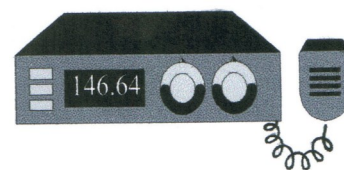




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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

March seems like it had the first three months of the year all rolled into one. I hope that this edition of the RRRC News finds you all well and in good health. The past few weeks have likely been some of the most surreal and trying that many of us have faced in a long time. Every day, we are facing some uncertainty and all are in search of answers and some sort of normalcy.

During this time, with everything on hold, there unfortunately is little to report with news for the RRRC. Pretty much all amateur radio functions are on hold and we are of no exception. During this time, it is best to error on the side of caution. I will use the next few paragraphs to hopefully bring you up to date information as to how we will deal with things for the short term future.

As of now, the April RRRC meeting is cancelled. There will be no IN PERSON meeting. Follow along and I will bring some updated information on how we do plan to meet next Tuesday. The decision on the May meeting is still up in the air. That meeting will fall just five days after the national social distancing order expires and I think it's very likely we may not be in a place to have a full room meetings yet. We will make that decision over the next few weeks.

We have implemented a temporary plan for our April meeting (and May going forward if we need to cancel). A lot of credit goes to Keith, KB9NUM for proposing the idea that has taken some momentum over the

last several days. We will hold an April business meeting via Zoom meetings. For those not familiar with Zoom, it is a video and audio based meeting structure. As the host of the meeting, I can stream video that all can see. If you have a laptop or desktop computer with a microphone or camera, these would work just fine. I know many of our members use Skype or similar software presently. Zoom would likely use the same features and allow us to meet.

Once in the meeting, everyone should be able to view me as the host. If you have video available, it can be streamed in the meeting so others can see you. If you have audio, others should be able to hear you if it is up and running. If you have neither video nor audio, do not worry. Our meeting will have a chat feature so that others can chat via text within the meeting to interact. There is a small learning curve but it is really rather simple. One great feature is we can record the session. Once the meeting begins, I can record the session and we hope to be able to place that on our website for other members to view.

One worry we had was the ability of members to learn the software and set up an account in short order. One nice thing with Zoom is you do not need an account. Once I begin the meeting, it creates a web URL, just like you would access to view a website. If you click that link and follow the prompts, it will launch a browser with the meeting in the window. You will have full access to the meeting by clicking on that web link. One limit is that once the meeting starts, we only have 40 minutes with the free version. So, if I start the meeting 10 minutes early to give folks

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a chance to get in and set up, we have to be done by 7:30. How do we plan to make this happen? Here is what you need to do:

On Tuesday, April 7, I will start the RRRC Meeting online about 6:50 P.M. I will create a web URL for the meeting. I will then forward the URL to Jeremiah, KC9SGL.

Jeremiah will forward the link to all members on the RRRC mailing list a few minutes after 6:50 P.M. via e-mail. Please refresh your e-mail around that time. Once you see Jeremiah's e-mail, you should have the link.

When in the e-mail, click on the link to access the meeting. You will be taken through two or three prompts to load the window that will have the meeting. Follow the on screen prompts.

Once in the meeting, I will run through a briefing when we start as to how to make audio, video and text sessions work.

We will hold the meeting and hopefully be done by 7:30 P.M.

Understand that this is the first time we are doing this are there are likely to be some hiccups. If you are not able to get into the meeting, do not fret. After the meeting, we will have a group discussion on the repeater to see how everyone did. The meeting on the repeater will take place about 7:45 P.M. on Tuesday, April 7. If you can't make it in, we will bring updates as to what was discussed so you do not miss anything. Again, we also hope to record the session so if you would miss it, you can access it on the website. Even if you are at the meeting online, please join us at 7:45 on the repeater to report in how things worked, your thoughts and how we could improve things going forward.

Last evening, Keith, KB9NUM and I tested things after the Monday net and all worked fine. This evening, the RRRC Board members did a test meeting that I hosted. It was run in a similar format as to what we will do, with me starting a meeting and sending an e-mail link. All board members were able to access the meeting and use audio if available. All could see my video stream fine. In addition, the text window worked for everybody to be able to send messages to the group in case somebody did not have video or audio available.

If you want to prepare for this ahead of time and test it out, there are options. I will be around all weekend this coming weekend and am willing to help. The easiest way is to set up a test meeting. If you want to try things out, send me an e-mail and we will set up a time. I would be glad to start a test meeting with any-

one and send you a link to access the meeting and test the features ahead of the meeting next Tuesday. Do not be afraid to do this. I will gladly get one going with you and we can work through the features together so you can have a full test run if you wish.

During these very challenging times, it is very important to keep in touch with one another. If for nothing else, the online meeting will give us a chance to get together, talk some radio and hear some familiar voices and see some familiar faces. That is important to many who are confined to their homes almost exclusively right now. Even after the meeting, if you need some socialization, someone to talk to or something new to try, feel free to reach out and we can set up a group chat session via the same software to spend some time together.

These past several weeks have been some of the toughest we have faced as a family in our home. Trying to keep pace with work, school at home and some sense of normalcy can be very difficult while assuring our kids that while things are challenging now, we will be alright and get past this. One thing I remind you is that we have a great hobby that we are part of that can serve as a release during these difficult times. There is something for everyone and it can serve us well right now.

This past weekend, I took part in the WPX SSB contest. While contesting is not for everyone, it has been a big part of radio for me for a long time. I took nearly 30 hours (Tiff permitted) to do a single operator contest from home. I shut off the news, turned off social media, put on the headphones and escaped into the radio for the weekend. By Sunday evening, I felt great. It was a wonderful release from the stresses that are present right now. I urge you all to take this time to find a part of this hobby that is appealing to you and spend some time with it. You will be surprised how well it does for you, if even just for a short time. Spend some time on the radio, work on radio projects and take some well-deserved time away from the stress and anxiety that many of us face right now.

Most of all, take time to be well. Keep you and your family healthy. Take the extra time together to strengthen family bonds. These times are scary and full of uncertainty. But, if we take the time to look out for ourselves and those around us, we will get past this and be back to meetings, social gatherings and the luxuries we know in short order. I wish you all the best. Please reach out if there is anything anyone can do to help!

73,
Ryan KB9OWD
RRRC President



March 2020 RRRRC Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Rock River Radio Club was called to order on March 3rd by President Ryan Klavekoske, KB9OWD at 7:05 pm.

Introductions were made by those in attendance.

****Committee Reports.****

Secretaries report. Jeremiah Alderden, KC9SGL, presented the minutes of the February meeting as published in the March newsletter, Jerry Arndt, NO9U made a motion to approve them and it was seconded by Mike Dejager, KB9LXP a voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Treasurers report, David DePover, K9MKP presented the treasures report. A motion was made by Ralph Hasler, N9WBL to accept the treasures report, Len Buchda, KB9GDY made the second, the motion was carried by a voice vote.

Trailer Report, David DePover had nothing new to report on the trailer.

ARES, Dale Marks, nothing to report on the repeater, he will be attending a two-day AuxCom conference presented by Wisconsin Emergency Management, along with Keith Lodahl, KB9NUM at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department.

ARES, Ryan Klavekoske is planning to coordinate some team activities with team leaders from surrounding counties regarding weather nets. The February coms exercise was canceled due to weather. The weather spotter class is scheduled for May 6th, it will be an in-person class held at the Dodge County Administration Building.

****Old business****

Due to a large percentage of the club unable to attend the February meeting due to illness the program planed for the February meeting (White Elephant BINGO) was pushed out to the April Meeting.

****New Business****

The Jefferson Swapmeet will be held on the 15th of March, our club has a table for this event.

The bill is due for our insurance from State Farm Insurance, this covers our club for liability if any-

one gets hurt at a club event (field day, brat fry, etc.) as well as the trailer and equipment. A motion to approve paying this bill was made by Ralph Hasler, N9WBL and seconded by Len Buchda, KB9GDY a voice vote carried.

Connie DePover submitted receipts for expenses for the Sunshine Committee for cards and stamps. Mike Dejager, KB9LXP moved to reimburse the expenses and the motion was seconded by Ralph Hasler, N9WBL, a voice vote carried.

We received a thankyou card from Shop with Cops for the donation our club made at the end of last year.

We will need to firm up our plans for Field Day in our upcoming meeting.

Len Buchda, KB9GDY brought up that we need to make sure we have an updated contact list.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Dejager, KB9LXP, and seconded by Gary Pedersen, KA9BAE, motion carried.

A program on Winlink followed the meeting presented by "Skip" W9REL.

Respectfully Submitted
Jeremiah Alderden, KC9SGL
Secretary, Rock River Radio Club.

P.S.
Due to Covid-19

1. The weather spotting class mentioned in the minutes has been canceled, an online video is available at <https://youtu.be/54mIDgfhCE>
2. The April meeting will be held online, therefore the BINGO program will need to be postponed.
3. There will be no breakfast on the Saturday following the meeting.

ARES Report

Please do NOT call your EM, Health Department, local hospital and ask them if they need your help. Wisconsin Emergency Management, and all EM's and health departments are aware of us. They will call for activation if they want us. Some stuff on repeaters in the area triggered my worries earlier today. Remember, ARES is NOT in the rumor business.

Dale Marks, WB9ADB
Emergency Coordinator

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Club Dues / Bills / Club Business

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**THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RRRRC
WILL BE HELD ONLINE TUESDAY, APRIL 7th AT
7:00 PM USING ZOOM MEETINGS, A LINK TO JOIN
WILL BE EMAILED OUT APROXIMETLY 10
MINUTES PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

**RRRC JANUARY 2020 MEETING
ATTENDANCE**

Jeremiah Alderden KC9SGL Rosendale
David DePover K9MKP Juneau
Ryan Klavekoske KB9OWD Beaver Dam
Len Buchda KB9GDY Randolph
Mike Dejager KB9LXP Randolph
Jerry Arndt NO9U Watertown
Michael Moran AC9VY Waupun
Ralph Hasler N9WBL Oconomowoc
Jeffrey Johnson KD9OQU Hartford
Evie Arndt Watertown
Scott Burg WE9U Beaver Dam
Dale Marks WB9ADB Burnett
Gary Pedersen KA9BAR Juneau

Calendar

April 7 - RRRRC Meeting - Online using Zoom

**June 27-28 - Field Day 2020 - Dodge County Derge
Park**

Please have items for the May RRRRC newsletter submitted by Thursday April 30th, Thank You

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 Knowles, WI

442.975 MHz Output

447.975 MHz Input

(Duplex, Standard Positive Offset)

123.0 Hz PL Tone

RRRC Weekly Nets

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

RRRC 2-Meter Repeater 146.64 MHz

Net Control Stations

April 6th, Ryan Klavekoske

April 13th Ted Neuburg

April 20th, Gary Pedersen

April 27th, Keith Lodahl

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)

Annual Membership Dues
Rock River Radio Club of Wisconsin
PO Box 26, Juneau WI 53039-0026



Last Name: _____

First Name(s): _____

Call(s): _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Email: _____

ARRL: YES NO

State: _____ Zip: _____

Description	\$ Each	Quantity	Total
RRRC 2020 Membership - Family	\$25.00		
RRRC 2020 Membership - Individual Regular	\$20.00		
RRRC 2020 Membership - Individual Associate	\$10.00		
RRRC Badge	\$15.50		
A.R.E.S. Communication Trailer Fund Contribution			
GRAND TOTAL:			

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