



# RRRC NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The beginning of November wraps up a busy month of October for the RRRC and I thank the many folks who turned out to support our events last month. A reminder that Sunday, November 4 is daylight savings time. Another reminder to "fall back" and set your clocks one hour back.

We had another successful RRRC auction held after the October business meeting. Jack, K9WC again served as our auctioneer for the evening and did a fantastic job. We had several items from radio to baked goods sold throughout the evening. We had many attend the event and a great time was had by all.

On Saturday, October 13, many members made the trip to the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge to activate the location as part of National Wildlife Refuge week. We had a group of youth take a tour of the station and were able to work some stations on HF from the refuge. I have had a QSL request come through and will take care of any additional ones that are received.

The following weekend, several of us took part in the Jamboree on the Air with several local Boy Scouts. The event was put together by Len, KB9GDY and Keith, KB9NUM. Both stayed two nights at the Antique Power grounds by Burnett with the group of scouts. Several other club members were present off and on throughout the weekend. Many scouts got on the air and made the

required contacts to receive their merit badges. Others completed questioners with club members about amateur radio for additional merit badges.

One casualty of the weekend was our vertical support mast on the club trailer. On Saturday morning, we had winds in excess of 50 MPH and the mast snapped about a quarter of the way up. We have looked at some replacement options and will further discuss them at the November meeting.

At the November meeting, we will have the election of officers for 2019. An election committee of Ralph, N9WBL and Mark, W9MIM was put together at the October meeting. If interested in running for office or nominating someone, please contact either of these individuals. Nominations can also come from the floor at the meeting. Information regarding this was also sent to all club membership earlier this month by Dennis, KC9ICA.

Also at the November meeting, we will elect the Rock River Radio Club "Ham of the Year", to be given out at the RRRC Christmas Party in December. Please take time to think of someone who has gone "above and beyond" this year for the club for the award. The election will be via secret ballot during our business meeting next Tuesday.

On the Monday, October 29 net, we again had a lot of noise on the repeater, almost rendering it unusable at times during the net. We are aware of the issue and continue to work on it. If you happen to be on during the week and notice the issue, please make note of the day and time for us as we try to locate the source of the interference.

### President

Ryan Klavekoske KB9OWD 920-356-8757

### Vice President

Dave DePover K9MKP 920-885-3785

### Secretary

Dennis Weigel KC9ICA 920-344-6378

### Treasurer

Dennis Weigel KC9ICA 920-344-6378

### Club Historian

Gary Pedersen KA9BAE 920-386-4666

## 2018 Officers



### Program Director

Chester Garrett, KD9JLZ

### Emergency Coordinator

Dale Marks WB9ADB 920-485-4234

### Assistant Emergency Coordinator

Ryan Klavekoske KB9OWD 920-356-8757

### Repeater Directors

Dale Marks WB9ADB 920-485-4234 (Trustee)

Dave DePover K9MKP 920-885-3785

Keith, KB9NUM, has organized a great program on remote ham radio operation for our meeting in November. Please see the information elsewhere in the newsletter regarding our speaker. It should be a great program on an interesting current topic.

On a personal note, I was shocked and saddened to learn of the death of Paul, W0AIH on Wednesday evening. Paul is the owner of a contest station near Eau Claire. If you have ever driven up the interstate, you have likely noticed all of his towers several miles south of Eau Claire, to your right when traveling north. Over the last 15 years, I have had the opportunity to operate about 40 times at W0AIH in many contests.

Paul's station was one of the largest ham radio installations in the world. Larger than the station was Paul's infectious personality and enthusiasm for all things he was involved in. He was always willing to open his doors to all hams and loved showing off his amazing setup. Paul was making repairs to antennas and equipment on Wednesday in preparation for the upcoming ARRL Sweepstakes this weekend. Sadly, at about the sixty foot level, a piece of equipment failed and Paul fell and has died as a result. He was 84 years old. Paul's was "larger than life" to many of us who knew him and his death has brought great sadness. Our hobby has lost an amazing person.

I look forward to seeing many at a busy November meeting in a few days.

73,  
Ryan KB9OWD  
RRRC President



The annual RRRC Auction was held following the Monthly Club meeting on Tuesday, October 2nd. Leading the charge toward fun was Auctioneer Jack Bremer, K9WC. As always, a great time was had by everyone attending and the adventure netted \$309.25 for the Club. Thanks to all who brought items to sell and especially to Jack for keeping us all under control (sort of).



## October 2018 RRRC Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Rock River Radio Club was called to order on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, by RRRC President Ryan Klavekoske, KB9OWD, at 7:12 PM.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report covering September 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 Len Buchda, KB9GDY. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes for the September meeting were presented by RRRC Secretary Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA, as they were published in the October Newsletter. Len Buchda, KB9GDY, noted that his call sign was mis-typed in one spot. There were no other additions or corrections. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Ralph Hasler, N9WBL, and seconded by Mark Mullen, W9MIM. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

**Repeater Committee:** Dale Marks, WB9ADB, reported that he has received notification back from the FCC that they have renewed our Club call sign, W9TCH. We are good for another 10 years. Dale also reported that the week before, after working well over the summer, we were having static issues on the repeater that again seemed to clear up on its own. It keeps making it hard to troubleshoot when the problem remains intermittent. Dale also said that he still is waiting for frequency assignments for our UHF repeater. When he has them, he will tune the capacitors and get the duplexers in place for both VHF and UHF repeaters.

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

**ARES:** Dale reported that on Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be a state-wide Simulated Emergency Test (SET). It will include all bands. There may be partici-

pation by surrounding counties and anyone hearing these activities is welcome to check in and participate.

**NWR Special Event:** A reminder that we will be operating our annual special event station on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, using the Club trailer at the Visitor Center at the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. Anyone wishing to can contact the station on the air or better yet, come out for a visit and do some operating.

**Presidential Alert Test:** On Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a nation-wide Presidential Alert Test using cell phone text messaging as well as all radio and television broadcast emergency alert systems. No response is needed, but Keith, KB9NUM, will be monitoring the W9TCH repeater to collect data from anyone hearing these messages.

**WeComm Donation:** Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA, confirmed that the \$100 donation was sent out to the WeComm repeater group on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

**RRRC Winter Banquet:** The group discussed the date for the RRRC Winter Banquet. This event is generally held on the first Sunday in December, which is December 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was agreed to keep this same date, with our usual times of Happy Hour at 3:00 PM with dinner being served at 4:00 PM. Ryan, KB9OWD, will call Bay-side and give them the date and times as being firm.

**ARES Convention:** The annual State ARES Convention will be held on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Dale, WB9ADB, will bring a report of any updates to the November meeting.

**NWR Special Event:** The RRRC will be taking part in the National Wildlife Refuge Week again this year by operating a special event station in the Club trailer from the Visitor Center at the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge management always welcomes us back each year and it is good publicity for the refuge as well as promoting the Club and Amateur Radio. The group that's going up to the Center for the event will be meeting at The Village Garden in Juneau for breakfast at 8:00 AM before picking up the trailer.

**Jamboree On The Air:** Len Buchda, KB9GDY, reported that the planning for the JOTA event with the Boy Scouts is coming along well. The event runs from Friday afternoon, October 19, through Sunday afternoon, October 21, at the Dodge County Antique Power Club grounds on County Highway B south of Burnett. Len and Keith, KB9NUM, will be camping at the grounds all weekend. Mike, KB9LXP, and Ryan, KB9OWD, will be driving out each day. Dennis, KC9ICA, and Dale, WB9ADB, will be bringing the RRRC trailer out on Friday morning and driving out each day. About 30 Scouts have signed up with more expected, so there should be good participation.

**Election of Officers:** The RRRC election of officers for 2019 will be held after the November meeting. The Club by-laws require a Nominating Committee be appointed by the Club President. The President then asked for 2 volunteers to serve on this committee. Mark Mullen, W9MIM, and Ralph Hasler, N9WBL, came forward for these positions. A motion was made by Dave DePover, K9MKP, and seconded by Doug Prescher, KC9VXZ, to approve Mark and Ralph. A vote was taken, and the motion passed. A notice will be sent out to the membership and anyone wishing to nominate themselves or someone else can submit the name to Mark or Ralph. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor prior to the voting.

As an additional note, our web master Lucky, K9LUK, is looking for fresh photos to put on the Club web site. Anyone having photos of any Club events, such as Field Day, brat fry's, special events, etc. is asked to send them to Lucky.

The monthly RRRC breakfast will be held as usual at the Village Garden Restaurant in Juneau on Saturday, October 6<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, KA9BAE. The motion was passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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

## Radio by Remote Control

Presented by Don Solberg

At the Rock River Radio Club November Meeting

Don, K9AQ, has been a ham since 1961. His original call was WN9GSO, he also held the call of WB9GRI. Don is an Extra class ham and also in the past held a 1st class radio telephone license. Don's interests in ham radio include: homebrewing equipment, especially high power MOSFET amplifiers, satellite operation, and chasing DX. He is a member of the West Allis Radio Club, the Greater Milwaukee DX Association. He is currently writing a book on advanced Internet remote control operation, and hopes to have it published by the Spring of 2019. Don has been retired for several years and maintains two residences, one in Dousman and a cabin in Northern Wisconsin, where his Internet remote control station is located. He can be contacted Mon-Saturday on the Nut Net on 3.985 mhz at 8:15 AM



Following the November meeting of the Rock River Radio Club will be the annual election of Club officers for the 2019 year. Also, voting will take place to select the recipient of the 2018 Ham of the Year award. This is the Club's highest award and will be presented at the annual Winter Banquet on Sunday, December 2nd.

An additional reminder: Tuesday, November 6th, is also election day for mid-term candidates for political offices. Please remember to vote for the candidates of your choice at your local polling locations.

### **RRRC Weekly Nets**

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

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

Nov 5 Keith, KB9NUM

Nov 12 Dennis, KC9ICA

Nov 19 Ryan, KB9OWD

Nov 26 Keith, KB9NUM

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

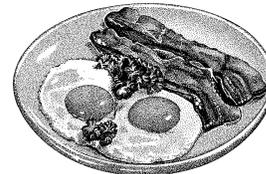
**Wed. 1.908 MHz 7:30 PM**

**(1.920 MHz backup)**

**Repeater Backup 147.585 MHz Simplex**

### RRRC OCTOBER 2018 MEETING ATTENDANCE

Dennis Weigel	KC9ICA	Burnett
David DePover	K9MKP	Juneau
Dale Marks	WB9ADB	Burnett
Clive Frazier	K9FWF	Hustisford
Gary Pedersen	KA9BAE	Juneau
Ryan Klavekoske	KB9OWD	Beaver Dam
Lennart Buchda	KB9GDY	Randolph
Ralph M Hasler	N9WBL	Oconomowoc
Barb Hasler	Visitor	Oconomowoc
Mark Mullen	W9MIM	Beaver Dam
Jerry Arndt	NO9U	Watertown
Evie Arndt	Visitor	Watertown
Dan Lynch	WI9DRL	Watertown
Jeremiah Alderden	KC9SGL	Beaver Dam
Doug Prescher	KC9VXZ	Hustisford
Jack Bremer	K9WC	Green Lake
Connie DePover	K9CID	Juneau



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





**ANNOUNCING THE RRRC  
ANNUAL WINTER BANQUET!**

**Bayside Supper Club—Beaver Dam**

On County Road G Just West Of Business 151

Wheel Chair Accessible

**\$15 Per Person**

Barbecue Ribs and Chicken

Tax and Tip are included

**Sunday, December 2, 2018**

**Happy Hour at 3 PM**

**Dinner at 4 PM**

**Feature Of The Evening**

The announcement and presentation of the  
Annual RRRC Ham Of The Year Award

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Mail this form with your check payable to the RRRC by November 23, 2018 to:  
Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA, N8545 Front Street, Burnett WI 53922 Phone: 920-344-6378

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_