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**ALEXANDRIA, MINNESOTA**  
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-----**NEWSLETTER**-----

AUGUST 2013

**NOTE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 20 ----- RARC ANNUAL PICNIC AT 5PM +/- AT FELD MEMORIAL PARK ON NORTH NOKOMIS IN ALEXANDRIA. A POTLUCK AFFAIR, BRING YOUR OWN EATING UTENSILS AND BEVERAGES. SHOULD BE FUN AND HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE. YOU MAY WANT TO BRING ALONG YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR AS SEATING MAY BE LIMITED.**

**[Minutes of the Meeting of the Runestone Amateur Radio Club July 16, 2013 at Senior Center, Alexandria, Minnesota](#)**

**Attending:** KB0INZ - Jim Horn; KD0MOM – Tom Kilian; KD0RAV – Jan Kilian; N0CE – Dick Fjeld; N0NYV – Maggie VanHavermaet; NN0Q – Jim Molkenthin; N0RCL – George Schouweiler; W0KCJ – Norm Yeutter; W0MKE – Mike Thomas; KG0DX – Bill Klundt; W0JAR – John Ross; W7ISD – Norm Priebe; KD0UTA – Roger Hafner

Meeting was called to order by Bill Klundt at 7:02PM

There were no formal minutes from the June meeting.

**Treasurer's report:** Norm Yeutter \$3401.70 +\$39.00-\$37.00 = 3403.70

The activity was an ARRL membership transaction.

**Technical report:** W0KUG was not present. The 2M repeater is working OK.

The Superlink is not bring up the Alexandria repeater. (440MHz problem?)

**Education Director's Report:** The director was not present

**Public Information Officer's Report:** Pictures can now be added to the W0ALX website. NN0Q (Jim) brought old Ham Radio magazines for anyone who wants them. There was a discussion of the K7KGE website. Ham Nation has videos of Dayton Hamvention. Discussion of wireless Internet: Any server delay lowers bit rate.

**Old Business:**

There was a discussion about ways to identify ourselves as club members, such as shirts, caps, safety vests. KD0MOM (Tom) will investigate possibilities.

"Newline" was raised as topic, but there was no report.

Motion to do a "Special Event" station for Memorial Day weekend. NORCL to check with Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. Tom/Jan – Passed

Motion to hold our annual picnic Aug. 20, 2013 in a city park with NOCEto inquire with the city and make the reservation. Passed.

### **New Business:**

W0JAR (John) is now the Douglas County Emergency Coordinator for A.R.E.S.

Bill Klundt proposed that we have a special event station Oct. 12-13, 2013 as call sign W0W. This event would highlight the Kensington Runestone as evidence of European exploration in America prior to the Columbus expedition. Although multiple transmitters are allowed as W0W the group thought that being together in one place would work best. Bill would like us to let him know of ideas about a good place to do this event. We also discussed possibilities for other special events, for example in connection with Sauk Centre's "Altar Rock".

NN0Q proposed that we petition ARRL to have a category for Field Day for multiple stations under one club call sign, this would simulate an actual emergency situation more closely that the single station location now allowed. NN0Q may draft a letter and bring it to a future meeting.

We shared Field Day memories.

Adjournment NN0Q/KD0MOM. Passed

### **RARC SUMMER SATURDAY BREAKFAST SCHEDULE**

Festivities begin around 8:30am.....

- 8/17/13. . . Corral @ Nelson
- 9/06/13. . . regular winter schedule starts at Truckers Inn on First Saturday of the month and at the Brass Lantern the third Saturday of each month.

### **RUNESTONE CALENDAR NOTES:**

August 19,26: Monday Night Net, 7pm, 146.790, KG0DX NC

August 20: 5pm, Annual Picnic, Feld Memorial Park, Alexandria

September 2,9,16,23,31: Monday Night Net, 7pm, 146.790 NEED NET CONTROL

September 13-15: NW0AA from the Northwest Angle (see August QST for details)

September 14: PICO Net Gathering at Perham

September 17: Monthly Club Meeting, 7pm, Glenwood State Bank (if construction completed)

September 28: 8:00am Fargo Hamfest

### **2013 NET CONTROL AND MEETING GOODIES:**

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>NET CONTROL</u>	<u>GOODIES</u>
January	KC0UTN	KG0DX
February	W0KCJ	W0KCJ
March	N0CE	W0JAR
April	NN0Q	KD0UTA
May	KB0INZ	KB0INZ
June	KD0MOM	KC0UTN

July	N0RCL	W7ISD
August	KG0DX	Picnic
September		KD0UDS
October	N0RCL	N0RCL
November	KG0DX	WA0EBZ
December	KC0UTN	Christmas Party

(W7ISD available for Net Control for one-time emergency substitute)

**2013 RUNESTONE ARC OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:**

KG0DX Bill	President
W7ISD Norm	Vice-President
W0K0CJ Norm	Treasure / Trustee
KB0INZ Jim	Secretary
WB0KUG Wayne	Technical Director
KC0UTN Ric	Education Director
W0JAR John	Director (2014)
W7ISD Norm	Director (2015)
N0QXM Nick	Director (2016)

**From the Shack of N0RCL**

I'm not much for shopping. Mary asked me to get a carton of milk the other day and if they had bananas to get a few.

When I returned with the six cartons of milk, I simply explained that they had the bananas.

73 N0RCL Rural Holmes City.

**AS SEEN IN THE CLASSIFIED SECTION.....**

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