



# ADXA Quarterly

## ADXA Minutes



The second quarter meeting of the ADXA was held at the Smokin' in Style restaurant in Hot Springs, Arkansas on Saturday June 15, 2019. Those ADXA members that signed the sign in sheet included: Glenn Wolf—N5RN, Dave Jacques—K5DV, Libby Jacques—WB6AXD, Bill Kenamer—K5FUV, Earl Smith—N5ZM, Bruce Plantz—K9OZ, Rick Harris—AI5P, J Ferguson—N5LKE, Ken D. Blevins—K5ALQ, John Evans—WB5BHS, Kathy Bromley—WQ5T, Jay Bromley—W5JAY, Ben Thomlinson—W5MQ, Joel Harrison—W5ZN, Roger Gray—N5QS, Dawn Gray—N5QT and EJ Jones—K5EJ.

Guests included: Caroline Ferguson—N6KLE, Ford Ferguson, Ken P. Blevins, Terry Atha—KG4LTL, and Lanny Aldrich—K1LEC.

President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, called the business meeting to order about 12:20 PM.

W5ZN welcomed everyone. Asked N5RN to read the minutes. W5JAY made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter. N5ZM seconded. And the motion carried. N5RN the gave the treasurer's report. K5DV motioned that we accept the report and N5LKE seconded. The report was approved.

Since there were some new faces we went around the room and introduced ourselves..

### Old Business

There was no old business to take care of.

### New Business

DXpeditons— T30GC. E-Board did not recommend supporting because it didn't meet our criteria. AI5P made

a motion not to support and K5DV seconded. The motion carried.

W5ZN asked N5RN to update the group on what Warren and Scott have accomplished recently. N5RN update everyone on Warren and Scott's accomplishments. He also mentioned that Scott, KG5CCU was working on his Doctorate at Princeton and Joel said he could help get him and Joe Taylor of WSJT-X fame-connected.

A discussion about our funding DXpeditions was started and it was suggested that we look at other criteria for funding versus just where a DXpedition falls on the NA Most Wanted. It needs to reflect the needs of the membership which could be much different from the Most Wanted list. Many good points were made on what to consider. Ultimately members will be asked what they need for a ATNO and a database will be created to help use better identify what DXpeditions ADXA should support.

Joel asked those present to consider the question of do we need to have 4 meetings per year? Some voiced concerns about not having quarterly meetings. Some said much could be accomplished using the reflector and exchanging ideas that way. Some thought we should focus on having meetings at ham-fests. Others mentioned that the June meetings are difficult because of conflicts with other meetings and contests. Weather become a concern if we move meetings into November or January. After some discussion it was decided that we should look at moving the annual meeting to November.

Meeting locations are more of an issue since we now have more members attending from all over the state. This years annual meeting will be in northwest Arkansas. Maybe considering rotating the location the annual meeting between central Arkansas and northwest Arkansas.

N5ZM mentioned that he received a 40 year pin from ARRL for being and active ARRL member for 40 years.

AI5P saw K5UR at Hamcom and Rick had a message for everyone "Your are all weenies". Everyone laughed.

AI5P mentioned that he will be traveling soon and will have his normal contest. Scoring will be 1 point per band per mode.

W5ZN shared that the Rebel DX group has indicated that Bouvet won't happen this year.

N5ZM made a motion that we adjourn. AI5P seconded and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:10 PM.

## Card Checking

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

## ADXA Website

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## Items of Interest

[ADXA Quarterly Meeting](#) — September 21, 2019—W5ZN QTH

# From the President

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## From the President

Joel, W5ZN

My calendar says Labor Day has passed and fall is just two weeks away however someone forgot to tell Mother Nature with the near record high temperatures still hanging on. On the bright side at least it quit raining every other day! I sometimes believe I'm beating a dead horse encouraging everyone to get antenna projects wrapped up because it won't be too much longer until we will be complaining about the cold WX and not being able to get any outside antenna work completed. Its simple math.....we're 180 degrees out of phase!!! We tend to wait until cooler weather gets here to do outside antenna work then find ourselves in a time crunch to finish that project before the fall DX seasons hits, and it is just a couple of weeks away for the first major DXpedition of the season. Get those outside antenna projects completed now.....pace yourself in the heat to steadily work on them. The cold winter time is for inside projects in the shack.

Several exciting DXpeditions are just around the corner and are posted on our website. Be ready for those!

If you have not sent your "DXCC Most Needed" to J, N5LKE please get it in. The Excel spreadsheet was sent out several weeks ago. If you have not sent it in and can't find the email with the spreadsheet let me, J or Pat W5VY know and we will send you another. This is important in that it will allow us to assess what ADXA members need instead of throwing us in the "all North America" mix.

ADXA Member Standings - we have mentioned this numerous times and I want to once again emphasize the importance of sending your DXCC standings to Pat, W5VY so we can keep the list updated on our website. Some folks just grab a quick screen shot of their LoTW record and send it which works fine however you can just send the numbers from your DXCC record.

I realize you may not consider it important to do so when some of our members have BIG numbers on each band however let's be frank.....that doesn't matter!! What matters is for everyone to follow your climb up the DXCC ladder and help you any way we can in your pursuit to reach your goal. Please get those standings in.

And, speaking of goals, what are yours? I sent a blurb out on our reflector a few weeks ago stating mine and Dennis, W5RZ followed up with his. You don't have to make your goal public however set a goal for this winter DXCC season. Don't list a bunch, you will get nowhere.....focus on one or two and work toward that goal. I recall when my goal was a 40 meter DXCC. Once that was achieved I continued to build on those numbers but my focus moved to 80 meters, then on to 160 once that was achieved.

Now I'm focused on continually improving my station for prime performance. This has all been a 20 or 30 year effort. What? You say you don't have that much time left? OK, I'm laughing a bit now because I don't believe I have 30 years left however that is not an excuse for not setting at least one goal and achieving it. Think about it, write your goal on a piece of paper and pin or tape it to the wall in your shack so you see it all the time as a reminder to achieve that goal.

Kim and I are looking forward to hosting our 3rd Quarterly Meeting here at W5ZN. All we ask is that you simply let us know if you will be attending to ensure we have adequate food and drinks available.

And don't forget the ADXA Annual Meeting December 7 at the Holiday Inn in Springdale, AR. Complete information and hotel reservation details will be available in the next couple of weeks.

GL es DX and by all means GET ON THE AIR AND WORK SOME DX!!!

73 Joel W5ZN

# Card Checking Tips

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## Card Checking Tips

DXCC Card Checking will be available at the meeting. To avoid problems with field checking your application be sure to follow the instructions on the ARRL website. Note that as of April 2, 2012, there are 2 ways of doing a paper card submission, online and traditional. You can no longer do a hybrid LoTW and paper card submission on a single application. It is absolutely necessary that you follow all the instructions and have all the paperwork properly filled out or I will not be able to check your cards.

If you use the preferred Online Electronic DXCC Application <<https://p1k.arrl.org/onlinedxcc/>> for your paper cards it will be easier and cheaper for you. It will also go a lot faster at HQ when they get your paperwork since you already entered your card data in the ARRL system. With the online application you can enter the cards in any order. Just make sure to enter the QSOs on cards with multiple QSOs together to facilitate checking. The reason you don't have to sort by band then mode is because there is minimal data entry work at HQ when they get your field checked application.

You can also use the Traditional Application forms <<http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-forms>> where you fill in and print the PDF forms for the application and record sheets. Make sure to follow those instructions. A traditional application will cost you roughly twice as much as the online application to cover data entry costs at HQ. With a traditional application you must sort cards by band then by mode with all the multiple QSO cards being listed last to facilitate data entry at ARRL HQ. If you use the traditional application make sure you include valid credit card info on the bottom of the PDF application form.

Whichever way you do it, follow those instructions and make sure the cards are properly sorted in the same order as your DXCC Record Sheet. Also make certain that all the QSL card information (call, date, band, mode, country) has been entered correctly on the record sheet.

Bring the following:

- Cards sorted per your Record Sheet
- Printed copy of the signed and dated Application Sheet
- Printed copy of the DXCC Record Sheet
- Stamped envelope addressed to DXCC Desk, ARRL HQ, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111, so I can mail your application to HQ.

Thanks, Earl N5ZM

# “A Holiday Style Mini-DXpedition – 50% successful” Bill Priakos—W5SJ/ZF2EZ

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## *“A Holiday Style Mini-DXpedition – 50% successful”*

Bill Priakos—W5SJ/ZF2EZ

XYL, Kathy and I just got back September first from Grand Cayman. Her 97 year old mother is in Memory Care here and is a handful; Kathy's sister is disabled in Charleston, SC and is also a handful – Kathy is guardian for BOTH of them. Last month, she said, “Bill, I am so tired – I need a beach!”. I said, “How about Cayman?”.. She replied, “SOLD!”.

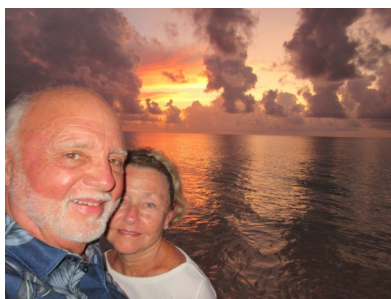
I have had the call, ZF2EZ, for years and have operated from Andrew Eden's club station, ZF1A, many times. I asked my XYL if I could have one afternoon with Andrew and also hang a dipole at the condo to work a few in the evening when we would return from dinner. She reluctantly agreed. I waited until late in our stay to go out and spend the day with Andrew, intending to operate a bit and help him set up his new SPE 1.5K-FA. I had a great time for an hour or so with my KX3 at 5 watts into his monster LPDA up at around 100 feet. Managed Q's with old pals K4UEE and W4HG, as well as ADXA members, K5JUC and K5CKS. Then, John Darby, ZF1DJ, showed up and he, Andrew and I were off to a lunch and then to set up the amplifier.

Then, Friday night after dinner, I hung up a modest QRP Trap Dipole for 20/40 from a Palm tree to the north of the condo, apex at about 15 feet at the corner of the condo above us and the other end tie off to the top of an umbrella, 10 feet from the water. It would have worked...not like the LPDA, but it would have WORKED ☺ BUT, alas, in my haste as I set up the operating spot, I DROPPED MY KX3 ON THE TILE FLOOR. IT DID NOT LIKE IT AND I WAS OFF THE AIR. I talked with Elecraft and it is on the way back to them for repair. Darn. I was really hoping to have lots of Q's with ADXA members with true QRP from the beach....thinking of going back in January with Bob, W5UQ, my Elmer and the owner of Expert Amps, USA.

I hope to have the KX3 back in time to camp and operate at the K5BOC Hamfest on Petit Gene Mountain in mid-October. I also am on the Can-Sam team again this fall bound for the Marquesas, TX7T, in November. I will be a part of the WPX CW contest team next May from VP2M.



Right hand drive, drive on left



Sunset on Seven Mile Beach



QRP from ZF2EZ at ZF1A club station



ZF2EZ—QRP at ZF1A



John, ZF1DJ and Andrew our host



With John in Andrew's shack



## “A Holiday Style Mini-DXpedition – 50% successful” (cont)

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### *“A Holiday Style Mini-DXpedition – 50% successful”*

Bill Priakos—W5SJ/ZF2EZ



ZF1EJ'S NEW APE 1.5K—FA



Monster LPDA at 90 feet—ZF1EJ



Other end of Inv Vee at top of umbrella



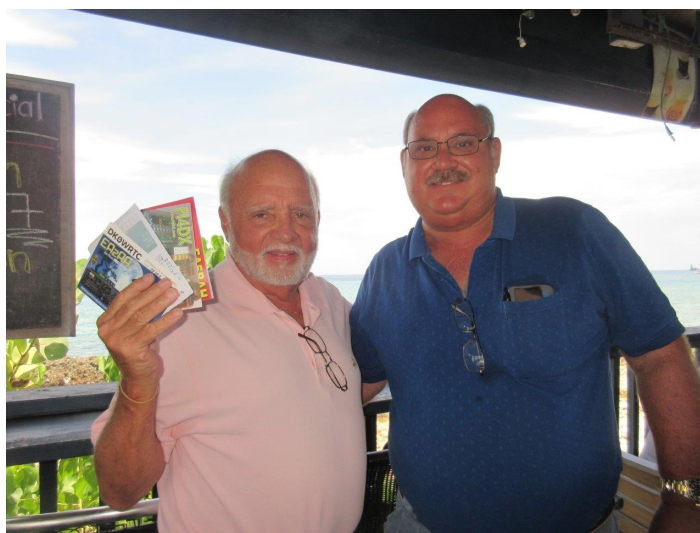
Apex of Inv Vee



Tie off for one end of Inv Vee



Kath and I with Phil, ZF1PB



QSL's from ZF QSL manager, Phil, ZF1PB

# Adventures in Paradise—Tahiti

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## Adventures in Paradise - Tahiti

Rick Harris, FO/AI5P

Well, it didn't work out quite like the old James Michener's TV show *Adventures in Paradise*. But it had it's moments. After a "cattle car" class flight from LAX in an eight hour ordeal, my plane along with several other international flights arrived at Faa'a International Airport around 5 a.m. local time. Then you get to stand in a very long line awaiting your turn to process through immigration and then find your baggage. Finally you step outside in the dark to find large crowds and lots of cars trying to locate the recent arrivals.

Welcome to Papeete!

Fortunately, my hostess located me quickly and we proceeded to her home in the suburbs. My host family was very nice and the room was excellent but I quickly discovered there wasn't much room for an antenna. I could only manage an inverted V on 20 meters using my extendable mast to up around 25 feet. But that was OK as the intent here was to activate the Fox and Hound mode of FT-8 with my first time as a "Fox" to get some experience. More about that later.

Papeete, the capital city of French Polynesia, is located on the island of Tahiti. French Polynesia is an overseas collectivity of France comprising of 118 geographically dispersed islands in the South Pacific stretching over 2,000 km. Divided into the Austral, Gambier, Marquesas, Society and Tuamotu archipelagos, they're known for their coral-fringed lagoons and over-the-water bungalow hotels. Island features include both white- and black-sand beaches, mountains, rugged backcountry, and towering waterfalls.

Papeete is a cosmopolitan city with a population over 130,000. It is a well-known cruise ship destination and the hub of ship and air travel to the other islands.

I was using my Icom 7300 which preformed flawlessly throughout the trip. With the very poor conditions (SFI 65-68), I knew that FT-8 and CW would be the best bet. The reason I didn't use SSB will be apparent later.

I spend as much time as possible operating and it was a challenge for sure. I could spot myself which I did often trying to get some action. I would listen on CW and not hear a single station many times. I would call CQ and spot myself but did not make even one CW contact from Tahiti. I expected to be at least able to work JA's and the West Coast! Not to be.

I did manage to sightsee in Papeete, take a ferry and tour over to the neighboring island of Moorea, and tour through the interior of Tahiti. Moorea has those over-the-water bungalows you see in the travel ads - just \$ 400 a night! After the first few days, I developed a severe cold and cough which convinced me to stay off SSB. Unfortunately, it only got worse as I departed Tahiti. The good news was it gave me more time to operate as I didn't feel like much else except watching the FT-8 screen.

I had been working with several folks to insure I understood the Fox and Hound mode of operation. I did have a couple of software issues which were brought under control after consulting with our club FT-8 expert, John, WB5BHS.

A total of 966 FT-8 contacts were made - including several with ADXA members.

Interesting DX contacts included: EW3EO, PJ2/DL4OCF, BG5GLV, RM0C, YF0TUR, 8J0YMA, BH2RMF, TG9AKH, SV1VS, FK8CE, VR2ZUZ, TF2MSN, and R2DR.

Departing Tahiti involved another long flight to Auckland, New Zealand, with a connecting flight to Sydney, Australia. Arrived there to find it raining and cold (winter-time down under) which certainly aggravated my condition. One overnight in Sydney found me the following morning awaiting check-in for my flight to Lord Howe Island - to be continued.



## Adventures in Paradise—Tahiti (cont)

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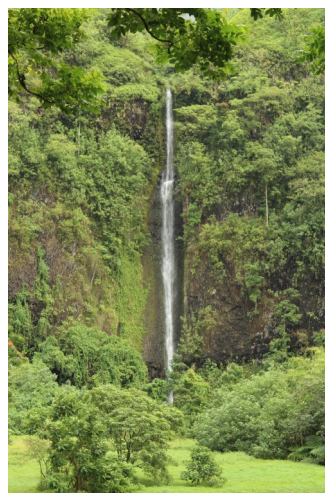
Papeete Central Market



Port of Papeete



Tahitian wild orchid



Tahitian waterfalls



Cruise ship visiting Moorea



Over the water bungalows—Moorea

# Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—September 21, 2019

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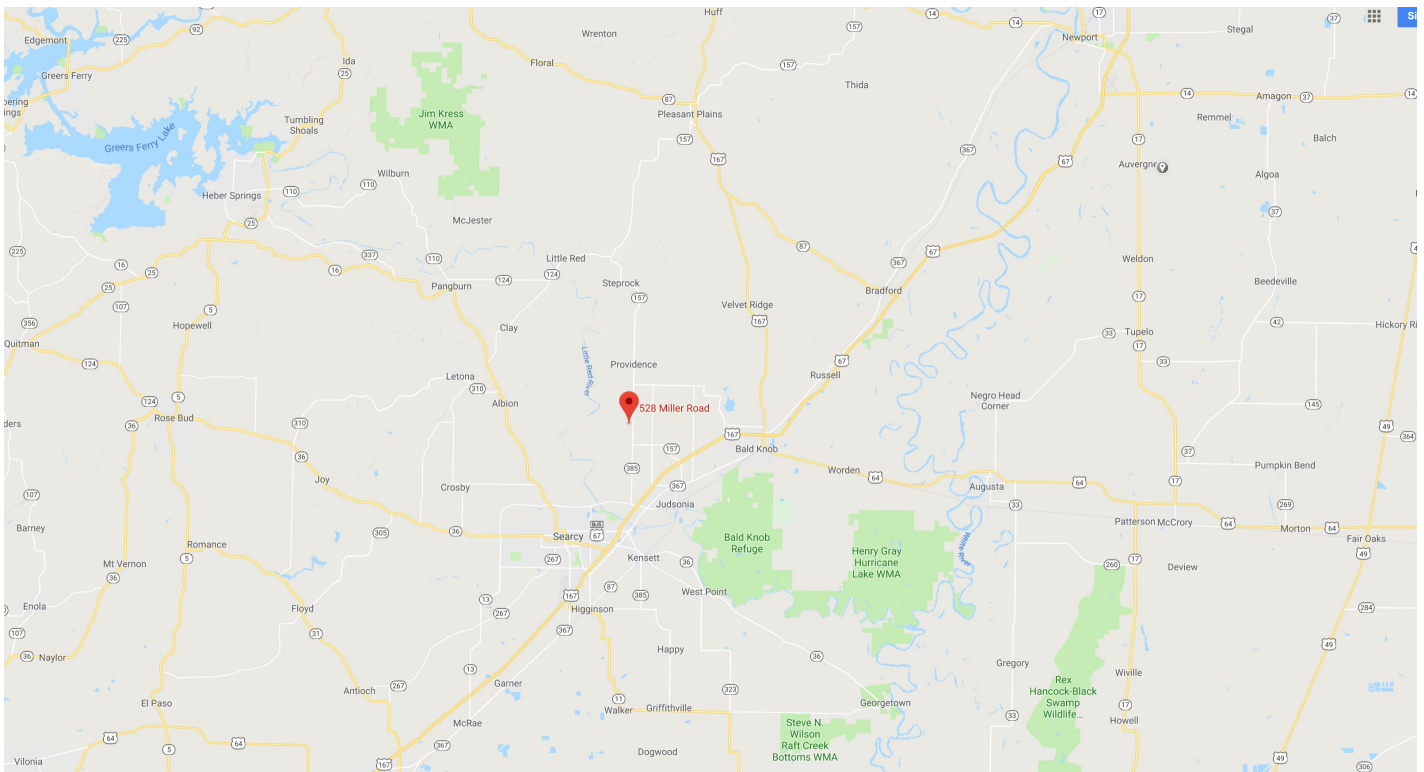
**QTH of W5ZN**  
**528 Miller Road**  
**Judsonia , Arkansas**

**ADXA business meeting starts around noon**

**GPS coordinates - N35° 19' 35.7" W091° 40' 58.3"**  
**(35.3266093,-91.6828715)**

Map courtesy of google maps

[Link to W5ZN's](#)





## Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—September 21, 2019

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Directions are:

From Little Rock take US 67/167 north to Exit 48. Turn left and after 1/4 mile turn right on Hwy 385. In three miles you will come to a stop sign at the intersection of Hwy 157. A Dollar General and quick mart will be on your left. Go straight (on Hwy 157) for 1 mile. Turn left on Miller Rd. W5ZN is the first house of the left.

From Northwest Arkansas/Conway Take I-40 Exit 127 (Hwy 64) toward Beebe.

## ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

### MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

#### BUSINESS NAME

President: Joel Harrison, W5ZN  
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Secretary/Treasurer: Glenn Wolf, N5RN

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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

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