 meters. Contact K5UZ now at arrl.org.

New Business:

KB7UB, R. Dale Piedfort, sponsored by N5ZM was voted on and approved unanimously.

KURE expedition-2005 Cordell expedition in top 10 worldwide. A motion from W5VY seconded by W5G0 was made to support this with a

█████ donation.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 1:50.

N5RN COMMENT—My thanks to AF5M for taking the minutes as I was unable to attend.

Return to the South Pacific

Rick Harris, AI5P

In April I returned to the South Pacific on my second trip to the region. I visited some previous locations and operated at some new islands as well. The main purpose of the trip was not, as you will find out, to visit the islands but something quite unusual.

The first stop was Rarotonga, South Cook Islands. My license as ZK1APX was still valid and I enjoyed operating there again. I again took an Icom 706 - this time a new MKIIG version with a CW filter installed. My antennas were a 17 meter double bazooka and a 40-10 meter Carolina windom. I operated from 4-12 April making 2058 contacts on 40 thru 10 meters. CW contacts were 85% of the total with the best band being 17 meters with 819 contacts. I was surprised to see I made a lot more contacts than my first visit in 2004 (1480 total contacts). I guess this trip I didn't do as

much sightseeing!

The highlight (so to speak!) of the trip was the cross-island hike. Normally it takes 3-4 hours depending on the speed of the group. About half way across the skies opened up and we were caught in a terrific rainstorm (thank goodness no lightning!) for quite some time. This turned the narrow trails into muddy soup and the streams into flash flood mode. Remember this is across a mountainous island so this was no picnic hike!

Completed the hike in about 5 hours completely soaked - some experience!

I then moved on to New Zealand where I spent a couple of days in Wellington before proceeding to the Chatham Islands. Flying there on a 30 year old Air Chathams Convair 580 (two engine prop) was an exciting start to my DXpedition to ZL7. I stayed at the Chatham Lodge - operated by two very nice people, John and Denise Sutherland. Many DXpeditions have operated here so they are very familiar with the oddball requests by hams. John offered me a 28 foot mast that had been built for previous operators but never used. Securing it with ropes in front of the lodge, I used it for

a center support for inverted V's. I made an adjustable dipole with some wire I had bought in the Cook Islands for 40/30/20 meters and continued to use the 17 meter double bazooka. I didn't operate any other bands as there was no where to get the Carolina window up high enough to be effective.

There's not much to see or do in the Chathams for tourists. The land is used for cattle and sheep and almost all fenced. Two of the islands are populated with a total of about 750.

The islands were named by the first European to arrive - Lieutenant William Boughton of HMS Chatham in 1791. The islands form one of New Zealand's smallest counties, both in area and population. The International Date Line lies east of the islands, even though the islands lie east of 180 degrees of longitude. As a result, the Chathams are the first inhabited land in the world to greet sunrise each day.

The Lodge must be located on one of those lucky spots in the world where radio signals naturally appear! There is very little noise (it's actually a farm) and I could work just about anything I could hear. I operated from 15-25 April making 4283 contacts with 87% on CW. My best band was 30 meters with

1535 contacts.

The Chathams are 45 minutes ahead of New Zealand time. Very confusing to watch the Six p.m. news from Auckland at 6:45 p.m.! And I never ate so well on any of my trips...

Denise is a superb cook!

Heading back to New Zealand, radio operations ceased for about a month. Some of you might wonder where I went. Actually, the primary purpose of the trip was to join a tour group from New Zealand going to Iran. My old friend Harry McQuillan, ZL2SQ ex EP2BQ, has been running tours to Iran for the past several years and had been trying to get me to go. Last year in New Zealand he finally convinced me to "join up" on the tour.

I lived in Tehran, Iran, from 1969 to 1971 (EP2DX) and I had always wanted to go back. A three week bus trip in Iran was quite an experience and it was a wonderful trip.

Returning to New Zealand for a couple of days, I then departed for the Kingdom of Tonga. I was fortunate to meet Elizabeth, VE7YL, and Gwen, VK3DYL, there as we were staying at the same place. They were operating as A35YL. They

moved on to another Tongan island the same day as I got my license so, fortunately, we didn't QRM each other. The lodge was nice but not really a good radio location. Operating as A35PX from 30 May to 7 June, I worked hard to get 1211 contacts (97% on CW). The best band was 17 meters (534 contacts). Unfortunately, radio conditions weren't the best during my stay.

Tonga is a constitutional monarchy and is spread out over 700,000 square kilometers into four major island groups. I was located on the main island of Tongatapu near the capital town of Nuku'alofa. I was able to take advantage of the sightseeing to see many of the historical sights and natural beauty of the island.

The last radio stop was Samoa (Not Western Samoa as it was officially known before 1997). I had a great radio location at the Samoan Village Resort. It was about an hour's drive from the capital town of Apia so I didn't get to take any sightseeing tours. Samoa has a very interesting history. Awarded to Germany in 1899, the islands were seized by New Zealand at the beginning of World War I in 1914 and remained associated with New Zealand until 1962, when the islands became the first Polynesian nation to reestablish independence in the 20th century.

Operating as 5W0HR (as in Harris, Richard) from June 8-14, I made 1823 contacts with 95% being on CW. The best band again was 17 meters with 957 contacts. Here I only operated 30/20/17 meters as, for some reason, the 40 meter antenna wouldn't cooperate with me. The last four days radio conditions turned sour and the propagation just wasn't there. Too bad as that was a great location!

I finally returned home on July 6th after 104 days on the road! In hindsight, it was probably too much to fit in - but there were a lot of adventures, I can tell you!

QSL cards have been designed and look exceptional. Many ADXA contacts were made on many of the bands. Thanks for sharing the adventure!

Announcement



It has been confirmed that ADXA member Jimmy Ballew (N5ZIV) and his wife are expecting a little bundle of joy in the near future. Jimmy claims no knowledge as to the gender of the upcoming event. Congratulations Jimmy!

The logo for ADXA, featuring the letters 'ADXA' in a bold, red, sans-serif font. The letter 'D' is stylized with a white square cutout in the center. The logo is set against a light gray background with a subtle shadow effect.

Words of Wisdom from the President

Earl Smith, N5ZM

Also Head honcho in charge of the Samples Kontest Klub



Well here it is time for the 3RD Quarter ADXA Meeting. It does creep up on you fast. I hope everyone has been able to work the ones they needed.

Please invite someone that has an interest in Dxing or contesting to one of our meetings. We would enjoy meeting them.

As I struggle to write this note just a week after Katrina's devastating blow to the Gulf Coast, there are those who are still without the basic necessities. As is always the case, Amateur Radio is at the forefront of relief operations. From reporting the conditions as the storm came ashore to helping relief agencies setup to even providing information for rescues. Although, due to the widespread damage and the sheer numbers of people displaced, Health and Welfare traffic had to take a backseat to all the Emergency and Priority traffic. As each of us help were we can keep all those affected in your thoughts and prayers.

As far as what has been going on here radio wise I have been able to work 18 counties and now have 6 confirmed on 6 Meters. Including 5T5SN on CW. I have been on 6 Meters about 3 months now and have enjoyed the 'Magic Band'. With winter coming on and my pending retirement I guess it's time to

start looking into the 80 and 160 Meter bands.

I hope to see everyone for the 3rd Quarter meeting at Hot Springs on the 17th. Hope all of you can make it and partake of the gourmet meal. The usual fare of course.

Earl N5ZM..

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

These are the dates for future ADXA meetings. Please note the **years** as well as the date!

- ◇ September—3rd Saturday (17 September **2005**) - Location: Hot Springs - Blakely Dam area—Avery Pavilion
- ◇ Dec—1st Saturday (3 December **2005**) - Location: Little Rock





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