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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

After two consecutive months of lousy weather, we were finally able to meet in April and get in our annual Valentine's Party and Bingo night. The snow one month and bitter cold another led to two postponements of the event. Much more seasonal weather greeted us in April and we had a good turnout of members for the event. Thanks to everyone who took part and brought a snack to share with the group. We were well fed and everyone left with a parting gift from our "White Elephant" Bingo night.

Severe weather season is upon us and other than one brief warning; things have been fairly calm thus far. In early April the RRRC participated in the statewide tornado drill with a net during the statewide simulated tornado watch and warning. During this time, we put the repeater through its paces and tested all emergency tones and tail messages and everything was in working order. Information was provided throughout the net on the services provided on the RRRC club repeater during severe weather events. Several members checked in including Dale, WB9ADB from the Dodge County Emergency Operations Center.

Dale and several other members have finalized the installation of the RRRC 440 repeater in the Knowles area. The repeater has a receive of 442.975 and a transmit frequency of 447.975 with a PL tone of 123 on both ends. Several members have been using the machine and very good signal reports have been received from throughout the county. If you haven't had the chance, tune in and have a listen or have a QSO with some of our members on frequency.

At the meeting in May, we will do some more Field

Day discussion and take a look at what we have remaining for sites prior to June. The June meeting will be the complete finalization of everything before the big event. If you are interested, sites are still available for Friday and Saturday evening. We still plan to have our potluck on Saturday as always.

From the digital world of communications, FT8 has been a hot topic over the last eighteen months providing some great DX and other contacts under very weak signal conditions when QSO's would otherwise not be possible. The sequence of these contacts is fifteen seconds in transmit (or about that), followed by fifteen seconds of receive and so on. If you are into reading on the new modes that come along, do a Google search for FT4. It's a new mode coming out in testing as we speak with full release expected this summer. The transmit and receive durations are cut down to about six seconds each. Early reports are very favorable for this new digital mode and I look forward to giving it a run on some of the VHF bands this summer.

I just finished up a QSO with Gary, KA9BAE on our 2 meter repeater. Gary told me he recently received a pin from the ARRL for forty years as a licensed amateur radio operator. That is quite the feat in longevity. Congratulations, Gary!

I look forward to seeing many of you next week at our monthly meeting.

73,
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April 2019 RRRRC Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Rock River Radio Club was called to order on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, by RRRRC President Ryan Klavekoske, KB9OWD, at 7:08 PM.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the January 2019 meeting were presented by RRRRC Secretary Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA, as they were published in the February 2019 Newsletter. There were no additions or corrections. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Len Buchda, KB9GDY, and seconded by Connie DePover, K9CID. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report covering January, February, and March 2019 was presented by RRRRC Secretary Dennis Weigel, KC9ICA. Financial transactions for these months were presented to the group. There were no additions or corrections. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Mike DeJager, KB9LXP, and seconded by Jerry Arndt, NO9U. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

** Committee Reports **

There was nothing reported from A.R.E.S. or the Trailer Committee.

** Old Business **

ARES Trailer Antenna Mast: Dennis, KC9ICA, reported that the Spiderbeam telescoping antenna mast for the Club ARES trailer has arrived. He has it and will have it put in the trailer so it is available for the mounting clamps to be installed.

Brat Fry: Our brat fry is on the schedule for Saturday June 29th. We will have further discussion at the May Club meeting on participant availability and make a final decision how we wish to proceed this year.

December 2019 Monthly Meeting: It is final that our normal meeting rooms will be unavailable on the first Tuesday in December, so our meeting will be held on the second Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Reminder announcements will be issued to keep everyone aware of the change.

** New Business **

Club Insurance Premium: The annual invoice for the Club's liability insurance policy from State Farm has arrived. The premium amount is unchanged again this year at \$525. The type of coverage we have is no longer available, so it is good to keep this policy for as long as we can. A motion to pay the full premium amount was made by Ralph Hasler, N9WBL, and seconded by Jeremiah Alderden, KC9SGL. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

RRRC Web Site Domain Fee: The Club's web site domain name fee is due. The fee of \$15.16 was paid by our Webmaster Lucky, K9LUK. This is a very reasonable cost web domain provider that Lucky found for us last year. A motion was made by Ralph Hasler, N9WBL, and seconded by Mike DeJager, KB9LXP to reimburse Lucky for this fee. A vote was taken, and the motion was carried.

JOTA Results: Len Buchda, KB9GDY, announced that one more Boy Scout has turned in his paperwork to complete the requirements for his Radio merit badge. This brings the total from our event to 5 out of 6 so far who have earned the badge. These boys all participated in the JOTA event last October that several Club members assisted with. Len has been doing a great job assisting these Scouts with completing the badge requirements.

The monthly RRRRC breakfast will be held as usual at the Village Garden Restaurant in Juneau on Saturday, April 6th, 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 Connie DePover, K9CID. The motion was passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.

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

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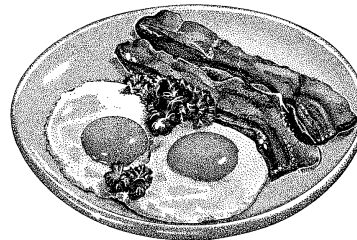
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RRRC APRIL 2019 MEETING ATTENDANCE

Dennis Weigel	KC9ICA	Burnett
Ryan Klavekoske	KB9OWD	Beaver Dam
Dave DePover	K9MKP	Juneau
Ralph M. Hasler	N9WBL	Oconomowoc
Len Buchda	KB9GDY	Randolph
Mike Dejager	KB9LXP	Randolph
Jerry Arndt	NO9U	Watertown
Keith Lodahl	KB9NUM	Mayville
Nicholas Lodahl	KB9MKQ	Mayville
Jeremiah Alderden	KC9SGL	Beaver Dam
Connie DePover	K9CID	Juneau
Donna Weigel	Guest	Burnett
Evie Arndt	Guest	Watertown
Barb Hasler	Guest	Oconomowoc
Dale Marks	WB9ADB	Burnett



THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR THE JUNE 2019 ISSUE OF THE RRRC NEWSLETTER IS TUESDAY, MAY 28th.



The monthly RRRC breakfast get-together will be on Saturday, May 11th, at the Village Garden Restaurant in Juneau. All are welcome, so join us at around 8:00 AM for a pleasant informal gathering.

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

RRRC Valentine Bingo Party In April!

They say the third time is the charm. It must be true because on the third try we were finally able to get by Mother Nature and hold our annual White Elephant Bingo Valentine get-together. We had a nice turn-out and everyone had a great time as always. Thanks to Jeremiah Alderden, KC9SGL, for the photos.



RRRC Weekly Nets

Monday A.R.E.S. Net 7:30 PM

RRRC 2-Meter Repeater 146.64 MHz

Net Control Stations

May 06 Dennis, KC9ICA

May 13 Ryan, KB9OWD

May 20 Keith, KB9NUM

May 27 Dennis, KC9ICA

Repeater Backup 147.585 MHz Simplex

75-Meter HF Net Saturday 10:00 AM

3.947 MHz Lower Side Band

160-Meter HF Net Wednesday 7:30 PM

1.908 MHz Lower Side Band

(1.920 MHz backup frequency)

RRRC Repeaters

2-Meter Located in Juneau, WI

146.640 MHz Output

146.040 MHz Input

(Duplex, Standard Negative Offset)

123.0 Hz PL Tone

70-Centimeter Located in Lowell, WI

442.975 MHz Output

447.975 MHz Input

(Duplex, Standard Positive Offset)

123.0 Hz PL Tone