



Theodore Roosevelt Amateur Radio Club

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TEST SESSIONS

If you are in need of a test session, contact either Jim Fahy N0JS or Emil Wieglanda/N0DK. Jim is associated with ARRL VEC and Emil is with W5YI VEC. They will let you know when the next test session will be held.

Jim: 701-483-6548
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- ◆ April 5: Skywarn, 7 pm @ National Guard 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: 8:30 pm every Tuesday.

The President's Thoughts

Dear TRARC Hams and Friends,

Perhaps Spring 2010 really is around the corner! We've some good days of sunshine and balmy weather recently after all that persistent frozen fog. The melt seems underway and North Dakota communities are girding for flooding. My humble opinion as I assess the information that I receive from several emergency agencies including the **Red River Radio Amateurs Club** and The Red Cross is that we North Dakotans are a lot better prepared and organized. With luck, we'll all dodge a major bullet!

Our orientation and Open House for aspirant hams was held March 13th at the club shack. Media was given PR at the end of February: The Dickinson Press, KQCD, KDIX, Clear Channel Radio, and Channel 19 City of Dickinson. We had one *super visitor* Merena Mahto, an 8th grader, who helped us at last year's Field Day! She's studying hard for her Tech ticket! As you recall, the club decided at the January meeting to suspend the spring Technician Saturday classes and try a *new way*....where we licensed hams would mentor licensee aspirants as they self-studied.

I must thank Jim Fahy N0SJ, Mike Cartmill AC0PR, Dave Sheppard N0CI, and Jason Mahto KD0HCR for being available to talk to prospective hams. Jim and Mike demonstrated some HF activity. Their interest in helping mentor cannot be underestimated. Thank you guys!

By the time you receive this newsletter the ND QSO Party will be history as well! I thank all who turned out to represent K0ND in this event! The contest ran for 24 hours and we needed an Extra Class present during our operational hours. I hope fun and camaraderie was had by all!

I also owe many thanks to Mike Schaper KB0OXY and Dave Sheppard N0CI as I missed both meetings!... our January *and* February meetings. I was away at advanced Red Cross disaster training out of state both times. I understand they ran the meeting very efficiently. I apologize for my absence.

If you receive this before April, please note that our SKYWARN update will be April 5th at the Armory at 7:00 pm MDT.

Fraternally, 73,

Melissa Sheppard KD0AAK

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Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2010

Mike, KB0OXY, Vice President called the meeting to order.

Introductions of members and guests followed.

Minutes submitted by Dave, N0CI, Secretary/Treasurer.

Minutes of last meeting were approved on a motion by Emil, N0DK and seconded by Laurie, KC0NHW. Motion carried.

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

Old Business

- A. Technician orientation. The tech orientation has been advertised. Some thought that the date and time of orientation had been omitted, but it was later determined that the ad had included date and time.

New Business

- A. Bismark hamfest. The hamfest was well attended by club members. Prizes were won by Mike Cartmill, AC0PR, and Mark Shields, WB0OAJ.
- B. North Dakota QSO Party. The North Dakota QSO party will be from 12:00 noon on Saturday, March 20 to 12:00 noon Sunday, March 21. The club will try to man the club shack as much as possible.
- C. Skywarn Training. Skywarn training will be on Monday April 5, at 7:00 p.m. at the armory. It was suggested by Mike, KB0OXY that we have amateur radio brochures at the training to get non-hams interested. The club will also supply cookies and such.

Winner of the meeting drawing is Dave, N0CI. Congratulations to me!

April Birthdays

Leon	Setera	KE7DKA	4/2
Richard	Wehner	KC0GJG	4/6
Curtis	Freeman	KC0JVJ	4/12
George	Grassel	KB0RXI	4/12
Cindy	Kirschmann		4/20
Darryl	Wehner	KC0EWH	4/21
Rebekah	Shields	KC0HXF	4/23
Don	Senescall	N0FLY	4/25
Randy	Hanrahan	K7PGL	4/26

Welcome to the North Dakota ARRL Section News for February 2010

The spring temperatures are finally here and the water is starting to flow with the possibility of flooding in many areas of North Dakota. The year looks to a busy one with hamfests, our 2nd Annual ND QSO Party, and Field Day and the possibility of flooding in many areas of North Dakota. Go to www.w0cq.com to see the ARRL information and the upcoming events.

**** Upcoming Events **** The North Dakota QSO Party will be held on March 20th & 21st, 2010 and it will be a full 24 hour contest this year. Go to www.w0cq.com for the ND QSO party rules and much more.

The Red River Radio Amateurs will host the West Fargo Hamfest on April 17th 2010 with details go to www.rrra.org. There will be a ARRL Forum at the West Fargo Hamfest with Richard Budd; (W0TF) discussing the ARRL Official Observer Program, Melissa Sheppard; (KD0AAK) the ARES plan for North Dakota and Ken Muggli; (K0HL) speaking on "Ham Radio for the Youth". Also, Dave Heintzleman; (K8BBM) will have a North Dakota Net Control meeting at the hamfest.

ARRL Field Day with the "TOP GUN" Award for the North Dakota Radio Club with the most points is scheduled for June 26th & 27th.

The annual International Peace Garden Hamfest will be July 9th thru July 11th.

****Section Emergency Coordinator Notes **** I enjoyed a full house of attendees at the recent Bismarck hamfest! I thank everyone who attended and gave comments. Without you all our desire to build an ARES statewide network cannot happen! As I sought to explain, given our vast prairie and a limited number of active ham radio operators, I seek to build regional ARES networks. Those of us interested in public service must perhaps sometimes think "outside the box" and develop relationships and connections with served agencies where and as we can. As a sidebar, we all perhaps need to recall that the FCC gives us many bands and these are sought after by others. This may a reason ARRL leadership is promoting our role in public service. Apart or maybe not from that, FEMA is promoting amateurs as an auxiliary component of emergency communications. If we show ourselves as only self-interested, we may not be able to defend our generous bands. 73, Melissa Sheppard, KD0AAK

**** February Net Report **** The Goose River Net on 160 Meters- 1.895 MHz, Sundays at 8:30 AM CST reported 4 Sessions, 52 Check-ins & 1 Message passed.

The ND WX Road Net on 75 Meters- 3.935 MHz, 8:30 AM CST & 12:30 PM CST, Monday thru Sat reported 48 Sessions, 1051 Check-ins & 5 Messages passed, and the DataNet on 75 Meters- 3.395 MHz, 6:30 PM CDST, daily reported 28 Sessions, 641 Check-ins & 11 Messages passed. Also, we have added another net report this month and that is the "Boat Anchor Net" on 80 Meters- 3.935 on Saturdays after the 12:30 PM CST ND WX Net. Net controls for February were: W0CQ, KA0ETO, W0FC, W0HS, K0HDA, W0KRC, KOMAD, W0OSP, AI0Q, W0TF, K0TLW, KD0YX, W0VHW, KROW, and K8BBM

As many of you have noticed, we have been overlapping our 6:30 CDST ND Net with the Wolverine Net on 3935 kHz due to the band conditions. We have asked our Net Controls to use our alternate frequency of 3937 KHz instead of calling the ND Net right on top of the Wolverine Net. Common courtesy and good operating practices should prevail during these band conditions.

**** Section Managers Notes **** Thanks to all North Dakota Amateurs for increasing the check-in activity on all of our nets. It's nice to hear stations in all areas of the state. We have also announced that the "Fertilizer Net" (an informal net) has been moved to 3935 KHz. All stations wishing to ragchew or call another station can use 3935 KHz as the place to call. This will also be the frequency we can use for bad weather, trying to reach someone in ND or just a place for the mobiles to monitor.

MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE NORTH DAKOTA SECTION NEWS FOR THE LATEST NORTH DAKOTA ACTIVITIES & NEWS AT www.arrl.org. If you have any special announcements, feel free to email me w0cq@arrl.org. Until next month... 73's Lynn - W0CQ

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