



ADXA Minutes



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

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

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Earl Smith, N5ZM

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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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Items of Interest

[ADXA Quarterly Meeting](#) — September 17, 2021—Cancelled

From the President

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Joel, W5ZN

The other day I was having a chat with Steve, N4JQQ, and he mentioned he was dying for some DX as it has been a very long time since we had a DXpedition that generated huge pileups across several modes. That prompted me to try to recall the last time I was in a fierce, knock down drag out DX pile up on CW or phone. I can't remember but I do agree with Steve, I'm dying for a huge pileup and a big DXpedition.

The world has definitely changed and I fear it has changed for the rest of our lives. Why do I "fear" that? Because I remember what I (and all of us) call "The Good Ole' Days!" of amateur radio. Well, exactly when was that? I think back to my Novice days and the fun and excitement I enjoyed during that time. I then begin to consider how great it would be to return to that time so I fire up my old Novice rig and realize that old equipment, while fun to operate briefly, is horribly inferior compared to today's impressive high-tech rigs with everything from high end solid state components to a software defined framework.

Such is the case for me today when I think about needing a big CW or phone pileup. There is a ton of DX on the air now. That is evidenced by the many spots and QSN reports we see on our reflector, but most of those are on digital modes, namely FT8. So why is FT8 so popular worldwide? There are a number of reasons. First the proliferation of noise generating devices has polluted the RF spectrum in many countries far beyond what we experience here in the USA. Think back within the past five years at some of the DXpeditions that were rendered almost useless at their location due to excessive noise generated by cheap products out of China ranging from street lights to in-home devices and an atrocious noise generating power grid. FT8 does provide a small advantage in some of these environments for the DX station.

Second, most hams today simply don't know or don't want to use CW. We have a tendency here in the USA to equate licensing requirements over the years to other countries of the world. That is simply a false application of the international regulations for the amateur radio service. Just think for a moment about some of the kings, princes and members of royal families around the world who have held amateur radio licenses. You think they learned and passed a Morse Code exam to obtain their license? Ever heard one on CW? So, in that regard FT8 provides an avenue for these folks to get on the air and easily control the environment they chose to operate within.

Here in the USA there are literally thousands of radio amateurs who are now attracted to operating on HF and to DXing thanks to digital modes. Jay, W5JAY, and I know an Arkansas ham who had no interest in HF beyond 75meter rag chewing. Jay set him up on FT8 and he has literally gone wild operating on HF. Jay also helped him get setup on LoTW and so far he has completed DXCC on 20, 17 and 15 meters and as of this morning is up to 49 DXCC countries on 40 meters. Why has he done this so quickly? Not exclusively due to FT8 but because he is literally on the air all the time hunting DX. I speak to him two or three times a week and he can't wait to tell me his DXCC standings and what he has worked recently. He is just one example. I know of four others here locally. And by the way, if you've ever been in a fierce FT8 pileup trying to work a rare or new DXCC country you know very well it is difficult and requires operator skill. It is NOT a guaranteed QSO!

Do I wish those were all CW pileups instead of digital pileups?? You bet! As I said, I'm dying for a great big hairy pileup to jump into. Those are becoming less frequent these days not just because of the popularity of FT8 but because of the changing world situation. I do NOT like change. I want things to be just like they were in 1972 during my Novice days with my DX60B/HR10B.....OH WAIT!!!! Didn't I say those radios were horribly inferior? Well, times change and to quote a phrase from Shawshank Redemption, "Get busy living or get busy dying!" I want to get busy living but I'm dying for a DXpedition!

ADXA is now in the third quarter of our 54th year. That's a long time for any organization, especially an amateur radio organization. It is something you should be proud of, to be a member of such an organization. I have been concerned about our not being able to meet in-person. That is not healthy for an organization however it is quite encouraging to see everyone staying in touch and continuing to be active on the air. Having access to amateur radio and DXing has certainly allowed me to retain some bit of sanity and I believe it has helped us all. I very much look forward to meeting later in the fall if even for an hour or so with just a few who can join me. We'll continue to work to that end and keep you up to date as an in-person meeting develops.

For now, you know what to do....."GET IN THERE AND WORK 'EM!"

73 - GL es DX,

Joel W5ZN

From the QSL Shoebox

Rick, AI5P

These two deleted entities are probably in some of our ADXA members totals. They are remote and desolate and have interesting histories: The Saudi Arabian/Kuwait/Iraqi Neutral Zones.

The Saudi-Kuwaiti Neutral Zone was an area of 2,230 square miles between the borders of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait that was left undefined when the border was established by the 1922 Uqair Convention. There was little interest in a more definite settlement of the Neutral Zone until, in 1938, the discovery of oil nearby. Oil concessions were granted by each government to private companies and later to joint ventures. The rulers of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia agreed in 1960 that the Neutral Zone should be divided. This agreement was signed in 1967 and finalized in December, 1969. Contacts with this entity on December 14, 1969, and before count for DXCC.

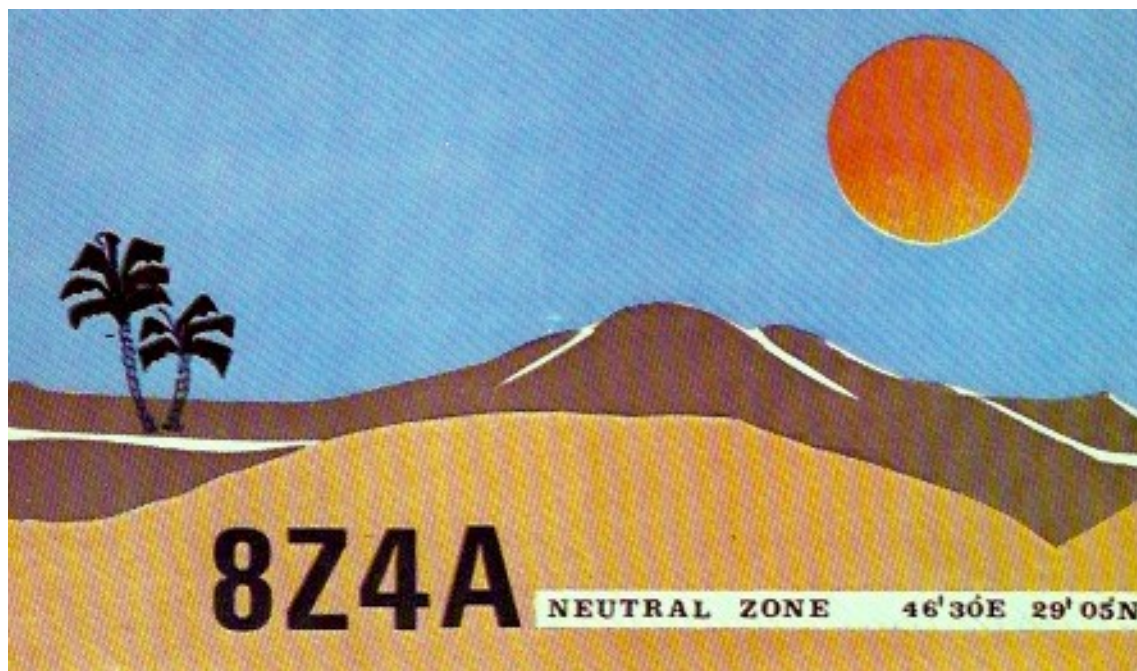
The Saudi-Iraqi Neutral Zone was an area of 2,720 square miles on the border between Saudi Arabia and the Iraqi Republic. This area was also left undefined by the 1922 border agreement. Administrative division of the Neutral Zone was achieved in 1975 and a border treaty concluded in 1981. Contacts with this entity on December 25, 1981, and before count for DXCC.

Here are examples of these entities:



HZ3TYQ/8Z5 in the Saudi-Kuwaiti Neutral Zone for a SSB contact with W3LOE on May 15, 1965. The operator was Vic Crawford, an employee of ARAMCO (the Arabian-American Oil Company - now the Saudi Arabian Oil Company), operating from the "weather shack" in the desolate oil fields. His one-man DXpedition made 1,080 contacts with 55 countries. Note the KWM-2!

Rick Harris—AI5P (Continued)



8Z4A in the Saudi-Iraqi Neutral Zone for a CW contact with N0XA on November 15, 1979. This DXpedition was sponsored by the Jordanian Radio Amateur Society in celebration of King Hussain's 44th birthday. A total of 40,800 contacts were made. Special thanks were given to HH Prince Talal, HZ1TA.

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 3rd 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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APPLICATION: ☐ NEW ☐ RENEWAL

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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:

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