



# OPEN MIC

A NEWSLETTER OF THE  
RUNESTONE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, W0ALX

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## **REMEMBER DECEMBER 13**

### **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.

### **PRESIDENTIAL SPLATTER...**

Ham Radio Christmas - 2016

For the fifth year in a row, an unnamed RRC club member received a CB radio for Christmas from a family member at their annual Christmas gathering. Our unnamed member has been an active amateur radio operator for the past twelve years. He does not use nor does he have any interest in Citizen's Band radio.

"I just know that he loves playing with his radios, said his aunt. "He's is always in his radio room turning knobs and playing with blinky lights". She actually bought him the same radio three years ago and was actually the first one to start this CB buying thing for Christmas.

"Heck, even if I wanted to open up the CB's transmit capability, I wouldn't be able to use it on the ham bands as it has far too much spurious emissions"... according to our member.

"I even made a wish list and distributed it to my family members this year, hoping I could avoid getting another dang CB. I have a Signalink digi interface on there and a Yaesu MD-200 mic for my FTDX-

3000. I figured maybe they'd get the point. I guess not," he said.

He has been able to return the radios and get his wife a gift with the money. "I'm getting her a clothes iron again this year!" "I got her one the last two years and she seemed happy enough.

A cheerful and joyous Christmas to all of our Runestone Radio Club family. May your New Year be filled with rare DX, open bands, many fun filled rag chews, 59 or 599 signal reports, straight towers, and antennas that stay up and working.

73; Wayne (wa0ebz)

### **RUNESTONE ARC MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 26 (meeting scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> was postponed due to weather)**

1. Present: Mike W0MKE, Wayne WB0KUG, Jim KB0INZ, Roger KD0UTA, Bill KG0DX, Norm W7ISD, Wayne WA0EBZ and Andy KC0SAL
2. Meeting was called to order at 10am by President Wayne WA0EBZ which was followed by a moment of silence in recognition on the passing of John W0JAR.
3. October minutes were cited; W0MKE moved for approval, KD0UTA seconded, passed.
4. Treasure report: WA0EBZ reported income of \$500 and expenses of \$810; \$500 for the John Ross memorial, \$810 for insurance liability coverage \$200, fusion repeater \$600, and repeater council dues \$10.
5. Trustee report: KB0INZ reported that there was no activity during the month.
6. Technical report: WB0KUG reported that the 2 meter repeaters were functional well and that the 70 cm repeater is off the air due to a faulty antenna.
7. No Public Information report available.
8. Old Business: a) Superlink-WA0EBZ has sent letter to Norm Bakken requesting some direction regarding the disposal of old equipment, b) the new Fusion repeater has arrived-WB0KUG will pursue installment as soon as possible, c) KB0INZ will consult with the Repeater Council regarding PL tones for our area, d) WA0EBZ distributed programming Cds for the old repeaters (copies to Tech Dir, Trustee and President), e) motion by W7ISD, seconded by KG0DX to replace the 440 antenna this coming Spring and get the 440 repeater back on line.
9. New Business: a) Christmas Party at Tuitti Fruitti on December 13, b) RARC having difficulty getting members to commit to Net Control duties for the Monday Night Net—will probably go the way Round Robin, c) Band condition discussion followed, f) Officer nominations were made as noted below.
10. Motion to adjourn by W7ISD, seconded by W0MKE, passed.
11. Program by Norm W7ISD consisted of a power point presentation of the Maritime Historical Radio Society. Very interesting and informative regarding past and present activities. If you missed it, you missed an exceptional program.

**CLUB OFFICER NOMINATIONS WERE MADE FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD AT THE JANUARY MEETING (nominations conclude at 5pm on January 14—send additional nominations to [wa0ebz@juno.com](mailto:wa0ebz@juno.com). If you cannot be at the January 21 meeting please make sure your ballot gets to [wa0ebz@juno.com](mailto:wa0ebz@juno.com) by January 14 (we'll vote for ONE for each position):**

Board of Directors: Roger KD0UTA and Wayne WB0KUG

President: Bill KG0DX

Vice-President: Roger KD0UTA and Wayne WA0EBZ

Treasure: Mike W0MKE

Secretary: Jim KB0INZ  
Technical Director: Wayne WB0KUG  
Trustee: Jim KB0INZ  
Public Info Officer: Andy KC0SAL  
Webmaster: Mike W0MKE  
Program Mgr: Wayne WA0EBZ

## **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 Round Robin

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec 13: Christmas Party, Tuitti Fruitti, Sauk Centre  
Dec 17: No monthly meeting  
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)