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-----**NEWSLETTER**----- APRIL 2013

THE NEXT MEETING of the Runestone Amateur Radio Club will be on June 18 at the Glenwood State Bank in Alexandria beginning at 7:00pm.

**Minutes of Meeting of Runestone A.R.C.
May 21, 2013 at Glenwood State Bank – Alexandria MN
Called to Order at 7:02PM(CDT) by Bill Klundt**

Attendance: KB0INZ Jim Horn, W0KJC Norm Yeutter, W0JAR John Ross, KG0DX Bill Klundt, N0STL Vlad Michtchenko, KD0UVA Peter Jennings, N0RCL George Schouweiler, NN0Q Jim Molkenthin, WB0KUG Wayne Johnson, KD0UTA Roger Haffner, KD0UDS Jason Ebacher, N0NYV Maggie Van Havermaet, KC0WHM Denita Wisnewski, KC0TAF Mike Wisnewski, KD0RAV Jan Kilian, KD0MOM Tom Kilian, W7ISD Norm Priebe

SKYWARN Training was presented by Mike Wisnewski.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved based on no corrections from the group.

Treasurer's Report: New Balance is \$3616.05

Discussion Topics:

Repeater behavior: signals breaking up from time to time

NN0Q has ham radio magazines to give away

"Newslines" transmissions via the 146.790-Repeater

Field Day Planning: Bill will send out a mailing with lists of things needed and tasks to be done. Brophy Park is reserved for the event. Breakfast will be served at home of N0RCL prior to setting up at the Park (Let George know if you plan to attend the breakfast.) We will try to get extra points for the club by doing some of the non-operating activities, for example, formal NTS message, solar power demo, inviting an elected official, etc.

Submitted by Jim Horn (KB0INZ), Secretary

[Runestone Radio Club summer 2013 breakfast schedule and location](#)

Please arrive approx. 8:30 AM (except field day)

- 6/15/13. . . Garfield Diner @ Garfield
- 6/22/13. . . Special field day breakfast at QTH of George and Mary Schouweiler 4293 Highway 114 , Alex MN (Arrive approx. 7:30 AM) (an RSVP would be appreciated...marsch@gctel.net) and then we'll get over to the Field Day site at Brophy Park.
- 7/06/13. . . Ding Dong cafe @ Sauk Centre
- 7/20/13. . . Jan's Place @ Alexandria
- 8/03/13. . . AJ'S @ Osakis
- 8/17/13. . . Corral @ Nelson
- 9/06/13. . . regularly winter schedule starts at Truckers Inn on First Saturday of the month and at the Brass Lantern the third Saturday of each month.

KXRA AM RADIO AND HAM RADIO.....

On Tuesday, June 18 at 9:30am Wayne WA0EBZ and Bill KG0DX will be interviewed by Dennis Anhalt, KXRA News Director, on his daily Open Line program. Tune up your AM radio to 1490 and listen to these guys. They'll speak to ham radio in general and Field Day in particular.

DOUGLAS COUNTY DISPATCH CENTER VISITED....

Members of the RARC toured the brand spanking new Dispatch Center for Douglas County Law Enforcement officials. The group also toured the Emergency Operations Center as well as the adjacent Ham Radio Shack and Communications Center. Very interesting to say the least. Thank you to those who took the time to familiarize themselves with this new facility.

FIELD DAY PLANS.....

Field Day 2013 is actually coming together and looks to be a good, if not a great year. Please, please let Bill KG0DX know if he's missed something. Here's the responsibility/progress report to date:

- N0RCL: Band pass filters
 Fence posts and driver
 10' ladder (in case KC0TAF can't come)
- K0MHC: GOTA station (radio, antenna, tower)
 ARRL Field Day Locator
 Conduct educational activity
- KD0UDS: Invite public official
 Set-up solar station / educational activity

Stay overnight
Doughnuts, rolls, soda pop, etc
KG0DX: Send news release to Echo Press
Invite served agency (Douglas County Law Enforcement)
Arrange presence on Open Line, KXRA
Send NTS message to Section Manager
Logging computer N3FJP, ACLog FD
Submit Field Day results via web
Utility, covered trailer and table
Club coffee pots, grounds, power cord
100' power cord
KD0UTA: Public information and table
KD0UVA: Two 100' power cords
W0JAR: Buddipole antenna
Fence posts
KC0TAF: 50' tri-county tower
Covered trailer
ICOM 706, PSK cap, logging computer
Router system to network logging computers
WA0EBZ: Assist with KXRA interview
KB0INZ: Stay overnight
EVERYONE: Come prepared to operate and do a little logging
Bring your own lawn chair; we're usually short of sitting places
Encourage kids to operate, they're worth points (and more than that!)
Try to copy the W1AW annual Field Day bulletin; check the ARRL web site for a detailed schedule; we need a complete, perfect copy
Bring your own food and beverage
7:30am breakfast at George and Mary's place. RSVP to marsch@gctel.net

STILL NEED: 1) SOMEONE TO TOW THE CLUB TRAILER FROM SAUK CENTRE TO LAKE BROPHY AND RETURN TRIP ON SUNDAY, 2) COULD USE A SPARE BACK-UP LOGGING COMPUTER ON SITE IN CASE OF CRASHES—SHOULD HAVE WIRELESS CAPABILITY

PRESIDENTIAL SPLATTER.....

I don't have much to say this month except to encourage everyone to participate in Field Day at Lake Brophy Park in one way or another. We can always use help with set-up, take-down and everything in-between. Heck, just come out and visit the event on a nice Saturday afternoon, or Sunday Morning. It's a beautiful park. Would really like to see you there.

Til next time, 73, Bill KG0DX

RUNESTONE CALENDAR NOTES:

June 3,10,17,24: Monday Night Net, 7pm, 146.790, KD0MOM NC
June 18: 9:30am, RARC on KXRA 1490 Open Line Radio Show w/Dennis Anhalt
June 18: 7pm, Monthly Club Meeting, Glenwood State Bank
June 22: 7:30am, Breakfast at George and Mary Schouweiler's
June 22-23 ANNUAL FIELD DAY, location Brophy Park

July 1,8,15,22,29: Monday Night Net, 7pm, 146.790, N0RCL NC
July 6: 8:30am Saturday Coffee at Ding Dong Cafe, Sauk Centre
July 16: 7pm, Monthly Club Meeting, Glenwood State Bank
July 20: 8:30am Saturday Coffee at Jan's Place, Alexandria

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
W0KCJ 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)