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-----NEWSLETTER-----

MARCH 2013

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Please remit your RARC membership dues to Norm Yeutter asap. His address is 2301 So. Le Homme Dieu Dr. NE, Alexandria, MN 56308 or see him at the March 19th meeting. Memberships are as follows: Individual \$25, Family \$35, Associate \$20, and Student \$5. You can check your current status at www.w0alx.org. Thank you for taking care of this item.

NEXT MEETING:

The regular March Runestone Radio Club meeting will be at the Glenwood State Bank, Alexandria, on March 19 at 7:00pm. Goodies to be provided by John W0JAR. Guests and visitors are all welcome.

Minutes of Meeting of Runestone ARC February 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Bill (KG0DX) at 7:02PM(CST) on the Club's 2M repeater.

Roll call: KG0DX, N0CE, Roger(SWL), W7ISD, KB0INZ, W0KCJ, N0RCL, KD0MOM, N0QXM, KD0RAV, NN0Q, N0NYV, KC0TAF, WA0EBZ

Secretary Report: None

Treasurer's Report: None. W0KCJ says report will be made at next meeting (March)

Trustees' Report: None

Technical Report: None

Education Report: None

PIO Report:

- ³⁵/₁₇ NN0Q says "Ham Nation" has audio-file shows which could be played over the repeater. This could be done by transmitting the audio to the repeater from a 2M station. The repeater would identify itself as required by law even during a long transmission. However, the timeout feature of the repeater would either have to be lengthened or disabled, unless the station transmitting the show would stop the playback as required to keep the repeater from timing out.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Photos and videos can be sent to KD0JXU(Casey) for the Website. Bill (KG0DX) will check with Casey about this activity.
- ³⁵/₁₇ KD0MOM asked if there would be media coverage/announcements about the VE activities in March. KG0DX will send Echo Press contact info to NN0Q.
- ³⁵/₁₇ N0RCL asked about the existence of QSL cards for W0ALX. KG0DX, W7ISD, and WA0EBZ have some and N0RCL would like to see some samples at the next meeting.

Old Business:

- ³⁵₁₇ IC761: Vlad will take this in the near future to technician named Gary for repairs.
- ³⁵₁₇ Douglas County Update: WA0EBZ reported that the equipment for the ham station is in the building, but not yet in the station room. Antenna(s) are in place and cable is there. Bill and Wayne are to make a visit to inspect the station and then a later visit to install the equipment. Wayne is to find out when this will happen. We do not know if there is an HF antenna.
- ³⁵₁₇ The Saturday breakfast at W0JAR's QTH was a success and much enjoyed by those who came.
- ³⁵₁₇ Bill (KG0DX) thought that the MNQP contest went well for our Club.
- ³⁵₁₇ No. Am. QSO Party Jan 19-20: Some issues with some of the logging programs were found. There was a short discussion of using a presentation on the N1MM logger as an education project for the Club.
- ³⁵₁₇ Dues are due. Send them to W0K CJ.

New Business:

- ³⁵₁₇ NN0Q has many back issues of amateur radio magazines that he would like to give to new hams and some not-new hams could have some also. He may bring some to meetings of the Club.
- ³⁵₁₇ Chair or Co-chairs are needed for the Field Day. Nobody volunteered at this meeting.
- ³⁵₁₇ VE testing March 8 at 1:30PM at Glenwood State bank in Alexandria. Tests for any class level will be offered
- ³⁵₁₇ VE's will conduct a JAM session for Tech Grade test March 16 (also at G.S. Bank) 10AM-2:30PM with a lunch break in the middle. Then VE testing at 2:30 for any class of license.
- ³⁵₁₇ There was a discussion of modified versions of QSO contests for Club members. No decisions were made, but there seems to be some interest in intra-Club competition. Members are urged to submit the Club info with their logs when a contest includes that option.
- ³⁵₁₇ Nobody had any further information about a future visit to one of our meetings by "Inform TV".

VHF, UHF, HF Notes:

- ³⁵₁₇ NOCE and Roger (SWL) did a contact with an Arizona station using a digital voice mode.
- ³⁵₁₇ NOCE would like to get the use of a pre-amplifier for the repeater to do tests now that the Police and Fire radio transmitters will not be sharing the same roof. This might help the repeater to work lots better.

ADJOURNMENT was moved by NOCE and seconded by N0RCL. It passed by a lack of any "No" votes.

Jim Horn – KB0INZ-- RARC Secretary

RUNESTONE CALENDAR NOTES:

March 18,25: Monday Night Net, 7pm, 146.790, NOCE NC
March 16: 10:00 CramJam Class, VE Testing at 2:30pm
March 19: 7:00pm, Monthly Club Meeting, Glenwood State Bank
March 23: Mid-Winter Madness, Buffalo

April 1,8,15,22,29: Monday Night Net, 7pm, 146.790, KG0DX NC
April 19: 7pm, Monthly Club Meeting, Glenwood State Bank

2013 NET CONTROL AND MEETING GOODIES:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>NET CONTROL</u>	<u>GOODIES</u>
January	KC0UTN	KG0DX
February	W0KJCJ	W0KJCJ
March	N0CE	W0JAR
April	KG0DX	WA0027SWL
May	KB0INZ	KB0INZ
June	KD0MOM	KC0UTN
July	N0RCL	W7ISD
August		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
W0KJCJ Norm	Treasure / Trustee
KB0INZ Jim	Secretary
KB0KUG Wayne	Technical Director
KC0UTN Ric	Education Director
W0JAR John	Director (2014)
W7ISD Norm	Director (2015)
N0QXM Nick	Director (2016)

FROM N0RCL'S STORY FILE....

George and Mary argue over who should make the morning coffee.

Mary says, "as you get up first in the morning, George, you should make it. Then we won't have to wait too long for our coffee."

"But you are in charge of all cooking around here," George claims, "that is your job, so you should make it. If I have to wait for my coffee, I don't mind."

"But the Bible says the man should make the coffee," says Mary.

"OK, if you can show me where it says that, I'll do it"

Mary gets the Bible, opens it and points to the top of several pages. . .it indeed says, "HE BREWS"

73's de NORCL in the shack



March 2, Saturday breakfast at Trucker's Inn, Sauk Centre. Lively discussion on the finer aspects of amateur radio along with lots of other "stuff." The top picture is an example of how to get the guy with the camera into the picture...pretty sneaky huh? You shoulda been there!

