



ADXA Minutes



The first quarter meeting of the ADXA was the at the Russellville hamfest on March 3, 2018. Those that signed the sign in sheet include: Glenn Wolf—N5RN, Earl Smith—N5ZM, Joel Harrison-W5ZN, Roger Gray-N5QS, Burt Bates-WA5RN, Frank Kollatt, Jr—W5BPT, Bruce Plantz-K9OZ, Ron Evans-K5XK, Don Banta-K5DB, Dave Norris-K5UZ, Glenn Holmes-N5KLE, Kathy Bromley-W5QT, Jay Bromley—W5JAY, J Ferguson-N5LKE, Shane Driskill-KG5SRO, Dennis Schaefer-W5RZ, J Setcer-N5QJ, Ken Blevins-K5ALQ, and Jim Roughley-K5JUC. Guests included Madge Kollatt-W5EFA.

President W5ZN called the business meeting to order. A motion was made by K5UZ to dispense with the reading of the meeting minutes and accept them as printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by W5BPT and carried. N5RN gave the Treasurer's report.

N5ZM made a motion to approve. K5UZ seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

The executive board made a recommendation to support the 3B7C DXpedition. The membership approved the proposed donation.

Changes to the Articles of Association were discussed. To be a Lifetime Honorary member you must meet the age requirement (75 years old) and have been an ADXA member for at least 15 years. Lifetime Honorary members will be given voting privileges and full membership privileges. Honorary membership will not require annual renewal.

Other Business

Fifty-one attendees at the December meeting. It

was well received by many. W5ZN is already working on the 2018 Annual meeting.

Dues can be prorated at the rate \$6/quarter for new members.

Bouvet—no updates. W5ZN is sure they are disappointed. There is "no glamour in failure".

2018 Meeting dates:

June 16—Bill Priakos—possibly in Fort Smith

September 15—in central Arkansas.

December 1—in central Arkansas.

N5ZM motioned that we adjourn the meeting. K5UZ seconded and the business meeting adjourned at 1:39 PM.

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Items of Interest

[ADXA Quarterly Meeting](#) — June 16, 2018—Western Sizzlin Steak House, 5200 Towson Avenue, Fort Smith.

From the President Joel Harrison—W5ZN

Once a quarter it falls upon me, as ADXA President, to pen a few words of something....wisdom, vision, insight or just plain BS! Each quarter I struggle with exactly what to say and to come up with something that will appear inspirational. What happens is I drag it out to the last minute and put Glenn in a bind to get the newsletter out in a timely manner. MY FAULT, not his!

This month is no different. I'm sitting here after a few feverish days making some final preparations for the ARRL June VHF Contest, the big one in the VHF world. So after trying to cram 100 lbs of radio time into a 10 lb bag of available time over the past couple of months with a presentation at the Visalia DX Convention, three presentations at Dayton, an invited paper for NCJ and a paper and presentation for the upcoming Central States VHF Society Conference I really am at a loss for words.

Some of you (most of you) most likely find that to be the BS part of my "Words" this month!

So, it is summer time and as I have stated on numerous occasions we tend to focus on other activities. This summer is no different as a number of you have already advised you have a conflict and will not be able to attend the June 16 meeting.

My basic message, regardless of the time of the year, is still the same:
Get on the air and work some DX; Attend a conference or seminar and learn something new about amateur radio, antennas or propagation; upgrade or maintain your station.

AND....not to be forgotten we have the KH1 DXpedition coming up in two weeks and you need this one so get ready.

At our March meeting there was overwhelming support to host another annual conference similar to last year. We will discuss this again at this meeting and if the enthusiasm remains we will proceed with plans. I already have a top notch honored guest ready to attend if so and I will announce who that is at our meeting.

I look forward to seeing those who can attend in Fort Smith.

73 Joel W5ZN

Caribbean Adventure—2018

Rick Harris—AI5P

This trip was an experience - not only in the length of time away from home, but the amount of time in dealing with the logistics of such a trip and the fact that it had to be completely cancelled the first time it was planned. That was in 2017, but Hurricane *Irma* did away with that plan. Back to the drawing board for 2018. Finally, all the pieces began to come together (and there were many) for the trip. It involved operating from four islands: St. Eustatius, St. Barthelemy, Saba, and Sint Maarten. Three of the islands I would be on a solo trip; for St. Barthelemy I would be joined by my friends Barry, N0KV; Jim, WD0E; and Greg, W0ZA.

Part One: St. Eustatius

To get to each of the islands, it was planned to stage out of Sint Maarten. As many of you may recall, Hurricane *Irma* did major damage to the island to include the airport. Even today, the airport main building isn't expected to return to service for perhaps another 18 months. After overnighing in Miami and Sint Maarten, I finally arrived in St. Eustatius after the short flight of 15 minutes or so.

I had arranged to rent one-half of a duplex outside the only town of Oranjestad. Interestingly, I found out it was also the site of the Polish group who activated the island in March. It was excellent for my purposes of operating.

St. Eustatius, often called Statia, is a tiny Dutch island about 5 miles long and 2.5 miles wide. It has a population of about 4,000. The island is saddle-shaped, with the 602 meter-high dormant volcano *The Quill* to the southeast and the smaller mountains to the northwest. It became a special municipality within the Netherlands in 2010.

The island has a very interesting history and an unique association with the United States. It was first colonized by the French and English in 1625 and taken over by the Dutch in 1632. Early settlers cultivated tobacco, cotton and sugar cane. From the 17th through the early 19th century, the island changed hands twenty-two times!

Statia's heyday was in the late 18th century. It became the world's busiest seaport between Europe and the American colonies when the Dutch made it a tax-free haven.

It was the major port of transshipment of goods and trade in contraband. The economy flourished and the island became known as "The Golden Rock." By the 1790s, over 3,000 ships landed yearly and the population soared to around 30,000.

The island sold arms and ammunition to anyone willing to pay. It was one of the few places from which the young United States could obtain military stores. On November 16, 1776, the 14-gun American brig *Andrew Doria* arrived. Flying the Continental Colors of the fledgling United States, the ship signaled Fort Oranje with a salute and received a salute in return. This was the first international recognition of American independence.

In 1796, the French occupied the island and instituted heavy taxes which drove the merchants away. This was the beginning of the end of the great prosperity. The Dutch retained the island in 1816 and it has remained so ever since.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt visited the island in 1939 to recognize the importance of the 1776 "First Salute." He presented a plaque honoring the event which is displayed at Fort Oranje. Today the airport is named the "F.D. Roosevelt Airport."

Today's visitors are interested in seeing the historical sites, world-class diving locations, kayaking, bird watching, hiking and snorkeling. Most are divers seeking to visit the dazzling reefs, teeming marine life and rusting wrecks. Off-shore, the St. Eustatius National Marine Park welcomes divers from around the world.

My operations included the K-3 with just dipoles for 30, 20, and 17 meters. A total of 1408 contacts were made. Ninety percent of the contacts were on CW with 20 meters being the workhorse with fifty-three percent of the contacts. Interesting contacts were made with SV8CS, TZ4AM, FY5KE, EU1KY, VK6WX, IH7DX, J88HF/mm, 5T2AI, HC4L, V31DL, YL3IZ/mm, E72A, 4X6GP, 4L8A and VP9NJ.

Next - Back to Sint Maarten and over to St. Barthelemy.



Arriving at the F.D. Roosevelt Airport



Fort Oranje



The very imposing The Quill



17th century Cotton Gin (now hotel)



Fort de Windt with St. Kitts in the distance to the south



Beautiful views of Statia

Agenda for 2nd Quarter ADXA meeting

Saturday, June 16th, from 11:00 to 2:00 PM

Western Sizzlin' Steak House
5200 Towson Avenue
Fort Smith, AR

11:00 - 12:00 Socialize, DX lies, lunch, etc.

12:00 - ADXA Business Meeting

12:30 - 1:15 LIGHTNING!!! - Stan K5VR (Tontitown) presents
experiences/prevention

1:15 - 2:00 PM - Joda, KM5FY (Bella Vista) program on his years
as 9K2/KM5FY (Kuwait)

2:00-4:00 Open House at W5SJ

We will review/discuss plans for our annual meeting/seminar
on December 1, 2018.

Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—June 16 , 2018

Western Sizzlin Steak House

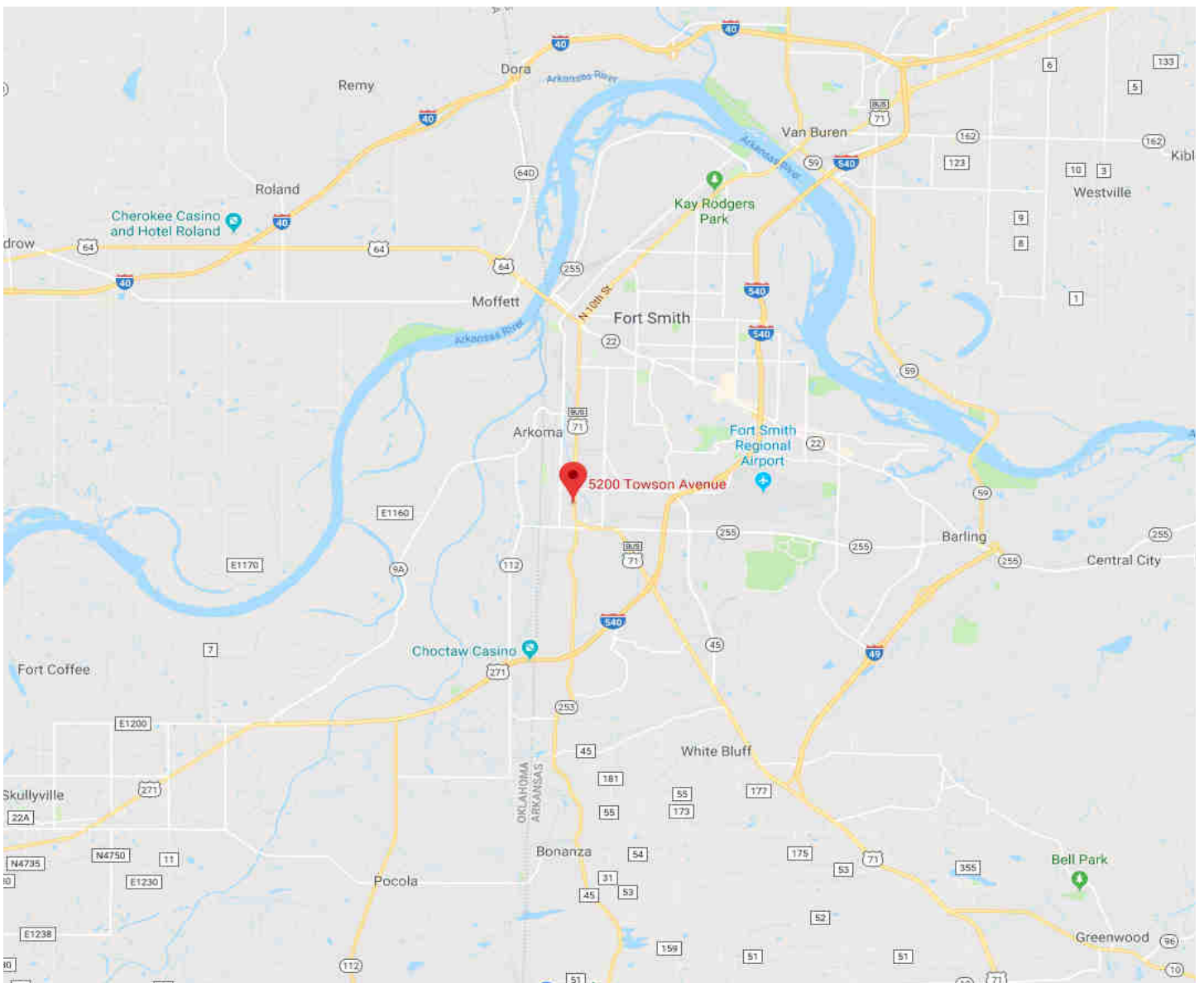
5200 Towson Avenue

Fort Smith, AR

ADXA business meeting starts at 12:00 pm

GPS: -94.493351, 35.3341986

[Google map link](#)



ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

BUSINESS NAME

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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
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