



# ADXA Quarterly

## ADXA Minutes



The second quarter meeting of the ADXA was at Western Sizzlin in Fort Smith, Arkansas on June 16, 2018. Those ADXA members that signed the sign in sheet include: Glenn Wolf—N5RN, Shane Driskill—KG5SRO, Bill Priakos—W5SJ, Jay Bromley—W5JAY, Charles Floyd—W5JE, Paul Dixon—KK5II, Bill Kennamer—K5FUV, Bruce Plantz—K90Z, Roger Gray—N5QS, Dawn Gray—N5QT, Joel Harrison—W5ZN, J Ferguson—N5LKE, Burt Bates—WA5RN, Dennis Schaefer—W5RZ, Ron Evans—K5XK, Jim Roughley—K5JUC, and Ken Blevins, K5ALQ. Guests included: Joe Salsman—KE6CX, Mark Whatley—K5XH, Chuck Korz—KM5G, Joda Taylor—KM5FY, Mary Ann Taylor, Stan Ross—K5VR.

President W5ZN called the business meeting to order about 12:00 Noon. W5SJ was introduced and welcomed everyone to Fort Smith. He invited everyone

to come to his shack after the meeting. W5ZN asked everyone to introduce themselves to the group. A motion was made by N5LKE to dispense with the reading of the meeting minutes and accept them as printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by N5QS and the motion carried. N5RN gave the Treasurer's report. N5QS made a motion to approve. K5FUV seconded and the motion carried.

### Old Business

There was no old business to discuss. W5ZN indicated that the Bouvet DXpedition is working on plans to reimburse those that contributed to their effort.

### New Business

W5ZN began discussions about the December 2018 meeting. Joel announced that Frank, W3LPL, will be our guest speaker and that there will be a hospitality suite available the

Friday night before the Annual meeting on December 1. W5SJ mentioned the possibility of Austral islands being activated on or around August 19 with FT8 in the mix.

### Other Business

A motioned that we adjourn the meeting was made and seconded and the business meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Follow up presentations were given. The first one by K5VR on Lightning. The second by Joda, KM5FY (Bella Vista) program on his years as 9K2/KM5FY (Kuwait). Both were very interesting and informative.

### Card Checking

If you have cards that you would like to have checked, please contact Earl N5ZM and let him know. You should plan on arriving early around 11:00.

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#### Items of Interest

[ADXA Quarterly Meeting](#) — September 15, 2018—at US Pizza, 4001 McCain Park Dr., North Little Rock, AR.

## From the President Joel Harrison—W5ZN

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A couple of weeks ago I noted, in a post on our ADXA reflector, how I tend to slip into a summertime mode and my on the air activity takes a back seat. That seems to be the case with most of us as traffic on our reflector has been minimal the past few months.

The older I get I tend to choose not do too many outside activities in the heat, especially with the temperatures and heat indexes we have experienced this summer and many in the past. That's just a way of life here in the south however it doesn't mean we should shun radio in the summer all together. Summertime is a great time to plan improvements to your station or required maintenance. I watch very little TV, if any, and spend a good bit of time on airplanes and in hotels through the week so that affords me an opportunity to read and plan what is next at W5ZN and to catch up on what other top gun ops are planning at their stations. Last year's project at W5ZN was the layout and construction of a new 160 meter transmit array that was completed last fall. This summer my project planning included removal of a Rohn 25 tower to be replaced with Rohn 45 in order to allow some additional (and larger) antenna support. During that planning phase while reviewing some modeling data on my existing antenna layout a complete rearrangement of antenna locations popped in my head. That has preoccupied my thoughts over the past few weeks. The planning is now complete so the next step was to call local ADXA member Roger, N5QS last week and discuss his and N5QT, KB5RFF and others assistance with the implementation schedule.

When I get an amateur radio project in my head that is all I can think about until it is complete, then I begin thinking of how to tweak its performance. Kim tells me I have one of those conditions a phycologist came up with to describe what they define as abnormal behavior. I simply call it "PASSION"! A strong and barely controllable emotion that is more than just enthusiasm or excitement. Passion is ambition that is materialized into action. That's how I feel about amateur radio and I don't need a politically correct phycologist to make that assessment.

Do you share that passion?

So, let's assume your station and antennas are all ready to go. GREAT!!!

What is your operating goal for the upcoming fall/winter season? We will have four major DX contests in the next few months, two on CW and two on phone with the CQWW and ARRL DX contests. You can pooch up your DXCC totals in these contests and an added bo-

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nus is just about every DX station that enters these contests upload their log to LoTW so your QSL is more efficient than pressing a Staples Easy Button! Oh yea, don't forget digital modes. These contacts count toward your Mixed DXCC (as well as your RTTY/Digital DXCC). As I write this I see Glenn N5RN on 17 meters FT8 knocking off some DX!

We have a couple of really great meetings forthcoming. Our 3rd Quarter Meeting September 15 in North Little Rock will feature a presentation on the recent TX5T Austral Island DXPedition by team member and ADXA member Bill Priakos, W5SJ. During the business meeting the ADXA Executive Committee will submit a motion for membership consideration recommending we contribute to this operation.

At our annual meeting December 1 we will have Frank Donovan, W3LPL with us. Frank will present two technical sessions, one on antennas and one on propagation to maximize your goals during low sunspot activity. Nationally renowned ADXA member Bill Kenamer, K5FUV, and others will also present. A full agenda and details will be forthcoming very soon on our reflector and web site. Registration will be set up the same as last year on our website.

During our annual business meeting in December I would like for us to consider meeting locations for 2019. Start thinking about that. Over the past two to three years we have started the year with our 1st Quarterly Meeting at the Russellville hamfest in March. This is close to a "half way point" for our central Arkansas and northwest Arkansas members. The 2nd Quarterly Meeting has been in the northwest Arkansas area with the 3rd Quarterly Meeting and Annual Meeting in the Little Rock area. Now that our membership has expanded and we have several northwest Arkansas members active in ADXA we may want to consider changing this up a bit and possibly hosting the 2019 annual meeting in northwest Arkansas. I have no position either way, just throwing this out for consideration as we need to recognize our membership all over Arkansas and be as fair and convenient as possible to everyone with the selection of a meeting location. The objective is to permit maximum attendance and dissemination of technical and operational information to our members.

Get on the air and work DX. Get to the next two meetings!!!!!!

73 Joel W5ZN

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# Caribbean Adventure—2018

## Part Two

Rick Harris—AI5P

Departing Statia, I flew back to Sint Maarten. While awaiting my friends from Denver, I took the opportunity to do a little sight-seeing. I had previously visited the island back in 1993. As I mentioned earlier, we had planned to visit in October of 2017 but the arrival of Hurricane Irma changed all our plans. Irma hit Sint Maarten/Saint Martin on September 6, 2017, with devastating results before heading northwest to salvage other islands - especially Anguilla and Barbua, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. One estimate for the damage to the island was \$ 3 billion with Irma's overall damage assessment at \$ 100 billion.

Much of the island was showing recovery but there were still many sights of damaged buildings, sunken or abandoned yachts, and shredded palm trees.

With the arrival of the rest of the team on April 18th, we departed on the 45 minute ferry ride to Saint Barthelemy on April 19th. Going against the wind, this made the ride not too comfortable and I was glad to arrive at the harbor of Gustavia.

Arranging all the lodging, car rental, and ferry rides was my responsibility. Let's just say having to do it once, let alone twice, was a chore. As you might have heard, St. Barths is a very expensive place. Sharing the cost made it at least possible - but still expensive! That's why I had never visited before - I simply couldn't afford it. It is truly the playground of the rich and famous with its luxury yachts, designer boutiques, and million-dollar villas dotting the hillsides.

Our arrival was met with representatives of the car rental company and the villa management. We were soon off to Villa Lin and setting up for the FJ operation.

I was using my K-3 while the others had brought more K-3s with two amps, a variety of antennas, and satellite gear. The final antenna arrangement had a 20m VDA, 30m vertical, 40m vertical and the SteppIR vertical. Although we were

met with horrendous K and A index numbers on a couple of days, a total of over 11,000 contacts were made. This included around 2,100 FT-8 contacts and over 100 satellite contacts. Using my FJ/AI5P callsign, I had around 2,600 contacts with 79% on CW. The other three operators used FJ/N0KV as their callsign.

I did take the opportunity to travel around the island. It's only 9.7 square miles and with good roads but far more cars than I would have imagined. First occupied by France in 1648, it was sold to Sweden in 1784. It is the only Caribbean island which was a Swedish colony for a significant length of time. Following a referendum, Sweden gave back the island to France in 1878. Its capital, Gustavia, named in tribute to Swedish King Gustav III, encircles a yacht-filled harbor. It is famous for its 14 pristine, white beaches. The height of tourism is New Year's Eve, with celebrities and the wealthy converging on the island.

One of the more exciting things to do is to watch planes land at the airport! Check it out on You Tube. Their approach is right over a road on the top of a hill and then they have to dip down quickly to the runway. If they can't stop—right into the beach and the ocean.

You also get a financial reality check when shopping for groceries. We did go out for lunch once in Gustavia. Beautiful place right on the beach. The food was outstanding! Four fish entrees, 2 beers, 2 bottles of water, 1 fruit drink...Only \$253 ! We managed to eat the rest of the time at "home."

After our eight day stay, we departed on the ferry back to Sint Maarten. With the wind at our backs, the ride was certainly more pleasant. The fellows departed that afternoon back to Denver while I overnighted awaiting my flight to the next stop - Saba.





One of the beached and demasted yachts at Sint Maarten



One of the amazing home sites on St. Barths



Gustavia harbor



Villa with antenna field





Sunset



St. Barths airport final approach





One of St Barth's pristine beaches

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## **Agenda for 3rd Quarter ADXA meeting**

Saturday, September 15th, 2018 from 11:00 to 2:00 PM

US Pizza  
4001 McCain Park Dr.  
North Little Rock, AR.

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

12:00 - ADXA Business Meeting

12:30 - ? The TX5T DXpedition  
W5SJ—Bill Priakos

# Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—September 15 , 2018

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**US Pizza**

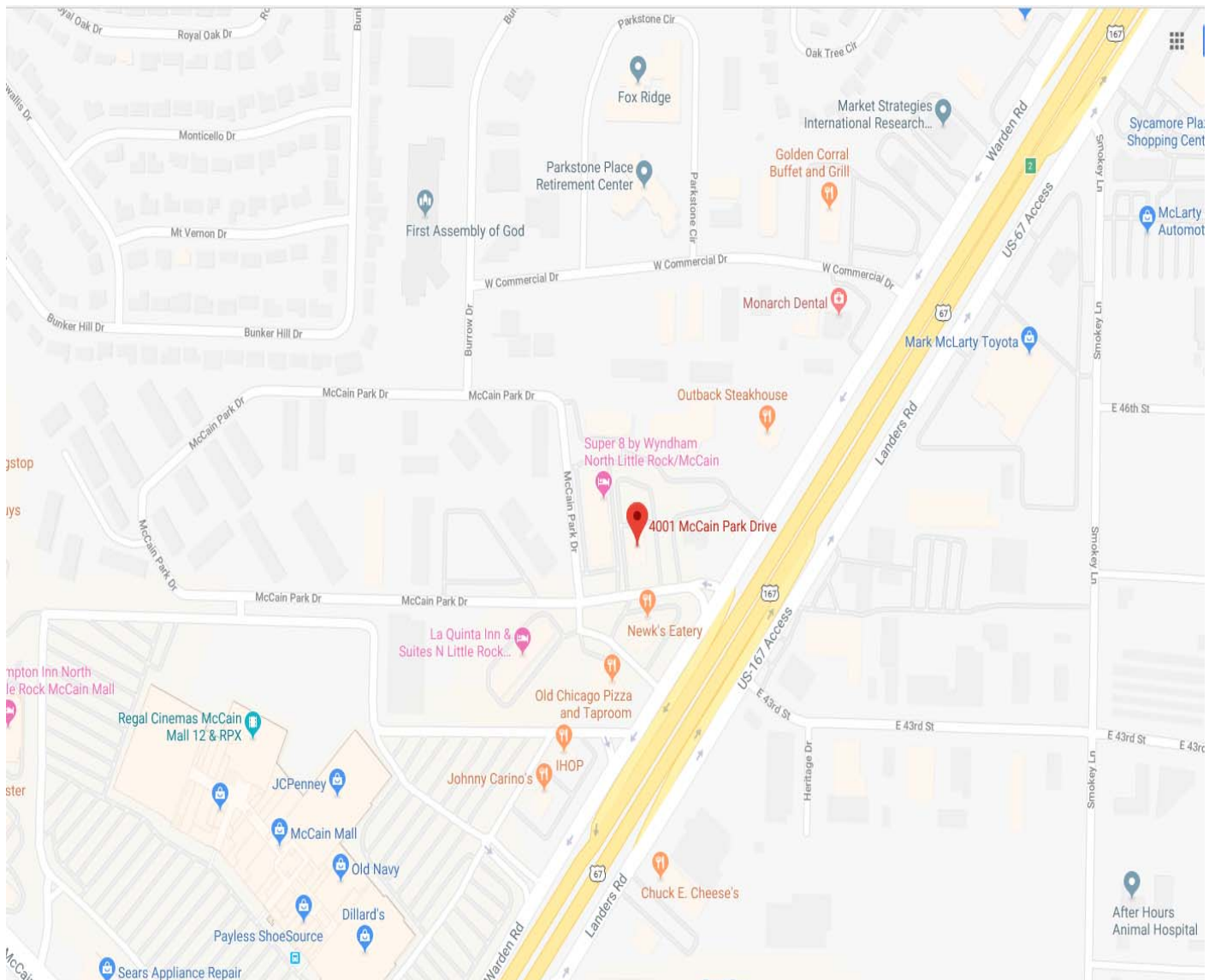
**4001 McCain Park Dr**

**North Little Rock, AR**

**ADXA business meeting starts at 12:00 pm**

**GPS: 34.7952601, -92.224797**

**[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**

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