



ADXA Minutes



Due to the COVID-19 virus it was decided that we would not have a formal second quarter ADXA meeting.

We will evaluate when we get close to the date for the third quarter 2021 meeting and make a decision at that time. The decision about the third quarter 2021 meeting will be shared via the ADXA reflector.

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Card Checking

If you have cards that you need checked contact either

Earl Smith, N5ZM

Roger Gray, N5QS

Rory Bowers, K5CKS

They will talk to you about how to best handle getting the cards to them to check.

Also Earl is a CQ DX Awards Checkpoint if you need cards checked for their awards.



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From the President

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Joel, W5ZN

Greetings ADXA folks!

Over the past two weeks I have been pondering what to offer as comments in this column for our quarterly newsletter. I spend more time getting my thoughts in order than I do putting those thoughts in to words on paper. So, what has been in my head lately?? We have now made another transition from the winter “DX months” though spring and into summer. I’ve noted before that I personally have a different perspective on DX’ing during this time as outside and family activities seem to take priority. Of course, if a needed DXCC country appeared my priorities would immediately change!!!!!! Hey, what did you expect? I’m a ham that loves DX!

Propagation is slowly improving, the higher bands are becoming active and six meters is going through its normal sporadic E season. It has not been as significant as last year although some of you have picked up a few new ones on that band. I was quite surprised to learn I did as well. During the ARRL June VHF contest we had a brief opening to EU/AF. One of the stations I worked was a CT3. Now, if you had asked me out of the blue if I had CT3 on six I would have said “ABSOUTELY!”. A couple days after the contest I took a peak at my record on LoTW and was surprised to see I had a DXCC confirmation for a new country on six.....the CT3!! A nice surprise to say the least.

Speaking of six meters, we have had some postings on our reflector about VUCC grids. Is that DX? That is really defined by what one’s definition of DX is. I would offer that the regular, mundane grids that are prevalent on six is not however there are quite a few rare or very rare grids on during this time of year and for those pursuing the Fred Fish Memorial Award (FFMA) the information is very relevant. Of course, FFMA has its own reflector where that chatter can occur however there is nothing wrong with a little “alert” to ADXA members when a rare one appears or there is a significant opening on six.

Bouvet – wow! This is quickly becoming, if not already, the most difficult DXCC activation of all time. I recall a number of very difficult ones that were very difficult, including an attempt to activate Spratly Island some years ago that resulted in the death of a radio amateur after their boat was attacked by one country’s military! Thankfully Mother Nature has not taken any lives in the Bouvet attempt however she has been just as fierce.

A couple of months ago I raised the question, on our reflector, that if we scheduled an in-person meeting later this year, would you attend. Several of you responded and it was a unanimous “YES!”. Based on that result we will schedule a get-to-gather some time this fall. It will not be a large conference but a gathering where we can catch up on DX conquests (lies?), maybe have a few cards checked, a short program and a brief business meeting. We want to make the meeting location convenient for both central and northwest Arkansas so a venue in the Russellville area may be a good location however I want to emphasize this is in the very early planning stages and the exact location is yet to be decided.

I previously acknowledged a very generous donation to ADXA in honor of Paul Dixon, K5YH (SK), by Ms. Charlotte Steele, on our reflector. I want to again acknowledge this in our newsletter. We were all very saddened by Paul’s passing and greatly appreciate Ms. Steele’s donation. A “Thank You” card was sent to her from ADXA.

OK, you knew I was going to ask this question – “How are those summer DX related radio projects going?” Its June, its hot but before you know it football season will be winding down and we will be in the dead of winter. DX will be on. Were you ready? If not, there is only one sad thing to say – “You could NOT get in there and work ‘em!” and N5ZM walked all over you in the pileup! Don’t be a weenie and get walked on by Earl!

That’s all for now, GL es DX.

73 Joel W5ZN

Mobile DXCC

Rick, AI5P

Waiting for P5 on CW for the last one? Or maybe Scarborough Reef? Here's another DXCC challenge you might consider while waiting for those extremely rare ones.

A comment by Jay, W5JAY, a few months ago about working DX while mobile prompted me to take a look at the Mobile DXCC award. Back in the day, I did a lot of mobile operating while running counties and chased DX during major contests and DXpeditions. Chasing the QSL cards to make sure they indicated that you were /mobile also was a challenge. Fortunately, I got over 100 confirmed and got the DX Plaque/Certificate for having 102 confirmed by the Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club in 1994.

Fast forward to 2020. Thinking about what Jay had said, I checked the ARRL web site to see the rules for Mobile DXCC. Mobile operations are defined as contacts from "a vehicle, capable of moving itself, using only power and antennas that may also be moved with the vehicle." Proof of contact (QSL cards or LoTW) is required but only a list of contacts need to be submitted. I decided to see if I still had the cards. When I moved from Arkansas to New Mexico back in 2006, I threw away thousands of QSL cards and old logbooks. Fortunately, I found the cards I needed and ended up with 113 DXCC confirmed from the mobile.

Over the years I operated with only Hustler resonators and originally the Atlas 210-X, then the Icom IC-735, and finally the IC-706 series (still in use!).

The very unique Mobile DXCC Certificate (with the signature of our very own K5UR) arrived in due course and holds a special place on the wall!

I found the best time to work new ones were DXpeditions and the ARRL/CQ contests - especially on the second day when stations were looking for new contacts. So get out there - even in the driveway - and chase DXCC from the mobile!

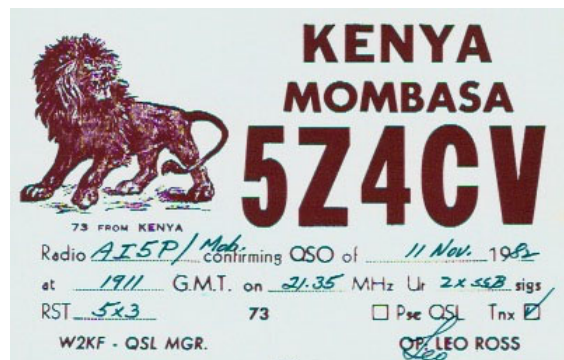
Here is a photo of the certificate and some of my most memorable /mobile QSLs.

Rick AI5P

Mobile DXCC

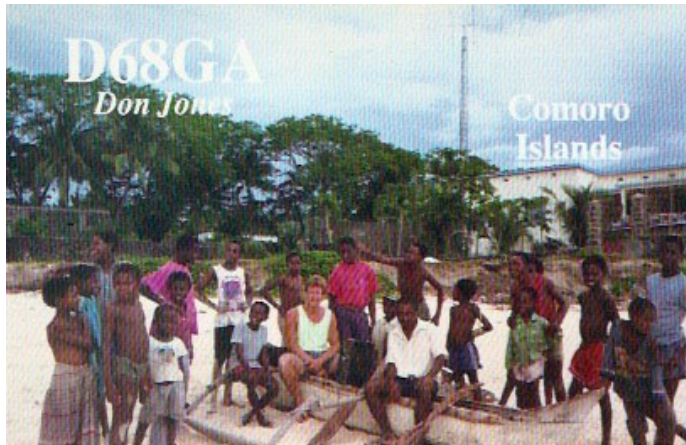
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GREETINGS FROM DESECHEO ISLAND

INTERNATIONAL
DX
FOUNDATION

DX-PEDITION

ZONE 8

GRID FK68

QSL VIA N6CW

KP2A
portable KP5

TO: AI5P/MOBILE
FROM: KP2A/KP5

CONFIRMING QSO:

DATE	TIME	MHZ	RST	2-WAY
13/03/89	1709Z	14.2	59	SSB

73's KP2A, John; N2KW, Allen; NK4X, Arnold;
VP2EXX, Paul; W6CDR, Wynn; W8KKF, Harry.

São Tomé Island

IOTA: AF-23 GL: JJ30jh

S9SS

Confirming QSO With

AI5P/M 2WAY: CW MHz: 14.03

ON: 14-JUN-03 UTC: 22:17 RST: 539

Tks for QSO. Best 73. Charles

Charles Lewis
Voice of America São Tomé Transmitting Station
São Tomé & Príncipe
WEST AFRICA
The QSL MAN® - W4MPY

EX: S92SS
A22AA
SVØLM
U.S.: KY4P

CQ Zone: 36
ITU Zone: 47

QSL via N4JR



CANCELLED

After several days of deliberation and consideration, the ADXA Board has concluded it is in the best interest of our members to cancel our 2nd Quarterly Meeting.

It is encouraging to see things opening up in Arkansas and some of the restrictions being lifted however given the general age of our members who attend our meetings, some with serious medical conditions who are not yet being advised to attend social gatherings, we believe it is wise to cancel this meeting.

ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

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LICENSE CLASS: _____

APPLICATION: ☐ NEW ☐ RENEWAL

NAME: _____

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

DXCC MEMBER? _____

ARRL MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES: _____

SPONSOR'S CALL _____

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:

Using your PayPal account send your dues payment to

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**Make sure you select the personal tab and identify this payment as a gift
or there will be a surcharge.**

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