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WØALX- RUNESTONE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC
ALEXANDRIA, MINNESOTA

-----NEWSLETTER-----

February 2013

SATURDAY BREAKFAST HOSTED AT EARTHEN HOME.....



A festive morning breakfast was experienced by several local hams and xyl's at the home of Shirley and John Ross (W0JAR) on January 19th. The Chief Cook served up ample helpings of a delicious egg bake along with very tasty biscuits and gravy. The eating fare easily beat out the offerings at the local restaurants and truck stops. At the round table beginning with N0RCL and going clockwise: WA0EBZ, KB0INZ, INZ'S XYL KATHY, W7ISD, SHIRLEY, AND W0JAR. A BIG THANK YOU to Shirley and John.

SPECIAL NOTE: MONTHLY CLUB MEETING, 7pm on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19. This meeting will be conducted over the 2 meter repeater (146.790-) in an effort to test our capability to handle business/traffic over a publicly monitored radio system. The club president will convene the meeting and proceed with the usual items of business. In general, Robert's Rules of Order will be applied throughout. Join us on the radio.....should be fun and interesting.

DUES ARE DUE: please submit your annual membership dues to Norm Yeutter asap. His address is 2301 S. Le Homme Dieu Dr. NE, Alexandria, MN 56308. Here's the schedule: single \$25, family \$35, associate \$20, student \$5. Please remit directly to him or bring to the next meeting which will be in March. Incidentally, you can check your current dues status on www.w0alx.org. Check it out and Thank You.

DID YOU KNOW you can find complete copies of the club's Constitution and By-Laws on the

club's website, www.w0alx.org? Go ahead, take and look.....

PER NN0Q YOU CAN get a schedule as to when the International Space Station is visible in your area. Just access the web at www.spotthestation.nasa.gov

CRAM JAM TECHNICIAN LICENSE CLASS

Tom KD0MOM and Bill KG0DX will be conducting a technician level one day class/review for students who have committed to self study and attending a Saturday CRAMJAM. Based on student feedback from the last class we've made some minor adjustments to the process. The scheduled CRAMJAM is on Saturday, March 16 beginning around 10am and concluding around 2:30pm with a VE Testing session. CRAMJAM will be at the Glenwood State Bank in Osakis.

FROM ALL REPORTS it appears that the Runestone ARC was well represented in the Minnesota QSO Party this year. The bands cooperated this year and a nice number of hams hung out on 3.855 for a couple hours during the afternoon. Preliminary score totals suggest that the club will do well in the club competition. Be sure to send in your logs no later than March 15 even if you feel you had a minimal outcome. This is an instance when even small points count.

RRC MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2013:

(Not available as of this writing; may be sent out later under separate emailing)

PRESIDENTIAL SPLATTER:

Apparently there were only six club members who participated in the "Runestone Modified" North American QSO Party. I had hoped for a broader representation, however, there are always going to be family events, technical issues and other "stuff" that keeps us away from our favorite hobby. Dick N0CE picked up all the marbles in this one with a top score of 35,875 with Bill KG0DX, Wayne WA0EBZ, Jim NN0Q, Jim KB0INZ and Wayne WB0KUG in the running. Thanks guys for giving it a try, that's what counts.

When explaining ham radio the other day, I overheard someone say, "Do they do that anymore?" Well, the answer is "my goodness yes, and how!" A recent chart in the ARRL Letter reported that there are nearly 710,000 licensed hams in the US. Our south eastern, southern, western, and northwestern regions seem to have the numbers in their favor. We may have fewer in the upper Midwest, but of course, we make up for it with quality

RUNESTONE CALENDAR NOTES:

Feb 16: 9:00am Cabin Fever Reliever, St. Cloud
Feb 18, 25: Monday Night Net, 7pm, 146.790, W0KCJ NC
Feb 19: 7:00pm, Monthly Club Meeting over the 146.790 repeater

March 2: 8:30am Saturday Coffee, Truckers Inn, Sauk Centre
March 4,11,18,25: Monday Night Net, 7pm, 146.790, N0CE NC
March 8: 1:30pm, VE Testing Session, Glenwood State Bank
March 16: 10:00 CramJam Class, VE Testing at 2:30pm
March 19: 7:00pm, 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	W0KCJ	W0KCJ
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
W0KCJ 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....

We were having supper a few nights ago, when I said to my XYL, "Honey, this potato looks bad". She promptly picked it up and slapped it around a couple of times. "Now," she says, "If that potato gives you any more trouble, you just let me know".

73'S de N0RCL in the shack