



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 Wieglenda/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

Emil: 701-483-4953

NOTES

- ◆ August 3: TRARC meeting, 7 pm @ LEC
- ◆ 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 MESSAGE

Greetings all TRARC hams! It has been a busy time! ...and usually upbeat!

I do not mean to dismiss the hardship our recent Dickinson Tornado has caused to our citizens of Dickinson. Indeed, as a Red Cross and CERT disaster responder, I have met some of our most vulnerable affected...and even the more economically robust are affected. But I am so impressed with the outpouring of help: neighbor to neighbor, friend or family to affected friend or family, especially stranger to affected persons. It is truly amazing how quickly recovery came about. Each day I could see much change. All homeless were placed out of the Red Cross Shelter by July 15th, a week after the disaster. It makes me so proud to be a Dickinsonian and North Dakotan.

I wish to thank the 10 hams who helped with the ND Firefighters Convention as courtesy drivers and dispatchers: Bill Bosch, K0UB, Irene Bosch, WD0DAW, Stan Kittelson, WD0DAJ, Betty Kittelson, KB0NVT, Jason Mahto, KD0HCR, Richard Wehner, KC0GJG, Evelyn Wehner, KC0HKR, Mick Lewton, KC0RLF, Bernie Krebs, KC0RRJ, Dave Sheppard, N0CI, and Melissa Sheppard, KD0AAK. We had a very enjoyable time hanging out in the fire hall and trading stories. The courtesy drivers all regaled us with humorous stories too!

More hams are due thanks for assistance with the Roughrider Days Parade on July 4th: Stan Kittelson, WD0DAJ, who lead us capably, Joe Callahan, N0QAU, Kim Callahan, N0QAV, Curtis Freeman, KC0JVJ, Reshell Freeman, KD0AAI, and their future ham!, Emil Wieglenda, N0DK, Margaret Weiglenda, KB7ITR, Jason Mahto, KD0HCR, Larry Swarok, KD0BDI, who lead the parade with the City of Dickinson Police Department!, Dave Sheppard, N0CI, and Melissa Sheppard, KD0AAK.

On Saturday July 11, Bonnie Turner, ND VOAD, asked me as TRARC President to call in hams to help with transportation dispatch of community volunteers. Unfortunately, due to miscommunication between ND VOAD and the local SW Disaster Coalition ...and also overcome by the premature community volunteer response (they were supposed to come 12 noon, came by 9:00 am) the hams that volunteered were not used and upset. Dave Sheppard, N0CI, Larry Swarok, KD0BDL, Mike Schaper, KB0OXY, and Gerry Krebs, N0JE, responded. Thank you all! Hopefully, ARES integration in local emergencies will be smoother in the future.

Lastly but not least, much thanks is due to Gerry Krebs, N0JE, Bernie Krebs, KC0RRJ, and Mick Lewton, KC0RLF! These ARES leaders have run several SKYWARN nets very capably during our recent stormy weather. I also thank all the hams who answered up during the nets and who acted spotters.

Remember: TRARC Picnic: August 7th, Friday, through August 9th, Sunday, at the Dickinson Trap Club!

Schedule:

Friday, August 7th: Pizza at Happy Joe's at 5:30 pm MT

Saturday, August 8th: VE Testing at 1:00 pm MT, checking of DXCC, VUCC cards by K7SAM, Potluck at 6:00 pm MT

Sunday, August 9th: Potluck at 12:00 noon MT, with auction, raffle, and 50/50 drawing to follow.

I hope to see you all there! 73, Melissa Sheppard, KD0AAK

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Meeting Minutes
June 1, 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 Emil, N0DK and seconded by Dave, N0CI. Motion carried.

Laurie, KC0NHW, gave treasurer's report. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Stan, WD0DAJ and seconded by Irene, WD0DAW. Motion carried.

Guest – Larry Callahan with the Dickinson Fire Department was with us to see if there were any final questions about the club shuttling the guests for the State Fire Convention. One van and two suburbans were loaned to the Fire Department from a local car dealership.

Old Business

- A. Skywarn Signup – Those who were not at the skywarn session can contact Gerry, N0JE to sign up if you would like to be on the skywarn list.
- B. QSO cards – Melissa, KD0AAK got quotes for club QSO cards. The prices were \$56.90 for 100, \$61.05 for 250 and \$67.75 for 500. The design would stay the same as the previous ones. Motion made by Stan, WD0DAJ to order 500 for the value. Seconded by Emil, N0DK. Motion carried. Bill, K0UB will be in charge as trustee for the club QSO cards.
- C. Maintenance – Gerry, N0JE and Bernie, KC0RRJ fixed the water leak in the club trailer. The spigot was loose. Dave Watkins, KD0AAL said the generator runs lower in oil that the dipstick says. Do not run more than a quart low. Bernie, KC0RRJ brought some binders that are in the shack to keep track of when and what maintenance has been performed.
- D. Field Day – The trap club is available for field day weekend. Bill, K0UB hopes to be there. Melissa, KD0AAK will file the paperwork.

New Business

- A. Roughrider Parade – They will not be able to use the Whitney Stadium this year to line up the parade entries. Laurie Vernon and Gary Conlon are the contact people. Stan, WD0DAJ will be the coordinator. Meet at 8:30 in the parking lot west of Fleck's furniture. We will be using the repeater instead of 52.
- B. Taylor Horse Fest – The Taylor Horse Fest is July 25th. Mick, KC0RLF will do the coordinating. Meet on the main street of Taylor by the club trailer if you are interested in helping.
- C. Peace Garden – The Peace Garden Hamfest is July 10th, 11th and 12th. This year an error was made involving the lodge at the Peace Gardens. It was booked for a wedding. They (Peace Garden) are planning on setting up a tent with a wood floor for our activities. We will be unable to use the kitchen so Sandy will be not cooking this year as she has previously. They are talking about getting something else set up or having food catered. In the past we have previously made a cash donation for one of the door prizes. Motion to donate \$25.00 cash made by Irene, WD0DAW and seconded by Emil, N0DK. Motion carried.
- D. Repeater – Bill Kohler was working on CAP (Civil Air Patrol). He took coax for the old forest service antenna and was concerned about our repeater. Everything is ok.
- E. Picnic – The picnic will be again held at the Trap Club. The dates are August 7th, 8th, and 9th. Betty has already checked with Roosevelt school about using the tables and chairs. We will pick them up Thursday.

Winner of the meeting drawing is Jason, KD0HCR. Congratulations!

Motion to adjourn made by Dave, N0CI and seconded by Stan, WD0DAJ. Motion carried.

NORTH DAKOTA SECTION NEWS

Welcome to the North Dakota ARRL Section News for June 2009.

I hope everyone had a great time at Field Day this is year. I had an opportunity to visit Dickinson, Bismarck and Minot this year to see the emergency stations up close. It was enjoyable visiting with the hams at the sites and seeing the impressive stations! We are still waiting for Field Day scores from the Fargo and Bismarck clubs to determine the coveted "Top Gun of 2009".

The Peace Garden Hamfest was a blast! The lodge we normally used was previously booked for a wedding but the Peace Garden Staff built a dual-tent arrangement and it worked flawlessly. In fact, I visited with more hams this year because of the facilities then I ever did before. A little different setting and a great time. Next year we will have the lodge back. The committee received many recommendations for next years Hamfest so stay tuned!

A "behind the scenes" story of the Dickinson Tornado: Dickinson, ND was hit with a tornado Wed 7/8 circa 8:30 pm MT, EF3. (Previously 7/8 NWS brought up Superlink circa 4:30/ N0CI answered. N0JE assumed net control a bit later...TRARC hams went out and spotted but unsuccessful in seeing any early warning of a tornado (to much heavy rain). At 9 pm 7/8, the Red Cross was activated...opened the Red Cross shelter, On7/9 damage assessment with Minot, ND Team, ERV (emergency response vehicle<feeding and water>) with a team from Bismarck, ND. On the afternoon of 7/10, switched to coordination with Dickinson CERT team, Salvation Army feeding the volunteers and City of Dickinson with repair material dispersal (via cell phone and delegation). Tomorrow per EOC/Stark County Emergency Manager will help coordinate, with CERT Team, the city's community volunteer clean-up effort. Report given by KD0AAK, Melissa Sheppard, President TRARC

**** Upcoming Events ****

The next upcoming event will be the Red River Radio Association Hamfest which is scheduled for August 1st, 2009. The Hamfest will start at 8 AM and go until 3 PM at the Red River Valley Fair Grounds in West Fargo. Go to www.rrra.org for more information.

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Saturday, August 8th: VE Testing at 1:00 PM MT, ARRL awards presentation

(WAS, DXCC, VUCC, etc) by K7SAM. Potluck dinner at 6:00 pm MT. Sunday,

August 9th: 12:00 noon Potluck, followed by auction, raffle drawings, and 50:50 drawing. Limited electrical hookups available...

The "Radio for the Sake of Radio" group will meet on August 15th at 9:00 AM CDT at the Wilderness Cafe, Glen Ullin, ND.

For information contact K0HL Ken Muggli 701-348-9133 dakclock@beu.midco.net. Guest speakers Chip Unruh & Ken Muggli. This is not a club, no dues, no work assignments. All are welcome.

Come and talk radio. Lots of fellowship and good conversation.

The Grand Forks Hamfest will be held on October 3rd, 2009 from 8 AM until 12 Noon at the Zion United Methodist Church in Grand Forks. The Hamfest banquet will be at 5:30 PM at the Speedway Restaurant. By the way, if you have never eaten at the Speedway... It's great food at a reasonable charge. Talk-in on

146.940- and registration is \$5.00 per person with no charge for flea market tables.

*** New ARRL Appointment ***

Melissa Sheppard, KD0AAK from Dickinson, ND will be taking over the North Dakota Section Emergency Coordination (SEC) position effective August 1, 2009. Please welcome Melissa and give her your support as we try to organize a new ARES and the North Dakota Counties EC's. Also, I would like to thank Larry Holm, KI0W from Grand Forks for his support of the ARRL in holding this position. Larry was very supportive of the ARRL's mission with ARES. Thanks Larry!

June Net Report from Dave-K8BBM, ARRL ND Net Manager: No Goose River Net report for June, ND CDO/WX Road Info-26 Sessions, 558 Check-ins & 6 messages passed, DataNet- 30 Sessions, 531 Check-ins & 10 Messages passed. Thanks to our loyal Net Control Operators for running the nets!

MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE NORTH DAKOTA SECTION NEWS FOR THE LATEST NORTH DAKOTA

BULLETINS AT www.arrl.org Also, If you have any special announcements, feel

free to email me w0cq@arrl.org 73's Lynn - W0CQ

ARRL North Dakota Section

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Dick	Hansen	KC0HXG	8/3
David	Williams	K1HKY	8/18
Carol	Hanrahan	KB7WTK	8/19
Gene	Huskinson	K7CDN	8/20
Kim	Callahan	N0QAV	8/25
Marjorie	Aman	KA7LQB	8/30

Club Roster

The Club roster will be included in next month's newsletter.

Mick KC0RLF

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TRARC Membership / Renewal Application

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