

# RRRC NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

June is here and a busy month for the RRRC has arrived. We have talked about it for several months, but a reminder once again of the RRRC brat fry coming up on Sunday, June 13 at Rehek's Food Pride in Beaver Dam. We will be starting around 8 and hopefully ready to serve by 9:00 A.M. We will be going until 4 or 5 in the afternoon. Even if your not signed up to work, please stop by and grab a bite to eat. A great way to help the club out is also to pass on word to others about the brat fry to increase our attendance.

Field Day is also fast approaching. For those that didn't hear the good news, our sites from years past, which we thought were taken, have opened up. Therefore, we are back in the same area we have had for the past several years! Please try and stop by and take in one of the larger club functions of the year. You don't have to operate if you don't wish, just simply stop by for an eyeball QSO and say HI. Our potluck will again be on Saturday evening the 26<sup>th</sup> of June at 5:00 P.M. All we ask is you bring a dish to pass and join us for dinner.

In July, we will host our second brat fry of the summer, again at Rehek's Food Pride. This one is on a Friday, July 16, again running the same general times as the June event.

There has been some talk about getting together after the club breakfast on Saturday, June 5 to work on the club ARES trailer a bit. I know several have said they would be able to make it. If you're in-

terested in helping out, we will be starting about 9:00 or so I would guess. Please contact Dave, K9MKP if you're able to lend a hand for more details.

As a reminder, we have no July club meeting and also no newsletter. The next meeting after June will be on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. August will also resume the normal monthly newsletter.

We have been pretty fortunate as far as our weather goes this year and although we have activated for a few events, most of the storms have fizzled out before they arrived or swung around us. Our luck can only hold out so long and I want to thank those who have helped out on the nets and encourage everyone to take a moment to review the weather manual online.

Speaking of the weather, a new feature will be taking place in the event of severe weather. We will be sounding the alert tone (the same one we test on the Monday net) every time a warning is issued. This is meant to try and get the attention of anyone that may be around to make them aware of the warning. Note that we will not be sounding the alert tone for watches, only when a new warning is issued for Dodge County. After the tone sounds, we will broadcast text information on the warning as normal and take a standby for any severe reports. If none, we will then change the tail message! I think this is a good change Brian, K9BJK came up with!

I look forward to seeing many of you at several of our upcoming events over the next month.

73

Ryan KB9OWD  
RRRC President

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## May 2010 RRRRC Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Rock River Radio Club was called to order on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, by RRRRC President Ryan Klavekoske, KB9OWD, at 7:05 PM.

### \*\* Committee Reports \*\*

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was presented by Jerry Arndt, NO9U, to the group for review and discussion. It was also noted that the Don Davis mystery has been resolved. Don is the father-in-law of RRRRC member, Ted Neuberger, W9LUQ. Don sent the check in on Ted's behalf, but forgot to send in the membership renewal form along. The member records are corrected, showing Ted's status as being current. A motion to accept the report as presented was offered by Ralph Hasler, N9WBL, with second by Gary Pedersen, KB9BAC. A vote was taken and the motion was passed.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report was presented by Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA, as the minutes for the RRRRC Monthly Meeting held on April 6, 2010, with corrections for the May monthly meeting and breakfast dates. A motion was made by Beryl Pedersen, KA9BAC, and seconded by Duane Haas, W9BCV, to accept the minutes with the two corrections. A vote was taken and the motion was passed.

**Field Day Sites:** Dale Marks, WB9ADB, turned in a check he had received for another campsite. There is one left of those we had reserved. There might be additional sites available if we need more.

**A.R.E.S.:** Dale showed a concept photo of what the Emergency Communication trailer could look like with decals and lettering installed. He voiced a concern that the RRRRC lettering was larger than the ARES lettering. That could give the impression that the trailer was owned by the Club and could lead to people questioning why it was allowed to be parked on County property. Several solutions were discussed including changing the wording to "Sponsored by the Rock River Radio Club", which would indicate that the trailer was not owned by the Club. Another solu-

tion would be to leave the "Dodge County" wording and add "Emergency Communication" below it.

Dale has also been monitoring the Nets of other clubs in the neighboring counties to get a feel for what they are doing to generate interest. The Fond du Lac Club has a separate ARES Net preceding the regular Club Net on Sunday evenings. This ARES net appears to be a more structured net than the regular Club net and is useful in checking equipment operation and Weather Net operator and spotter availability for the upcoming week. Jefferson also has a second net in addition to the regular weekly Club net. It is called a Technology Net. They have people checking in using EchoLink as well. These are excellent examples of ways to promote and support interest in ARES and Ham Radio in general.

Ryan, KB9OWD, commented that the weather nets that we have had so far this season have been going very well, and thanked everyone for their support.

### \*\* Old Business \*\*

**Brat Fry:** The signup sheet for Sunday, June 13, for helpers was passed around again for anyone who was not at last month's meeting. Flyers were also made available for people to take along and post them if they can. There was also one in the newsletter.

### \*\* New Business \*\*

**Emergency Communication Trailer:** Dave DePover, K9MKP, received the latest quote of \$40 each for the 4 decals for the sides of the trailer. To have the decals installed so it can be on display at the brat fry, action would be needed to approve the expenditure at this meeting to have them done in time. Dale has given the latest revision of the usage agreement to the Dodge County representative. He read it briefly and did not see any issues, but wanted to take the time to study it properly, and will let us know soon. Ryan suggested clarifying all references to Dodge County Emergency Government, Dodge County, and Dodge County AREA, to clearly state that they are referring to Dodge County Emergency Government to avoid any future misunderstandings. Ryan, KB9OWD, offered to donate money to pay for one of the decals if a motion was brought for-

ward to support the project. Ralph Hasler, N9WBL, made a motion to authorize \$130 to pay for the remaining 3 decals pending acceptance by Dodge County Emergency Government of the usage contract now under review. The motion was seconded by Jerry Arndt, NO9U. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

**Meeting Programs:** Ryan is planning on Dick Engle from Amateur Electronics to do a program later this year. He usually does a program once a year. Ryan also sent an email to Don Michalski, W9IXG, our ARRL Section Leader, inviting him to visit us. It's been several years, and it would be good seeing him again. He would be able to bring us up to date with what's happening at the ARRL. Also, our annual Club Auction is still scheduled after the October monthly meeting. We will still need a couple more program ideas to round out the rest of the year.

**EmCom Classes:** Jerry Arndt, NO9U, announced that the Amateur Radio Emergency Communication Classes are starting again. The classes have been updated, and Jerry will again be a Mentor.

**Silent Key:** It was noted that former RRRC member Clarence Roberts, KB9SLE, passed away. Beryl has sent a card to the family on behalf of the RRRC.

The monthly RRRC breakfast will be held as usual at PJ's in Juneau on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM.

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Business was concluded and a motion to adjourn was made by Ralph Hasler, N9WBL, and seconded by Gary Pedersen, KB9BAE. The motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA  
Secretary, Rock River Radio Club

### **RRRC Weekly Nets**

**Mon. ARES 146.64 MHz 7:30 PM**

**Sat. 3.947 MHz 10:00 AM**

**Wed. 1.908 MHz 8:00 PM**



### **Good news for Field Day at Derge Park.**

I was checking with the County Parks Dept about additional camp sites as there was more interest. I found out that the group that had gotten ahead of us for the sites we normally use has canceled out. I was able to exchange the sites we were given for this year so we now are all together with our normal Field Day sites.

Dale Marks  
WB9ADB



JUNE 6 BREAKFAST  
DODGE COUNTY AIRPORT

Dale Marks WB9ADB

Dan Spangler, KC9IKI, will have an Amateur Radio display at the breakfast. He intends to have HF and VHF radios operational. I believe he will have a new Emergency Trailer put together by the Jefferson County ARES.

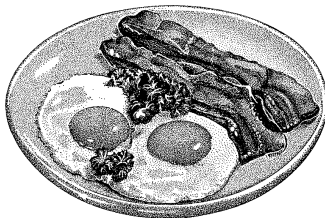
Dan is an employee of Wisconsin Aviation and has put this display at several other airport breakfasts to promote amateur radio. You are welcome to visit with him or join him in promoting amateur radio.

Would be nice if a bunch of us could be there for the breakfast and maybe give him a hand. Too bad our trailer is not ready yet for things like this. Next Year!!!!

Any ideas for brochures on the Club, Weather program or ??? He has table room.

THE NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ROCK RIVER RADIO CLUB WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 1st AT 7:00 PM IN ROOMS 1H AND 1I OF THE DODGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN JUNEAU. EVERYONE IS WELCOME; SEE YOU THERE!

## Saturday Fun



The monthly RRRR breakfast get-together will be on Saturday, June 5th, at PJ's Restaurant in Juneau. All are welcome, so join us at around 8:00 AM for a pleasant informal gathering. If the Dodge County Emergency Government finds our proposed Usage Agreement acceptable, then following the breakfast, anyone who wishes is welcome to come over to work on the Emergency Communication Trailer. We'll start out by doing some assessing and planning to determine what we have and what we want to do with it. One of our goals is to have it at least presentable to take to one of our upcoming RRRR Brat Fries and possibly Field Day, as well. Any help would be welcome for as long as you could stay.



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### May 2010 RRRR Meeting Attendance

Dennis Weigel	KC9ICA	Burnett
Jerry Arndt	NO9U	Watertown
Ryan Klavekoske	KB9OWD	Beaver Dam
Dale Marks	WB9ADB	Burnett
John Wallace	WB9ARJ	Beaver Dam
Duane Haas	W9BCV	Beaver Dam
Beryl Pedersen	KA9BAC	Juneau
Gary Pedersen	KA9BAE	Juneau
Ralph M. Hasler	N9WBL	Oconomowoc
Dave DePover	K9MKP	Juneau



**THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR THE AUGUST 2010 ISSUE OF THE RRRR NEWSLETTER IS THURSDAY, JULY 22nd.**



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**Time: Serving 9:00**  
**AM to 4:00 PM**

**Held At Rechek's Food Pride**  
**609 N. Spring Street**

Come out and enjoy::  
Brats, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs  
Chips  
Drinks

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