



# RRRC NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Summer is winding down and the past few months have been enjoyed outdoors and by my own admission, away from a lot of radio things. I passed up a nice opportunity to operate the ARRL station as WIAW/9 in July in lieu of some camping and family time. These last days of summer find me trying to maximize time at the camper while getting in the "school" swing for the first time with a kindergartner in the house. We have been busy to say the least. As things being to slow a bit, I also find myself looking for some winter projects down in the shack that could use my attention. I hope to pass the winter months with some exciting projects in the radio room.

The computer on hand is now over 10 years old, and it shows. I am looking to upgrade the station computer with something more modern. Most of my equipment still relies on older USB ports, which these days can be hard to come by and will definitely add some challenges.

Also in major need of attention is my station grounding. To be blunt, although some effort has been previously applied, as it sits now, it's pretty much non-existent and that can no longer be. I am hoping to use the winter months to get things grounded properly inside of the shack.

I also want to use these upcoming cooler months to diagnose and repair a 2 meter beam I have that has given me

fits. I am have 9 element 2 meter beam purchased a few years back, assembled however not working properly and therefore has never gone up. With the duties of work and kids, it has found a home on the back deck. It's time to get it off the deck and working properly so it can be used for what it was intended, to make contacts.

Hopefully others can shed some light on these projects with their own success or failures. We have had some good round table technical discussions post meeting recently and this is a great time to share ideas that has been put to good use. Maybe you have similar shack ideas or issues that need to be addressed. Bring them to the group and lets work together this winter to resolve and make better our station setups.

I missed the monthly meeting in August while enjoying a family vacation in Pickerel, Wisconsin. It was a great week away and the weather really cooperated. Our family enjoyed time together fishing, swimming, having fires and just relaxing. Thanks to Dave, K9MKP for taking care of the meeting duties.

The week after returned, I spent several days in Dallas, Texas for work. The Dallas heat was over 100 degrees each day and makes you appreciate the cooler Wisconsin evenings. That said, it wasn't as humid and actually felt worse here when stepping back off the plane into dew points around 80. I enjoyed the conference and seeing a lot of Dallas as it was my first time there.

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Dennis, KC9ICA and I recently met with Tom Kucharski to discuss the status of our weather program and some possible upcoming changes. Overall, things are running well and we look to improve on that efficiency in the upcoming months. Details are still being worked out as to some possible changes and I will bring them to the group in the coming months.

Finally, I heard back late Friday from the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. We have again been welcomed back to operate during National Wildlife Refuge Week again this year. I told them we would plan for the closing Saturday, which this year is October 15, 2016. Please mark your calendars for this date. Exact details will be ironed out at the September meeting and presented in the October newsletter. This event has been a great time the last several years and I hope many are able to join us.

Also, I will have a final report at our meeting on Tuesday, but am trying to finalize details for programs for the rest of the year, including our auction at the October meeting. Unless you hear different, please plan to attend the yearly auction next month as the program for the October meeting.

73,

Ryan KB9OWD

RRRC President

## **August 2016 RRRC Meeting Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the Rock River Radio Club was called to order on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, by RRRC Vice-President Dave DePover, K9MKP, at 7:02 PM. RRRC President Ryan Klavekoske, KB9OWD, was out of town and unable to attend.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report for June, 2016, was presented by Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA, in the absence of RRRC Treasurer Judy Mullen, KB9MKK. Judy had provided all of the necessary information for the report. All financial transactions were presented and reviewed by the group. There were no additions or corrections. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Ralph Hasler,

N9WBL, and seconded by Dennis Druecke, K9DLD. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the June RRRC meeting were presented as published in the August newsletter by RRRC Secretary Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA. There were no additions or corrections. A motion to accept the minutes as the Secretary's Report was offered by Ralph Hasler, N9WBL, and seconded by Gary Pedersen, KA9BAE. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

**Repeater Committee:** Dale Marks, WB9ADB, reported that the Fusion repeater is on the Knowles tower. It is set to cross-band mode, but now has been changed to receive on UHF and transmit on VHF to avoid a conflict with a repeater in Illinois that was using the same VHF frequency and PL tone.

### **A.R.E.S.:**

**Trailer Committee:** It was reported by those doing Field Day operating from the ARES trailer that the air conditioner was not keeping up with the excessive heat this year. It was not keeping up with the hot temperatures or the high humidity we were experiencing. It was agreed that we should measure the wall opening and consider looking around for a replacement unit of a little larger capacity. We will discuss this more in future Club meetings. This was a first that anyone could remember.

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

**Field Day:** The RRRC Field Day event went very well again this year. We had great participation topped off by an excellent Saturday pot luck dinner and a completely sold out venue. There was not a single available campsite for the weekend left in the entire park.

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

**National Wildlife Refuge Week:** The National Wildlife Refuge Week runs this year from Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> through Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>. Dale Marks, WB9ADB, noted that the RRRC Special Event operation has always been on the Saturday of this week, which would be October 15<sup>th</sup>. This will again conflict with the Wisconsin ARES convention, which is also on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. He would like to discuss moving the Special Event to a different day of this week

to eliminate the conflict.

2017 Field Day: Dale Marks, WB9ADB, reported that he has the Derge Park campsites reserved for Field Day next Summer.

RRRC Annual Club Auction: The RRRC Auction date is approaching. The usual date is following the October monthly meeting. We will need to verify that the date is good for our Auctioneer, Jack Bremer, K9WC.

Personal Request from RRRC Member: Dave DePover, K9MKP, requested the use of one of the Club's power distribution breaker boxes to be used at his son's wedding at his home to supply power for Nesco cookers for the event. The use was approved by those present with best wishes for his son's wedding.

The monthly RRRC breakfast will be held as usual at the Village Garden Restaurant in Juneau on Saturday, September 10, at 8:00 AM.

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Business was concluded and a motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Druecke, K9DLD, and seconded by Ralph Hasler, N9WBL. The motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

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

RRRC AUGUST 2016 MEETING ATTENDANCE

Dennis Weigel	KC9ICA	Burnett
David DePover	K9MKP	Juneau
Rod Fritz	WB9KMO	Mesa, AZ
Clive Frazier	K9FWF	Hustisford
Dale Marks	WB9ADB	Burnett
Dennis Druecke	K9DLD	Juneau
Kevin Green	KC9YPK	Mayville
Gary Pedersen	KA9BAE	Juneau
Ralph M. Hasler	N9WBL	Oconomowoc
Dan Lynch	WI9DRL	Beaver Dam

**RRRC Weekly Nets**

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

**A.R.E.S. Net Control Stations**

Sept 5 Ryan, K9OWD

Sept 12 Dennis, K9DLD

Sept 19 Bill, KA9OTV

Sept 26 Dennis, KC9ICA

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

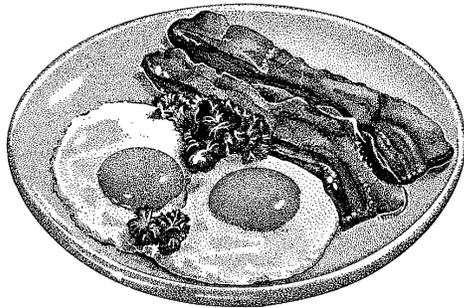
**Wed. 1.908 MHz 7:30 PM**

**Repeater Backup 147.585 MHz Simplex**

THE NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ROCK RIVER RADIO CLUB WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th 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 OCTOBER 2016 ISSUE OF THE RRRC NEWSLETTER IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th.**



The monthly RRRC breakfast get-together will be on Saturday, September 10th, at the Village Garden Restaurant in Juneau. All are welcome, so join us at around 8:00 AM for a pleasant informal gathering.

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