



# ADXA Minutes



PROMOTING DX AND DXING THROUGHOUT ARKANSAS

## ADXA Quarterly

First quarter ADXA meeting was March 12, 2022 at Western Sizzlin', Russellville, AR.

Meeting called to order by W5ZN at approximately 12:00 PM.

### Attending:

K1LEC, N5RN, W5ZN, WB5JJJ, KI5FXK, N5LKE, N6LKE (Caroline Ferguson), N5QJ, K5UR, Holly Roderick, K5EJ, N5ER, KC5CFE (Brenda Clark), KG5KS, K9OZ, W5RZ, WB5BHS, KG5TRI (Trace Evans), K5CS, K5ALQ, W5PIG, K5CKS, W5YV, K5UZ, KM5G, K5FUV, N5QS, and N5QT,

Moved by N5LKE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by WB5JJJ to approve the minutes from the March 2022 meeting as published in the newsletter.

Executive committee made the recommendation that we make a donation to the Crozet DXpedition since it is #1 on ADXA list.

### No old business

### New business

Since many in ADXA use Clublog it was suggested that we make a donation. This received idea received

good response.

KA9FOX (Scott) hosts ADXA website. He won't take money but it has been suggested that we send him some anyways.

A discussion about "noise" on the reflector. Several alternatives were suggested. For example: A second reflector for announcements (with announcements going to both reflectors), use of digest mode, use the ADXA webpage for announcements, use gmail filters. Not sure if ADXA reflector support use of Announcements.

Bouvet: Donation sent.

It was noted that the Arkansas Section Manager, Delta Division Director, and ARRL President (K5UR—a 53 year amateur) were all in the room.

From K5UZ: Appointment of J.M. Rowe is a good thing. Delta Division continues to grow. Still need to talk up ARRL with hams and clubs.

From K5UR: New CEO. K5UR has seen 6 CEOs. New CEO is doing a good job but is experiencing resistance to changing things. Emergency Communications position will be headed up by an

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### Items of Interest

[ADXA Quarterly Meeting](#) — June 18, 2022 —11 AM till 2 PM Location: Corky's BBQ, North Little Rock, AR

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Arkansas boy.

LOTW has been a challenge in that it is based on old architecture. Requests are handled as first in first out. New architecture is being looked out but there are budget issues in 2022 and 2023. Any change will be expensive. QST won't be printed at the current price. There are supply chain issue and there is not a budget for the increased cost. Paper is difficult to find. Back to LOTW. Some commented that the LOTW requests should be in done bulk versus one at time. Another comment was that LOTW is not user friendly.

K5UR thinks LOTW could become one stop shopping for awards.

K5UR reminded use that grants are available and should be apply for.

Rick is concerned about the future of hobby. In today's meeting there are only 2 attendees under 50.

W5ZN believes that ADXA might want to fund LOTW. Joel mentioned the ADXA has name badges. If interested contact Roger, N5QS. Remember to specify the DXCC award you want on your badge.

K5UZ and WB5JJJ moved and seconded the meeting adjournment.

### **ADXA Officers (2022)**

**President:** Joel Harrison W5ZN

**Vice President:** Pat Patterson W5VY

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Glenn Wolf N5RN

**Director:** Earl Smith N5ZM

**Director:** Roger Gray, N5QS

### **ADXA Website**

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## From the President

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### From the President

Joel, W5ZN

DX'ing in 2022 and beyond brings thoughts of interest, excitement, anxiety and, in some cases, anger. It doesn't take much awareness today to know that applies to pretty much every topic. Regardless of what you are involved in, whether amateur radio or another personal or professional interest, the same applies.

It's quite obvious I'm very passionate about amateur radio. It played a major role in developing me as a youth and all the way through my professional career. As a result, I am quite opinionated at times. I have now held an amateur radio license for 50 years, a nice milestone for any life event. I joined ARRL a year before I obtained my license so 2022 marks my 51<sup>st</sup> year of continuous ARRL membership. In reminiscing over that time, the most serious divisions within our ranks resulted from mode disputes. AM -vs- SSB was still raging then, shortly thereafter FM repeater disputes broke up or completely destroyed several well-established clubs, the elimination of a Morse telegraphy requirement for licensing is still being debated and now the explosion in digital mode interest has taken center stage.

But what about DX and ARRL's DXCC program? If you are relatively new to DX'ing the waters may appear calm and they relatively are compared to some of the past debates and rules revisions of old. So that circles back to my opening statement, DX'ing in 2022 and beyond and the Arkansas DX Association. The pandemic of 2019 stifled the activation plans of needed top 10 entities and everything came to a halt. While it appears this is something we must now live with, just like the flu, life in that regard is returning to a post-Covid normal that does resemble life before. We have two top 10 entities planned for activation and more top 50 and top 100 entities already planned or in the works. DX'ing is not dead, especially among our local ranks as evidenced by our members who are increasing their DXCC and Challenge totals.

When the good health of the DXCC program is mentioned, it goes hand in hand with the health of the Arkansas DX Association, now in existence for over 50 years. Sure, we've had our ups and downs over that time but we're still in exist-

## From the President (Cont)

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ence and strong. ADXA is one of the most highly respected DX clubs in the country, maybe even in the world. Stop and think about some of our members who have activated major DXpeditions, served as Chair of ARRL's DX Advisory Committee, Chaired subcommittees to rewrite rules or create new DX awards like the DXCC Challenge program and even managed the DXCC program at ARRL HQ. And our annual conference draws in some very high-profile speakers from around the country. Think about that for just a moment. ADXA members have played a major role in the most sought after and respected awards program in amateur radio. Not bad for a DX club in a small state like Arkansas!

As I noted previously, I'm very opinionated and I'm reminiscing but the state of DX'ing in 2022 and beyond excites me, I'm still very interested DX'ing. I have some anxiety in my pursuit to hit the 300 mark on 160 meters (currently at 282) and whether I'll live long enough to achieve that goal. And I would not be truthful if I didn't confess there are a few things, one in particular, that angers me (illegal use of remote stations)!

2022 is also providing a "reopening" of many events that have not occurred in more than two years. It was good to have the Dayton Hamvention, as well as many other amateur radio events, open again. So many events are opening up this summer that June has become a very complicated month for me personally. It seems everything I'm involved in these days demanded an event occur this month that requires my attendance. I just returned from the west coast and a round of meetings for some work I still do. I leave this week for IARU related work in Europe and the return later this month takes me immediately to a professional conference to present a paper. One of the things that I don't like about this schedule, aside from the hectic travel, is I'm very disappointed I will miss the June 18 ADXA meeting, the first in several years. ADXA VP (and past ADXA President) Pat, W5VY, has planned and organized an excellent meeting so I wish everyone the best and look forward to seeing you in September.

Until then, GL es DX.

73 Joel W5ZN

### From the QSL Shoebox

Rick, AI5P

Swan Island - did you know one of our ADXA members operated from this now-deleted country? Read on!

Swan Island is one of those Caribbean locales that has a very colorful and complicated history. The islands - there are three: Great Swan, Little Swan, and Booby Cay - were discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1502 and named the *Islas de las Pozas* (Islands of the Pozas). They were probably used as a base for pirates raiding Spanish, English, French and Dutch merchantmen in the ensuing years. In the 18th Century they were renamed the Swan Islands after a Captain Swan, the master of the ship *Cygnnet* (appropriately named for a young Swan!), whom pirates captured and forced to join them.

As early as the 1840s, the American owned "Atlantic and Pacific Guano Company" began exporting guano from the islands. Guano was prized as a source of saltpeter for manufacturing gunpowder as well as a source for agricultural fertilizer.

Then along in 1856 came an unusual law passed by Congress. DXers should be interested in its impact on the DXCC list! The "Guano Islands Act" enabled citizens of the U.S. to take possession, in the name of the United States, unclaimed islands containing guano deposits - as long as they were not occupied and not within the jurisdiction of another government. Islands such as Baker, Howland, Jarvis, Johnson, Kingman Reef, Midway, and Navassa became U.S Territories through this act. Under the act, the U.S. gained around 100 islands! By 1903, 66 of these islands were recognized as U.S. territories.

So - back to Swan Island. In April, 1857, one John V. White claimed the islands under the Guano Islands Act; transferred his interest to the Atlantic and Pacific Guano Company, and Presto, Bingo - the islands belonged to the United States!

Over the following years, various individuals, companies, and government agencies were involved in island operations: The Swan Island Commercial Company, the United Fruit Company, the U.S. Weather Bureau, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Federal Aviation Administration. Probably the most interesting was the installation and broadcasting operation (both short wave and medium wave) of Radio Swan (later Radio Americas) in the 1960s - a CIA operation designed to support the preparation for and, later, the conduct of the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. It was used later for anti-Castro broadcasts beamed at Cuba. The station was dismantled in the late 60s.

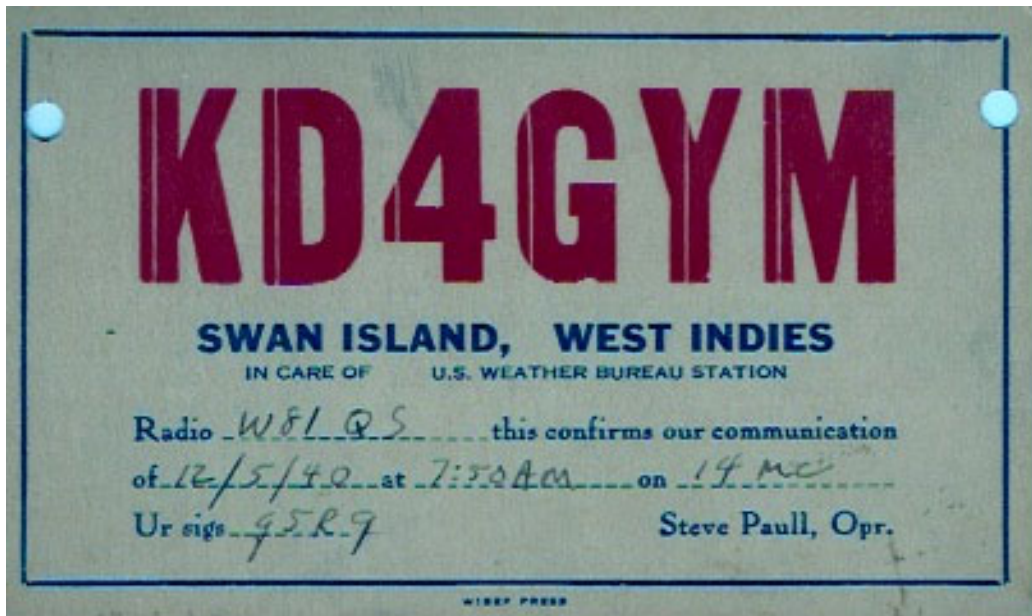
Honduras claimed the islands from 1923. Both the U.S. and Honduras claimed ownership until the U.S. dropped its claim under the Guano Islands Act. A treaty was signed in 1971 and Honduras assumed clear title on September 1, 1972.

Amateur radio operators were active on the island prior to World War II using the "KD4" prefix. However, Swan Island was not on the ARRL DXCC country list at that time. It was added post-war and a number of stations were active over the years - both permanent residents and DXpeditions. DXCC credit is given for contacts on August 31, 1972, and before.

One such DXpedition was by our own San Hutson, K5YY (ex-K5QHS), operating as K5QHS/KS4 in 1970. OK, San, I've opened the door and look forward to an article about your trip!

Here are examples of Swan Island QSLs:





A pre-war card from KD4GYM to W8IQS for a contact on 20m AM Phone on December 5, 1940



A QSL from Radio Americas I received for reception of their short wave broadcast in April, 1962

**Swan Island DX-Pedition**

**K5QHS)KS4**

QSO WITH Thomas Cx - my 1st DXped!

BAND	JULY 70	GMT	RST	SSB
3.5	Did this 3 weeks before I started medical practice - San			
7				
14				
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Dr. Sanford Hulson P.O. Box 588 Stuttgart, Arkansas 72160

A card from K5QHS/KS4 sent to K8CX (Thanks to Tom, K8CX, for the scan) from his July 1970 DXpedition. Note the interesting annotation!

## CQ VHF Plus —Trent, N4DTF

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### CQ VHF Plus Column

ADXA member Trent Fleming, N4DTF, serves as the columnist for the VHF Plus column in CQ Magazine. He's eager to hear about your on-air activity, your radio and antenna projects, and of course pictures of your VHF and above equipment/shack. Feel free to send any operating reports, article suggestions, or other information to him at [trent.fleming@gmail.com](mailto:trent.fleming@gmail.com) - he'll likely include it in an upcoming column.

Thanks,  
Trent

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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.



# Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—March 12, 2022

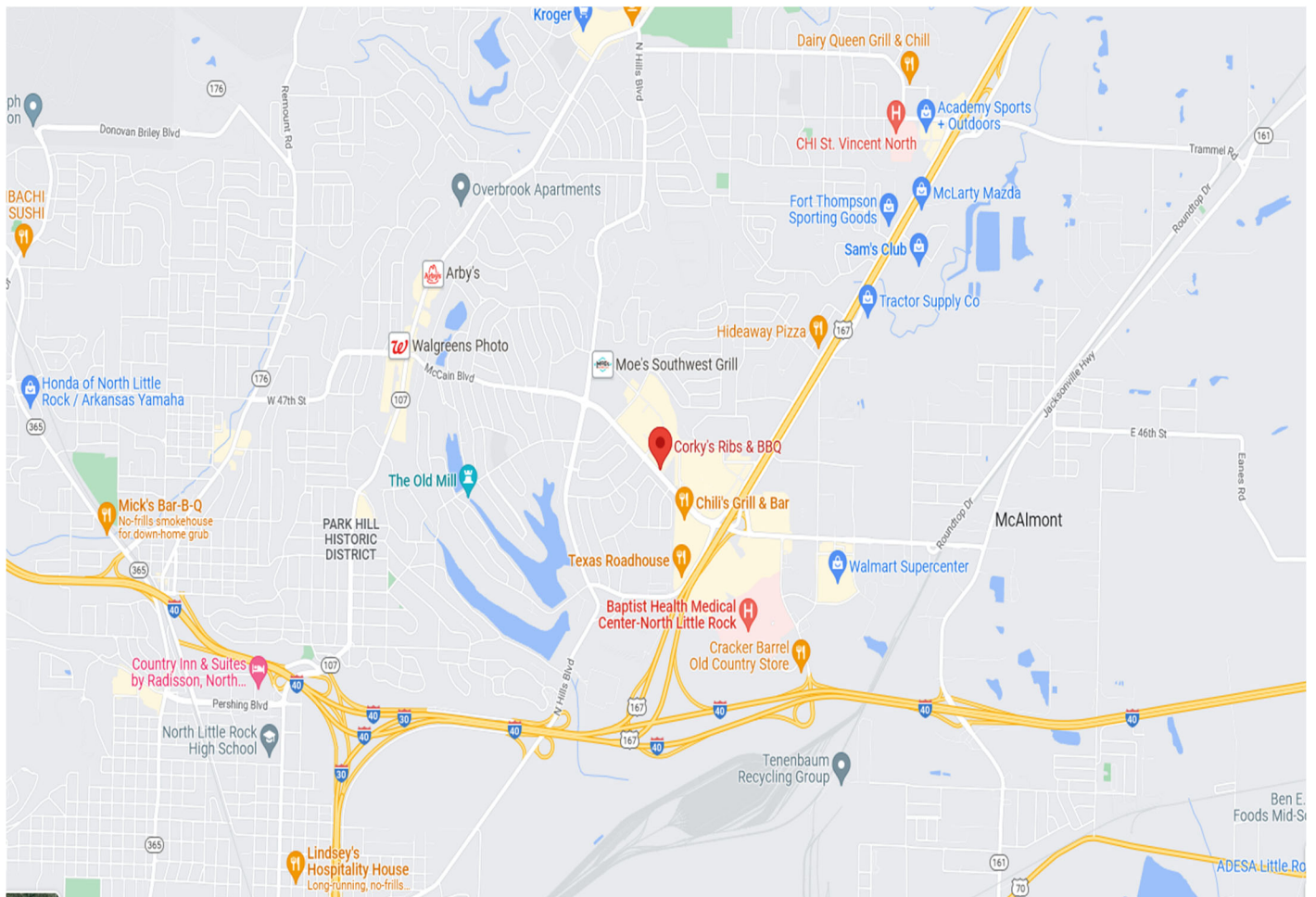
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**The next ADXA Quarterly meeting is:**

**June 18, 2022 11:00 AM till 2:00 PM at**

**Corky's BBQ  
2947 Lakewood Village Dr.  
North Little Rock, AR 72116**

**GPS Coordinates**



## ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

### MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

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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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