



ADXA Minutes



The second quarter meeting of the ADXA was the Annual meeting held at the Russellville Hamfest in Russellville, Arkansas on March 7 2020.

Meeting began at 11:30 AM with a presentation from the TX7T Marquesas DXpedition by Bill Priakos, W5SJ.

W5ZN opened the business meeting at 12:07 PM. Moved by K5YY, seconded by K5UZ to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter.

W5ZN presented the Treasurer's report. On motion of K5VR, 2nd by N5LKE the Treasurer's report was accepted.

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

N5LKE requested everyone to please update their "most needed" DXCC list since it has been one year since we initiated the list. The current list is on the ADXA web page.

K5YY asked for a clarification of ADXA's policy on DXpedition funding. W5ZN responded.

General discussion about the ADXA reflector. K5ALQ requested that when a post is made on the reflector about a DX spot to please include all

of the information about time and frequency.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Attendees:

Members:

Joel Harrison, W5ZN
Earl Smith, N5ZM
Mark Whatley, K5XH
Paul Dixon, K5YH
Tom Northfell, W5XNA
San Hutson, K5YY
Gene Cotton, WB5JJJ
Ken Blevins, K5ALQ
Charles Floyd, W5JE
Rory Bowers, K5CKS
Steve Norris, W5KI
Nick Kennedy, WA5BDU
Lanny Aldrich, K1LEC
Dawn Gray, N5QT
Roger Gray, N5QS
Larry Sicks, AC5AV
J Ferguson, N5LKE
Bruce Plantz, K9OZ
Stan Ross, K5VR
Don Banta, K5DB
Glenn Holmes, N5KLE
Frank Kollatt, Jr, W5BPT
Jim Roughley, K5JUC
Ben Thomlinson, W5MQ
Rick J Pope, KG5MWG
Bill Priakos, W5SJ
David Norris, K5UZ
Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ
Rick Roderick, K5UR
Shane Driskill, KG5SRO

Guests:

Ken Blevins (son)
Mark Graves, K5OO

Craig Faith, WA5YSD
Madge Kollatt, W5EFA
Tracy Eichenberger, KG5TRI
Scott Branyan, K15OJP
John Clark, N5ER

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.

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[ADXA Quarterly Meeting](#) — June 20, 2020—Cancelled

From the President

From the President

Joel, W5ZN

Normally, we would have held our 2nd Quarterly Meeting in person at a nice venue on June 20. Normally, you would have already received this newsletter with information pertaining to ADXA or articles of interest to ADXA members.

Normal as we have known it is no longer normal. If I told you to continue to be strong and vigilant during this time frankly, I would not be fully truthful. Oh, don't misunderstand, I want you each to be safe however I personally have become weary of what is and is not a fact concerning this pandemic. That, however, is not a topic for this newsletter or worthy of an ADXA discussion. What is worthy is amateur radio, DX and everything we love that is related to it.

Four months ago when we held our 1st Quarterly Meeting with a packed room at the Russellville hamfest, spring was beginning here in Arkansas, the winter DX and contest season was coming to a close and I prepared for the laid back summer time where I don't spend too much time operating on the air, it is spent on outside projects with antennas and such. For me personally I ended the winter season with eight new DXCC countries on 160 meters and one on 80. That brought my 160-meter total to 282 toward my goal of 300 and my DXCC Challenge total to 2,996. I have Bouvet worked on 2 bands and a first-class operation from there would have definitely netted me the extra four needed to reach the DX Challenge 3,000 mark, but I had resolved to waiting a few more years for that achievement.

When we left Russellville two things lay ahead that were unknown to us, one negative and one amazingly positive, that we never imagined would occur; the lockdown and cancellation of business, society and every major (and small) amateur radio event in the world, the negative. The amazingly positive event was the phenomenal openings on 6 meters that I have not seen for several years. The band conditions were exciting to say the least! On at least one evening, the band was still open to EU, SA, JA and the Caribbean all at the same time. Now, granted signal levels on some openings were very weak however thanks to the invention and popularity of the FT8 digital mode an unbelievable number of Q's were completed. The number of ADXA members in the pileups was fantastic and I know several of you acquired new DXCC countries, a couple of you completed your 6-meter DXCC and I was fortunate to nab four new ones to hit that 3,000 mark on the DX Challenge! And the really neat thing about the 6-meter opening is some of you were in there knocking off new ones with just 100 watts and an antenna 12 ft. high. Amazing! So, while we have been in lock down it hasn't been a total bore, we have been blessed with some very nice radio propagation and the reports some of you have posted on our reflector indicates HF propagation is in decent shape as well.

The time for 6 meter prop to end this year is quickly approaching and I believe the best of it is behind us.....I hope I'm wrong but historically that is normally the case.....normal in 2020??

So where does that leave ADXA going forward? Our regularly scheduled 3rd Quarterly Meeting is 3 months away and there is no way to predict what society will be like then. I know of a number of large gatherings scheduled for September, and even the rest of the year, that have already been cancelled. I will simply say stay tuned and let's see how things move along.

Previously scheduled DXPeditions have either been cancelled or are on hold. So, what is there to plan for? First, get your station and antenna projects planned, scheduled, worked and completed. If you can't go anywhere that is a good excuse to stay home and complete them. K5EJ just completed a new tower and antenna project. N5QS/N5QT have a new tower/antenna project working. I finished the addition of an additional JK antenna on tower 2 to stack with the existing one for contesting. Even if you plan to erect a dipole, get to it! Let's get those projects completed because you want to be ready when the bands open and I want to hear all of you ADXA folks in those pileups just like I did on 6 meters.

Now, with DXPeditions on hold what is there to work? Don't forget contests where you can add to your DX band totals or add an all-time new one! This summer, and every summer, we have the IARU HF World Championship contest. This is the event that WRTC is held in conjunction with every four years. The event is held the second full weekend of July (July 11-12, 2020) and runs from 1200 UTC Saturday until 1200 UTC Sunday, just a 24-hour contest. This is a really nice competitive event with both phone and CW during the same time period. In 2014 during the ARRL Centennial I had the honor of being the 20-meter CW op for W100AW. Quite a blast to operate a contest with a 60 dB callsign! So, get on the air and knock off some nice DX during this operating event.

I want to extend a very sincere thanks to Glenn, N5RN, for his patience is waiting on me to get this writing to him for the newsletter. The delay is mine, not his. Glenn is always very prompt and very accommodating with my tardiness. Thanks Glenn.

GL es DX to all and by all means, and I am serious, BE SAFE!!

73 Joel W5ZN

JT1AA Mongolia Zone 23 1957-58

Rick, AI5P

I recently added this card to my collection. For the old-timers, Zone 23 was certainly an extremely tough one to work in the 1950s (and still not easy today!).

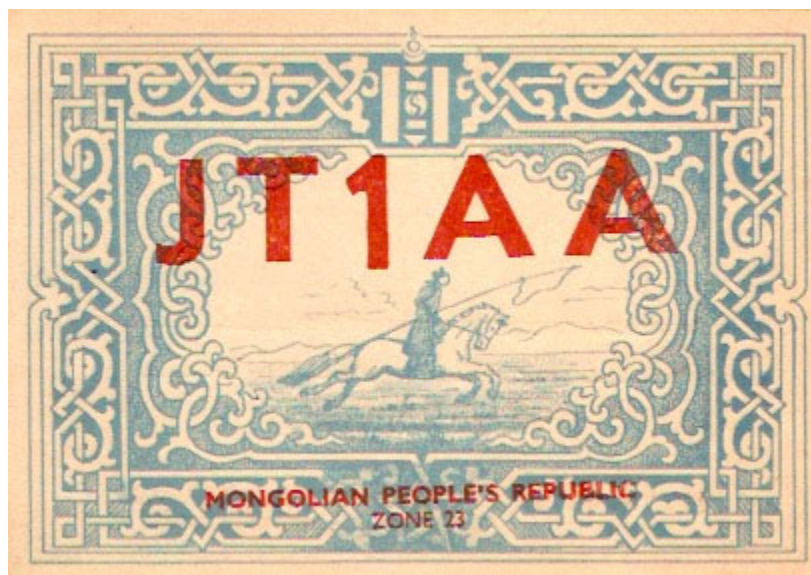
Here are some notes about this interesting operation. Information is quoted from the K8CX Ham Gallery website (with permission). If you have any interest in old QSLs, this is one of the best places to check them out.

JT1AA was Louis (Ludvik) Kloucek, OK1TW, and his wife Milada Klouckova was OK1KX. In 1957-58 he was a radio operator at the Czechoslovak Embassy in Ulan Bator. Mongolia was in great demand on the air, not just for a new country, but for Zone 23, which was the rarest of them all. So he got on the air with a home-made callsign - JT1AA. The Mongolian government tracked him down, but a few strings must have been pulled, because he was given the official callsign JT1AA, and his wife was given JT1YL. This is noted as being the only reciprocal licensing agreement made with Czechoslovakia. The old Czechoslovakia seemed to have had diplomatic contacts with several places that were rarely on the air, and Mongolia was one of them.

In 1968 came the "Prague Spring" and the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia. In 1969 he lost his job as a radio operator at the Embassy in Washington, D.C., as well as his amateur license and never returned to amateur radio. He became a SK at age 80 in 2010.

This card was for a 15 meter CW contact with W8SDD on October 11, 1958.

Rick, AI5P



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 that was scheduled for June 20.

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

BUSINESS NAME

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ZIP: _____

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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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