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A NEWSLETTER OF THE
RUNESTONE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, W0ALX

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APRIL 2015

.....PLEASE NOTE SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 18.....

8am Breakfast, Depot, Alex

9am Board of Directors Mtg, Glenwood St Bank, Alex

10am Monthly Club Mtg, Glenwood St Bank, Alex

PRESIDENTIAL SPLATTER.....

Spring has sprung and the Hamfest season is 1/4th over. The season started, here in Minnesota, with the St. Cloud Hamfest February 14. There was an abundance of ham equipment and accessories to be purchased. Hamfests are a time to see old friends and others you talk with on a regular basis but have never met in person.

Next was the 34th annual Mid Winter Madness in Buffalo on March 28 with bargains in abundance. Now what is there to look forward to in the next few months? April 18 is the Brainerd hamfest sponsored by the Brainerd Amateur Radio Club. They have been hosting hamfests since 2001. May 2nd ushers in the Arrowhead Amateur Radio Club's hamfest in Superior Wisconsin. If you are lucky enough to go the "BIG ONE", Dayton Hamvention will take place May 15 – 17 in Dayton, Ohio. If you can, try to attend this once in your life, you won't regret it. Next up is the Twinslan/3M parking lot sale on June 6 (3M Center, Maplewood) . This is then followed by the Magic Tailgate on July 11 in Roseville. Finally in September, the Smartfest will be held in Henderson, MN on September 19 and the Fargo hamfest on September 26 in West Fargo, ND. One last hamfest, not listed yet, may be on September 5 in Rush City, MN. I hope to see you at one or more of these events. Have Fun!

Wayne - wa0ebz

INFORMATIVE AND INTERESTING PROGRAM COMING APRIL 18:

Technical Program: "Portable RF Ground" - 10 minute Video

Informative Program - Highlights of 2014 Dayton Hamvention - 10 Minute video

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Apr 13,20,27: 7pm 2 Meter Net, KD0UTA NC
Apr 18: 8am Breakfast, The Depot, Alexandria
Apr 18: 9am Bd of Directors Mtg, Glnwd St Bank
Apr 18: 10am RARC Monthly Club Mtg
Glenwood State Bank
Apr 18: 9-1 Brainerd Hamfest, Armory

May 2: 8am Breakfast, Truckers Inn, Sauk Centre
May 16: 8am Breakfast, The Depot, Alexandria
May 16: 10am RARC Monthly Cllub Mtg
Glenwood State Bank

RUNESTONE ARC MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2015

Club President Wayne Johanson(WA0EBZ) called the meeting to order at 10:00AM 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(N0CE), Norm Priebe(W7ISD), Tim Boyle(KD0RAU), John Ross(W0JAR), Wayne Johnson(WB0KUG)

Minutes of Meeting of February 21, 2014 were accepted without amendment. (WB0KUG/W0KCJ)

Treasurer's Report: General Fund \$3243.20+\$121.00-\$390.00=\$3512.20; Coffee Cash \$55.86-\$12.87=\$42.99
 Approved:KG0DX/KD0UTA

Trustee Report: Repeater Coordination Council meeting will be April 11, 2015 in Mankato, MN

Education Report: None
Technical Report: None.
Public Info Report: None

Old Business: The Board of Directors will meet at Glenwood State Bank in Alexandria at 9AM April 18, 2015 to develop proposal to update the Club's constitution.

New Business:

Field Day this year is June 27-28. We need a coordinator

The Club's financials need to be audited. The President wants it done during the April 18, Meeting.

Motion to add the Coffee Cash with the General Fund and henceforth to have only one account;
 Approved(W0KCJ/N0CE)

Discussions: Hamfests; Solar flare on 17-March-2015; VA and OK qso parties; dxpeditions; RARC breakfast April 4th at Trucker's Inn in Sauk Centre

Meeting Adjourned (W0KCJ/W0MKE)

Adjournment: (W0KCJ/KD0UTA).

2015 NET CONTROL ROSTER

| <u>MONTH</u> | <u>NET CONTROL</u> |
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| JANUARY | N0CE |
| FEBRUARY | W0KCJ |
| MARCH | N0RCL |
| APRIL | KD0UTA |
| MAY | KB0INZ |
| JUNE | KG0DX |
| JULY | KD0MOM |
| AUGUST | NN0Q |
| SEPTEMBER | KG0DX |
| OCTOBER | W0MKE |
| NOVEMBER | W0KCJ |
| DECEMBER | KD0AAA (1 st & 3 rd Mon) |

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REMEMBER, YOUR DUES WERE DUE.....

as of January. Look at www.w0alx.org click on Members and note if your name indicates Paid 2015 (far right column). If it's open, you haven't taken care of it yet. Dues are \$25 for individual, \$35 for family, \$20 for associate and \$5 for student. Please send remittances to Norm Yeutter at 2301 S Le Homme Dieu Drive NE, Alexandria, MN 56308.

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2015 RARC OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

- PRESIDENT WAYNE WA0EBZ
- VICE PRESIDENT NORM W7ISD
- TREASURE NORM W0KCJ
- SECRETARY JIM KB0INZ

- DIRECTOR(2015) NORM W7ISD
- DIRECTOR(2016) BILL KG0DX
- DIRECTOR(2017) JOHN W0JAR