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A NEWSLETTER OF THE
RUNESTONE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, W0ALX

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BIG CHANGE FOR RUNESTONE RADIO CLUB

Runestone Radio Club monthly meeting will be on SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 AT 10:00AM at the Glenwood State Bank of Alexandria. Routinely meet the third Saturday of the month.

The monthly RARC club meetings will be PRECEDED with a breakfast/coffee at the Depot in downtown Alexandria beginning anytime after 8:00am. Every third Saturday.

PRESIDENTIAL SPLATTER

This will be my last commentary on club business that will appear in the Open Mic. On January 17th the RARC will have some new officers and some incumbents. I personally have found the last three years to be fun and frustrating at the same time. The fun part was to witness members develop their interests and skills; and to share that knowledge with others. The frustrating part was that membership was waning which it shouldn't in a region that has the ham population that we have.

This area has great potential for significant club growth, but it will require the support of more than a select few. The relationship with the Douglas County Law Enforcement will need nurturing. The club should be able to support a Technician License class. Special Events presents the area to the region and nation. In a word, each of us needs to up the ante and become more PRO-ACTIVE regarding the greatest technical hobby in the world.

On a last note, I appreciate all the support and encouragement I've received from many of you while serving as your President...please give the next President your public and private support...he or she will need it. My plans are to continue to be the Editor of the Open Mic (for the time being), participating in club meetings, and being engaged in club sponsored activities.

CU on the air, 73 Bill KG0DX

Minutes of the Runestone Amateur Radio Club Meeting of October 21, 2014

Club President Bill Klundt(KG0DX) called the meeting to order at 7:00PM at the Glenwood State Bank in Alexandria, MN.

Attendance: Bill Klundt(KG0DX), Jim Horn(KB0INZ), Roger Haffner(KD0UTA), Norm Yeutter(W0KCJ), Wayne Johanson(WA0EBZ), Mike Thomas(W0MKE), Dick Fjeld(NOCE).

Minutes of Meeting of October 21, 2014 were accepted without amendment. (WA0EBZ/KD0UTA)

Treasurer's Report: General Fund \$3255.20+\$0.00-\$50.00=\$3205.20 Coffee Cash \$277.56+\$4.43=\$281.99

Trustee Report: Norm(W0KCJ) reported no trustee business

Education Report: None

Technical Report: The repeater is working. The Superlink also seems to be working.

Public Info Report: None

Old Business:

EOC station: Bill recently had a meeting with Deputy Egan. It is OK for us to do 2m/HF testing at a place Bill called the "Water Shed", a publicly owned property. Wayne and Bill may try an antenna there. Egan knows our Club is struggling, but we would like to fire up the EOC ham station quarterly. There is a trailer 6' x 12' that was used for medical supplies that is unused and empty. We might be able to use this as a

portable station by adding a crank-up tower. There was a discussion of where to store it. Douglas County does not own it, but may be able to get a deed to it.

The Annual Christmas Party will be at the Forada Supper Club Dec. 9, 2014 at 6:00PM.

WOW Certificates: Six requests were received. Bill will handle this.

New Business:

Preliminary Nominating Committee Report:

President: Wayne Johanson

Vice President: Norm Priebe

Secretary: Jim Horn

Board of Director Member: Bill Klundt

Proposed Changes to Constitution: At present, the club's Constitution specifies the time for the Annual Meeting as September. For years we have been doing the meeting in January. We need a group to review the Constitution.

Coffee but no goodies at monthly meetings. (No vote was taken on this.)

Motion was made to use some of the coffee funds for door prizes at the Christmas Party. WA0EBZ/NOCE

(This passed on voice vote.)

Net Control Assignments: NOCE volunteered to be Net Control for January. Further assignments will be made at the January meeting of the Club

Adjournment (W0KCJ/KD0UTA). Time was 7:58PM.

Jim Horn KB0INZ
Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan 12,19,26: 7pm Two Meter Net, 146.790 NOCE - NC

Jan 17: 8am Breakfast, The Depot, Alexandria

Jan 17: 10am RARC Monthly Club Mtg

Jan 24-25 Winter Field Day

Feb 7: 8:30am Breakfast Truckers Inn, Sauk Centre

Feb 7: 8am-6pm Minnesota QSO Party

Feb 14: St. Cloud Hamfest

Feb 21: 8am Breakfast, The Depot, Alexandria

Feb 21: 10am RARC Monthly Club Mtg

2015 NET CONTROL ROSTER

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>NET CONTROL</u>
JANUARY	NOCE

(TO BE COMPLETED AT THE JAN MEETING)

**INFORMATIVE AND INTERESTING PROGRAM
COMING TO YOU ON JANUARY 17.....YOU GOTTA BE
THERE.....**

WAYNE WA0EBZ has promised us an exciting program for the January 17 club meeting. He'll present on the following topics which will be of interest to all hams:

1. Int'l Space Station - Slow Scan TV
2. A video titled "Ham Radio Menace"
3. ARRL Audio Newslines (time permitting)

Come and hear about the latest and greatest.....

**IF YOU'RE UP FOR SOME COLD WEATHER
FUN, LOOK FOR THE WINTER FIELD DAY ON
JANUARY 24/25**

SPAR (SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AMATEUR RADIO) is once again sponsoring the annual Winter Field Day. Operations are from 11am (CST) January 24 to 11am (CST) January 25. A number of years ago our club finished first in the nation for a multi-op operation. The exchange is simple: callsign, category (indoors, outdoors, # ops), ARRL section, and outside temperature (when starting operations). If you'd like more detail, go to www.spar-hams.org. You'll find everything you need in order to participate. Dress right and stay warm!



A bit too icy to activate a Lighthouse! Don't ya think?



Remember when.....



[MINNESOTA QSO PARTY IS COMING](#)

FEBRUARY 7 -- 8:00AM TO 6:00PM CST is the date and time set for the exciting 2015 MN QSO Party sponsored by the Minnesota Wireless Association. You can find all the details at www.w0aa.org and click on MN QSO Party, then look over the data available and remember to check the Rules for specific information on everything you need to know. Beginning around 3pm or so, some of our hams hang around 3.855 Mhz and participate in a loosely organized round table to let others pick up several counties at one shot. A number of years ago a ham from Georgia found us and declared that he'd "found the mother lode." Enough said.

You can operate 160 through 10 meters excluding the WARC bands. There are two MODES: Phone (SSB and FM) and CW (CW,RTTY and PSK). The exchange is fairly simple. If you work a MN station, exchange first name and county-be sure to use the correct 3 letter county designator. If you work a non MN station (W or VE), exchange first name and state or province- be sure to use the two letter designator for these. And if you work a DX station, exchange first name and the country will be noted as DX. Again, these details are spelled out on the W0AA website. Multiplier, scoring and logging rules are also laid out for you. Electronic logging is recommended but paper logs are acceptable in the format prescribed by W0AA. Speaking of logging....if you participate (any mode, power, etc) and want our club to be credited with your total point accumulation, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RARC CLUB DESIGNATOR IS **RUNESTONE ARC**. If you deviate from this club name, none of your points will count towards the club total; we'd like some bragging rights this year.

Further discussion at the January 17 meeting.