



ADXA Quarterly

ADXA Minutes



The first quarter meeting of the ADXA was held at the Russellville Hamfest in Russellville, Arkansas on Saturday March 2, 2019. Those ADXA members that signed the sign in sheet included: Glenn Wolf—N5RN, Shane Driskill-KG5SRO, Mark Whatley—K5XK, Don Banta—K5DB, Ron Evans—K5XK, Ben Tomlinson—W5MQ, Bill Priakos—W5SJ, Jim Roughley—K5JUC, Bruce Plantz—K9OZ, Earl Smith—N5ZM, Pat Patterson—W5VY, Charles Floyd—W5JE, Roger Gray—N5QS, Dawn Gray—N5QT, Bill Merritt—K4WPM, Burt Bates—WA5RN, Kenny Thompson—KG5KS, Dave Jacques—K5DV, Libby Jacques—WB6AXD, Frank Kollatt—W5BPT, David Norris—K5UZ, Jonathan Setcer—N5QJ, Glenn Holmes—N5KLE, Richard Daily—KB5FLA, and Joel Harrison—W5ZN.

Guests included: Jim Darrough—K17AY, Rory Bowers—K5CKS, Kenneth Swift—K15CTA, Simeon Fields, Chad Fields, Ray Van Syckle—KG5GTK, Kenneth Leo—W5HXK, Ralph Richard—KG5WLO, Madge Kollatt—W5EFA, John Ord—KJ5ORD, and Laura Bookwalter—KB5LJO.

President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, called the business meeting to order about 11:15 AM.

The meeting began with a Question/Answer session on DXCC issues. As we know the Bouvet DXpedition fell through due to engine problems. There is another group, the Rebel DX group, that says they are planning on activating Bouvet. A general comment was made "There is a reason they are called the Rebel DX group". There was some discussion about the price for a QSL card from this group.

It was asked if ADXA got any of their money back that was donated to the

aborted Bouvet DXpedition the and the answer is yes. 48% of it was returned.

K5UZ asked if this new attempt at Bouvet will be affected by weather and W5ZN said yes. Remember it is in the Southern hemisphere.

N5ZM made a motion that the minutes be accepted as printed in the ADXA newsletter. K5UZ seconded and the motion carried.

N5RN gave the Treasurer's report. K5DV made an motion to accept and K5UZ seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business to take care of.

New Business

DXpeditions— Joel went over the guidelines that ADXA follows. Mainly it is the top 50 on most needed list.

Pitcairn is #67 on most needed. The EBoard made a recommendation to support. K5UZ seconded the recommendation and the motion carried.

Juan Fernandez Island—#68 on most needed list. The EBoard recommended that ADXA support it. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

N5LKE wasn't able to attend today because of his brother was involved in a motorcycle accident.

W5NX has become a Silent Key.

W5ZN thanked everybody for the attending the December meeting. The 2019 December will most likely

be in NW Arkansas. More information will be forthcoming but not until after Dayton.

No plans have been made on where the June 2019 meeting will be but should be very soon.

K5UZ took a moment to talk about the great job W5ZN has done. The high point has been the December meetings.

K5UZ announced N4JQQ as a DXAC's new member. K5UZ talked about how this decision came about and Steve agreed to accept the position.

At this point we went around the room each person introducing themselves.

N5QS spoke to the membership making the suggestion that ADXA recognize those associate members making DXCC. It is an accomplishment and needs to be formally recognized.

A motioned that we adjourn by made by N5ZM. Seconded by N5QS. The business meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 AM.

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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Items of Interest

[ADXA Quarterly Meeting](#) — June 15, 2019—Smokin in Style, Hot Springs, Arkansas

From the President Joel Harrison—W5ZN

As I have noted many times on our email reflector, during the summer I fall in to a different activity mode. With extended daylight the opportunity to pursue activities other than radio is present, although at W5ZN there aren't any other than what the family plans! There is a lot of DX on the air that I trust is of interest to a number of our members and if something came on that I needed I would certainly be in the fray. So what's on my plate other than family activities? Antenna work, of course. The weather has finally cooperated to some extent and the tower project I have had in the works in complete although the antenna shuffling is not yet finished. I trust everyone has been keeping up with all of the DXpeditions planned for this fall/winter so now is the time to get ready. And of course, there is the Bouvet retry once again.

We rarely mention Field Day, since it is not a "DX" activity however that is a good time for us all to join in with a local group or just operate from home to keep those operating skills fine tuned. Plus, what you have learned while DX'ing may provide some valuable benefit to your local club in equipment setup, antenna arrangement, etc.

So, not a lot of "Words of Wisdom" this round, if there ever were! I look forward to seeing everyone that can make our meeting in Hot Springs.

73 Joel W5ZN

Confessions of a Closet Ft-8'er

Rick Harris—AI5P

Confessions of a Closet FT-8'er!

Rick AI5P

I admit it, I'm a analog guy in a digital world. I still consider Morse Code as the original digital format (tip of the hat to San, YY)! I never was interested in any of the digital modes used in amateur radio. I can remember struggling through a Fortran programming course at the Signal Officers' Advanced Course at Fort Monmouth in 1972. None of this stuff for me! Hey, today if I have an issue with my Mac or I-phone, I let my grandson (age 12) fix it. But I digress.... fast forward to 2017. Visiting my friend George, WB5XX, in El Dorado, I was impressed at all the DX he was working on FT-8. But my operating times in Albuquerque were limited to chasing interesting DX in the Pacific region, planning my annual DX trip, or operating mobile for county and/or POTA chasers.

But something about FT-8 intrigued me. I went back and read about it. George continued to encourage me and I finally relented and decided to give it a go. It did require some investment on my part. I bought a new Icom 7300 as it had all the bells and whistles required for FT-8. I bought a used PC since the FT-8 program apparently is much easier to install with Windows (remember I'm computer illiterate!). Our resident FT-8 expert, John, WB5BHS, was pestered with lots of questions and always provided cheerful help and guidance.

After getting it all sorted out, I got on the air on December 27, 2017. The first contact (and DX) was PY2FQR. Second contact (and first state) was AG2J in New Jersey. My goal was to work WAS with just casual operating. I was surprised to work WAS in 16 days with the last state being WR8O in Wyoming. By that time I had also worked 28 DXCC entities. But I was hooked - although watching the screen is sort of like watching paint dry. Certainly not a social means in the ways of amateur radio.

I started checking the band in the morning and late afternoon. My antenna farm consists of a single band dipole configured as an inverted V with the apex about 35 feet up on a flat roof. So whenever I want to change bands, I have to take out the ladder and change the dipole. Pathetic, but it is what it is hi.....

Slowly the DXCC totals mounted: # 50 V2PE on February 25, 2018; # 75 CP1XRM on June 21, 2018; and # 90 YJOGA on July 20, 2018. The final 10 took around six months - #95 VP6D on October 24, 2018. Finally... #100 GD0TEP on January 17, 2019!

91 DXCC entities have been confirmed on LOTW with 9 more confirmed with paper QSLs. One day I'll get around to applying for DXCC.....

Interesting QSLs include: KH1/KH7Z, VR2KW, HS0ZIV, 3D2TS, J35X, OD5YA, XP3A, S01WS, 9M2MRS, VP8NO, EW8W, VP6D, BD3PXM, and SV9CVY.

No, it's not like listening to a station coming back with Arctic flutter on 20 CW... but it's still a thrill to see your call flashing on the screen coming back from some faraway QTH.

I know some of the ADXA "Big Guns" could probably work 100 in a couple of weeks. But I hope this will encourage some other "Little Pistols" to give FT-8 a try in these terrible solar conditions.

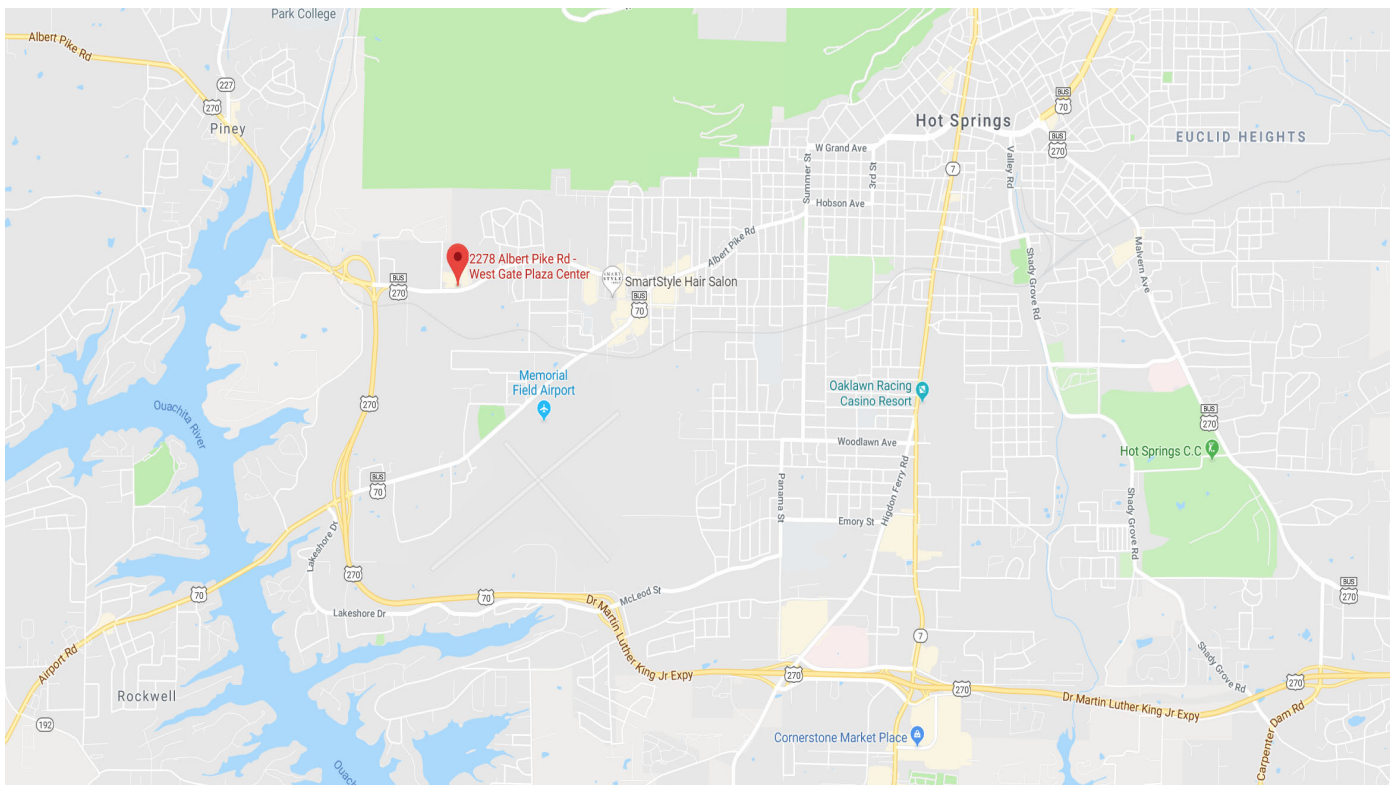
Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—June 15, 2019

**Smokin' in Style BBQ
2278 Albert Pike Rd
Hot Springs, Arkansas**

We have a reservations from 11:30AM until 2:00PM

ADXA business meeting starts around noon

GPS coordinates - N35° 29' 31.7" W093° 06' 14.0"



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Organization

ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

BUSINESS NAME

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DXCC MEMBER? _____

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(ADXA IS A 100% ARRL AFFILIATED CLUB)

VOTING MEMBERS MUST HOLD DXCC

VALID INTEREST IN DX REQUIRED FOR ASSOCIATE (NON-VOTING) MEMBERSHIP

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