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-----NEWSLETTER-----

APRIL 2013

THE NEXT MEETING of the Runestone Amateur Radio Club will be on May 21 at the Glenwood State Bank in Alexandria beginning at 7:00pm. This meeting will be a 2 hour Skywarn Weather Spotter training program for all of us. We've invited law enforcement personnel from Douglas County who may yet need training. CU there and bring a guest if you like. Just prior to our regular club meeting there will be a VE session from 5pm to 7pm at the same location....details further down in newsletter.

**Minutes of Meeting of Runestone A.R.C.
April 16, 2013 at Glenwood State Bank – Alexandria MN
Called to Order at 7:02PM(CDT) by Bill Klundt**

Attendance: Jim Horn (KB0INZ), Roger Haffner (KD0UTA), Logan Bardson (Visitor), Alden Mattocks (N0MIC), Wayne Johnson (WB0KUG), Nick Pasche (N0QXM), Vlad Michtchenko (N0STL), Jason Ebacher (KD0UDS), Jerry Kuhlman (KB0UJG), Norm Priebe (W7ISD), Wayne Johanson (WA0EBZ), John Ross (W0JAR), Norman Yeutter (W0KCJ), George Schouweiler (N0RCL), Pete Jennings (KD0UVA) Bill Klundt (KG0DX)

Minutes of previous meeting were approved with a minor (\$1) correction to the Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report: Starting balance \$3441.05.
Income \$ 125.00
Expenses \$ 0.00
New Balance \$3556.05

Maggie has the coffee cash – no change
Wayne/Vlad moved approval as amended. Passed.

Tech Report: WB0KUG has been working on the repeater, which was noisy on the Monday (Apr. 15) evening.

WB0AMY (Cal) is having a repeater programmed for Sauk Centre. It will be at the Sauk Centre Hospital. Normally it will operate as our repeater on 147.255, but for the state emergency drills it will be used as a transceiver for contacting the 147.015 (Collegetown) repeater.

There was a discussion of the state drills on the first Wednesday of each month.

The old Sauk Centre repeater was sold for \$100.

No PL tone is planned for the Sauk Centre repeater at this time.

Education report: None

Public Info Report: NN0Q was absent. Bill (KG0DX) reported instead.

Pictures are difficult to put into the club website. The website requires registration, but this does not actually enable the uploading of pictures.

Bill has received positive feedback about the W0ALX website.

Old Business:

Please pay your dues if you have not yet done so.

Douglas County: Bill and Wayne checked out the station. Antennas for VHF and UHF are OK. HF vertical antenna is not so good on 80m because of a S8 noise level that is typical of downtown Alexandria. Vlad affirmed that the noise problem in Alexandria is 24/7. The operation on the higher HF bands was better. The ARES EC may need to put up a wire antenna for 80m to be able to reach State of MN EOC. N7ISD (Norm) recommends a noise search and says he will help with that.

The Sheriff will need a list of names of those who will use the station. Those coming in will need to have picture ID and a Ham License. Skywarn training may be required. Bill said we may have Skywarn training by KC0TAF to get lots of us trained.

Field Day: Norm/Wayne moved that we have Field Day at Kensington Runestone Park. Passed.

Executive Board Mtg. Report: Report resulted in two motions at this meeting;

WB0KUG/N0RCL moved that Larry Christensen (N0SRX) be made a lifetime member. Passed.

N7ISD/WB0KUG moved that Maggie Van Havermaet (N0NYV) be made a lifetime member. Passed.

Other (New?) Business

Note: W0KCJ is the VE testing manager for our club.

Vlad reported the model 761 radio was dropped off by him in the Twin Cities. The radio will either be fixed or accepted as a trade towards another radio.

“News Line” programs for our repeater: Jason Ebacher tested it with the repeater. The programs will be edited into sections of less than 5 minutes. Some of the stories are longer than 5 minutes. There will be a test run Tuesday at 7:00PM.

The contesting discussion was put off until a later meeting.

A RARC special event station for “Ribfest” will not happen, because Ribfest has been canceled.

Note: If ARRL membership is handled through the club treasurer, \$2 of the fee stays with the club.

Adjournment: N7ISD/WB0KUG. Passed.

Jim Horn, KB0INZ
Secretary

[VE TESTING: are you ready to begin or perhaps upgrade???](#)

A testing session is set to go on Tuesday, May 21 at the Glenwood State Bank in Alexandria beginning at 5:00pm. All levels will be available and you can get help with 605 completion. A charge of \$15 will be made for taking the examination. Bring two forms of ID, one must be a picture ID.

[Runestone radio club summer 2013 breakfast schedule and location](#)

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

³⁵₁₇ 5/18/13. . . last of winter schedule at Brass Lantern

³⁵₁₇ 6/01/13. . . Truckers Inn @ Sauk Centre

³⁵₁₇ 6/15/13. . . Garfield Diner @ Garfield

³⁵₁₇ 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](#)) and then we'll get over to the Field Day site at Brophy Park.

³⁵₁₇ 7/06/13. . . Ding Dong café @ Sauk Centre

³⁵₁₇ 7/20/13. . . Jan's Place @ Alexandria

³⁵₁₇ 8/03/13. . . AJ'S @ Osakis

³⁵₁₇ 8/17/13. . . Corral @ Nelson

³⁵₁₇ 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.

PRESIDENTIAL SPLATTER.....

Spring is finally here (I think) and that means that Dayton can't be far away. Getting kinda excited at this QTH and very much looking forward to the road trip with John W0JAR. We'll be in contact with Norm W0KCJ and his relatives as we motor down the road. Will also be in contact with some ham friends from the Stillwater/Maplewood area while traveling through Wisconsin. We're pretty much limited to 2 meters but there's lots of activity especially as lone gets closer to the Indiana/Ohio border.

Just imagine some 5 plus acres of flea market, or was it 7 acres? Scroungers will think they died and went to heaven. At last recollection I believe there are 2500 spaces in the flea market. Add in another 500 commercial vendors inside, and you got a real hamfest by anybody's standards. I'm not shopping for any big \$\$ stuff, but do have a number of lesser items on my shopping list. Reminds me that I need to go and get some green stamps to spread around at the Hamvention.

Til next time, 73, Bill KG0DX

[RUNESTONE CALENDAR NOTES:](#)

May 13,20,27: Monday Night Net, 7pm, 146.790, KB0INZ NC

May 17,18,19: Dayton Hamvention

May 21: 5pm, VE testing session, Glenwood State Bank

May 21: 7pm, Monthly Club Meeting, Glenwood State Bank SKYWARN TRAINING

June 3,10,17,24: Monday Night Net, 7pm, 146.790, KD0MOM NC
 June 18: Monthly Club Meeting, Glenwood State Bank
 June 22-23 ANNUAL FIELD DAY, location Brophy Park

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)

FROM THE SHACK OF N0RCL:

Last month I noted that I do not have many kitchen skills. This month I will fill you in on a lesson I learned a short while ago.

I thought I could handle a few scrambled eggs for breakfast. I got the pan out and I greased it (with a spray can). I got the eggs in the pan but the darned white things just rolled around every time I tried to scramble them.

73's de NORCL in the shack