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# ADXA Quarterly

## ADXA Minutes



The third quarter meeting of the ADXA was at US Pizza in Fort Smith, Arkansas on September 15, 2018. Those ADXA members that signed the sign in sheet include: Glenn Wolf—N5RN, Earl Smith—N5ZM, Shane Driskill—KG5SRO, Frank Kollatt, Jr—W5BPT, Jay Bromley—W5JAY, Kathy Bromley—WQ5T, Bruce Plantz—K9OZ, Jim Roughley, K5JUC, Lee Parker, K5PQ, Burt Bates—WA5RN, Roger Gray—N5QS, Dawn Gray—N5QT, J Ferguson—N5LKE, Kenneth Thompson—KG5KS, David Norris—K5UZ, Ken Blevins—K5ALQ, Bill Priakos—W5SJ, Robert Love—KE5FMT, Joel Harrison—W5ZN, Pat Patterson—W5VY, Dennis Schaefer—W5RZ, and Jonathan Setcer—N5QJ. Guests included John Evans—WB5BHS, Madge Kollatt—W5EFA, Dianna Thomson, Tiffany Thompson—KD5PVY, Alejandro Rios-Jimenes, Izabella Rios-Thompson, Gbrianna Rios-Thompson, Sebastian Rios-Thompson, and Andy Schafer—AA5DL.

President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, called the business meeting to order about 12:10 PM.

N5ZM made a motion that the minutes for the previous meeting be accepted as printed in the newsletter. Motion was seconded and passed by those attending. N5RN gave treasurer's report. W5PBT made a motion to accept the report. Motion was

seconded and the report was accepted.

Joel mentioned that ARRL CEO will be retiring and a new person will be selected. Reminded everyone of the importance of ARRL and being a member. ADXA is a 100% ARRL membership club.

N5LKE will be running for a second term as Arkansas Section Manager. Queen Willamaena hamfest will be celebrating 50 years this year.

### Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

### New Other Business

Joel shared that the E-Board suggested a donation to help with the TX5T DXpedition. K5UZ made a motion to support the TX5T DXpedition, it was seconded and the motion carried.

N5RN made a motion that N5ZM be considered as an Honorary Life Member (HLM) having met the requirements of both age and club membership. W5SJ seconded and Earl will be recognized as an HLM.

Joel will post the adopted changes to the Articles of Association on the ADXA website.

K4UEE will be recognized as an honorary member.

Joel announced some of the plans for the 51st Annual Convention. W3LPL will be attending the convention. K5FUV will have a presentation. New this year is a hospitality suite for both Friday and Saturday night. Rooms will also be available.

N5ZM informed the club of his need for some help to replace a broken down rotator.

A motioned that we adjourn the meeting was made and seconded and the business meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

After the formal part of the meeting W5SJ gave a presentation on the TX5T DXpedition that he was recently on. Very interesting presentation from the DXpedition side of things.

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### Card Checking

If you have cards that you would like to have checked, please contact Earl N5ZM and let him know.

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### ADXA Website

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#### Items of Interest

[ADXA Quarterly Meeting](#) — December 1, 2018—at Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, North Little Rock, AR—0800A check-in.

## From the President Joel Harrison—W5ZN

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Now that the summer of 2018 has passed on and we seem to have dived in to winter literally overnight and daylight savings time has ended, outside activities have ended or declined significantly. Amateur radio plays a big role in keeping me sane! My apologies to Glenn for being late in getting this to him. It has held up distribution of our quarterly newsletter. I have a difficult time starting to write something. I struggle with what to say, but once something gets in my head and I get started, it is difficult to stop!!!

Our annual conference is just a few short days away. Planning and organizing a conference is not that difficult, getting folks to attend is and I simply do not understand why. I'm not being critical of hamfests in Arkansas these days (or just about everywhere else) but they have migrated to nothing more than a swap meet and social gathering...nothing wrong with that whatsoever! What we lack here in Arkansas that ADXA provides as one of its missions is being a technical resource to allow folks to increase their knowledge in order to improve their station. And we provide this to anyone, not restricted to ADXA members, but to anyone who wants to attend. I want to encourage each of you to put the word out to anyone you know who may be interested in attending, or who you believe may benefit from attending. Let's get the word out!

The one thing I struggle with most as ADXA President is trying to be fair to everyone in selecting our meeting location. If we make it convenient for our central Arkansas members then our northwest Arkansas folks have a three plus hour drive to attend. If we go to northwest Arkansas, the reverse applies. I really do want to hear your comments on how to try to make this as convenient as possible for everyone. We currently do not have members in northeast Arkansas in the Jonesboro area nor down in the southwest Texarkana area, so our membership resides within a 50 or so mile radius of Little Rock and in the northwest enclave of Hog Heaven! So, do we continue to try to split the location of the meetings or maybe settle on a half way point like Russellville? I have no preference in location. My goal is to make this fair and as easy as possible for all. That's easy, right?? Not really! What are your thoughts?

At our annual meeting we will elect officers for the coming year. I am

## From the President Joel Harrison—W5ZN

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ready to step down. Not for any reason other than it is time for someone else to take over and continue to move ADXA forward. I mentioned this to a few members, and you have strongly encouraged me to serve one more year in order to give some time to identify a good candidate. As such, I will allow my name to be placed in nomination for ADXA President if that is the desire of the membership. This would be my fourth annual term and by the end of 2019 I believe it is time for someone else to take over. Please understand I'm not going anywhere!!! I will still be very active in and supportive of ADXA and will assist with anything possible. If we decide to continue our annual conference I will be very pleased to assist with that or, heck, just anything!! My goal for ADXA was to get it back on track and rejuvenated. I believe you will agree that we have all accomplished that goal so now it is time to move forward and continue to expand. Let's do this together.

I very much look forward to seeing everyone in a few days and very much look forward to an excellent conference.

73 Joel W5ZN



# Mills Park

**K0637**

Bryant Arkansas

August 25 2018

Location: EM34so (34.603546, -92.481895)

**Operators:** Shane Driskill, KG5SRO and Glenn Wolf, N5RN

**Weather:** Hot, 92.7 degrees

This activation has a little history behind it. After posting in the ADXA (Arkansas DX Association) newsletter about activating a park or two I got an email from Ken Blevins, K5ALQ, offering the use of his Scamp (a tag-a-long) camper for an activation. For a couple of reasons, mainly logistics, we finally worked it out with Ken to use his Scamp for a nearby activations – Mills Park in Bryant, Arkansas.

After making some updates/minor repairs to the Scamp we finally decided to give it a try on Saturday August 25, 2018. After updating Ken on our plans, we agreed to meet him at his home and then he would follow us to the park.

Shane and I arrive at Ken's QTH a little bit before 930. Ken invited us in to his home and as we were preparing to leave Shane and I ended up having some very interesting conversations with Ken. We talked about his time working at the FAA and where all he had worked. During that conversation we found out the Ken was also interested in guns and reloading. Shane and I both have an interest in this area as well. Ken also showed us where his shack was and where he was doing some repair work on some vintage radios. These conversations ended up taking a good bit of the morning.

We finally got away around 11:00 AM and headed to the park. Ken pulled the Scamp and set it in place for us. He told us about the antenna setup that he had on the Scamp and how we might use it. He gave us some information on how to change bands with his setup and then he left us to operate. We quickly realized that Ken had really studied and planned his antenna setup.

We had to do some tweaking to the setup to get on the air but once we got going we did quite well. We ended up logging some 30 to 40 QSOs in the few hours we worked but if you've tried portable operations during this sunspot cycle you realize how good of a total 30 to 40 QSOs is.

Our biggest issue was the heat. Even though we were under a shade tree the heat was intense. As fate would have it, Ken drove up about 30 minutes before we were going to call it a day and contact him to come and tow the Scamp back to his home.

Overall, it was a good experience. We will certainly keep this option in mind especially as fall and winter approach as it will be good to be out of the elements.

Thanks to Ken Blevins, K5ALQ, for letting us use his Scamp for this activation. It was certainly appreciated and we hope to use it in the future.



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# Caribbean Adventure—2018

## Part Three

Rick Harris—AI5P

As you might recall, after leaving St. Barths I overnighted in Sint Maarten while my friends departed for home.

Early the next morning I was back at the airport awaiting my flight to Saba. One of the main attractions in visiting Saba is the flight (only 12 minutes) to its very short runway - only 1,312 feet long (400 meters). At only 60 feet ASL, it is one of the shortest commercial runways in the world. Closed to jet traffic and private aircraft, only the regional airline (Winair) with its STOL (Short Takeoff and Landing) de Havilland Canada DHC-6 Twin Otter 19-passenger twin turboprop services Saba.

Anyone landing here is guaranteed to feel awe, if not terror, since both ends of the runway are punctuated by a sharp drop from cliffs into the sea. But there have been no major accidents at the airport and the superb pilots often use only half of the runway! Check it out on You Tube!

I had rented a place on Airbnb and expected someone to meet me at the airport. Nope, no one. Took a taxi up the famous "The Road" with its many hairpin turns to the village of Windwardside. After a few phone calls - like any other small village—someone would take care of you, I was taken to the "Pyramid House." Beautiful views to the northeast and east and lots of room for antennas. A bit isolated but that was ok. The island is known for its quiet charm. Most visitors come for the hiking and to visit its renown Marine Park.

In the 17th century, Saba became a sanctuary for smugglers and pirates. Many of the families can trace their ancestors back to 1640. Over the years, the French, British and Dutch controlled the island with the Dutch in possession since 1816.

Nearly half of Saba's five square miles is covered with tropical rain forest; the other half is sprinkled with hamlets composed of white, green-shuttered houses trimmed in gingerbread, roofed in red, and built on steep slopes. The dominant feature of the island is Mount Scenery - at 877 meters (2,910 feet) the highest point in the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Its capital, The Bottom, sits in a bowl-shaped valley, and hosts the Saba University School of Medicine with about 500 students. Saba's resident population is about 1,500.

I did (barely) manage to hike up to the top of Mount Scenery. With its 1,640 steps, its called the "Stairway to Heaven." I hired a guide from the Trail Shop as I didn't want to tackle this alone. He was a 7th generation Saban and excellent guide. It's a tough climb through tropical jungle and took about 90 minutes. The mountain was normally enclosed in the clouds in the morning when it's much cooler to hike. On the top is a 250-foot telecommunications tower. When we got to the top, I was 30 yards from the tower and couldn't see a bit of it! Kind of disheartening not to get the great view from the top, but that's the way it goes. I will proudly display my Certificate from the Tourist Office that I climbed the highest point in The Netherlands!

The only really good place for radio that isn't blocked by Mount Scenery is the interestingly named hamlet of "Hell's Gate." Unfortunately, I didn't see any places to rent there. By chance, I got an e-mail from Jeff, NM1Y, who owns a house there and was coming for a visit. His QTH was used in 2010 for the new country operation of PJ6A. I was fortunate enough to have lunch with Jeff and his wife. He was on the aborted 2018 3Y0Z Bouvet DXpedition and it was fascinating to hear of his experiences.

As I said, Mount Scenery effectively blocked me pretty much to the Northwest and West. Most of my contacts were with Europe and the East Coast. I ended up with 1,763 in the log with 1,350 (77%) on CW and 413 (23%) on SSB. Most of the activity was on 20 meters (911 contacts or 52%) and 40 meters (428 con-

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tacts or 24%). Interesting stations worked: CN8AMA, TA4LYL, A45XR, 4X70I, TZ4AM, V47CDC, ZL80FOC, HZ1BH, DA200FWR, TM40KOP, 9H1AE, 4O4O, and J88CD.

After an exciting take-off from Saba, I returned for an additional two nights on Sint Maarten before returning home. Just for fun, I managed to throw up my 20 meter dipole and make 129 contacts as PJ7/AI5P.

All in all, it was quite an experience! Thanks to the ADXA members who managed to work me!

73 Rick AI5P



Mount Scenery



Walking the “Stairway to Heaven”



Saba Airport

The Bottom



Windward side



View from Rental—St Eustatius  
(Statia) in foreground  
With St. Kitts in the distance



# Meeting Agenda

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## 51st Anniversary Convention

Wyndham Riverfront Hotel

North Little Rock, AR

December 1, 2018

### Agenda

- 0800-0900      *Check in, Coffee, Visit & DX Pileup Lies*
- 0900-0905      *Welcome*  
Joel Harrison, W5ZN, ADXA President
- 0905-1000      *How to Improve Your Transmitting Antennas for Low Solar Activity*  
Frank Donovan, W3LPL
- 1010-1050      *The DXCC Criteria and Why it is Structured That Way*  
Bill Kennamer, K5FUV
- 1100-1150      *Most Wanted DXCC Entities*  
Bernie McClenny, W3UR
- 1200-1315      *Luncheon & Speaker*  
ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR
- 1330-1430      *Receiving Antenna Ideas*  
Frank Donovan, W3LPL
- 1430-1450      *ADXA Business Meeting*
- 1450-1500      *Wrap up – Adjourn*
- 1500-2200      *ADXA Hospitality Suite – Suite 1004*

### Luncheon Menu

Garden Salad

“Grilled Breast of Chicken Rosemary” or “Roasted Pork Loin”

Twice Baked Potato

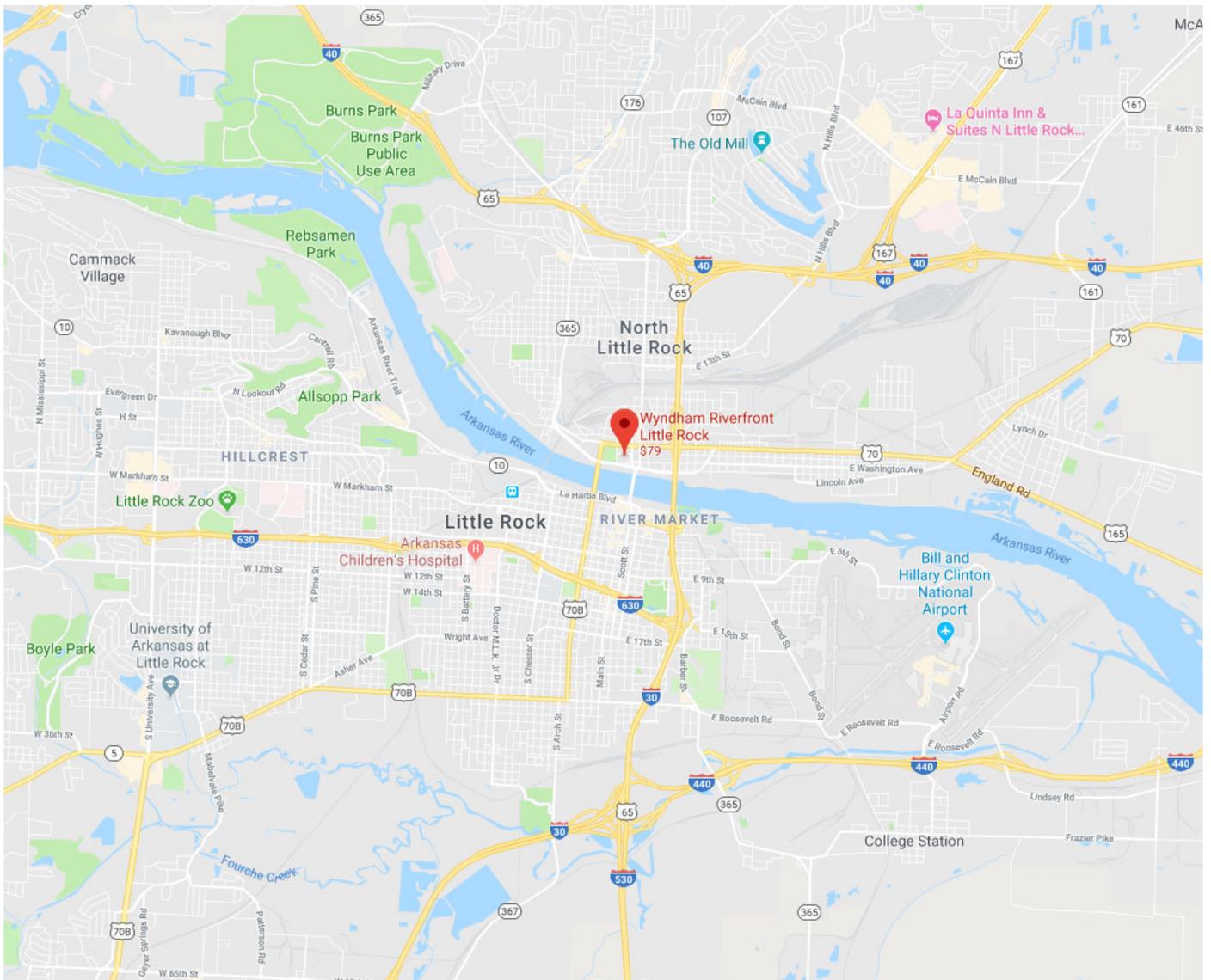
Broccoli & Carrot Medley

Apple Pie

# Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—December 01, 2018

Wyndham Riverfront Little Rock  
2 Riverfront Pl,  
North Little Rock, AR 72114

ADXA business meeting starts at 1430  
GPS: 34.7544312, -92.3052761



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# Organization

## ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

### MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

#### BUSINESS NAME

President: Joel Harrison, W5ZN  
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ARRL MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES: \_\_\_\_\_

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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:**

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