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A NEWSLETTER OF THE
RUNESTONE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, W0ALX

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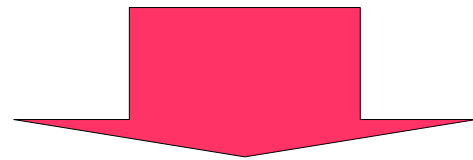
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The RARC will once again be sponsoring the annual Special Event Discovery of the Kensington Runestone as found in November of 1898. This Special Event will begin on October 18 with breakfast at the Brass Lantern around 7:30am. Then we'll move to the Runestone Park near Kensington at 9:00am to begin setting up antennas and stations. We're planning on a SSB and PSK31 station and perhaps one more if we're lucky. Should be operational around 11:00am. We'll need operators and logging personnel for activity that will extend into the evening (10:00pm or so). The Special Event will commence again on Sunday morning (October 19) at 8:00am and tentatively end that afternoon between 3 and 6pm. On Monday and Tuesday, October 20 and 21 participants are encouraged to continue operating from their home stations. All operations for this particular WØW Special Event must end by midnight of October 21.

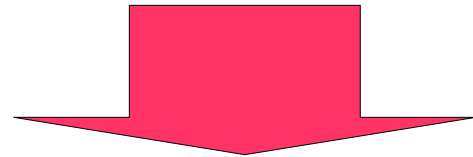
All logging should be done using software that is capable of producing ADIF files. Send logs to kg0dx at arrl dot net. If there are fewer than 20 QSOs logged paper or spreadsheet type logs may be used. This is because the data needs to be typed into a logging program which can produce QSL labels for the certificates and/or QSL cards.

Got questions? Send Bill an email with your question; he'll get back to you asap.

OCTOBER 2014



YOU JUST GOTTA COME!



**RARC MONTHLY MEETING
7:00PM OCTOBER 21
GLENWOOD STATE BANK**

PROGRAM: GENERAL HAM TALK

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THREE !

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

Minutes of the Runestone Amateur Radio Club

Meeting of September 16, 2014

Club President Bill Klundt(KG0DX) called the meeting to order at 7:00PM at the Glenwood State Bank in Alexandria, MN.

Attendance: Bill Klundt(KG0DX), Jim Horn(KB0INZ), Roger Haffner(KD0UTA), Mike Thomas(W0MKE), John Ross(W0JAR), Norm Yeutter(W0KCJ), Tom Kilian(KD0MOM), Jason Ebacher(KD0UDS), George Schouweiler(N0RCL), Alden Mattocks(N0MIC), Maggie VanHavermaet(N0NYV), Wayne Stephens(KD0AAA)

Minutes of Meeting of July 15, 2014 were accepted. (W0KCJ/W0JAR)

Treasurer's Report: General Fund \$3575.40 + \$139.00 - \$449.20 = 3265.20
Coffee Cash \$285.41 - 20.00 + \$2.50 = \$267.91

Trustee Report: Norm(W0KCJ) reported that he has filed the documents with the IRS and Minnesota Dept. of Revenue to keep our club's non-profit status. (Info: contributions to the club are 50% deductible).

Education Report: None; Technical Report: None; Public Info Report: None

Old Business: Bill reported that the RF noise at the E.O.C. is about as bad with a dipole as it is with the vertical antenna. In an emergency the club may need two hams away from the E.O.C. site with 2m and HF capability to act as relays.

The w0alx.org website is operational again.

Motion to reimburse Casey Freund (KD0JXU) \$50.00 for website server fees (KD0AAA/W0MKE) passed unanimously.

New Business: Discussion of portable tower that is available. No action taken.

The annual Christmas party will be at the Forada Supper Club Dec. 9, 2014 at 6:00PM.

W0W (Runestone On-Air Special Event) was discussed. Dates: Oct. 18-21. Sat. Oct. 18 at 7:00AM meet at Brass lantern. After eating go to Runestone Park near Kensington and set up the station. We will run SSB and PSK31 modes simultaneously. May operate all night. Sunday 8:00AM until mid afternoon. Monday and Tuesday club members may operate with end of event before midnight of Oct. 21, 2014. Logging should be by computer program which produces ".adif" files. Bring own food, drink and utensils. A stove will be available. Emails will be sent with more information.

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A nominating committee needs to be formed to nominate candidates for the club's seven officers.

The clubs financial books will need to be audited by about March or April 2015.

KD0AAA asked that we consider sponsoring a Boy Scout "Venturing" group (not a "troop") for interaction with hams, experts, and mentors. The scouts would be 14-21 years old. This would be in connection with the Northern Lights Council (Mr. O'Brien). There will be further discussion of this at future meetings.

Adjournment (W0KCJ/N0NYV)

Technical discussions followed.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct 18: 7:30am Sat Coffee, Brass Lantern, Alex
Oct 18: 9:00am Set-up for W0W, Kensington Park
Oct 19: 8:00am Continue W0W, Kensington Park
Oct 21: 7:00pm RARC Monthly Club Meeting, Glenwood State Bank

Nov 1: 8:30am Sat Coffee, Truckers Inn, Sauk Centre
Nov 15: 8:30am Sat Coffee, Depot, Alex
Nov 18: 7:00pm RARC Monthly Meeting, Glenwood State Bank

2014 NET CONTROL AND 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	KG0DX	KC0UTN
DECEMBER	KC0UTN	CHRISTMAS PARTY

WØW SPECIAL EVENT STATION 2014

Special Event Station WØW will commemorate the Discovery of the Kensington Runestone. All members of the Runestone Radio Club (and guests) are encouraged to participate in this activity to the extent they are able. If you decide to participate, you may want to review the following.

We hope to setup and operate at least three stations. The RARC will provide the Icom 761, the R7 and OXB antennas. The Force 12 beam on tower may be available if there's interest. We could use another SSB and a PSK station...who can help out with these? If you have a special radio/antenna combo you'd like to try, here's the opportunity.

- A. NØRCL will bring the ICE band pass filters and fence posts (6) for R7 and tower if necessary.
- B. KG0DX will tow tower trailer with antennas and accessory equipment. WØMKE will help DX. Will bring TS450s for PSK if necessary.
- C. We'll need at least one more laptop for logging using N3FJP if possible.
- D. KD0UTA will tentatively stay with equipment Saturday night.
- E. EVERYONE bring simple tools, nut drivers, screwdrivers, ratchet sets, electrical tape, etc.

1. Time and dates: 10am, October 18 through midnight, October 21.
2. We will operate as a club from the Kensington Runestone Park on October 18/19.
 - a. Meet at Brass Lantern at 7:30am on Oct 18 for breakfast and then to park around 9am.
 - b. Begin setting up at park, be operational no later than 10:30am.
 - c. We may operate all night on Saturday.
 - d. Shut down no later than 4pm on Sunday.
 - e. Park is located approx 15 miles west of Alex, MN 27. Follow park signage turning left.
 - f. Runestone information available at the park.
3. You may operate from your home base station October 20 through midnight, October 21.
 - a. Use the callsign WØW and announce your callsign once per hour
 - b. Keep a log of contacts: date, time, band, mode, call, name, RST
 - c. Computer logs are preferred to forward ADI files to event chairperson
 - d. LET KG0DX KNOW THE TIMES AND BANDS YOU INTEND TO OPERATE, PLEASE.
 - e. Invite a friend over and introduce them to ham radio—lots of fun!
4. Frequencies and modes: all bands and modes excluding WARC bands. Suggested frequencies: 21.070, 14.245, 7.235, 3.925. Plus or minus QRM.
5. Some operators will want to debate the authenticity of the stone...just tell the story and refer them to www.runestonemuseum.org for additional information.
6. QSL info available on p. 96 of October QST magazine (Alexandria, MN). Or QSL via KG0DX (good in QRZ) with SASE for 8x10 color certificate or 3x5 card.
7. BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND BEVERAGE. There is a cooking stove and refrigerator available for our use. Building is also heated with inside facilities.
8. Send all individual logs to kg0dx dot arrl dot net for mass mailing in December.

IF YOU CAN FIND THE POWER BUTTON ON A TRANSCEIVER,

WE NEED YOU !!