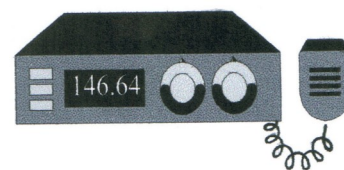




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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's fall shack clean up time, just in time for our annual RRRC auction. Following our business meeting on Tuesday evening, we will have our annual auction event. Jack, K9WC, will again serve as our auctioneer for the evening. On top of his auctioneer duties, Jack does a great job of keep us entertained and the event is always a great time. All items, radio and non-radio are accepted. We usually have a good assortment of baked goods as well. This is a great opportunity to clean up the shack and also to make room for some new items that may be on hand.

As always, there are two options when auctioning off items. One option is to donate the item and all proceeds to the club. The second option is to keep the proceeds, with ten percent going to the club as an auction "fee". Please be sure if you choose to retain the proceeds from your items, you let Dennis, KC9ICA know ahead of time so we can account for all funds.

On Saturday, October 13, 2018, we will have our annual special event station at the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge off County Road Z. Please note this is National Wildlife Refuge site, not that state site off Highway 28. We generally are setup around 10:00 A.M. and operate until about 4:00 P.M. and will have the club trailer on hand. The event is run in conjunction with National Wildlife Refuge week and promotes that Horicon refuge. A full color QSL card is still available to all who contact the station with several photos of the refuge on the card. This will require final planning at the October meeting. I unfortunately will be in Nashville and unable to attend. There is also some conflict with the state ARES con-

vention. We will sort out off the final details at the upcoming meeting.

It is time to start thinking about our annual Christmas Party. We generally do this on the first Sunday in December, which this year would be Sunday, December 2. We should get this set in stone in the books at Bayside as they fill up quickly over the holiday period. Plan on discussing the details at the October meeting and I will call in a firm reservation thereafter.

Our November meeting will bring our annual election of officers. At the October meeting, we will elect a few members to a committee per our bylaws that interested individuals can contact if interested in pursuing office in the RRRC for 2019. Those nominations will come before the club in November as well as any from the floor and if needed, an election to positions will occur. We will send an e-mail to all membership after the meeting so you are aware who the committee consists.

Also at the November meeting, we will pick our 2018 Ham of the Year award, with the plaque to be given at the end of the Christmas Party in December. Please think of someone who has gone above and beyond for our group in 2018 and is fitting of receipt of the award.

We continue with our monthly storm spotter training sessions on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The September session was cancelled as we had severe weather in the area. If you are not on the list and would like to listen in or participate in any of the sessions, please drop me a note and I will get you on the mailing list for these events!

I look forward to seeing many at the meeting and the fun to follow at the upcoming auction.

73,
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RRRC President

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September 2018 RRRC Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Rock River Radio Club was called to order on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, by RRRC Vice President Dave DePover, at 7:13 PM.

** Committee Reports **

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report covering August was presented by RRRC Secretary Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA. Financial transactions were presented to 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 Gary Pedersen, KA9BAE. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the August meeting were presented by RRRC Secretary Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA, as they were published in the September Newsletter. There were no additions or corrections. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Keith Lodahl, KB9NUM, and seconded by Lennart Buchda, KB9GDG. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Repeater Committee: Dale Marks, WB9ADB, reported that as a follow-up to discussions at previous meetings, we were looking into getting a replacement duplexer for our W9TCH repeater to eliminate some interference issues we had been having. He had a jumper on the tower replaced as a preventative measure and we were waiting to see if it would make a difference. The interference was random, so we don't know yet if the jumper made an improvement. In the mean time, he heard of a commercial grade duplexer that might be available to us through an acquaintance in Monroe County. He and Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA, went up to take a look at it. It has more capacitor cans on it than our present unit; 6 instead of 4. This would help with the congestion of antennas currently on the tower with ours. Adding more filtering can result in a loss of power, but the improved filtering would overcome the signal losses. They will need to be tuned to our repeater frequencies, which Dale can do. We were allowed to have them at no cost. There was also a duplexer for the 70cm band which we also got at no cost that can be

used on the UHF repeater that was donated to the club last year.

** Old Business **

Field Day: The sites at Derge Park are reserved for 2019 Field Day and have been paid for by the Club. They are now available to the membership for one half of the regular camping fee. Dale also brought 2 QSL cards received by the Club from 2018 Field Day contacts. These will be passed on to Ryan, KB9OWD, to send our cards back to them.

ARRL Affiliation: Dale Marks, WB9ADB, has been working on renewing our Club call, W9TCH. This is done through the ARRL and they do not have us listed as an affiliated club. Dennis, KC9ICA, did some research and found that once a club is affiliated, it is always affiliated, but its information needs to be updated annually, even if nothing changes. If it is not updated after 2 years, the club is changed from active status to inactive and is no longer listed on the ARRL website and its information cannot be accessed. He also found that the club's status can be reactivated by requesting reactivation in an email to clubs@arrl.org and including the club name and ARRL section. Dennis agreed to do this and will report back to the Club on the results.

List of Area Hams: Keith Lodahl, KB9NUM, has forwarded the list of area ham operators to Dennis, KC9ICA. This list needs to be sent out to all Club members for review and everyone is asked to send any errors or omissions to Keith at KB9NUM@charter.net so he can make the corrections to the list.

Boy Scout Activity: Len Buchda, KB9GDY, continued discussion on the October Scouting activity along with the annual Jamboree On The Air (JOTA). Len presented Melissa Massey-Peltier, scouting leader from Fox Lake. They presented more details of the event, which is the 61st year of this world-wide Scouting/Amateur Radio event and runs from October 19-21. They have obtained permission from the Dodge County Antique Power Club to use their grounds and facilities on Highway B near Burnett. They asked for the use of the Club emergency communication trailer for portable station setup and operating positions. A motion was made by Keith Lodahl, KB9NUM, for the RRRC to endorse participation in the JOTA event with a second by Ralph Hasler, N9WBL. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

**** New Business ****

Special Event Operation: We are welcome again this year to operate a special event station using our emergency communication trailer from the visitor center at the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. As in the past, this is part of the National Wildlife Refuge Week. We will be operating on Saturday October 13th.

WeComm Repeater System: Keith Lodahl, KB9NUM, talked about the WeComm linked state-wide repeater system. It was created using federal grant money available after the September 11, 2001 tragedy. The grant money was available for the equipment purchase and installation, but not for maintenance and operating expenses afterward. These annual maintenance and operating expenses come to around \$14000 per year. The WeComm web site lists all of the repeaters on the system and also the coverage area of each one. After discussion, it was agreed to send \$100 as a one-time donation that can be revisited each year. A motion was made by Ralph Hasler, N9WBL, to send \$100 to the WeComm system to help with their costs. A second was made by Dale Marks, WB9ADB. A vote was taken, and the motion was passed.

The monthly RRRRC breakfast will be held as usual at the Village Garden Restaurant in Juneau on Saturday, September 8th, 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 Keith Lodahl, KB9NUM. The motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

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

Presidential Alert Test

On Wednesday, October 3 at 1:18PM CDT, FEMA and the FCC will send a test Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) message to nearly all wireless devices in the United States such as cell phones. This test will not trigger weather radio systems. On the same day at 1:20PM CDT, an Emergency Alert System (EAS) test will be triggered on all broadcast and cable systems. Keith Lodahl, KB9NUM, will be operating a net on the W9TCH repeater to take check-ins and collect data for this event. Anyone available can check in to the net to provide data on the success of the test.

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RRRC SEPTEMBER 2018 MEETING ATTENDANCE

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Dale Marks	WB9ADB	Burnett
Clive Frazier	K9FWF	Hustisford
Mark Spinler	AC9PF	Beaver Dam
Keith Lodahl	KB9NUM	Mayville
Nyles Priest	W9KUW	Fond du Lac
Melissa Massey-Peltier	Guest	Fox Lake
Lennart Buchda	KB9GDY	Randolph
Mike DeJager	KB9LXP	Randolph
Jerry Arndt	NO9U	Watertown
Ralph M. Hasler	N9WBL	Oconomowoc
Dan Lynch	WI9DRL	Watertown
Gary Pedersen	KA9BAE	Juneau
David DePover	K9MKP	Juneau

THE NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ROCK RIVER RADIO CLUB WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2nd AT 7:00 PM IN ROOMS 1H AND 1I OF THE DODGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN JUNEAU. EVERYONE IS WELCOME; SEE YOU THERE!



Annual RRRC Auction

The October meeting is once again upon us, so clean out your shacks and bring your unneeded items on Tuesday, October 2, because right after the meeting the fun will begin. Following the meeting will be the annual RRRC auction and Jack Bremer, K9WC, has agreed to serve as Auctioneer again this year. We all know that means a lot of lively fun for everyone.

RRRC Weekly Nets

Mon. ARES 146.64 MHz 7:30 PM

A.R.E.S. Net Control Stations

Oct 01 Dennis, KC9ICA

Oct 08 Ryan, KB9OWD

Oct 15 Keith, KB9NUM

Oct 22 Dennis, KC9ICA

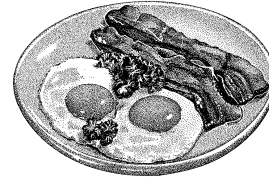
Oct 28 Ryan, KB9OWD

Sat. 3.947 MHz 10:00 AM

Wed. 1.908 MHz 7:30 PM

(1.920 MHz backup)

Repeater Backup 147.585 MHz Simplex



The monthly RRRC breakfast get-together will be on Saturday, October 6th, at the Village Garden Restaurant in Juneau. All are welcome, so join us at around 8:00 AM for a pleasant informal gathering.



THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR THE NOVEMBER 2018 ISSUE OF THE RRRC NEWSLETTER IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30th.



NWR Special Event

For several years now, the RRRC has participated in the National Wildlife Refuge Week activities by setting up our ARES trailer as a special event station at the visitor center of the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. We will be doing the same this year on Saturday October 13. All those wishing to participate are welcome to join us at the operation. Everyone who comes always has an enjoyable time and everyone is welcome to join in.