



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

Minutes of the Runestone Radio Club Meeting of March 18, 2014

Club President Bill Klundt called the meeting to order at 7:00PM using the club's 2-Meter repeater. 146.790-

Attendance: Jim Molkenthin(NN0Q); Peter Jennings(KD0UVA); John Stephens (KD0AAA); Jim Horn(KB0INZ); Wayne Johanson(WA0EBZ); Roger Haffner(KD0UTA); George Schouweiler(N0RCL); Norm Priebe(W7ISD); Tom Kilian(KD0MOM); Dick Fjeld(N0CE); Norm Yeutter(W0KCJ); Bill Klundt(KG0DX)

Minutes of meeting of February 18, 2014 as printed in "Open Mic" were approved.

Treasurer's Report (W0KCJ): Report will be made at the April meeting

Technical Report: Dick (N0CE) says the club repeater is back in service. The power supply works and will not cause damage if it goes over voltage.

Education Report: None

Public Information Report: Discussion of CPR training for club members: Wayne Stephens and Bill Klundt will discuss this.

Discussions:

Audit of Treasurer's books will occur in April

Field Day: Committee established to decide these matters: KG0DX, KD0AAA, KD0UTA - - -N0RCL and KB0INZ will check on RF noise levels using mobile equipment.

"Awake The Lakes" is Friday evening through Saturday of Field Day weekend. This makes public awareness possible if we set up in a visible area

Format of "Open Mic": Bill was given go-ahead on the new format

W0ALX Website: needs to be updated. Bill will talk to Jason Ebacher

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MEMBERSHIP: 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. To check your membership status go to www.w0alx.org, click on Membership, scroll to the right and look for Paid 2014 in the far right column.

**MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 15, 2014
GLENWOOD STATE BANK-ALEX
7:00pm**

**PROGRAM: THE CARE AND
FEEDING OF POWER SUPPLIES -
DICK N0CE**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Apr 14,21,28	7:00pm 146.79 net, NC NN0Q
Apr 15	7:00pm Monthly Club Meeting Glenwood State Bank, Alex
Apr 19	8:30am Coffee Brass Lantern Alexandria
Apr 19	Brainerd Hamfest
May 3	8:30am Coffee Truckers Inn, Sauk Centre
May 3	9:00am Arrowhead Hamfest, Superior
May 5,12,19,26	7:00pm 146.79 net, NC KD0MOM
May 17	8:30am Coffee Brass Lantern, Alexandria

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Wadena Amateur Radio Club meeting April 14 will feature KD0MOM's D-Star presentation with a demonstration. Location is Tri County Hospital in Wadena (7:00PM)

Meeting Adjourned: KD0MOM/NN0Q

Submitted by - Secretary: Jim Horn (KB0INZ)

2014 RARC OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

KG0DX Bill	President
W7ISD Norm	Vice-President
W0KJCJ 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)

MINIMUM QSO INFORMATION

Have you ever wondered what is the minimum data needed to establish a bonafide QSO? What particulars are needed to confirm that the contact contains sufficient information in order to claim a "two-way contact.?"

To answer this question I went to Logbook of The World to see what they had to say. Here are the simplified details:

1. You must have the correct CALLSIGN. Without this it's a busted QSO. Pretty clear.
2. The MODE is essential and they must match.
3. DATE and TIME are crucial as well. In fact, the TIME must be within a +/- thirty minute frame to count. I'm pretty sure the TIME is when the QSO began, not when it ended.
4. Another element of confirmation is MODE. Kinda important to us hams who get concerned regarding the details.
5. The BAND and RX band must match. And if running split, these must be opposite.

GO WORK SOME MORE QSOs.....have fun!

PRESIDENTIAL SPLATTER...

Hey folks, it's just about full time Spring and time to get our stuff back into shape after this record breaking winter. I know I have lots of fixing to do: check over the feedlines, inspect the connectors for leakage, retape where necessary, and the list goes on....

Our club held a VE session last month with one examinee and he passed his examination. We can always use more credentialed VEs and appreciate the time and energy they put into their contribution.

It may be of interest to some of you that George N0RCL conducted the Monday Nite net from the W0ALX hamshack located in the Douglas County Law Enforcement Center. Per George the equipment and process went quite well, Although I understand the chairs were miserably uncomfortable. Which brings me to the issue of Storm Season. It's here and will necessitate us getting ourselves organized so as to be of service to the local area. It is my hope that the WHO, WHERE, WHAT AND WHYS get addressed this year. We need your assistance!

And finally, there are several hamfests coming up this Spring and Summer. What an opportunity to have an eyeball with those you've gotten to know over the air. Might even find a bargain on the vendors tables.

73 and CU on the 15th.....Bill KG0DX

2014 NET CONTROL AND MEETING GOODIES

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>NET CONTROL</u>	<u>GOODIES</u>
JANUARY	KC0UTN/NN0Q	KG0DX
FEBRUARY	W0KJCJ	W0KJCJ
MARCH	NN0Q	N0CE
APRIL	N0RCL	KD0UTA
MAY	KD0MOM	KD0RAV
JUNE	KB0INZ	N0NYV

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



**7:00pm, April 15,
Glenwood State Bank, Alex**

**DON'T MISS N0CE'S PRESENTATION
ON THE IN'S AND OUT'S OF POWER
SUPPLIES AND THEIR OPERATION.
YOU'LL FIND YOUR TIME WELL
SPENT LISTENING TO DICK.**