



# Theodore Roosevelt Amateur Radio Club

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## TEST SESSIONS

If you are in need of a test session, contact either Bill Bosch/K0UB or Emil Wieglanda/N0DK. Bill is associated with ARRL VEC and Emil is with W5YI VEC. They will let you know when the next test session will be held.

*Bill: 701-483-3869*  
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## THE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Spring Greetings to all members of the Theodore Roosevelt Amateur Radio Club!

Spring finally seems to be arriving although the nights can still be brisk. We are having many beautiful days of sunshine, the snow is melting, and I can hear some robins. I hope the snow melt is not causing anyone any flooding or wet basement difficulties.

We graduated our two students from our Technician Licensing course and now Bob Allen and Jason Mahto are hams having passed their licensing exams March 14! I do not know if they have their call signs yet. I want to thank all instructors who made this another successful course: Leon Kirschmann, K0LU, Emil Wieglanda N0DK, Mark Schields, WB0OAJ, Jim Fahy, N0SJ, and Clarence Thompson, W0RTK all of whom have been long standing instructors. I also want to thank our new instructors Curtis Freeman, KC0JVJ, Chuck Olson, KD0DDJ, Bernie Krebs, KC0RRJ, and Gerry Krebs, KD0DDH. I owe an especial thank you to Margaret KB7ITR and Emil N0DK as stalwart faithful course supporters. They attended every session and contributed a lot each session. I also want to thank Emil N0DK for heading up the testing session and running it capably.

I want to remind everyone that our next meeting will be the SKYWARN Meeting at the Armory on April 6 at 7:00 pm MDT. Our old friend John Paul Martin of the NWS will be updating us. We will also be taking SKYWARN and ARES registration and compiling our call list.

There seems to be some renewed interest in CW. Ken Muggli K0HL is organizing a ham get together in Glen Ullin on April 4th at 10:00 am CDT at the Wilderness Café. This event, “RADIO FOR THE SAKE OF RADIO” is for all hams, CBers, SWLers, and professional telegraphers. It is not a hamfest just a good old fashioned rag chew together. Also along this CW line, Mark Tollefson W0ZCM has expressed interest in helping teach CW. Bill Bosch has also expressed interest so maybe we can organize a 2 meter net some evening or weekend time to practice our code. Let me know what you think!

Hoping to see many of you April 4th and 6th,

73 for now,  
Melissa Sheppard KD0AAK, President.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ April 6: Skywarn training– 7pm @ Armory.
- ◆ Remember that everyone is welcome to join fellow hams for morning coffee at Arby’s 10:00 am, Monday thru Friday; Friday at 5:30 pm pizza at Happy Joes; Saturday morning breakfast at the Dairy Barn 9:00 am.
- ◆ Western North Dakota ARES Net: Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm.

**Theodore Roosevelt Amateur Radio Club**  
Meeting Minutes  
March 2, 2009

Melissa, KD0AAK President called the meeting to order.

Introductions of members and guests followed.

Minutes submitted by Laurie, KC0NHW, Secretary/Treasurer.

Minutes of last meeting were approved on a motion by Odo, WA0UQD and seconded by Emil, N0DK. Motion carried.

Laurie, KC0NHW, gave treasurer's report. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Emil, N0DK and seconded by Dave, N0CI. Motion carried.

### **Guest Speaker**

Emergency Coordinator - Gary Kostelecky was at our meeting to talk about the ARES operation. He reported that our club has always been there to help for communications. They used the trailer in Fryburg and the Badlands for exercises with help from some of the club members. Stark County is buying the old book mobile to change into a communications trailer. The trailer we currently use would be used also with a support trailer in case of an emergency. It must be approved by the Stark County Commission. They have applied for grant money to help furnish items needed. He said the only thing that may be taken out of the current communications trailer would be the weather station.

Antenna – Questions were brought up regarding the antenna that is on the roof of the LEC. There is a free standing tower with the county antennas. The county antennas that are on the roof are dead. We need to get the cost of moving our antenna to Gary to proceed. Gary has the old Dunn County tower that is over 80 feet and was wondering if it would work for us. The roof of the LEC is scheduled to be done late summer of 2009 or early summer of 2010. The 2 meter is attached to the handrail. One is towards the middle. It would be nice to get it moved before the roof is done.

State Division of Emergency Management used to come out and tune our antenna. With cell phones they figured it didn't pay to spend the money to tune. A Harris radio belongs to emergency management. It has been used by our club. Jamestown, Dickinson, Bismarck, and Wahpeton all have Harris radios.

Gary also informed us that they will be putting a cover on the staircase going to the basement of the LEC. That should help keep the snow and leaves out.

Contact Gary if you would like an official picture ID for the club. It is used in emergency's as identification.

### **Old Business**

- A. QRM repeater problem – Something is still interfering with 2 meter and HF.
- B. Tech Class – One more week and testing will be March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Hamfest – The hamfest in Bismarck had good attendance. Burghardt didn't make it due to the weather.

### **New Business**

- A. Applications – Discussion on having applications for RACES and ARES so they have information on what radios we operate and what frequencies.
- B. Repeater – Duane Woehl owns the property that the repeater is on. He does not have a problem with TRARC members being up there as long as they are not on his private property.
- C. Computer – Laurie, KC0NHW made a motion to wait until the snowbirds get back to resume more discussion on a different computer. Evelyn, KC0HKR seconded. Motion carried.
- D. QSO party – Discussion on participating as a club at the ND QSO party 1700 Z time March 21<sup>st</sup> and 0100 Z time March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. Operating bands 160 through 2 meters. Will operate out of the shack at the LEC. Gerry, KD0DDH will make QSO cards.

Winner of the meeting drawing is Evelyn, KC0HKR. Congratulations!

Meeting adjourned

**NORTH DAKOTA SECTION NEWS**

Welcome to the North Dakota section monthly summary. With the weather starting to warm up, there is a lot of activity by county EC's to get ready in case of flood conditions this spring. Call your local county Emergency Coordinator and ask to help out. Emergency support using Amateur Radio is one of our major capabilities we have as ham operators.

The North Dakota QSO Party will be on March 21st and 22nd, 2009 and you will see the information by going to the website of [www.k0ln.com](http://www.k0ln.com). The contest this year is 8 hours in length so everyone should get in on the fun. The QSO party starts at 1700Z or 12 Noon on Saturday and goes until 0100Z or 8 PM on Saturday evening.

Ken Muggli, K0HL is organizing a get together for Hams, CB'ers, SWL's, and professional telegraphers. He is calling the event "RADIO FOR THE SAKE OF RADIO". In the immediate area there are several ex professional telegraphers who are for the most part ex RR telegraphers. It would be fun and interesting to visit with these gentlemen. The focus of the event will be sharing good conversation among folks with an interest in radio and will not be a hamfest.

Ken has made arrangements with a local restaurant to provide a meeting place and food. The gathering is April 4th, 2009, at 10:00 AM CDT in the Wilderness Cafe at Glen Ullin, ND.

\*\*\* TRAINING \*\*\* SKYWARN Training for Grand Forks County is April 2, 09, SKYWARN Training for Polk County is April 6, 09, SKYWARN Training for Ward County is April 21, 09, and SKYWARN Training for Burleigh County is April 28, 09.

\*\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS \*\*\* The Red River Radio Association Hamfest will be held April 18th, from 8 AM - 3PM at the Red River Valley Fairgrounds in Fargo. Go to [www.rrra.org](http://www.rrra.org) for more information. May 15th-19th, 09 is the Dayton Hamvention, Field Day 2009 is June 27th & 28th, Peace Garden Hamfest is July 11th & 12th, 09 and the Grand Forks Hamfest is October 3rd, 09. If you have any other events you want posted, send me an email.

February Net Report from Dave-K8BBM, ARRL ND Net Manager: Goose River Net on 160 Meters- 4 Sessions, 53 Check-ins & 1 Message passed, ND CDO/WX Road Info- 44 Sessions, 858 Check-ins & 9 messages passed, DataNet on 75 Meters- 24 Sessions, 519 Check-ins & 7 Messages passed. The DataNet has returned to its normal time slot at 6:30 PM CDT, on 3937 khz. CDO/WX will continue to be held at 12:30 PM CDT until the end of March, 09 Thanks to the crew for handling the extra sessions.

MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE NORTH DAKOTA SECTION NEWS FOR THE LATEST NORTH DAKOTA BULLETINS AT [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) 73's Lynn - W0CQ

**MARGARET'S CORNER**

Spring has sprung in a big way. At the beginning of March the weather, which started out with a couple of below zero days, took a turn for the better. The nice days have created another headache for the highway crews, namely flooded roads and washouts. I heard of the flooding in South Heart and had to take a look for myself. What I saw took me back many years when I was growing up there. Every February the land below the hill would be under water due to the Heart River flooding. It hasn't been that way for a long time but today took me back fifty some years because the Heart left its banks in a big way. The road going into South Heart was an island. What an awesome sight to see the river rolling along, and yes the land below the hill was under water and the road out of town was closed. My observation of these last few days was that we were in competition with Minnesota for the title "Land of a Thousand Lakes".

Tech classes are over for another year. We have two new enthusiastic Technicians. Thanks to Melissa, the teachers and others who helped in any way we have another successful class under our belts. Bob Allan and Jason Mahto are eagerly awaiting their new calls.

The skywarn meeting dates are set and for those who have computers you can see the other places the meetings will be held in case you can't make the one in Dickinson. The website is that of the Bismarck Weather Service - [www.crh.noaa.gov/bis](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/bis).

We had a nice visit with John Paul at the Bismarck Hamfest at the end of February. The day was nice - no fog, some blowing snow but tolerable.

73, Margaret KB7ITR

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Leon	Setera	KE7DKA	4/2
Glenn	Nickel	WD0DAI	4/4
Dan	Walz	K0DLW	4/5
Richard	Wehner	KC0GJG	4/6
Gordon	Pavlicek	KB0NBX	4/11
Curtis	Freeman	KC0JVJ	4/12
George	Grassel	KB0RXI	4/12
Charlie	Alpert	W0BHF	4/19
Cindy	Kirschmann		4/20
Darryl	Wehner	KC0EWH	4/21
Lyle	Freeman	KC0KNP	4/23
Rebekah	Schildts	KC0HXF	4/23
Don	Senescall	N0FLY	4/25
Randy	Hanrahan	K7PGL	4/26

**TRARC Membership / Renewal Application**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Call</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>B-Day</u>	<u>ARRL</u>	<u>VE</u>
1 _____	_____	N T T+ G A E	Mo( ) Day( )	Y N	Y N
2 _____	_____	N T T+ G A E	Mo( ) Day( )	Y N	Y N
3 _____	_____	N T T+ G A E	Mo( ) Day( )	Y N	Y N
4 _____	_____	N T T+ G A E	Mo( ) Day( )	Y N	Y N
5 _____	_____	N T T+ G A E	Mo( ) Day( )	Y N	Y N

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- [ ] Under 16 \$10
- [ ] Over 65 \$10
- [ ] Newsletter Only \$8

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