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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have managed to sneak through January and what always seems like one of the longest months of the year as we await the arrival of spring and warmer temperatures. After sneaking through December almost unscathed, things took a definite turn in January, with some of the coldest temperatures on record. In addition, we had a couple of high total snow events which allowed local trails to open for the first time in quite a while. It will be interesting to see what February has in store for us.

Dennis, KC9ICA, has informed me that a table is reserved for our group at the Jefferson swap fest on Sunday, March 17. Due to a good amount of interest, there has been some talking of getting a second table. If you have items to sell, you are welcome to use the table to do so. Drop us a line you are coming and we will make sure there is enough space. The table area also serves as a good meeting place as this event is attended by many of our members. Stop by and say hello!

With everyone being stuck in during the poor weather, we have had some good attendance on our weekly nets. Last Monday, we logged 15 check ins on the Monday ARES net. This is the highest total I can remember when I was NCS in some time. It's great to hear everyone and catch up. If you have not joined,

please jump on frequency and join us. We meet for the Monday ARES net at 7:30 P.M.

At our February monthly meeting, we have limited business but will end the evening with our annual Valentine's party. This includes White Elephant Bingo. If you plan to join us, we ask that you bring a white elephant gift to add to the prize bank. In addition, if you have a favorite snack or refreshment, please bring it to share with the group. We always have a great time and are well nourished. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Dale, WB9ADB, still has camp sites for the upcoming ARRL Field Day in June. The sites are half price, with the club picking up half the cost of weekend camping for club members in attendance. Last year we sold out. For those that have sites, please remember to pay Dennis, KC9ICA for your sites so things are squared away in the treasury. We will discuss Field Day more as the time approaches.

I look forward to seeing many of you for the meeting and Bingo on Tuesday!

73,
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January 2019 RRRRC Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Rock River Radio Club was called to order on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, by RRRRC President Ryan Klavekoske, KB9OWD, at 7:06 PM.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the December 2018 meeting were presented by RRRRC Secretary Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA, as they were published in the December 2018 Newsletter. There were no additions or corrections. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Len Buchda, KB9GDY, and seconded by Ralph Hasler, N9WBL. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report covering December 2018 was presented by RRRRC Secretary Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA. Financial transactions for the month 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.

** Committee Reports **

Field Day: Dale Marks, WB9ADB, reported that 4 of the 12 Field Day camp sites reserved by the Club have been selected and paid for the 2019 Field Day event. Eight are still available for selection at this time.

A.R.E.S. : Dale, WB9ADB, reported he has been receiving more forms from the ARRL and they are taking more charge on a national basis than they have in the past and they are also compiling statistics at the national level to be helpful locally.

Repeater Committee: Dale Marks, WB9ADB, reported that intermittent noise on the repeater has returned. He put a recorder on the system and forwarded the recording to people he knows to see if they can help identify the issues.

UHF Repeater: Dale, WB9ADB, reported that he has received the frequencies for our UHF re-

peater and is hoping to get the duplexer tuned up and ready for testing in the next month or so. This repeater will be installed at the tower in Knowles and will use an existing spare antenna that is currently mounted on that tower at about 250 feet above ground. The site also has generator backup power available.

ICS Classes: Dale, WB9ADB, had Dennis, KC9ICA, forward a list of upcoming ICS training classes to everyone. It has been quite a few years since members of the group have taken the classes and received their certificates. We need to add more younger people to this group.

** Old Business **

Items Completed: A check for \$100 was presented to the Nation of Patriots for our annual donation. A check for \$10 was also sent to the Wisconsin Association of Repeaters for the Club's annual dues.

** New Business **

2019 Meeting Rooms: Ryan Klavekoske, KB9OWD, reported that in error, we had not received the standard meeting room sign-up list for the coming year. Ryan has taken care of this, but there is one problem that has risen. In the mean time, a group had made a reservation for the rooms for the first Tuesday of December, 2019. They said they would see what they could do, but it is likely that we may need to hold our December meeting on the second Tuesday, December 10, 2019. If we need to make this change, we have plenty of advance notice for it, so it should not be a big problem. The balance of the 2019 meetings will be on the first Tuesday as usual.

RRRC Brat Fry: It was agreed last month to scale back to only one Brat Fry for 2019. Ryan participated in the lottery selection process at Rechecks Food Pride on January 1, 2019. We were given Saturday June 29 as our date for this event. Ryan also paid our deposit fee of \$25, which will be refunded after the event is completed.

ARES Trailer Antenna Mast: The Trailer Committee met prior to tonight's meeting to discuss replacement options for our broken HF antenna mast for our ARES trailer. Keith Lodahl, KB9NUM, had done research on several options

for the group to look at, and we thank him for this work. Dave DePover, K9MKP, reported on the discussion. The membership had approved spending up to \$200 for a replacement. The best choice for our needs and budget was determined to be the Spiderbeam HD 12-meter telescoping fiberglass pole with clamp set. This mast has been tested to withstand 120 mph winds. The cost is around \$135 plus shipping cost. We will get this ordered to have it here so we can work on setting it up for use when the weather warms up.

Jefferson Swap Fest: The Tri-County swap fest at Jefferson is scheduled for March 17. The Club often reserves a table at this event. The table cost is \$10 for the day. Ryan, KB9OWD, suggested that we do so again this year. He still has some items for sale from the estate of Dennis Druecke, K9DLD, and would like to take them down there to sell. Other members can also use the table for items to sell as well as for a meeting place. Ryan also said he will send out an updates list of items still available to sell. Mike DeJager, KB9LXP, made a motion to reserve a table for \$10. A second was offered by Jeremiah Alderden, KC9SGL. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

JOTA Results: Len Buchda, KB9GDY, announced that 2 more Boy Scouts have turned in their paperwork to complete their requirements for their Radio merit badges. This brings the total from our event to 3 out of 6 so far who have earned the badge.

The monthly RRRR breakfast will be held as usual at the Village Garden Restaurant in Juneau on Saturday, January 12th, 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 Mike DeJager, KB9LXP. The motion was passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

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

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RRRC DECEMBER 2018 MEETING ATTENDANCE

Dennis Weigel	KC9ICA	Burnett
Dale Marks	WB9ADB	Burnett
Dave DePover	K9MKP	Juneau
Mike DeJager	KB9LXP	Randolph
Len Buchda	KB9GDY	Randolph
Marc Spinler	AC9PF	Beaver Dam
Ralph M Hasler	N9WBL	Oconomowoc
Ryan Klavekoske	KB9OWD	Beaver Dam
Jeremiah Alderden	KC9SGL	Beaver Dam
Gary Pedersen	KA9BAE	Juneau

RRRC Weekly Nets

Mon. ARES 146.64 MHz 7:30 PM

A.R.E.S. Net Control Stations

Feb 04 Keith, KB9NUM

Feb 11 Dennis, KC9ICA

Feb 18 Ryan, KB9OWD

Feb 25 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



Following the monthly meeting on Tuesday February 5, we will be enjoying our annual Valentine Party and White Elephant Bingo get-together. Everyone is invited to join in on the fun. Those participating are asked to bring a white elephant gift for a Bingo prize and a treat or refreshment to share with the group. This is always an enjoyable event where laughter and fellowship abound. Hope to see you there.



THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR THE MARCH 2019 ISSUE OF THE RRRRC NEWSLETTER IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th.

Tri-County Amateur Radio Club Hamfest 2019 Jefferson, WI

The Rock River Radio Club has reserved table # 19 for members to use for items to sell and as a gathering place. Details are listed below:

Buy/Sell Amateur Radio Equipment, Electronics and Computer Gear
Sunday March 17, 2019
Free Parking!
Admission: \$7.00
8' Table Space

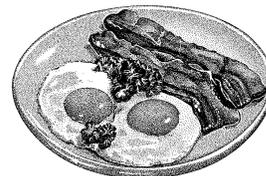
Amateur Volunteer Exams starting at 9:30 AM
Presented by: TRI COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - W9MQB
Talk-in on the 145.49 Repeater CTCSS of 123

JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
ACTIVITY CENTER
503 NORTH JACKSON AVE.,
JEFFERSON, WI 53549

- Vendors will be admitted at 6:00 AM.
- Vendors-only unloading zone on West side.
- Food and beverages available.
- General Admission and Sales begin at 8:00AM.

Take I94 to Exit 267, (Johnson Creek) Head South on 26 to the Hwy 18 Exit. Exit East on Hwy 18 and turn left onto Jackson Ave. Look for the Fairgrounds sign.

THE NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ROCK RIVER RADIO CLUB WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th AT 7:00 PM IN ROOMS 1H AND 1I OF THE DODGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN JUNEAU. EVERYONE IS WELCOME; SEE YOU THERE!



The monthly RRRRC breakfast get-together will be on Saturday, February 9th, at the Village Garden Restaurant in Juneau. All are welcome, so join us at around 8:00 AM for a pleasant informal gathering.

