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TEST SESSIONS

If you are in need of a test session, contact either Bill Bosch/KØUB or Emil Wiegler/NØDK. Bill is associated with ARRL VEC and Emil is with W5YL. 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

We are right in the midst of the heart of our summer activities as a club. Field Day was fun and well attended. Thanks much to Bill Bosch KØUB, and Melissa Sheppard KDØAAK for chairing this event. To each of you, who assisted or participated in any way, THANK YOU! Curtis Freeman KCØJVJ, guided us through the Roughrider Parade of 2008. To Curtis and all who assisted him, I thank you. At the time of this reading, Mick Lewton KCØRLF will have guided us through another Taylor Horsefest, in advance I also thank him. One more word of gratitude to Stan Kittleson, WDØDAJ, for teaching us proper radio testing techniques!

Please plan to attend our club picnic at the Trap Club held August 9-10.

OUR AUGUST 4 MEETING WILL BEGIN @ 6:00 p.m. followed by a Field Trip to our 82 REPEATER. PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR THIS MEETING ONLY!

73 Bernie KCØRRJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ July 26: Taylor Horsefest Parade
- ◆ August 4: TRARC meeting 6 pm @ LEC.
- ◆ August 9-August10: TRARC Picnic @ Trap Club.
- ◆ 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.

Theodore Roosevelt Amateur Radio Club
Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2008

Minutes submitted by Laurie, KC0NHW, Secretary/Treasurer.

Bernie, KC0RRJ, President called the meeting to order.

Introductions of members and guests followed.

Minutes of last meeting were approved on a motion by Emil, N0DK and seconded by Dave, N0CI. Motion carried.

Laurie, KC0NHW, gave treasurer's report. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Bill, K0UB and seconded by Larry, KD0BDL. Motion carried.

Old Business

- A. Repeaters – Stan, WD0DAJ said we should look at making a trip to all sites and do maintenance checks. Bill, K0UB said that the 73 mount is moving and should be put up in the place where it belongs. He contacted Kohler about getting it taken care of. He spoke to Kathy Kohler and she will pass along the message.
- B. Special Event Station – Ken, K0HL put a packet together. Got there, set up, went easily. Only made 2 contacts on 20 meter, 13 contacts on 40 meter and 75 contacts on 2 meter. The generator worked fine. Electrical cover on the trailer needs to be replaced. They also noted a leaky tire, the roof leaks and also the water tank. There was also a possible coax problem. Also had an antenna problem. We need to get an adapter on the generator so lights may be used. It needs just a flat blade regular RV adapter. 19 TRARC members attended and 2 visitors from the public. Discussion was made to order minimum amount of certificates.
- C. Ham of the Year – Bill, K0UB will take care of submitting the paperwork.

New Business

- A. Trailer Repair – Thank you to Kuntz RV for donating the labor to fix the brake on the TRARC trailer.
- B. Taylor Horse Fest - Mick, KC0RLF will coordinate the Horse Fest in Taylor. It is July 26, 2008.
- C. Roughrider Days Parade – Curtis, KC0JVJ and Deb, KC0ADI coordinated the workers for the 4th of July parade.
- D. Field Day – If there is a certain time that someone would like to operate please let Bill, K0UB know. There will be room to park campers for those who would like to spend the night. There will be no plug ins but can use the generator for power. Bathrooms are available.
- E. Proclamation – Ken, K0HL requested a proclamation to the governor to designate the last week of June as Amateur Radio week. He also mentioned we should invite the governor to field day.
- F. Fireman's Convention – We were approached to see if our members would be interested in being drivers for the firemen attending the convention. We had done this at a prior convention and enjoyed helping out. The convention will be June 2009. Motion to approve made by Bill, K0UB and seconded by Laurie, KC0NHW. Motion carried.
- G. Antenna – If there is not a problem in the coax Ken, K0HL would like to see us use a dipole, they cost around \$300.00. Discussion on some of the ways to remedy the situation was held. Decided to work with what we have at this time.
- H. Silent Key Plaque – We need to update our plaque that the silent keys of our club are engraved on. Laurie, KC0NHW will take it to Four Seasons Trophy and get it taken care of.

Winner of the meeting drawing is Margaret, KB7ITR Congratulations!

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Irene, WD0DAW and seconded by Ken, K0HL. Meeting adjourned.

MARGARET'S CORNER

I can't say the past two months have been boring. We attended the YLISSB convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia which was held June 20 -22. All I can say is that the stories you hear about airline horrors do happen. We experienced delayed flights, missed flights, cancelled flights and delayed luggage. That was on the flight out. We are quite familiar with Detroit airport now since we spent nine hours there. We also came to the conclusion that this is one airport to avoid unless you have at least two hours between connecting flights. The psychedelic tunnel is something else. Halifax was great. Jim, our host, took some of us for a tour of the town and Navy Pier on Saturday. Sunday afternoon he took us for a ride to Peggy's Cove and we saw the graveyard where the victims of the Titanic were buried. We were also shown the cemetery for the victims of Flight 101. The fog was unreal all the while we were there. When we got home we learned what jet lag was, big time.

After we got to the Peace Gardens on July 16th I came to the conclusion that this was just not our year to travel. Problems plagued us there too. The weather was a big factor - mostly chilly, windy and rainy. Saturday when all the events were scheduled it rained all day. Sunday, in keeping with tradition, was a lovely day since it was Field Mass day which has never been rained out. Through this all we did without heat or air conditioning in the camper from Wednesday on. The mosquito population was up and we had fun zapping them with our wands. Attendance at the Hamfest was down probably due to two things - fuel prices and passport controversy. Getting through customs was not the big problem we anticipated.. Tony, K7TNY, brought home the first prize but the bulk of the prizes went to Canada. Sandy did a great job feeding the hungry Friday and Saturday. Due to declining numbers for breakfast help, Sandy will take care of Sunday breakfast next year with a modified menu.

Horsefest and our annual picnic are just around the corner. Events for the club are quickly winding down. We didn't participate in the Roughrider days parade this year but I understand all went well there too.

Enjoy what's left of summer!

73, Margaret KB7ITR

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Dick	Hansen	KC0HXG	8/3
Melissa	Sheppard	KD0AAK	8/13
David	Williams	KC0ZFK	8/18
Carol	Hanrahan	KB7WTK	8/19
Gene	Huskinson	K7CDN	8/20
Kim	Callahan	NOQAV	8/25
Marjorie	Aman	KA7LQB	8/30

NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Kent Olson, KAØLDG

Field Day was a big success in ND this year. Six clubs sent in traffic, and I think there may be more out there. Remember to get me your results so I can figure out which club will take home the coveted "ND Top Gun" award.

Please pass on your condolences to family and friends of Dean Newton, WBØSWS, of Garrison who passed away recently.

It seems that I have had some e-mail problems recently, but it has been cleared up by the ARRL.

KAØLDG@ARRL.org should work again. The Fargo hams helped out with the American Diabetes Association Bike Tour last weekend. Despite the very strong winds, the ride was a success.

The RRRA in Fargo is hosting a tailgate hamfest on Sept. 13th. The event will be held at Amour Park in West Fargo and is FREE - All are invited. The event will last most of the day, and include outdoor fun and picnicking (bring your food). More information will be out shortly, and check out www.rrra.org for specifics.

Another hamfest to put on your calendars, is the Dakota Division Convention. The Rochester ARC will be hosting it on August 8-10th, and will be one event you will not want to miss. This will be an event you can bring the whole family to, and all will have fun, so consider making the trip. Check out this website for full information: <http://www.rarexpo.org/>. Until next month...73!

TRARC Membership / Renewal Application

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Membership Type

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

Home Phone Number (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address _____

<p>Mail this form to:</p> 	<p>TRARC PO Box 1854 Dickinson, ND 58602-1854</p>
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