



OPEN MIC



A NEWSLETTER OF THE
RUNESTONE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, W0ALX

W0ALX RARC, 2301 S Le Homme Dieu Drive NE, Alexandria, MN 56308
www.arrl.org www.w0alx.org Repeaters: 146.790 Alexandria; 147.255 Sauk Centre

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 19, 2014

Club President Bill Klundt called the meeting to order at 7:01PM in the Conference Room of Glenwood State Bank in Alexandria, Minnesota

Attendance: Rick Lukanen (KC0UTN), Bill Klundt (KG0DX), Norm Yeutter (W0KCJ), George Schouweiler (N0RCL), Jim Molkenthin (NN0Q), Tom Kilian (KD0MOM), Jan Kilian (KD0RAV) Maggie Van Havermaet (N0NYV), Richard Fjeld (N0CE), Roger Haffner (KD0UTA), Wayne Johanson (WA0EBZ), Jim Horn (KB0INZ)

Bill announced that there is a power supply and transceiver for sale. He also asked for people to sign up for net controls for the 2M nets and for goodies and coffee for future meetings. (Note: The secretary does not have a copy of the list that was made.)

Treasurer's Report (W0KCJ):

General Fund: \$3218.70+\$65.00-\$150.00=\$3133.70

Coffee Cash: \$290.17+\$5.-\$15.49-\$10.00=\$270.18

Technical Report: The *Superlink* controllers work for 2M, but not for 440MHz. The "253" command does not come up. There has been much effort toward fixing the problem, but this has not been successful. The equipment always has a light on. We do not know what this means.

Education Report: Rick (KC0UTN) was present, but had nothing to report. The batteries of a new 2M rig died.

Public Information Report: NN0Q had more old Ham Radio literature to give away. There is a digital Amateur Radio Club (DARC) that was written about in the "Record" a newspaper that is distributed in the St. Cloud - Little Falls area.

Tom Kilian will discuss D-Star at our February meeting.

Business:

Members were encouraged to participate in the MNQP, Minnesota QSO Party on February 1.

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FEBRUARY 2014

MEMBERSHIP: It's the time of year when new or renewal memberships in the RARC are requested. Individual \$25, Family \$35, Associate \$20, Student \$5. If you haven't already done so, please send your dues to Norm Yeutter W0KCJ, 2301 S. Le Homme Dieu Dr NE, Alexandria, MN 56308. THANKS!

**MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2014
GLENWOOD STATE BANK-ALEX
7:00pm**

**PROGRAM: DIGITAL
COMMUNICATIONS: TOM KD0MOM**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Sat Feb 15 | 8:30am Coffee Brass Lantern Alexandria |
| Sat Feb 15 | 9:00am St Cloud Hamfest, Armory |
| Feb 18: | 7:00pm Monthly Club Meeting, Glenwood State Bank, Alex |
| Feb 24 | 7:00pm 146.790 net, NC W0KCJ |
| Mar 1: | 8:30am Coffee Truckers Inn Sauk Centre |
| Mar 3,10,17 24,31 | 7:00pm 146.790 net, NC NN0Q |
| Mar 15 | 8:30am Coffee Brass Lantern Alexandria |
| Mar 18 | 7:00pm Monthly Club Meeting Glenwood State Bank, Alex |
| Mar 29 | Mid-Winter Madness, Buffalo |

MEMBERSHIP MEETING CON'T

Jason Ebacher (KD0UDS) has cleaned up the W0ALX website; posting to the site can only be done by members of the club from now on.

Election of Officers – The following list of officers was elected by unanimous voice vote (Moved by Tom Kilian; seconded by Richard Fjeld)

President: Bill Klundt (KG0DX)

Vice President: Norm Priebe (W7ISD)

Secretary: Jim Horn (KB0INZ)

Treasurer: Norm Yeutter (W0KCJ)

Technical Director: Position left open, but Richard Fjeld (N0CE) will handle technical issues with the repeaters

Education Director: Rick Lukanen (KC0UTN)

Board of Directors Member: John Ross (W0JAR)

Discussion Topics led by Bill Klundt:

NAQSOPARTY: only Wayne and Bill participated

MNQP Feb. 1, 2014. Who will participate?

Bill is asking for response to question about what the Club should do. He gets almost no response to the Open Mic newsletters.

We talked about meetings using the repeater. Most members said that getting together for the meetings is important.

How should we handle closings and cancellations?

There was a discussion of the ARRL Centennial W1AW/# activity

Changing the Bank used by the Runestone Radio Club:

Our Treasurer, Norm Yeutter (W0KCJ) was authorized to change the club account to the Glenwood State Bank of Alexandria. (NN0Q/KD0MOM)

Reimbursement of KG0DX for \$50 he sent to WB6AMY as a thank-you from the club for the repeater equipment that is now operating on our Sauk Centre frequency was authorized by a vote. (N0CE/KB0INZ)

EOC Report: When the snow melts a G5RV antenna will be placed on the roof of the EOC building for the use of the Club station. The coax line is already in place.

Adjournment at 7:50PM (N0CE/W0KCJ)

2014 NET CONTROL AND MEETING GOODIES

| <u>MONTH</u> | <u>NET CONTROL</u> | <u>GOODIES</u> |
|--------------|--------------------|----------------|
| JANUARY | KC0UTN/NN0Q | KG0DX |
| FEBRUARY | W0KCJ | W0KCJ |
| MARCH | NN0Q | N0CE |
| APRIL | N0RCL | KD0UTA |
| MAY | KD0MOM | KD0RAV |
| JUNE | KB0INZ | N0NYV |

(in May we'll work out the remainder of the schedule)

2014 RARC OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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| KG0DX Bill | President |
| W7ISD Norm | Vice-President |
| W0KCJ Norm | Treasure / Trustee |
| KB0INZ Jim | Secretary |
| open | Technical Director |
| KC0UTN Ric | Education Director |
| W7ISD Norm | Director (2015) |
| N0QXM Nick | Director (2016) |
| W0JAR John | Director (2017) |

PRESIDENTIAL SPLATTER...

Anyone have Minnesota Cabin Fever like I have the last couple months? Wow, a winter to remember; we may well be sitting around 10-15 years from now talking about the winter of 13-14. By then I hope the edges have been rounded out a bit. I plan to take in the Cabin Fever Reliever in St. Cloud this coming Saturday.

From what I hear the upper bands have been fantastic the last 3-4 weeks. Apparently we're in the second peak of the solar cycle. Personally, I'll take all the solar peaks Mother Nature wants to hand out. Who's made contact with Amsterdam Island FT5ZM? I've had a devil of a time hearing them. The domestic stations running W1AW/# and W100AW have been plentiful. 2014 is shaping up to be an active year for amateur radio.

Our officers and directors will be reviewing the information you shared by completing the recent survey you received via email. Thank you to those who made the effort and took the time to work towards developing a better radio club. 73 til next time and see at the membership meeting on February 18.

Bill KG0DX

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Who is this? and what year FD was it?



(jpg from AA0EV archives)