



# ADXA Quarterly

## ADXA Minutes



The third quarter meeting of the ADXA was held at the home QTH of W5ZN in Judsonia, Arkansas on Saturday June 15, 2019. Those that we have record of attending include: Tom Northfell, W5XNA, John Evans, WB5BHS, Paul Dixon, KK5II, Glenn Kilpatrick, WB5L, Jay Bromley, W5JAY, Kathy Bromley, WQST, Mark Whatley, K5XH, Burt Bates, WA5RN, Steve Rutledge, N4JQQ, Lucie Rutledge, E.J. Jones, K5EJ, Chuck Korzendorfer, KM5G, Earl Smith, N5ZM, Don Banta, K5DB, Larry Sicks, AC5AV, Stan Ross, K5VR, Ben Sears, K15DYJ, Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Craig Faith, WA5YSD, George Cotton, WB5JJJ, John Clark, N5ER, Brenda Clark, KC5CFE, Bruce Platz, K9OZ, Cecil Chaudoir, W5HWU. Jonathan Setcer, N5QJ, Shane Driskill, KG5SRO Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ, Scott Anderson, K5SAA, Eric Anderson, Pat Patterson, W5VY, Rory Bowers, K5CKS, Lanny Aldrich, K1LEC, Roger Gray, N5QS, Dawn Gray, N5QT, Ben Tomlinson, W5MQ, and Joel Harrison, W5ZN.

President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, called the business meeting to order about 12:35 PM.

W5ZN welcomed everyone. Asked N5RN to read the minutes. N5QS made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter. N5ER seconded. And the motion carried. N5RN the gave the treasurer's report. N5QS motioned that we accept the report and N5ZM seconded. The report was approved.

### Old Business

N5LKE gave an update on the ADXA most needed. Twenty-three members submitted a response (22 members and 1 honor roll). Comparing

our club needs against ClubLog is interesting. There is a lot of interest in this activity and we need to keep it moving forward as it is a work in progress.

Meeting dates are an issue especially for the December meeting since it usually is the same weekend as the 160M contest. Many guests opt out because of this conflict.

### New Business

DXpeditons—VP8—South Orkney— #24 NA and #24 ADXA. E-Board made a recommendation to support this at a higher level than we typically do. After some discussion an appropriate level of support was reached.

TX7T—Marquesas— # 152 NA -The E-Board recommended that we not support this because it didn't meet our criteria for support.

W5ZN made some recommendations on changes to the Articles of Association: 1) Remove the weekly net. W5ZN urged every one to read the Articles of Association so that we can discuss in detail at a future meeting.

N5ZM made a motion that we remove the part about weekly net from the Articles. W5JAY seconded. The motion carried.

N5LKE gave an brief update on ARRL news. The latest topic of discussion seems to be about symbol rates.

AI5P awards from his Pacific trip was the next item. Award winners were:

Mixed—N5ZM—5 points

Digital—WB5BHS—4 points

Phone—W5BPT—1 point

It was mentioned that W5BPT won a FTDX 1000 at Huntsville Hamfest.

Next meeting will be at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Springdale Arkansas (intersection of US412 and I49). A special room rate will be available.

W5VY said that he's getting old photos of the ADXA group and wants some input on how to present the photos. If you have a suggestion, please contact Pat.

As usual, N5ZM made a motion that we adjourn. W5JAY seconded and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:02 PM.

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### Items of Interest

[ADXA Quarterly Meeting](#) — December 7, 2019—Holiday Inn Convention Center, Springdale, AR

# From the President

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## From the President

Joel, W5ZN

Three years ago a vision for the future of the Arkansas DX Association was put forth to the membership who wholly embraced the areas we knew we needed to focus on. Those included:

1. Update our website to bring it into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
2. Re-establish our presence as the premier, and only, DX club in and for the entire state of Arkansas, maintaining a 100% ARRL membership club status.
3. Expand our dissemination of technical information in order to provide our members with the tools and expertise required to establish and maintain a personal DX station of world class competition level, regardless of size.
4. Revive our annual meeting/conference to once again be recognized as one of the premier DX gatherings in the U.S.

Reflecting back on this time, I'm proud of the fact that the ADXA Officers, Board and members have turned this vision into reality. A very heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone.

When I was elected ARRL President back in January 2006 my good friend and fellow ADXA member Rick, K5UR, asked me "Well, dog, now that you've caught that car what are you going to do?" I don't remember my response, if any, although I recall I may have had that "deer in the headlight" look. So a somewhat similar situation exists now with ADXA. Now that we've achieved our vision from three years ago, what now? Obviously we want to maintain the level of success we achieved, that is important, but what's next?

One of the things we struggle with is the location of our quarterly meetings. As a statewide membership organization it is difficult to be fair to all parties. When we hold a meeting in Little Rock it burdens our northwest Arkansas members with a 3 to 4 hour drive to attend and when we hold a meeting in northwest Arkansas the reverse occurs. I don't have an easy solution other than to urge everyone to continue to give this serious consideration. Our only objective is to find a solution that is fair to everyone. Whatever we decide should be with the understanding that we're not casting it in stone and as time rolls on we may need to modify it as needed. Remember, the objective is to be as fair to all members as possible.

It is important that we establish "By-Laws" to accompany our Articles of Association in order to capture our policies implemented throughout our 52 year history that are only recorded in old minutes that may or may not be readily known or available. From my perspective, the most important is to document our policy to evaluate DXpedition funding requests.

We need to build on our ADXA member database of "Most Needed" DXCC entities that J, N5L-KE, has established for us. This is a vitally important tool for your ADXA Board to use in establishing DXpedition funding recommendations to the membership.

As we move in to 2020, there may be topics you wish to discuss. I am open to your comments and suggestions so please do not be afraid to share them.

December also marks our time to elect new officers. When I was elected ADXA President my idea was to serve two years, help get some things established and let someone else take the reins. Last December there was a unanimous move to retain the officers from 2018 which,

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### From the President (cont)

Joel, W5ZN

speaking solely for myself, I was honored to do and have now served a third term. I have not discussed the upcoming election with anyone, so I will simply say I believe there are others who could serve ADXA admirably and in an exceptional capacity. If that is the case I am all for it and do not intend to go anywhere other than to continue to be a proud and very active ADXA member. So please do not feel, if you have a desire to serve as an ADXA officer, that it would upset me. I assure you it will NOT!! If, on the other hand, no one has a desire to do so I am willing to serve another term as ADXA President, but only if that is the membership's decision that is in the best interest of the Arkansas DX Association!

I very much look forward to our annual conference in Springdale. I am very excited to have my very good personal friend Ward Silver, N0AX, as one of our special guests. Ward has operated from my station and I have learned a great deal from him. If you live in northwest Arkansas, whether you are an ADXA member or not, it would be inexcusable to miss this conference. If you live in the central Arkansas area it would be a tragic loss for you not to make the trip to Springdale! Not only will you miss a couple of great presentations from Ward you will simply miss some very valuable "one-on-one" time with him as well. So, you know what to do....."GET REGISTERED AND GET THERE!!!!"

The Fall/Winter 2019/2020 DX season has blasted off to a wild and breathtaking start, and there is much more to come. Make sure you keep your station maintained in prime condition and keep those antennas in the air and tuned to resonance.

That's all for now.

73 Joel W5ZN

ADXA President

# Visit to Lord Howe Island

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## Visit to Lord Howe Island

Rick Harris, AI5P

Preface: A few facts about the island and getting there. Located in the Tasman Sea, LHI is about a 2 hour flight from Sydney. There are around 350 people who live on the island. Only 400 tourists are allowed on the island at one time due to limited lodging and the desire to keep this UNESCO World Heritage Site pristine. The planes used are the de Havilland Dash-8 seating only 32. A popular holiday site for Australians, there are multiple daily flights from Sydney and Brisbane during the summer season - which is December, January, and February. During the winter season (June, July, August) there is only one daily flight from Sydney and some flights from Brisbane. Flights are cancelled all the time (two were during my time on the island) due to the strict wind requirements for landing. The luggage requirement is strict - only two bags and a carry-on. One bag cannot exceed 55 linear inches and 30 pounds. The second bag cannot exceed 55 linear inches and 20 pounds. The carry-on cannot exceed 41 linear inches and 15 pounds.

If the flight is full, you have to designate a "primary" bag which will definitely get on the flight, while your "secondary" bag might show up on a later flight. It's an expensive flight - around \$1000 round trip from Sydney. I also had to find two bags which met the linear requirements. Then for weeks I was using the scale at my local UPS store trying to figure out the best combination of packing 2 rigs, 2 power supplies, multiple antennas, 125 feet of coax, and my personal stuff. A fun exercise for sure! Finally I thought I had the right combination and was set to go.

I decided to get a VK9 license although I could have used VK9/AI5P. This involved going through two different Australian agencies and took about two months.

You might recall that I had arrived in Sydney to about a 40 degree difference in temperature from Tahiti and a light drizzle falling. I was feeling not-so-well as I finally found the ride to the hotel near the airport. The following morning, without too much sleep, I got to the airport ready to find some expected issue with my baggage and/or flight. I was pleasantly surprised to have a nice conversation with the Qantas agent who weighted my bags and said both should be OK for the flight. The flight was only half-full and I certainly let out a sigh of relief.

Lord Howe is a tiny Australian island measuring about 7 miles long and 1.8 miles wide in the Tasman Sea. It's characterized by sandy beaches, subtropical forests and clear waters. It's the site of the southernmost coral reef in the world. The Lord Howe Island group consists of 28 islands, islets and rocks. There are some 500 species of fish and 90 species of coral in the island group. Game fishing of marlin, wahoo, and tuna is popular. Twenty km from the island is Ball's Pyramid, the world's largest sea stack (defined as a column of rock standing in the sea remaining after the erosion of cliffs).

It first reported sighting of the island was by Lieutenant Henry Ball, commander of the British ship *HMS Supply*, enroute to start a penal settlement on Norfolk Island in 1788. It was named after the First Lord of the Admiralty at the time - Richard Howe, First Earl Howe. Settlement began in 1834 and the island became a provisioning port for whaling ships and later saw the export of the small *Kentia* palm trees - used for interior decorating. Today tourism is the main industry.

I had booked at the Beachcomber Lodge as several previous radio operations were done there and the owner was quite familiar with amateur radio. Currently there are no resident amateurs. I was given a separate room to set up the radio. The antenna possibilities were OK but I had only 125 feet of RG-8X. That evening I was set up and made a few contacts. It had been a long day so I went to bed early. The following morning, it was pretty obvious to me I needed to see "The" doctor at the island hospital. Turned out to be quite an interesting guy and we had a long conversation about various topics after he examined me and prescribed some antibiotics. Fortunately, this solved my problem after a few days.

I had dipoles for 17, 20, and 30. I brought antenna wire and made a 40m dipole which worked very well. I continued to work FT-8 as I believed this was the first use of that mode on Lord Howe. I had a few more problems with the computer - some my fault and some the mysterious Mr. Murphy caused. E-mails back and forth to John, WB5BHS, seemed to have cured the issues. My best "Fox" activity occurred one night on 40 meters when I worked 217 stations in 2 hours, 25 minutes. I also roamed the CW bands and finally made some contacts.

I was able to spot myself - but the internet connection wasn't free! Between hiking, photography, island touring, visiting the Island's Visitor Center and Museum, shopping at the island's only store (the other one was closed for renovation), and remembering how to use a bike, lots of time was spent on the radio. A total of 1267 contacts were made on FT-8 and only 80 on CW. Several ADXA members managed to find me. Interesting contacts were: YF9CDL, EA8TL, 3W8B, 3D2AG, E20WXA, ZL6FTDMC, 9K2HS, 3B8CW, BW2/JA1QQV, BG9NJY, BH8NSC, ZS2EZ, SV5/SV1LK, 4X4DK and FO8QS.

## Visit to Lord Howe Island (cont)

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View of LHI with its dominate terrain features of Mount Lidgbird (777 meters) on the left and Mount Gower (875 meters) on the right



Airport with a Dash-8 taking off



## Visit to Lord Howe Island (cont)

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LHI Museum - Model of Ball's Pyramid (Google it!)



Baby Providence Petrel - Only nests in two locations in the world

## Visit to Lord Howe Island (cont)

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Feeding the fish at Ned's Beach - Quite the sight to see!



VK9APX station set-up



## Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—December 7, 2019

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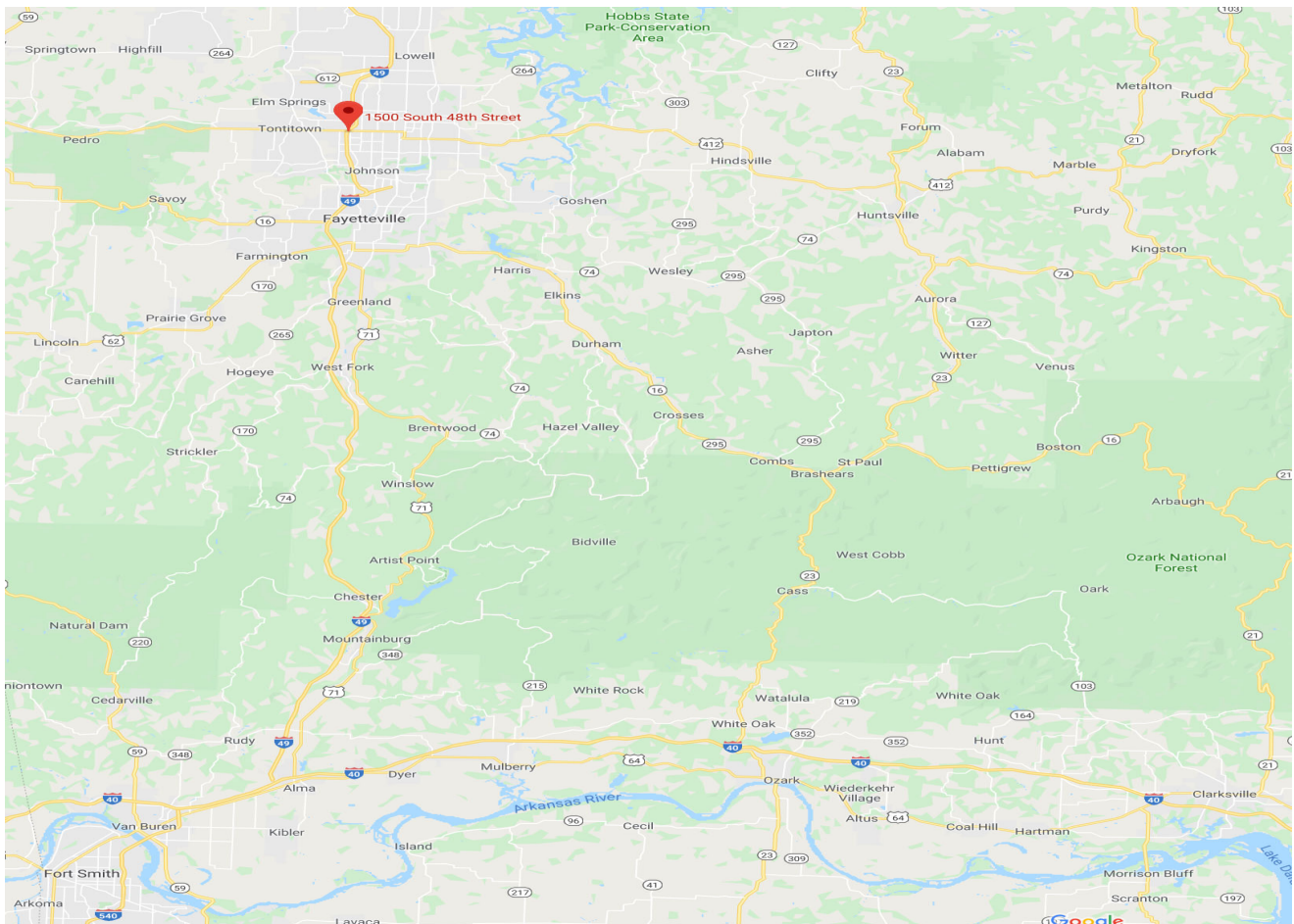
**Holiday Inn Convention Center  
1500 S 48th Street  
Springdale, Arkansas 72762**

**ADXA business meeting starts at 1630**

**GPS coordinates - N35° 19' 35.7" W091° 40' 58.3"**  
(36.1344688,-94.2115699)

Map courtesy of google maps

[Link to the Convention Center](#)





## ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

### MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

#### BUSINESS NAME

President: Joel Harrison, W5ZN  
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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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