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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

August is upon us and we are winding down a very busy stretch for the RRRC since we have last met. Mother nature, for the most part, has cooperated with our events again this year. Given all the rain we have had, that's been tough to do.

We again completed two successful brat fry fundraisers this year with the help of many hands from the club. Both days brought fairly decent weather, the second being about perfect on a Saturday. I am excited to see the final numbers from Dennis at the next meeting and know we did well overall. Thanks to the many that came out to support these events, be it cooking, helping in the food stand or grabbing a bite to eat.

At the end of June, we added another fun filled Field Day weekend to the books. We got a lot of rain on Thursday evening which resulted in us losing one of our sites. We made some adjustments and got everyone situated. This rain event made us change some planning for next year and we dropped the site that is prone to flooding and added an additional site within the group area on higher ground to try and avoid this.

The bands cooperated well and many got on the air and made some contacts. We had our emer-

gency trailer on site which also served as an operating position for some members. Great fellowship was had and our annual potluck dinner was again a success with everyone getting plenty to eat while sharing time together.

Thanks to those that came out in whatever capacity. Gary, KA9BAE was on hand and had the GOTA station set up. Some were able to assist with hanging antennas or other "being the scenes" work when they were able. In talking to everyone in attendance, it seems all had a great time and plans are already under way for next year. Thanks again everyone!

Over the next month, I will try and reach out to the Horicon National Wildlife refuge to get a firm date for our special event in October and make sure we are still welcome to do this event. The special event station over National Wildlife Refuge week normally runs on a Saturday and we still have a lot of the special QSL cards that can be sent out. Please watch next month's newsletter for more details.

Severe weather season has been very active this summer. We have had good attendance on the repeater during events and I really appreciate that. Dennis, KC9ICA, has really stepped up again in support of our severe weather program, covering for me when I can't make an event and graciously serving as our regular relay station. We have had many severe weather reports relayed in this year as compared to years past. Please keep the reports coming during weather events and thanks again for

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getting on and participating!

I have been asked to put on a program on some of the new digital modes in use. I have been very active over the summer as time permits working some of the new and old digital modes on 6 meters and have taken my confirmed grid count over 320. Some of the modes to help this are really interesting. These include MSK144, which is a great mode for meteor scatter type contacts. In the past two weeks, a new mode has developed called FT8 which is also a really neat digital mode that has yielded a lot of interest and a lot of contacts on 6 meters. FT8 is also being used a lot on the HF bands. Its intent is for use during sporadic E, such as the end of an opening, when signals may be weak or other related operating conditions. I have been too busy to get something together for this month but perhaps for October I could put something on for the group related to some of these new digital modes.

Many are aware but if you have not, congratulations are in order for our club secretary Dennis, KC9ICA. Dennis last official day on the job at John Deere just came and Dennis is now enjoying retired life. Dennis was a great asset to John Deere as he is to our club. We wish him many years of happy and healthy retirement, filled with many radio joys!!

73,
Ryan KB9OWD
RRRC President



The monthly RRRC breakfast get-together will be on Saturday, August 5th, at the Village Garden Restaurant in Juneau. All are welcome, so join us at around 8:00 AM for a pleasant informal gathering.



June 2017 RRRC Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Rock River Radio Club was called to order on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, by RRRC Vice-President David DePover, K9MKP at 7:01 PM.

** Committee Reports **

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for May, 2017, was presented by RRRC Secretary Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA. 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 for the May, 2017 meeting were presented by RRRC Secretary Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA. There were no additions or corrections. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Dennis Druecke, K9DLD, and seconded by Ralph Hasler, N9WBL. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Repeater Committee: Dale Marks, WB9ADB, reported that there was nothing new over the last month.

Field Day Camp Sites: Dale Marks, WB9ADB, reported that all sites Reserved by the Club are taken and paid for. Dale said that we do have the option of getting more sites, but the sooner we know about needing some, the better chance we have of getting them.

** Old Business **

Fly-In Breakfast: Dennis Druecke, K9DLD, was operating from our ARES trailer at the Juneau airport. He reported that the breakfast and the weather were both good. Band conditions were not very good, but some contacts were made and he checked in to several nets that he found. There were also a lot of old tractors with magneto and point ignition system that were causing a lot of radio interference.

**** New Business ****

July Brat Fry: The sign-up sheet was passed around for our second brat fry to be held on Saturday July 8, so that all who are available could sign up. We will be hoping for good weather and a good crowd for the event.

Field Day Preparations: The Saturday Field Day pot luck meal is scheduled for 5PM in the Quonset Hut shelter as usual. The Club will provide the main course. Ryan, KB9OWD, will pick that up at Recheck's. Since we don't know the exact cost, Ralph Hasler, N9WBL, moved to authorize payment of up to \$70.00 to reimburse Ryan for the exact cost. The motion was seconded by Dennis Druecke, K9DLD. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Gary, KA9BAE, said he will be setting up his GOTA station again this year. Dennis, K9DLD, will be operating from our ARES trailer on 20 meters. The second operating station will be available as an addition for anyone. Dennis, KC9ICA, will be on 40 meters from his camper. Ryan, K9OWD, will likely be lighting up the bands on CW as normal. Everyone will be using the Club call, W9TCH, when operating as a group.

The monthly RRRRC breakfast will be held as usual at the Village Garden Restaurant in Juneau on Saturday, June 10th, 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 Dennis Druecke, K9DLD. The motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

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

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

RRRC JUNE 2017 MEETING ATTENDANCE

Dennis Weigel	KC9ICA	Burnett
David DePover	K9MKP	Juneau
Gary Pedersen	KA9BAE	Juneau
John Wallace	WB9ARJ	Beaver Dam
Casey Rollins	KD9EXZ	Horicon
Evie Arndt	Guest	Watertown
Jerry Arndt	NO9U	Watertown
Ralph M. Hasler	N9WBL	Oconomowoc
Dan Lynch	WI9DRL	Beaver Dam
Dennis Druecke	K9DLD	Juneau
Dale Marks	WB9ADB	Burnett

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RRTC 2017 Field Day Report

The Rock River Radio Club had a very successful Field Day during the 4th weekend in June. The Club had reserved 20 campsites at Derge Dodge County Park on the South shore of Beaver Dam Lake. All 20 were taken as well as a couple additional sites. In addition to all of the usual Field Day radio activities, there were camp fires, cook-outs, and the pot luck dinner on Saturday afternoon. We had visitors operating radios as well as Bob Sweeney, who does public relations for the Juneau Public Library. Gary, KA9BAE, invited him to come out and he video recorded interviews with some of the folks operating from the ARES trailer. The videos may possibly be shown on the local public service cable television channel. Gary will also see if he can get a copy of the video for the RRTC archives. It was a very well attended and enjoyable event. Everyone is already looking forward to Field Day for 2018.

RRTC Weekly Nets

Mon. ARES 146.64 MHz 7:30 PM

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

August 7 Ryan, KB9OWD

August 14 Dennis, KC9ICA

August 21 Ryan, KB9OWD

August 28 Dennis, KC9ICA

Sat. 3.947 MHz 10:00 AM

Wed. 1.908 MHz 7:30 PM

Repeater Backup 147.585 MHz Simplex



**THE SUBMISSION DEAD-
LINE FOR ITEMS FOR THE
SEPTEMBER 2017 ISSUE OF
THE RRTC NEWSLETTER IS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 29th**



June & July 2017 RRTC Brat Fry Report

We have had both of our annual Brat Fry events since our last meeting in June, and we were blessed with excellent weather for both. It's been a typical busy summertime schedule for everyone, so scheduling was tough, but everyone stepped up to pull together to make it work. Our June event, held on Sunday June 4th, was a normal Sunday event. We had a decent customer flow and wound up netting a profit of \$275.93 for the Club. Saturdays are always the best for customer turn out and our July event, held on Saturday July 8th, turned out to be an excellent day. We netted a profit for the Club of \$576.50. These are our 2 main fund-raising events each year and totaled \$852.43! We wish to thank everyone who came out to help and worked so hard to make them a success. It cannot be done without the participation of the membership.