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A NEWSLETTER OF THE  
RUNESTONE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, W0ALX

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442.025+ (88.5)

Sauk Centre Rpt: 147.255+

## CALENDAR NOTES

**NOV 18: 8AM, COFFEE/BREAKFAST, BRASS LANTERN, ALEXANDRIA**

**NOV 18 10AM, RARC CLUB MEETING, GLENWOOD STATE BANK, ALEXANDRIA**

**PROGRAM: NORM W7ISD WILL PROVIDE THE PROGRAM**

## PRESIDENTIAL SPLATTER

Wow, it's been a busy fall. Hope all of you have your "outdoor" ham radio related tasks finished before it get much colder and snowy. Just yesterday I notice that somehow I had forgotten to tape up a PL259 connector under a 4:1 balun. Took care of that in below freezing weather...hope the tape sticks.

Contest season is heating up for the winter season. I appreciate that many hams do not find much fulfillment in participating in contests, however are a few items that may be useful. In many instances you may find an interesting callsign, a new country or county or grid square. Although it may not be the best opportunity for ragchewing, you may find an interesting contact that you wish to meet up with again and explore common interests, share information and maybe even spread international good will. Our club does encourage member participation in the Minnesota QSO Party usually held the first Saturday in February. It's limited to 10 hours beginning at 8am and concluding at 6pm. Participants are encouraged to submit their individual scores along with a club affiliation (Runestone ARC). Historically we've done pretty well as individuals and in the club category.

Soon we should have the new 440 repeater on line. That should bring our repeaters and antennas up to snuff at Viking Towers. At the November meeting we'll discuss the proposition of having the 2 meter repeater dedicated to analog while the 440 repeater will be dedicated to digital. Interesting times lie ahead. See you on November 18.

73 Bill KG0DX

## RUNESTONE ARC MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 21, 2017

Attendance: KB0INZ(Jim Horn), N0MIC(Alden Mattocks), W7ISD(Norm Priebe), N0RCL (George Schouweiler), N0JOG(Dave Hartman), N0QXM(Nick Pasche), KC9CRM(Jake Severynski), WA0EBZ(Wayne Johanson), KG0DX(Bill Klundt)

Minutes of September meeting were approved. (N0JOG/N0QXM)

Technical report: None

Treasury: The balance is \$3062.80

Program Report: We are running out of Programs

Christmas Party: Dec. 15, 2017 at "Tutti Frutti" Restaurant, Sauk Centre, MN

Cost is \$10.50 per person

B.Y.O.B setups available for a fee.

We may visit the Pavek Museum of Electronics someday.

The FT-5200 donated to the club by Jon Haaven AB0BF will be bought by WB0KUG(Wayne Johnson) for \$100.

Bill Klundt will write a letter of thanks to the Glenwood State bank for the use of their conference room for our meetings and for the coffee that they provide.

We had a discussion of digital modes for Ham Radio

Adjournment (W7ISD/KD0UTA)

Program: George N0RCL led a very interesting and informative discussion regarding the "ins and outs" of tuners. Thanks George

### **NEWS FOR YOU:**

The new Yeasu 440 Fusion repeater has been delivered to the Presidents address and will be forwarded to the Technical Director at the November club meeting. We're all awaiting the installation of this machine.

The annual RARC Christmas Party will be held in the same venue as last year...Tutti Fruitti in Sauk Centre. The date is Friday, December 15 beginning at 6pm. The price is \$10.50 per person; does not include sales tax or gratuity. Set-ups are available for BYOB. The menu includes roast beef, cold ham, potatoe salad, vegetable, dessert, and coffee/soda.

Alden N0MIC has donated a Kenwood TS 140S transceiver and a Astron 35A power supply to the club along with several other small items. We'll discuss disposition of this equipment at the Nov meeting.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Nov 18: 8am Coffee/Breakfast, Brass Lantern, Alexandria

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Dec 2: 8am Coffee/Breakfast, Truckers Inn, Sauk Centre

Dec 15: 6pm RARC Annual Christmas Party, Tuitti Fruitti, Sauk Centre

Dec 16: usual date for RARC monthly meeting...watch for announcement regarding whether or not we'll meet.

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

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