



# O P E N M I C

A NEWSLETTER OF THE  
RUNESTONE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, W0ALX

AUGUST 2017

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442.025+ (88.5)

Sauk Centre Rpt: 147.255+

## NOTE SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

There **WILL NOT** be a regular RARC club meeting on Saturday, August 19 our usual meeting date. **INSTEAD** we draw your attention to the following items:

Since neither August 12 or 19 were available the annual CLUB PICNIC and RAD will be on August 26 at the Kensington Runestone Park. This will again be a pot luck affair so please bring something to share. Bring your own eating/drinking utensils. The “barn” at the park does have refrigeration, stove top burners and power sources. Plan to eat around 5:00pm. We hope to pack-in the entire day by around 7:30pm. There may be a door prize or two as well.

This year the RARC is sponsoring a special operating activity for members and local hams. It's called RAD (Radios On Display). Consider this an invitation to bring radios, power supplies, experimental antennas and support systems to the park to try them out. We'll be at the park beginning around 10am with additional ropes, coax, spud-gun, etc to support your efforts. There will probably be lots of learning and frustration throughout the day. Bring your own lunch/drink if you plan to stay over the noon hour.

READY, SET, GO.....Come on out and join in the fun.....73 Bill KG0DX

## RUNESTONE ARC MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 15, 2017

- The meeting was preceded by a program led by officials of the ARRL
- The minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2014 as printed in the Open Mic newsletter were approved.

- A balance of \$3310.61 was reported by the treasure.
- The club approved reimbursing Bill Klundt \$87.71 for expenses related to the mailing of invitations to all the hams with Alexandria, MN zip code along with other mailing expenses.
- Moved by Norm Priebe/Second by Jim Horn.
- Trustee report: MS-TRAM has permission to use the Club's repeaters while they are in the area July 19-23, 2017 as needed.
- Technical report: The repeaters are working, but we need to replace the 2 meter and 70 cm antennas. To do this the date of July 28, 2017 at 2 pm was set as an "antenna workday" at Viking Tower. Bill Klundt will organize this.
- Bill Klundt will make inquiries and get back to us with time, place and date of annual picnic (likely date = August 12th or 19th)
- We may have a Club excursion to the Pavek Radio Museum at St. Louis Park, MN someday.
- Adjourned (George Schouweiler/ Andrew Ring).
- Note: Secretary apologizes for failure to take roll of attendees.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Aug 5: 8:30: Coffee/Breakfast, Truckers Inn, Sauk Centre

Aug 19: 8am Coffee/Breakfast, Brass Lantern, Alexandria

Aug 19: 10am RARC Monthly Club Mtg, Glenwood State Bank, Alexandria

Sep 2: 8:30: Coffee/Breakfast, Truckers Inn, Sauk Centre

Sep 16: 8am Coffee/Breakfast, Brass Lantern, Alexandria

Sep 16: 10am RARC Monthly Club Mtg, Glenwood State Bank, Alexandria

### **2017 CLUB OFFICERS / DIRECTORS**

President Bill KG0DX

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Secretary Jim KB0INZ

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Program Mgr Wayne WA0EBZ

Directors Wayne WB0KUG (20), Norm W7ISD (19), Mike W0MKE (18)

**AND NOW TO REMEMBER FIELD DAY 2017:** (pics by KB0INZ)





**WHEN THE ARRL SECTION MANAGER/ASSISTANT AND CLUB COORDINATOR VISITED US:**



**LET'S PUT UP SOME NEW ANTENNAS....ROOF TOP VIEW:** (pics by Dave Hartman)

