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A NEWSLETTER OF THE
RUNESTONE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, W0ALX

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(This is the first installment of a three part series tracing "commercial radio" development in the US. The writer is Wayne Johanson WA0EBZ who graciously consented to develop the series. Thank you Wayne!)

The Golden Age of Radio

The **Golden Age of Radio** (sometimes referred to as **old-time radio**) refers to a period of radio programming in the United States lasting from the proliferation of radio broadcasting in the early 1920s until television's replacement of radio as the primary home entertainment medium in the 1950s. During this period, when radio was dominant and filled with a variety of formats and genres, people regularly tuned in to their favorite radio programs.

During the Golden Age of Radio, radio featured genres and formats popular in other forms of American entertainment—adventure, comedy, drama, horror, mystery, musical variety, romance, thrillers—along with classical music concerts, big band remotes, farm reports, news and commentary, panel discussions, quiz shows (beginning with *Professor Quiz*), sidewalk interviews (on *Vox Pop*), broadcasts, talent shows and weather forecasts.

Some old-time radio shows continued on the air, although in ever-dwindling numbers, throughout the 1950s even after their television equivalents had conquered the general public. One factor which helped to kill them off entirely was the evolution of popular music (including the development of rock n roll), which led to the birth of the top 40 radio format. A top 40 show could be produced in a small studio in a local station with minimal staff. This displaced full-service network radio and hastened the end of virtually all scripted radio drama by 1962. Full-service stations that did not adopt either top 40 or the mellower beautiful music or MOR formats eventually developed all-news radio in the mid-1960s.

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MAY 2014

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. Check your status on the web site.

**MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 20, 2014
GLENWOOD STATE BANK-ALEX
7:00pm**

**PROGRAM: LET'S TALK SOFTWARE
DEFINED RADIO
-Ric KC0UTN-**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 10	Armed Forces Crossband Comm Day
May 12,19,26	7:00pm 146.79 net, NC KD0MOM
May 17	8:30am Coffee Brass Lantern, Alexandria
May 20	7:00pm RARC Monthly Club Meeting
June 7	8:30am Coffee Truckers Inn, Sauk Centre
June 2,9,16,23,30	7pm 146.79 net, NC KB0INZ
June 17	7:00pm RARC Monthly Club Meeting
June 28-29	FIELD DAY: DON'T MISS IT!

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

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Scripted radio comedy and drama in the vein of old-time radio has a limited presence on U.S. radio. There are several radio theater series still in production in the United States, usually airing on Sunday nights. These include original series such as Imagination Theater and a radio adaptation of *The Twilight Zone* TV series, as well as rerun compilations such as the popular daily series *When Radio Was* and USA's Radio Networks - Golden Age of Radio. These shows usually air in late nights and/or on weekends on small AM stations. Local rerun compilations are also heard, primarily on Public Radio Stations. Regular broadcasts of radio plays are also heard in — among other countries — Australia, Croatia, France, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Romania and Sweden. Tune in and take yourself back in time to the Golden Age of Radio.

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Minutes of the Runestone Radio Club

Meeting of April 15, 2014

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

Attendance: Jim Molkenthin(NN0Q); Jim Horn(KB0INZ); Wayne Johanson(WA0EBZ); Roger Haffner(KD0UTA); Norm Priebe(W7ISD); Tom Kilian(KD0MOM); Dick Fjeld(N0CE); Norm Yeutter(W0KCJ); Bill Klundt(KG0DX); John Ross(W0JAR); Alden Mattocks(N0MIC); Wayne Johnson(WB0KUG); Mike Thomas(W0MKE); Jason Ebacher(KD0UDS); Maggie Van Havermaet(N0NYV)

Minutes of meeting of March 18, 2014 as printed in "Open Mic" were approved. [Wayne Johanson/Tom Kilian]

Treasurer's Report (W0KCJ):

Gen. Fund \$3150.67+\$216.00-\$39.00=\$3327.67 (Sec'y not sure he heard this correctly)

Coffee cash: 272.78+6.50=\$279.28

Technical Report: Monday night Net was by N0RCL from EOC station.... Sometimes Sauk Centre repeater does not get turned on by Hospital personnel after it is shut off for the Wednesday Hospital net

Education Report: Rick (UTN) could do a program on SDR receivers

P.I.O. Report: Radio Shack moved to Glenwood... Tekzilla.com has dongle SDR receiver for about \$20.

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2014 RARC OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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)

Some frequencies which may be of interest to you:

Becker @ 600' 147.345 + pl 85.4

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Paynesville @ 200' 145.270 -

Paynesville @ 200 224.800 - FM Echolink N0BJN-L
Node 925804

Avon @ 160' 443.650 + pl 85.4

Little Falls @ 70' 443.075 +

(Data courtesy of Rick N0BJN, Little Falls)

Hey DX'ers and non DX'ers alike. Check out the following website for some great behavioral pointers:

www.dx-code.org

**7:00pm, May 20
Glenwood State Bank, Alex**

**LIKE TO STAY CURRENT? IF SO,
YOU'LL WANT TO HEAR KC0UTN'S
PRESENTATION ON SOFTWARE
DEFINED RADIOS.....INTERESTING!**

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Old Business:

Bill will inquire about the safety vests.

EOC stations chairs are not very good. Can we replace them?

We are encouraged to use our repeaters more.

Discussion of dipole antenna needed at EOC station.

The W0ALX website has been updated.

Financial Audit Committee reported that books were audited and found to be in order.

Field Day activities will be decided by the Field Day Committee. KD0UVA added to the committee.

Discussions: Becker repeater; Paynesville repeater; Avon 70cm repeater

Adjournment [NN0Q/W0JAR]

J. Horn, Secretary

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

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

PRESIDENTIAL SPLATTER.....

The world of amateur radio is sure popping with fun stuff in the very near and near future. Let's begin with the ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY CROSSBAND MILITARY /AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS TEST on May 10. Army stations in AZ, KY, HI, Okinawa, DC, and AR will be on the air. Air Force stations in MD, NY, TN, IL, CA will be active. Navy/Marine Corp stations in CT, CA, VA, MO, USS Midway, TN, Guam, WA, and SC will be on the air. The above stations will be using mostly SSB and CW. The Secretary of Defense will issue a statement on RTTY, PACTOR, AMTOR, PSK-31, MFSK and MT63 as well. This should be a great activity and you'll want to download the "frequency" suggestions from the web at www.netcom.army.mil/mars. It's about a 7-8 page download...lots of data and useful information.

At the end of June the BIG DADDY of all amateur radio activities will take place on the 28th and 29th. It's FIELD DAY 2014. We'll be talking and planning a lot more before the event takes place. The location this year will be at the Big Ole site in downtown Alexandria. It's been scoped out and found acceptable...just a few details to work out yet. Peter KD0UVA, George N0RCL and Roger KD0UTA will have some preliminary details to share with you at the club meeting on the 20th. Please consider helping out this year with Field Day held in conjunction with Awake The Lakes! On a final note, our Vice-President Norm W7ISD has consented to chair the club meeting for May.. Thank you Norm.

73 es CUL, Bill KG0DX