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WØALX- RUNESTONE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC  
ALEXANDRIA, MINNESOTA

-----NEWSLETTER-----

January 2013

## MONTHLY CLUB MEETING, 7pm on TUESDAY, JANUARY 15 at the Community Room, Glenwood State Bank, Alexandria

The RARC will be electing new officers and directors for 2013 at the January meeting. Note the work of the Nominating Committee below...nominations will also be taken from the floor. SEE YOU AT THE MEEING.

### RRC MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER, 2012: Wayne WB0KUG

Met at Glenwood State Bank.  
Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Bill KG0DX.  
13 members and one visitor.

Last month's minutes approved.

Treasurer Report read by Norm, approved

Balance at October meeting      \$ 3,323.65

Receipts \$ 50.00

Member dues \$50.00

Expenses \$ 55.60

Repeater repair to NOCE \$ 45.60

Repeater council dues 2013 \$10.00

Current Balance                      \$ 3,318.05

Coffee Cash \$252.72

Oct Rcpt \$5.93

Total                      \$258 65

Trustee report read by Norm: Paid dues to repeater council. Reported Sauk Centre repeater still out, should be back in operation in June 2013

Tech Report read by Dick: Asked if the club wanted to Beta Test new Firmware for the repeater, after a short discussion, decided not to be Beta tester.

Education Report read by Rick: No report this month. Membership encouraged to send program ideas to Rick.

PIO Jim NN0Q: did not make it to the meeting.

Bill KG0DX reported the status of he ICOM 761 radio: Will have a update for next month meeting.

Douglas County update given by Wayne Wa0EBZ: Douglas County Sheriff is still not ready, He will be liaison until Mike WA0TAF appoints someone. Douglas County Sheriff is still wanting the Amateur Radio Station used.

Next meeting will be December 11, 2012 at Corral in Nelson, This is our annual Christmas Party/meeting. Social time at 5:30 pm, Dinner/Supper at 6:00 pm.

Nominating committee has selected the following and the following has consented to run for the following positions:

|                |                            |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| President      | Bill K (DX)                |
| Vice President | Norm P (ISD)               |
| Treasurer      | Norm Y (KCJ)               |
| Trustee        | Norm Y (position for life) |
| Tech           | Wayne J (KUG)              |
| Education      | Rick L (UTN)               |
| Secretary      | Jim (INZ)                  |
| Director       | Nick P (QXM)               |

We vote on these candidates during our January club meeting.

Bill K talked about having another License class next year, Tom (MOM) volunteered to help.

At the Saturday coffee get together in Sauk Centre, they stuffed envelopes from the WOW event.

There was a discussion on having our club meeting over the radio (2 meters) in the event we had bad weather. There was also a discussion on a practice storm meeting.

We also talked about planting a SEED, have a 'local club special event' A 48 hours contest, operating no more than 6 hours blocks of time. No more details were given in this meeting. If you have any ideas, bring them to the next club meeting.

Vhf/Uhf notes: not much this month, Tom (MOM) talked about his 2 meter beam.

Adjourn at 7:46pm

We watched 3 videos presented by Wayne (WA0EBZ) on DX expedition to Bhutan

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FD 2004 with W0GJ Glen Johnson

Goodies brought by Wayne J

## **PRESIDENTIAL SPLATTER:**

Once again it's time for resolutions. Or is it? Really, they're just promises to ourselves which may or may not require much in self discipline. In my case, I'd like to try ONE new "thing" in amateur radio communications before the end of the year. This "thing" could be a different band, one of the digital modes, a new slow scan TV mode, a different portable operating location, a new contest for me at least, etc. Seems the opportunities are endless. As someone recently said, "A pessimist

sees the difficulty in every opportunity, while the optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.” So don't be discouraged by new things, find the opportunity to grow and develop. Good luck with the New Year!

Bill KG0DX

### RUNESTONE CALENDAR NOTES:

January 7, 14, 21, 28: 2 Meter Net, 7pm, 146.790 NC KC0UTN  
January 5: 8:30am, Saturday Coffee, Truckers Inn, Sauk Centre  
January 15: 7:00pm, Monthly Club Meeting, Alexandria  
January 19: 8:30am, Saturday Coffee, Brass Lantern, Alexandria

### 2013 NET CONTROL AND MEETING GOODIES:

| <u>MONTH</u> | <u>NET CONTROL</u> | <u>GOODIES</u> |
|--------------|--------------------|----------------|
| January      | KC0UTN             | KG0DX          |

(remaining Net Controls and goodies determined at January club meeting)

### 2012 RUNESTONE ARC OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| KG0DX Bill          | President          |
| WA0EBZ Wayne        | Vice-President     |
| W0KCJ Norm          | Treasure / Trustee |
| WB0KUG Wayne (temp) | Secretary          |
| NOCE Dick           | Technical Director |
| KC0UTN Ric          | Education Director |
| W7ISD Norm          | Director (2015)    |
| W0JAR John          | Director (2014)    |
| KC0UTN Ric          | Director (2013)    |

### **From the keys of N0RCL**

While on a road trip, with my XYL, we stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. After finishing our meal, we left the restaurant, and resumed our trip.

When leaving, my XYL unknowingly left her glasses on the table, and she didn't miss them until we had been driving for a half hour. Then, to add to the aggravation, we had to travel quite a distance before we could find a place to turn around, in order to return to the restaurant to retrieve her glasses.

All the way back, I became the classic grouchy OM. You know, fussing and complaining during the entire return drive. The more I chided her, the more agitated I became.

To her relief, we finally arrived at the restaurant. As she got out of the car, and hurried inside to retrieve her glasses, I yelled to her, **While you're in there, you might as well get my hat and the credit card.**

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