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## ADXA MEETING MINUTES

**T**he 2008 2nd quarter meeting of the ADXA was held on Saturday, June 21, 2008 at the home of Paul and Myrtle Wynne.

There was discussion of HamComm. Ducié program was really good. It was a "Day in the life of" type of presentation.

### New Business

Pat reminded everyone of the next meetings—Hot Springs in September and the Annual meeting in Little Rock at AECC on December 6.

K5UR didn't have anything of real note to report. BPL issue pointed out more things that the FCC didn't do and the FCC got scolded.

On May 12, DXAC sent comments on remote operation to ARRL Program and Services Committee. There are many issues with this but it really appears that enforcement will be difficult.

CW Skimmer—more strong opinions expressed about this.

K5UZ shared that John Norland, AD5FU, is the Delta Division Ham of the Year. His efforts on the supersession were outstanding.

K5UZ indicated that with Henry Leggett not running again that he's decided to run for Vice Director. It appears that K5UZ will be running against WA5TMC.

Web updates should be sent to N5RN.

K5UC is working on his DXCC.

V73RY is scheduled for the Annual Meeting.

There was discussion about what ADXA should do at the upcoming hamfests—Mena and Russellville.

Back to HAMCOM – LSDXA sent their thanks for our support of HamCom. 192 people attended the banquet. Flea market and forums at HamCom were well attended.

Yasme presentation was scheduled for the December meeting.

Those that signed the sign-in sheet included the following members: Glenn Wolf, N5RN, David Norris, K5UZ, Myrtle Wynne, N500I, Rick Roderick, K5UR, Bill Harper, K9IW, Earl Smith, N5ZM, Frank Fahrlander, N7FF, and Paul Wynne, AF5M. Guests included Raymond Hill, K5UC.

President Pat Patterson, W5VY, called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM. K5UZ introduced Raymond Hill, K5UC, to the group. Pat thanked Paul and Myrtle for taking care of everything.

### Health and Welfare

K5UZ reported on Susan Norris. She's home from hospital and doing better. XE1CI, Nellie, has pancreatic cancer. We sent Nellie a card of appreciation to Nellie thanking her for all her years of supporting DX and we received an email note back thanking us for the gesture. The note was passed around the room. Frank Kollatt is having problems with his stints. No update on Ken Blevins.

### Old Business

A motion was made by AF5M to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as distributed. N5ZM seconded and the motion carried.

N5RN gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as presented by AF5M. Seconded by K9IW. The motion carried.

N5ZM is now CQ award checker.

JM Rowe will likely be K5UZ's recommendation to complete his current term should he be elected Vice Director

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 2:19 PM.

## Words of Wisdom from the President

**W5VY**

I don't have many pearls of wisdom for this issue of the newsletter. Maybe "Buy low and sell high"! I enjoyed seeing everyone at Paul and Myrtle's home. Great food and cold 807s. They are certainly a very "hospitable" couple of DXers. It was also great to have DXer "par excellence" and ARRL bigwig Rick, K5UR and his XYL, Holly in attendance.

I went on Field Day with the Russellville Crew (ARVARF/K5PXP). We used my Orion for the CW station and made a reasonable showing with Dennis W5RZ and Nick, WA5DBU doing the heavy lifting. Since then my Orion has been sitting on my desk...not connected to a power supply, antenna or computer. My XYL, Patty, has been doing her best to get back into remission following relapse of her Multiple Myeloma. Between the almost daily trips to UAMS for therapy and my job I haven't had much time for my favorite hobby. She has made progress and we are starting a new therapy next week that appears to be promising.

I have received some cards and LOTW confirmations despite my inactivity. Looks like I now have enough band-entities to qualify for the Desoto Challenge. I need to do a submission with Earl to get that going. Looks like this winter should be another great opportunity to pick up some new entities on the low bands. I'm going to make an effort to improve by 160M receive situation. The old adage "you gotta hear 'em to work 'em" really kicks in on 160M for me here in metro North Little Rock. The KARN AM 920 transmitter site is about ¾ mile from my QTH. Their second harmonic (1840 KHz) is about 10db

over S9 and 12 KHz wide at my place. That pretty much takes out that piece of the band!

So much for my words of wisdom. However, I feel Benjamin Franklin had it right when he said ""Wise men don't need advice. Fools won't take it."

Hope to see you all in Hot Springs on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

73,

Pat, W5VY



# Pacific 2008

Rick Harris, AI5P

March 2008 found me off to the Pacific again. My trip was prompted by a note in one of the DX publications in December 2007 and another note in my 2006 E51APX log from the South Cooks. The DX sheet noted that Randy, N5LE/V73RY would be leaving Kwajalein in May 2008 and my log noted a QSO with Randy in which he kindly offered to sponsor me if I wanted to visit. A flurry of e-mails, faxes, and phone calls ensued to arrange a visit to Kwajalein and to include Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

A very long flight from Albuquerque, departing 6 a.m. March 13, to Guam via Dallas and Tokyo (Narita) found me arriving there at 4 a.m. on March 15. This included an eight-hour layover at Narita Airport plus a one-hour maintenance delay leaving there. I was one tired traveler at this point!

I had made arrangements for a stay at the Inn on the Bay Hotel. Located on the western side of the island (where most hotels are), I was able to throw up a wire and operate without too much difficulty. At the last minute before leaving the States, I found out from Ed, AH2L, that Danny, KH2JU, actually rents out a contest station at his home. It's not well advertised as all the operators normally come from Japan. Although I had paid for my hotel, I did rent the station which allowed me 3 days of operating with an amp and beam antennas.

Guam is the southernmost and largest island in the Marianas. It was discovered by Ferdinand Magellan during his voyage around the world in 1521. Guam was claimed by Spain until the 1898 Treaty of Paris ceded it to the United States at the end of the Spanish-American War. Guam was occupied by the Japanese during World War II from December 1941 until liberated by U.S. forces in July 1944. Guam is the United States' westernmost territory; hence, the popular saying "Where America's day begins!"

Driving around Guam is, to me, like being in Southern California. Lots of the usual fast-food places, excellent Malls, and business franchises you would recognize. Of course, many others would be quite unfamiliar! It's about 50 miles to drive around the island. I did it a couple of times enjoying the beautiful scenery and crashing waves.

On the radio front, I had the pleasure to meet a number of local hams to include Danny (KH2JU), Katsu (KH2E), Ed (AH2L), Joel (KG6DX), and Mike (K3UOC).

Total Q's from AI5P/KH2 were 408 on SSB and 2177 on CW. Most of the contacts were on 40, 20 and 17 meters. Interesting contacts included: XU7/UX4UL, OH0/LY2CY, 9J2BO, CO2CL, 9M6DXX/p, A45XR, E21EJC, TG9NX, 9X0R, 4S7DXG, ZS1/RW1ZC, 5Z4FM, E74EDL, 7Q7BP and a number of individual Chinese stations. W5GO claimed the first ADXA contact!

On March 24, I departed Guam for Kwajalein. Continental Micronesia flies between Guam and Hawaii on an "island-hopper" route going east one day, west the next. So after stops at Chuuk (Truk), Pohnpei and Kosrae (All part of the Federated States of Micronesia), I arrived at Kwajalein after basically an all day flight.

The Marshall Islands consist of a double chain of 34 atolls with a total land mass of only 74 square miles. Kwajalein Atoll is a coral reef formation in the shape of a crescent loop enclosing the world's largest lagoon with a surface area of 1100 square miles. Situated on the reef enclosing the lagoon are approximately 100 small islands. Kwajalein, one of the atoll's three largest islands, is one-half mile wide and 2 and one-half miles long.

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These islands received few visits from early European explorers and were named for English sea Captain John Marshall. Annexed by Germany in 1885, the Marshalls were seized by Japan in 1914 at the start of World War I. Formerly awarded the islands by the League of Nations in 1922, Japan began fortifying the islands prior to World II. Scene of heavy fighting on some of the islands in 1944, the Marshalls were under a United Nations Trust administered by the United States after the war. In 1986, the Republic of the Marshall Islands gained its independence.

Currently, Kwajalein Atoll is leased by the United States as a missile range and is home of the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site. This is why you must have a sponsor to visit the island.

Randy and his wife Debbie had arranged my lodging in advance and I was soon qualified to operate the club station with my own call, V73PX. There are several members of the club with individual licenses but most are inactive. Randy has been quite busy during his three years on the island—mostly on the digital modes. I was using a Yaesu FT-1000 with Ameritron AL-1500 amplifier. The antennas were a TH-7 at 75 feet (no rotator), Log Periodic at 45 feet (no rotator), 40/80 meter dipole, 4BTV vertical and an A-3S (unfortunately broken). The TH-7 could be turned by the "armstrong" method with a long rope. I also threw up my 30 meter double bazooka for a go along with trying the 80 meter dipole on 30.

Randy and I along with Sam, V73A, gave the CQ WPX Contest a go with a reasonable effort using my callsign. During my 13 days there, V73PX managed to get 5840 contacts in the log - 3530 on SSB and 2310 on CW. Some of the more interesting call signs in the log are TF3ZA, XV3M, J39BS, NQ4I/am, 9M6/N1UR, W7KFI/mm, WA2YUN/KH9, YI9PT, XV1X, VQ58V, YJ8TZ, FY1FL, HH4/AF4Z, V48M, VP2MAT, MDOCCCE, K4QS/am, PJ5NA and R1FJT (FJL on 80 meters CW!). Propagation seemed to be quite above average - but it helped to have the TH-7 right next to the Pacific Ocean! Again, W5GO claimed first ADXA honors!

There are no private cars allowed on the island so everyone walks and/or rides a bike. An excellent way to get some exercise! I had to cycle about 5-7 minutes to get to the station - depending on which way the wind was blowing (and it normally is) I could vary my route a little.

The Army's 7th Infantry Division took the island in 1944 with some heavy fighting. A few of the Japanese fortifications still remain and I did do a "cycle" tour of the battlefield with a number of historical points marked.

I took the ferry (an U.S. Army LST) to the near-by island of Ebeye which is heavily populated with Marshallese laborers who work on Kwajalein. There's quite a difference in the living standards between the two islands.

I also had the unique opportunity to travel to Roi-Namur, 50 miles by air, for a day visit. This is another very large test site and the home of Neil, V73NS. He kindly arranged for a golf cart to travel around the island. The Marines invaded here in coordination with the Kwajalein invasion in 1944. I hadn't realized the heavy fighting that this island saw - four Medals of Honor were awarded to the Marines for this action. A number of Japanese fortifications still stand - it was quite an awe-inspiring visit.

Neil only operates CW and is quite active. He has to bicycle from his dorm to the club station site to operate.

One of the highlights of the Kwajalein visit was the opportunity to see an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) streak through the night sky into the lagoon after a test flight from Vandenberg AFB. Wow!

Backtracking to Guam, I took a short 30 minute to the island of Rota in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. I almost booked into the more well-known island of Saipan, but decided on this small island. It's about 10 miles long and 3 miles wide.

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Also discovered in 1521 by Ferdinand Magellan, these islands were called the Islas de los Ladrones (Islands of Thieves). Renamed in 1668 to honor Spanish queen Maria Ana of Austria, they were sold by Spain to Germany in 1899. Seized by Japan at the beginning of World War I, they were the scene of heavy fighting during World War II on Saipan and Tinian (Rota was bypassed). Administered as an United Nations Trust by the United States after the war, the people voted to become a U.S. Commonwealth in 1975.

Here I stayed at the Coconut Village Resort. I discovered the manager was licensed in Japan many years ago but was no longer a ham. He was quite helpful in getting me sorted out. Not a great radio location, I was just using my IC-706 and double bazooka antennas. I was more or less blocked by the terrain for Stateside and conditions took a turn for the worse that week also. But the facility and staff were outstanding so it was a fun visit! I explored the tin island and enjoyed lots of beautiful scenery and photography opportunities.

As AI5P/KH0, I managed 1398 Q's with all but 7 on CW. Interesting contacts included H44MD, CX7TT, XW1B, A92GE, SV9AHZ, V73NS, ZS5LB, V85TT, and 7Z1HL. Unfortunately, few stateside contacts were made and no ADXA members!

The return trip was another long one - fortunately routine! Rota-Guam-Tokyo (Narita), Dallas to Albuquerque. Quite another Pacific adventure!

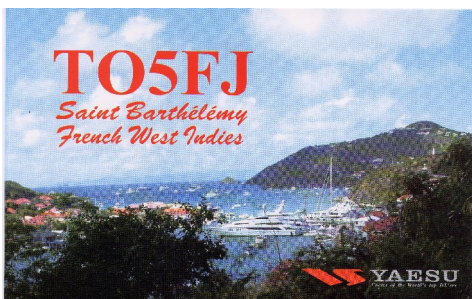
73, Rick AI5P



## Mark Your Calendars

These are the dates for future ADXA meetings. Please note the year as well as the date:

- September– 3rd Saturday (20 September 2008). Location: Avery Pavilion, Hot Springs
- December–1st Saturday (6 December 2008). Location: AECC, Little Rock.



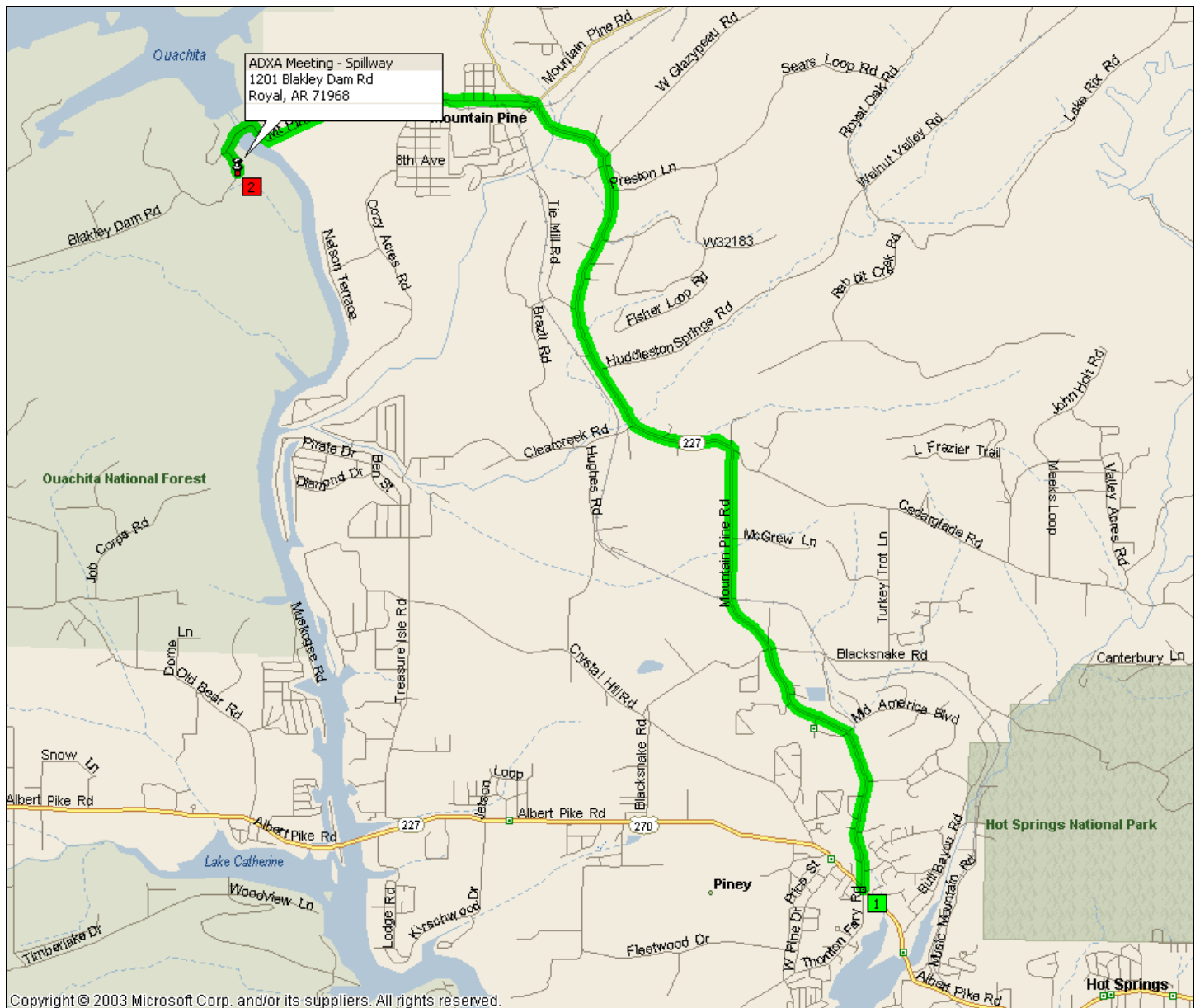
## Card Checking

Earl will be available to check cards as usual before the meeting. If you want to have your cards checked please arrive at 11:00. Also, let Earl know that you are going to be bringing cards.

# Map to ADXA Meeting

## 1201 Blakely Dam Road

### Royal, AR





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