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A NEWSLETTER OF THE
RUNESTONE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, W0ALX

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(This is the second 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!)

COLLECTING ANTIQUE RADIOS

An antique radio is a radio receiving set that is collectible because of its age and rarity. Although collectors may differ on the cutoff dates, most would use 50 years old, or the pre-World War II Era, for vacuum tube sets and the first five years of transistor sets.

Collecting antique radios is a pastime popular with people with an interest in both history and electronics. Old radios recall a time when society was very different. Whether it is something soldiers crowded around during WWII or something children gathered around to listen to in the evenings, an antique radio has a story to tell. An antique radio has been through times of war, peace, economic depression, and societal upheaval. Through its speakers, the songs and stories of society were transmitted to audiences who eagerly tuned in to listen. For these reasons, many people enjoy collecting and repairing antique radios. However, before one jumps into the radio collector's world, one should be aware that there are literally hundreds of radio brands and models. Some are rare and valuable while others are only valuable to a few people who have a sentimental attachment to a certain model for whatever reason.

Each radio is a time capsule, echoing much about the era in which it was created and used. . I can't help but imagine the lives (continued on p. 2)

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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. Check your status on the web site.

**MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 17, 2014
GLENWOOD STATE BANK-ALEX
7:00pm**

**PROGRAM: LET'S KEEP IT
SIMPLEX REPEATERS
~Dick N0CE**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 17 7:00pm RARC Monthly Club Meeting
June 21 8:30am Sat Coffee, Brass Lantern
June 27 6:00pm Field Day Setup (tentative)
June 28-29 FIELD DAY: DON'T MISS IT!

July 5 8:30am Sat Coffee, Ding Dong, Sauk Centre
July 15 7:00pm RARC Monthly Club Meeting
July 19 8:30am Sat Coffee, Jan's Place, Alexandria

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and times of their designers, purchasers and users. I ask myself why design and marketing decisions were made, what programs were heard through these very radios. I think about how our culture was transformed by these devices.

These objects were once taken for granted by their owners, to be discarded as the detritus of everyday life. Now, however, they are not. Freed of the need to function as necessary appliances, they can be seen for what they are: works of art.

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RUNESTONE MEETING MINUTES

MAY 20, 2014

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

Attendance: Norm Priebe(W7ISD); Jim Horn(KB0INZ); Dick Fjeld(N0CE); George Schouweiler(N0RCL); Roger Haffner(KD0UTA); Norm Yeutter(W0KCJ); Wayne Johnson(WB0KUG); Wayne Stephens(KD0AAA); John Swanson(WB0ZGR); Mike Thomas(W0MKE); Alden Mattocks(N0MIC); Pete Jennings(KD0UVA); Rick Lukanen(KC0UTN)

Minutes of meeting of April, 2014 as printed in "Open Mic" were approved with the correction that the amount in the club account was \$3277.67 [KD0AAA/N0CE]

Treasurer's Report (W0KCJ):
Gen. Fund \$3277.67+\$275.00-
\$47.27=\$3505.40
Coffee cash: 279.28+6.13=\$285.41

Trustee Report: No activity

Technical Report: N0CE says the repeater is working OK

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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)

PRESIDENTIAL SPLATTER.....

Here's what you've all been waiting for....the summer schedule of Saturday Coffee sessions. Well, it was a real struggle but it's come together, read on.....

June 21 Brass Lantern, Alexandria

July 5 Ding Dong, Sauk Centre
July 19 Jan's Place, Alexandria

August 2 AJ's, Osakis
August 16 Community Breakfast, Holmes City.
This is a community wide affair held in conjunction with a farmer's market. The breakfast is a free will contribution sort of thing benefiting the community.

September 6 Trucker's Inn, Sauk Centre
September 20 Brass Lantern, Alexandria

There, that will provide you with a variety of coffee opportunities this summer. Sure would be great to see more of you at these ham gatherings.

Don't forget Field Day this year and the Friday night setup (tentative)...we can always use extra hands. Til next time,

73, Bill KG0DX

TEACHER: Donald , what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

(don't you just love this little wise-guy??)

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Technical Report: N0CE says the repeater is working OK

Education Report: KC0UTN gave a presentation on an SDR receiver after the meeting

P.I.O. Report: No report

Old Business:

EOC station dipole antenna is not yet installed.

Field Day: Pete Jennings says we will set up behind Big Ole. We will get 1-800-GOPHER to mark underground infrastructure so we don't damage anything when pounding in stakes, etc. Osakis H.S. science class may send students to see our operation. Some public officials have been invited. Norm is to provide Pete Jennings with non-profit credentials. If we stay overnight do we need to inform the police? We will use antennas from the Club trailer. Set up time T.B.D. We will run one station only. "1AMN" is part of the contact exchange. Bill is bringing a trailer. We had a discussion of where to park.

The following motion was made, seconded, and passed [N0CE/W0KCJ]: "Bill (KG0DX) is to contact Mike(KC0TAF) to see whether Mike has ordered the safety vests. If not ordered, Bill is to ask Mike not to place the order. If the vests have not been ordered Pete Jennings is authorized to finalize information about ARRL as the source for the vests."

A list of volunteers was made for Net Control Operators and for the supplying of goodies for the monthly meetings:

July: NCS=KD0UVA; Goodies by KD0UVA

August: NCS=KD0UTN; Goodies picnic

September: NCS=N0CE; Goodies by N0CE

October: NCS=KB0INZ; Goodies by W7ISD

November: NCS=Open; Goodies by KC0UTN

December: NCS =KD0UTN; Goodies Christmas Party

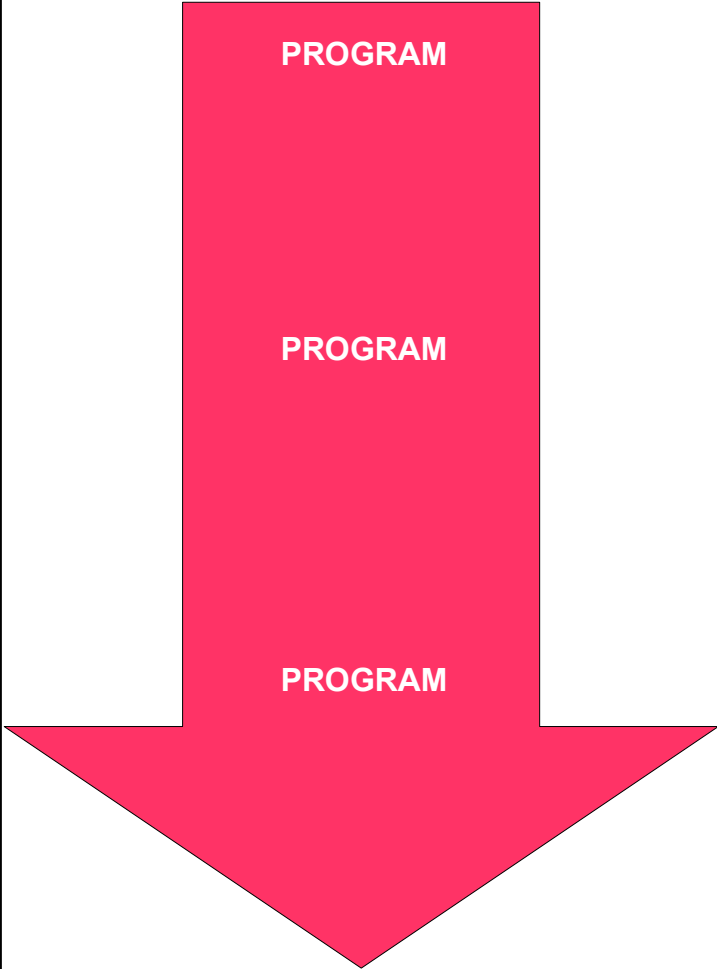
Norm Priebe led a discussion about how to prepare for a major EMP event. Faraday cage shielding was a sub-topic. EMP event could be a weapon or could be caused by the sun.

Adjournment [N0RCL/KD0UTA]

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
JULY	KD0UVA	KD0UVA
AUGUST	KC0UTN	PICNIC
SEPTEMBER	N0CE	N0CE
OCTOBER	KB0INZ	W7ISD
NOVEMBER	OPEN	KC0UTN
DECEMBER	KC0UTN	CHRISTMAS PARTY



**7:00pm, June 17
Glenwood State Bank, Alex**

WANT A HEADS-UP ON SIMPLEX REPEATERS? DICK N0CE WILL DEMONSTRATE AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING...SHOULD BE GOOD!