



# OPEN MIC

**WØALX-- RUNESTONE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC**  
**ALEXANDRIA, MINNESOTA**  
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-----**NEWSLETTER**-----

OCTOBER 2013

**NOTE 1:** Amateur Radio Licensing testing will be held at 5pm on October 15 at the Alexandria Senior Center. All necessary forms will be available. If you're upgrading please bring along a copy of your current FCC license. Be prepared to pay a small administrative fee of around \$15 for the examination.

**NOTE 2:** The October 15 meeting of the RARC will be held at the Alexandria Senior Center beginning at 7pm. The elevator at the Glenwood State Bank will be installed by November 1 and we should be able to resume normal meetings at that time.

## [SPECIAL EVENT W0W](#)

The W0W Special Event on October 12-13 will be fully operational. Look for us on the bands telling the story of the Kensington Runestone regarding the Birthplace of America. Call Bill KG0DX at 320-761-6205 if you are willing to assist.

## [MINUTES OF THE RUNESTONE RADIO CLUB](#) [September 17, 2013](#)

The meeting was called to order by Bill Klundt at 7:00PM at the Alexandria Community Center.

### Attending:

Wayne Johnson WB0KUG, George Schouweiler N0RCL, Dick Fjeld N0CE, Norm Yeutter W0KCJ, Bill Klundt KG0DX, Maggie Van Havermaet N0NYV, Jan Kilian KD0RAV, Jim Molkenthin NN0Q, Tom Kilian KD0MOM, Jason Ebacher KD0UDS, Pete Jennings KD0UVA, Roger Haffner KD0UTA, Wayne Stephens KD0AAA, Jim Horn KB0INZ. A visitor also attended.

Minutes of July 2013 meeting approved as published in Bill Klundt's "Open Mic" email.

NN0Q/KD0MOM

Treasurer's Report: \$3403.70 + \$40.00 - \$0.00 = \$3443.70 Present Balance

\$275.06 + \$7.92 - \$0.00 = \$283.98 Coffee Cash

Report Approved KD0RAV/KD0AAA

### Trustee Report by W0KCJ, Norm Yeutter:

Minnesota Repeater Council needs paperwork from our club. We can send a representative. Nobody volunteered. There was a short discussion of the importance of repeater coordination.

Our liability insurance policy will be renewed.

Technical Director's Report by WB0KUG: Repeater is working well. The Superlink at our repeater seems to be working, but the Superlink Net does not use it regularly.

Public Information Officer Report by NN0Q:

Jim recommends the "Kahn Academy" website for short but good videos on all sorts of topics. The site is funded by Mr. Kahn and is affiliated with the Gates Foundation.

We had a discussion of a possible meeting time change (or meeting format change) because of the difficulty some members have with driving to winter meetings because of night vision problems. Meetings on the 146.790 repeater are possible. Saturday afternoon as meeting time was discussed. The present 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7PM time is required by the Club's constitution which would need to be changed. No formal action on this subject was taken at this meeting.

Jim NN0Q has not yet sent a letter to the ARRL about a previously discussed revision of contest rules for Field Day.

OLD BUSINESS:

After some discussion the consensus was that we will do the W0W (Runestone Special Event Station Oct. 12-13) from our home stations. Bill will publish the operators and their hours via the W0ALX email reflector. Our W0W event is listed on page 94 of the October edition of QST.

KD0AAA reported about our participation in the Emergency Drill held in Alexandria on Monday Sept 16<sup>th</sup>. Several of our members came to the event, but we were not used by those managing the event, since the imaginary plane crash was not the sort of emergency where hams would be used. The new government radio system worked well, but more channels are needed during a big emergency. A future "Table Top Emergency" event is going to happen where hams will be included. Those participating will need advanced training in "incident system" procedures.

Motion was passed (NN0Q/W0KCJ) to authorize expenditure of up to \$150 for a set of marked safety vests for the Club.

New Business:

Bill (KG0DX) needs to have at least one other member to serve with him as the Nominations Committee. Dick N0CE volunteered. (Denita KC0WHM also volunteered)

George (N0RCL) will be the coordinator for this year's Christmas Party. The date for the party is December 10, 2013.

Our October meeting will be held at the Alexandria Community Center. After that we will likely be meeting at the Glenwood State Bank.

Several people have digital projectors which they would loan the Club if needed for a meeting event.

There was a short discussion about doing another "Cram Jam" training and testing session for Technician Class licensing.

Adjournment (W0KCJ/N0NYV) was at 8:33PM. A coffee time followed adjournment.

Minutes prepared by Jim Horn – KB0INZ

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## RUNESTONE CALENDAR NOTES

October 14,21,28: Monday Night Net, 7pm, 146,790 N0RCL NC

October 12,13: Special Event W0W, yet to determine location

October 15: 5pm, Ham Radio Testing session at Alexandria Senior Center

October 15: Monthly Club Meeting, 7pm, Alexandria Senior Center (back to Glenwood State Bank for November)

October 19: Saturday Coffee at Brass Lantern, Alexandria, 8:30am

November 2: Saturday Coffee at Trucker's Inn, Sauk Centre, 8:30am

November 4,11,18,25: Monday Night Net, 7pm, 146.790 KG0DX NC

November 16: Saturday Coffee at Brass Lantern, Alexandria 8:30am

November 19: Monthly Club Meeting, Glenwood State Bank, 7pm

## 2013 NET CONTROL AND MEETING GOODIES:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>NET CONTROL</u>	<u>GOODIES</u>
January	KC0UTN	KG0DX
February	W0KCJ	W0KCJ
March	N0CE	W0JAR
April	NN0Q	KD0UTA
May	KB0INZ	KB0INZ
June	KD0MOM	KC0UTN
July	N0RCL	W7ISD
August	KG0DX	Picnic
September	KD0RAV	KD0UDS
October	N0RCL	N0RCL
November	KG0DX	WA0EBZ
December	KC0UTN	Christmas Party

(W7ISD available for Net Control for one-time emergency substitute)

## 2013 RUNESTONE ARC OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

KG0DX Bill	President
W7ISD Norm	Vice-President
W0KCJ Norm	Treasure / Trustee
KB0INZ Jim	Secretary
WB0KUG Wayne	Technical Director
KC0UTN Ric	Education Director
W0JAR John	Director (2014)
W7ISD Norm	Director (2015)
N0QXM Nick	Director (2016)