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A NEWSLETTER OF THE
RUNESTONE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, W0ALX

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REMEMBER NOVEMBER 19

8am BREAKFAST, BRASS LANTERN, ALEX

10am RARC CLUB MTG, GLENWOOD STATE BANK, ALEX

PROGRAM: NORM W7ISD WILL PROVIDE US AN INTERESTING PROGRAM

PRESIDENTIAL SPLATTER...

With sadness we regret the passing, on October 15th, of one of RRC's faithful members W0JAR – John Ross.

Last month the president of the St. Paul Radio Club wrote an article, in their newsletter called Ground Wave, on the need for volunteers to keep a club functional. He said this is reminder to the membership that clubs only keep going by members taking on positions that are needed to make a club functional. Between the time you read this and the November RRC meeting, please think about what you are willing to do for your club. We usually have a nominating committee to come up with a potential slate of officers for the ballot. The president or designated representative then contact each individual to see if they will run for office. This year we are doing something different. The November RRC meeting will be designated as "Self Nomination for Office Day." We have one opening on our Board of Directors (3 year term). Other offices needing you to step up and place yourself in nomination are for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Technical Director, Education, and Public Information Officer. Non – ballot positions that need volunteers or re-confirmation are Web Master, Open Mic Editor, and Program Chair. Other positions to consider are Field Day coordinator, Chair for the annual RRC picnic and Christmas party. Voting will take place during our January 2017 meeting as well as auditing of the treasurers books.

I have been your President for the past two years. We have tried a few new things such as meetings on Saturday, membership shared program planning, mini special event operating sessions to celebrate the RRC 80th Anniversary, and setting up a couple of stations during our annual picnic. RRC has established a good relationship with the Douglas County Sheriff's office by setting up two emergency communications sites. On the negative side, we no longer are providing Ham Radio license examinations since no one was willing to volunteer to co-ordinate with the ARRL. We have

been losing membership since 2010. There were 35 members that year and the previous 5 years. When I took office in 2015 as well 2016 we are down to 20 members. What are we doing wrong? I committed two years as leader in hopes of getting more members to participate in club activities and make club meetings more interesting. I feel as if I have failed. I will not be running or accept nomination for President in 2017.

Wayne - wa0ebz

RUNESTONE ARC MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 15

1. Present: Dave W0XPC, Jake KC9CRM, Mike W0MKE, Mike KC0TAF, Wayne WB0KUG, Jim KB0INZ, Roger KD0UTA, and Pat W0OPW (guest speaker)
2. Minutes for September were referenced, W0MKE motion, KB0INZ seconded, passed.
3. Treasure Report: no change since last month.
4. Trustee Report: the 79 and 440 machines were shut down on Sept 26, on Oct 1 the repeater renewal forms were submitted, the 79 machine was re-activated.
5. Technical Report: there have been repeated repeater issues and WA0EBZ, WB0KIUG and N0CE have been evaluating the situation. The 2 meter antenna is working properly; the 70cm antenna is not functioning as it should.
6. Decision made to purchase a new Fusion DR X1 2 meter repeater at \$600. KC0TAF motioned, KG0DX seconded, passed. WA0EBZ will submit order.
7. Norm Bakken owns the SuperLink but we're not sure how to dispose of the equipment from our repeater site.
8. Norm W7ISD will do the November program.
9. Club's financial records will be audited at the January 2017 meeting.
10. Be thinking about club election coming up in January 2017; nominations will be completed at the November meeting.
11. Motion to adjourn-N0RCL, seconded WB0KUG, passed.
12. Pat W0OPW presented a very informative program on antenna modeling. He provided several in the audience with complimentary copies of his software. Well done.

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

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

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

Dec 3: 8am, Coffee/Breakfast, Truckers Inn, Sauk Centre

Dec 13: Christmas Party, Tuitti Fruitti, Sauk Centre

Dec 17: No monthly meeting yet scheduled

Dec 25: MERRY CHRISTMAS

Jan 1: HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jan 7: 8am, Coffee/Breakfast, Truckers Inn, Sauk Centre

Jan 21: 8am Coffee/Breakfast, Brass Lantern, Alexandria

Jan 21: 10am RARC Monthly Club Meeting, Glenwood State Bank, Alexandria

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)

RARC CHRISTMAS PARTY DETAILS:

WHERE: **TUITTI FRUITTI KITCHEN, 18914 CO RD 186, Sauk Centre** (travel east past WalMart on Co Rd 186 for about two miles; you'll cross Sauk River, then cross I-94, notice the Airport on your right and the Tuitti Fruitti Kitchen will soon be on your left)

WHEN: **DECEMBER 13**, get together between 5:30 and 6:00pm, dinner prayer, then food, door prizes and a short program.

WHAT: **Buffet with baked chicken, baked ham, potatoes, sides, and beverage.**

COST: **\$11.00 per person** (price does include beverage, but does not include tax and/or gratuity)

WHY: To have a good time, share holiday greetings and get to know one another a bit more.

BTW: You may wish to bring your own beer, wine or liquor for personal consumption—set-ups will be available for an additional cost.