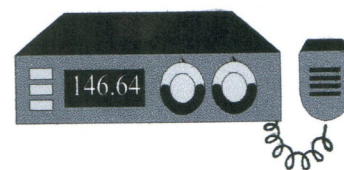




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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We kicked off preparing for the 2012 severe weather season last week with our first practice session of the year. Our group had 2 participants (myself and KC9ICA). We each checked in and passed 1 piece of practice severe weather criteria. I was happy with how things went however I was surprised how much "routine" stuff slips the mind when you haven't been active for several months. With the practice sessions now starting monthly, please take the opportunity to get on the air and join in sharpening up your skills. Also, the weather manual is online at the club website and I encourage you to read it over as time permits. I would like to see as many as possible from our weather group joining these practices so we are ready to go when severe weather hits.

During the month of January I had the opportunity to meet with Clothes for Kids and present them with our holiday donation. There is a photo on the website and possibly in this issue. I can say they really appreciated the donation and I think the money will go to a good cause to start 2012.

As a reminder, our RRRRC website is looking better than ever. Please take a moment to visit it at www.rrrc.net. If you see Lucky, K9LUK, please pass on our thanks. Lucky volunteers his time to keep the website up and going and promoting our group. We will have to address the website at the February meeting as we need to renew the domain which comes along every few years.

Speaking of the February meeting, we will be having our yearly Valentine's party. This means that following

the meeting, we will have Bingo. This is one of our most fun meetings of the year and everyone has a great time! Please plan to join us. The "prizes" for the night are a white elephant gift. Please bring one along to pass on to one of the winners. We also eat and drink well at this meeting. If you have a snack or drink to share with the group, please bring it along. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

We are looking forward to having an upcoming program on Skype. Several of our members enjoy this online ability to communicate daily. Gary, KA9BAE mentioned that maybe a program on how it all works could be done. That would be a great learning opportunity. I am guessing that someone got something out of the program on satellites I recently put on and I have been invited to give that program to the Watertown group in April. I look forward to seeing all of them.

The 2012 ARRL DX CW contest is coming up the weekend of February 18 - 19. I have received a flattering offer to "be the DX" in this one and to travel to a DX location with a group to operate this. This would be at one of the top stations in the world and it is a flattering offer. I am trying to finalize some work things, but look for a DX announcement at our February meeting. It would also make for some great photos and a good future program.

I hope to see many of you at the meeting next week!

73,
Ryan KB9OWD RRRRC President

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January 2012 RRRRC Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Rock River Radio Club was called to order on Tuesday, 01/03/2012, by RRRRC President Ryan Klavekoske, KB9OWD, at 7:09 PM.

**** Committee Reports ****

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented by RRRRC Treasurer Jerry Arndt, NO9U. The report included dues, Winter Party, and trailer fund information. The balance is in good shape looking forward into the coming year. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was offered by Ralph Hasler, N9WBL, and seconded by Tim Norbury, W9LUB. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Secretary's Report: RRRRC Secretary Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA, presented the December 2011 meeting minutes as they were printed in the January 2012 RRRRC Newsletter. There were no additions or corrections and Jerry Arndt, NO9U, moved that the report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Beryl Pedersen, KA9BAC, and a vote was taken. The motion was passed.

Field Day 2012: Dale Marks, WB9ADB, reported that he had the same number of camping spots available as he did last month. Ryan Klavekoske, KB9OWD, said he would take one for himself. The fee for both nights comes to \$36, but the Club pays for half. That brings the 2-night total down to \$18.

Repeater Committee: Repeater Committee Chairman Dale Marks, WB9ADB, reported nothing new with the repeater, with everything working well.

A.R.E.S.: Emergency Coordinator Dale Marks, WB9ADB, reported that on the state level, ARES leadership is trying to get the local leaders to report back on a monthly basis about things happening in their areas such as training and projects. He is planning to report on progress that we are making on the emergency communication trailer project. Dale also stated that he would like to conduct a heating test on our ARES

trailer to determine what it takes to warm it up inside to a comfortable level. Then monitor what happens when the heat source is turned off to see if condensation forms that could affect equipment that is left inside. This test could show us if there are items that possibly should not be left inside in the winter. Also, the State Level is considering providing funding for D-Star repeaters around the state. This is not in Wisconsin only, it is happening all over the country. There seems to be concern that Icom is the only company making D-Star equipment, even though it is not proprietary technology. Dale also said that he has heard that Yaesu is going to release their own line of digital equipment, but it will follow a European digital standard which is not compatible with D-Star.

**** Old Business ****

RRRC 2012 Winter Banquet: Ryan Klavakoske, KB9OWD, reported that he reserved the rooms for our 2012 Winter Banquet at the Bay-side Supper Club. It will be held, as always, on the first Sunday in December and falls on Sunday December 2nd. We will be in the same room as the 2011 Banquet.

Allen Heim Antenna work: A group of Club members went to the residence of Allen Heim, KC9TOW, after the December Club breakfast and helped put up a 2-meter vertical antenna for him and ran the coax into the basement. Then on Friday, December 30th, Gary, KA9BAE, and Dennis, KC9ICA, went back armed with sling-shot and fishing rod and helped put up his G5RV in his oak trees. He will measure and order the coax to run into the basement for that one as well.

**** New Business ****

2012 Brat Fry Dates: Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA, reported that he was first in line at Recheck's on New Year's Day morning and has us signed up for our two Saturday Brat Fry dates that we were hoping for. The dates are June 9th and July 14th. The \$25 deposit is paid which covered both reserved dates and the check will be returned after we pass inspection on the second date. That was a change from the past, where a deposit of \$25 was required for each date for a total of \$50 for both. The deposits have always been returned, as there is no charge for

using the facility.

Waukesha Ham Fest: The Waukesha Mid-Winter Ham Fest will be this Saturday at the Waukesha County Expo Center from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

Severe Weather Activities: RRRC Acting Assistant Emergency Coordinator Ryan Klavekoske, KB9OWD, suggested testing the group's 2-meter communication capabilities without using the repeater and led a discussion on how this could be accomplished. This could be needed should we lose the repeater during a severe weather event and need to pass reports to the NCS and the relay operator using simplex mode. We have never tested this ability to see who can be heard by whom within our group. Ryan's suggestion would be to hold an informal net as a drill for our local weather group on a simplex frequency, possibly 146.550 MHz, to determine everyone's capabilities as far as who they can talk to. From that information, we can set up a method to get severe weather reports to the relay operator for transfer to the NWS via the backbone repeater. This practice net could be scheduled in February or early March to allow time to get it done before the normal severe weather season starts. Bill Paxon, KA9OTV, was present at the meeting and we discussed his being NCS for this practice event. With his 2-meter beam antenna on his tower, he is currently able to hear virtually everyone on our Monday ARES nets on the repeater input frequency, which would be perfect for this test. He could run it the same as a normal net and allow us to track who all can be heard by other stations. This process would verify our simplex backup plan in the event we have a repeater failure during severe weather.

Assistant Emergency Coordinator Needed: A volunteer is needed to replace Brian Krotzman, K9BJK, who needed to resign due to moving out of the area. This person would be in charge of our weather program and weather nets, and would need to attend meetings at the National Weather Service in Sullivan. The meetings are held every other month (6 per year) starting in January and sometimes can be attended via telephone conference call. Ryan, KB9OWD, said he can continue to handle much of the NCS duties during severe weather nets and will help assist a new person transition into the position. Ryan also asked that anyone interested in this position send him an email and the invitation will also be

published in the February RRRC Newsletter. **Special Items For 2012:** The group discussed possible events and activities for the coming year. Local VE testing, more trailer exposure at local events such as the fly-in Juneau airport breakfast, antique power club show, and field day. Activities on the trailer itself that include heating & humidity testing and continued construction activities were all discussed. Also, program ideas are still needed for 2012. The February program will again this year be the annual Valentine Party with White Elephant Bingo as the activity. An upcoming future program might be possibly doing a training demonstration on using Skype.

The monthly RRRC breakfast for January will be held as usual at PJ's in Juneau on Saturday, January 7th, 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 Tim Norbury, W9LUB. The motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

January 2012 RRRC Meeting Attendance

Dennis Weigel	KC9ICA	Burnett
Jerry Arndt	NO9U	Watertown
Ryan Klavekoske	KB9OWD	Beaver Dam
Beryl Pedersen	KA9BAC	Juneau
Gary Pedersen	KA9BAE	Juneau
Bill Paxon	KA9OTV	Waterloo
Tim Norbury	W9LUB	Watertown
Ralph M. Hasler	N9WBL	Oconomowoc
John Verhoeven	KA9OIF	Watertown
Dale Marks	WB9ADB	Burnett

RRRC Weekly Nets

Mon. ARES 146.64 MHz 7:30 PM

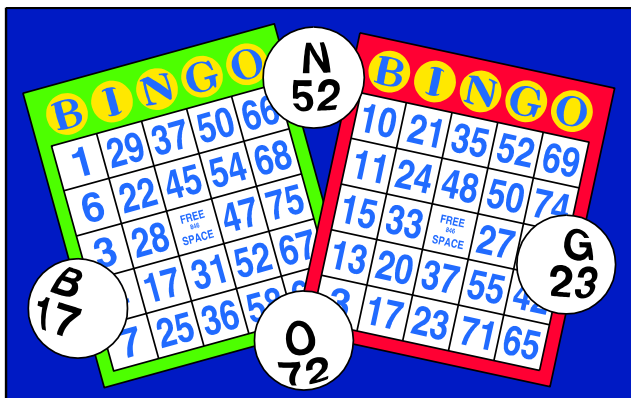
Sat. 3.947 MHz 10:00 AM

Wed. 1.908 MHz 7:30 PM



ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FUN?

Following the monthly Business Meeting on Tuesday, February 7th, there will be the annual RRRC Valentines Party and White Elephant Bingo challenge. Bring any item you have around as a "white elephant" gift and a treat to share if you like. Join in on the smiles and laughter that always abound at this event.



BINGO



Hey guys,

Attached is a photo of me presenting a check to Sue Cox at Dodge County Clothes for Kids. This is the \$100 donation from RRRC to an organization for the holiday. They really appreciated the donation. This is a good organization giving back to needy families in our area. I am sure the money will be well spent!

Ryan KB9OWD



RRRC Assistant EC Needed

The position of RRRC Assistant Emergency Coordinator is still open. This person is in charge of the Club's weather program and works closely with the National Weather Service office in Sullivan. Anyone interested in serving in this extremely important position can contact any RRRC Officer for more information or to express their interest.

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Club Dues / Bills / Club Business

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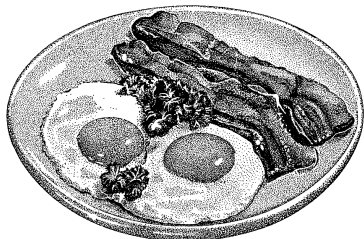
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The monthly RRRC breakfast get-together will be on Saturday, February 11th, at PJ's Restaurant in Juneau. All are welcome, so join us at around 8:00 AM for a pleasant informal gathering.

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



THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR THE MARCH 2012 ISSUE OF THE RRRC NEWSLETTER IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th.



RRRC 2012 Field Day
Dodge County Derge Park
Get an early start and select your Field Day camp site fir this year's event. Dale Marks, WB9ADB, will have the reservation slips at the February meeting. Get yours early for the best selection. Remember, the Club pays for half!



Annual Membership Dues
Rock River Radio Club of Wisconsin
PO Box 26, Juneau WI 53039-0026



Last Name: _____

First Name(s): _____

Call(s): _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Email: _____

ARRL: YES NO

State: _____ Zip: _____

Description	\$ Each	Quantity	Total
RRRC 2012 Membership - Family	\$25.00		
RRRC 2012 Membership - Individual Regular	\$20.00		
RRRC 2012 Membership - Individual Associate	\$10.00		
RRRC Badge	\$7.50		
A.R.E.S. Communication Trailer Fund Contribution			
GRAND TOTAL:			

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