



OPEN MIC



A NEWSLETTER OF THE
RUNESTONE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, W0ALX

W0ALX RARC, 2301 S Le Homme Dieu Drive NE, Alexandria, MN 56308
www.w0alx.org Alexandria Rpt: 146.790- 442.025+ (88.5) Sauk Centre Rpt: 147.255+

JUNE 2015

.....PLEASE NOTE SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 20.....

7:30am Breakfast, Brass Lantern, Alex
8:30am VE Testing Session, Glenwood St Bank, Alex
10am Monthly Club Mtg, Glenwood St Bank, Alex

PRESIDENTIAL SPLATTER.....

Are You Ready for some Fun...

The etymology of the term Field Day is diverse, but I think the source of the term is in the life of an enlisted military person. A Field Day or Parade Day is the opposite of the demanding and arduous Drill Day, a day full of forced exercise and drill. But for us amateur radio operators, the fun is built in for sure but Field Day is the opposite of easy. It is the day when we forsake the comforts of "home life" and lug and drag our equipment, cart our supplies and haul all what we need from feed lines, to batteries and generators, chairs and tables, and anything you may imagine. All brought out so that we can operate off the grid and make life so different and much more difficult than it needs to be. But Field Day is also when we get to practice "after a disaster life." As amateur radio operators, the people who are entrusted and delegated to have communications infrastructure reestablished after a calamity that hit us. It is our drill day when we get to practice and learn and adjust, tweak and fine-tune our readiness to serve our community in time of need.

Field Day has always been, at least to me, the time when I see old friends and connect with new ones. My experiences at Field Day, since my first outing, have always been positive. Good people, good food, and good times are always the rule of the Day. See you at Field Day!

"73" Wayne (wa0ebz)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 20: 7:30am Breakfast, Brass Lantern, Alexandria
June 20: 8:30am VE Testing
Glenwood State Bank, Alex
June 20: 10am RARC Monthly Club Mtg
Glenwood State Bank, Alex
June 27-28: FIELD DAY
July 4: 8:00am Breakfast, Truckers Inn, Sauk Centre
July 18: 8:00am Breakfast, The Depot, Alexandria
July 18: 10am RARC Monthly Club Mtg
Glenwood State Bank, Alex

**LOOKING TO EARN YOUR HAM
TECHNICIAN LICENSE? PERHAPS YOU'RE
READY TO UPGRADE? THE RUNESTONE
VE'S ARE READY TO ASSIST YOU WITH
EXAMINATIONS FOR ANY LEVEL ON JUNE
20 AT 8:30AM AT THE GLENWOOD STATE
BANK IN ALEXANDRIA. WALK-INS ARE
WELCOME AND TALK-IN ON 146.790.**

SEE YOU THERE.....73

RUNESTONE ARC MEETING MINUTES MAY 16, 2015

Club Vice President Norm Priebe(W7ISD) called the meeting to order at 10:02AM at the Glenwood State Bank in Alexandria, MN.

Attendance: Bill Klundt(KG0DX), Jim Horn(KB0INZ), Roger Haffner(KD0UTA), Mike Thomas(W0MKE), Norm Priebe(W7ISD), Wayne Johnson(WB0KUG), George Schouweiler(N0RCL) and a visitor, Gordy, an 8th grade student.

Minutes of Meeting of April 18, 2015 were accepted with an amendment that the 2nd paragraph under new business as corrected states that "...WA0EBZ intends to appoint Norm...." (KB0INZ/KG0DX)

Treasurer's Report: None

Trustee Report: None

Education Report: None

Technical Report: No known problems

Public Info Report: None

Old Business:

Discussion of storage facility rental for the club was tabled until the June 2015 meeting (KG0DX/WB0KUG)

Osakis Lion's Club Park was chosen for our Field Day activities. We ask our club President (WA0EBZ) to explore this possibility. (KG0DX/WB0KUG) Passed.

Bill (KG0DX) reported the proposed changes to the By-Laws and Constitution. We will vote on these changes at the June Meeting. (A 2/3 vote of the membership is required.) **The first reading of these proposed changes was at today's meeting, May 16, 2015.**

New Business:

We need an Elmer for Gordy.

Bill (KG0DX) requests help with a class for Technician Class Candidates.

Adjournment: (KG0DX/W0MKE)

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

2015 NET CONTROL ROSTER

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>NET CONTROL</u>
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)

FLASH.....BIG NEWS!!

Field Day 2015 will be on June 27-28 this year and the RARC operation will be at the Lion's Park in Osakis, MN. All essential details will be worked out at the June 20 club meeting. The operation this year will emphasize "casual" and "simple" style activities. If you have a station you want to put on the air, please feel free to do so; but remember to bring all the components necessary to do so. Battery power is recommended, however, we do have one AC source in the shelter area. Initially we hope to have PSK, SSB and CW stations operational by 1:00pm on Saturday. Setup will begin around 9-9:30am on Saturday. Take down on Sunday will begin whenever we want to.

Objectives:

1. Casual operation
2. Simple setup
3. Have fun
4. Public interaction