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A NEWSLETTER OF THE  
RUNESTONE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, W0ALX

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## **REMEMBER OCTOBER 15**

**8am BREAKFAST, BRASS LANTERN, ALEX**

**10am RARC CLUB MTG, GLENWOOD STATE BANK, ALEX**

**PROGRAM: PAT W0OPW WILL DEMONSTRATE NEC2GO—ANTENNA  
MODELING SOFTWARE**

### **PRESIDENTIAL SPLATTER... From the Shack of WA0EBZ**

Morse, the family cat at the EBZ household, is now fending for himself outdoors.

The cat was given its name after Samuel Morse, the inventor of Morse code, a mode of communication sometimes used in the WA0EBZ shack.

Morse [the cat] has been fascinated with my radio gear since he was a kitten. He would lay on my lap and sometimes his tail would hit the Morse code key. I thought it was pretty funny at the time," "That's why I call him Morse!" A recent event changed my attitude about the cat.

I was in the shack Sunday morning getting ready for Uncle Herman's Horse Radish Patch on 3.930 MHz to start, but headed into the kitchen to get another cup of coffee. Morse stayed in the shack, I got distracted by my wife talking about the morning news on the television, so I didn't get back to the shack until probably 15 minutes later.

When I walked into the shack, I saw Morse [the cat] napping on my straight key.

I immediately knew what was going on and I might have screamed a little, I still have trouble talking about the incident.

I dropped my coffee and frantically ran to the desk, knowing that I had left the radio on the frequency that the Uncle Herman group uses, which had started 15 minutes earlier. That darn cat had been sending a carrier the entire time!

Morse is no longer living a cat's dream of food always at the ready and winter naps next to warm vacuum tubes. "I picked him up right then and there and put him in the horse shed. For good!"

I am still feeling the embarrassment of the moment, but will still keep checking into Uncle Herman's

Horse Radish Patch.

### RUNESTONE ARC MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 17

1. Present: Wayne WA0EBZ, Dave W0XPC, Mike W0MKE, Alden N0MIC, George N0RCL, Bill KG0DX, John W0JAR, Wayne WB0KUG
2. President WA0EBZ called the meeting to order at 10am
3. Minutes from August were referenced, W0MKE moved, W0XPC seconded, passed
4. W0JAR reported there was no change in financial status, ending balance \$3472.00
5. Trustee report: MN Repeater Council updated out repeater data, \$10 dues were paid and next meeting on Nov 22 in Maple Grove. N0RCL moved, WB0KUG seconded, passed
6. The old tower has been dismantled and disposed of at the scrap iron facility
7. No Education report
8. WB0KUG reported that all repeaters are working properly...wants to visit the 255 machine in Sauk Centre...contact KG0DX
9. No Public Information report
10. Old Business: N0RCL reported on the recent PICO Net gathering at Perham on Sept 10.
11. New Business: a) N0RCL volunteered to be Monday Net Control for October. WE'RE STILL IN NEED FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, b) Pat W0OPW will demonstrate his antenna modeling software at our October meeting, c) membership would be interested in another 80<sup>th</sup> mini-event during November provided the wx is acceptable, d) the financial audit will take place at the annual meeting, e) annual meeting in January {one Director position and all officers are up for ballot, nominations will be made at the November meeting}, f) band condx have revolved about the solar data, g) members are urged to send letters to our Senators regarding the Parity Act, h) the number of dx-peditions are beginning to pick up for the winter season, i)lots of contests September 24-26, j) Fargo hamfest coming up soon, k) \$40 approved for Christmas Party door prizes, l) members are encouraged to send W0MKE, website manager, items of historical interest regarding RARC
12. Meeting adjourned, N0RCL moved, WB0KUG seconded, passed
13. Program: N0RCL took us down memory lane with RARC information and documents. Nice job George, appreciate your efforts.

### 2016 MONDAY NITE NET CONTROLS

January	Tom KD0MOM
February	Jim KB0INZ
March	Bill KG0DX
April	Mike W0MKE
May	Roger KD0UTA
June	Bill KG0DX
July	George N0RCL
August	Jim KB0INZ
September	Jim NN0Q
October	George N0RCL
November	
December	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 15: 8am Coffee/Breakfast, Brass Lantern, Alexandria

Oct 15: 10am RARC Monthly Club Meeting, Glenwood State Bank, Alexandria

Nov 5: 8am, Coffee/Breakfast, Truckers Inn, Sauk Centre

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

Nov 19: 10am RARC Monthly Club Meeting, Glenwood State Bank, Alexandria

Dec 13: Christmas Party, Tuitti Fruitti, Sauk Centre (time to be announced later)

## A BIG "THANK YOU" AND "THE WINNERS ARE:"

The family of Maggie N0NYV and Joe KA0PPU (SK) have determined that some of their radio "stuff" may be of interest to RARC members. Several and final items of interest were given away at the last meeting. Much thanks to Maggie and her family for arranging this generous gift.

## 2016 OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

Wayne WA0EBZ	PRESIDENT	Andy KC0SAL	PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER
Norm W7ISD	VICE-PRESIDENT	Jim KB0INZ	TRUSTEE
John W0JAR	TREASURE	John W0JAR	DIRECTOR (2017)
Bill KG0DX	SECRETARY	Mike W0MKE	DIRECTOR (2018)
Wayne WB0KUG	TECHNICAL DIRECTOR	Norm W7ISD	DIRECTOR (2019)

George N0RCL spoke of the "Old Times" within the Runestone Radio Club; the rest of us listened.....

