



# THEODORE ROOSEVELT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our club is off to a nice start this year as generous people once again have stepped up and committed their time and talent to various aspects TRARC functions. Thanks to all who have assisted Melissa Sheppard, KD0AAK in the planning and implementation of our Technician Class. Seven students are preparing to become the club's latest Techs. Mark Shields, WB0OAJ and Ken Muggli, N7IYZ have enabled five Boy Scouts to receive the amateur radio merit badge. Thanks for keeping the interest alive in our young adults!

A word of thanks to outgoing Vice President Darryl Wehner, KC0EWH for your energy given to the club, and thanks to Ken Muggli, N7IYZ for accepting the position of Vice President. I wish to thank the club's other "official" leaders for their willingness to serve in the formal capacities: Secretary/Treasurer Laurie Heick, KC0NHW; Historian Margaret Wiegler, KV7ITR; Public Information Officer Melissa Sheppard, KD0AAK; Emergency Coordinator Jim Fahy, N0SJ; Newsletter Editor Mick Lewton/KC0RLF; and Brother Odo Muggli, WA0UQD for the printing/ mailing of our newsletter.

My gratitude also goes out to the behind the scene members who get business done between meetings. To our long standing members, I thank you for all you do and how you have supported and encouraged me this past year as club president.

I wish to encourage each club member to make a New Year's Resolution to do something to make our club stronger. Consider coming to more meetings, participating more in club events, running for office, paying annual dues, teaching a class or future educational session. We need each of you to become ever more vibrant!

Margaret Wiegler, KB7ITR, presented proper flag etiquette, "How To Display It, How To Respect It" after our last meeting. You did a wonderful job Margaret, thank

you! Margaret will gladly share her information with you if you missed the presentation. Also, remember to properly retire a flag. Evelyn Wehner, KC0HKR, will be sure your old flags get to the Boy Scouts for a respectful retirement. Please plan to attend our next club meeting as Ken Muggli, N7IYZ will present "A Dipole Antenna" after we adjourn.

Wishing each of you and your loved ones a very blessed New Year,

Bernie Krebs, KC0RRJ

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 4

TRARC meeting 7 pm@ LEC

## TEST SESSIONS

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

**Bill: 701-483-3869**

**Emil: 701-483-4953**

## OFFICE HOLDERS OF TRARC

*President* Bernie Krebs/KC0RRJ

*Vice President* Ken Muggli/N7IYZ

*Secretary/Treasurer* Laurie Heick/KC0NHW

*Emergency Coordinator* Jim Fahy/N0SJ

*Historian* Margaret Wiegler/KB7ITR

*Newsletter Editor* Mick Lewton/KC0RLF

*Public Information Officer* Melissa Sheppard/KD0AAK

**Theodore Roosevelt Amateur Radio Club**  
Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 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 Bill, K0UB and seconded by Emil, N0DK. Motion carried.

Laurie, KC0NHW, gave treasurer's report. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Irene, WD0DAW and seconded by Odo, WA0UQD. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

- A. Repeaters – Bill, K0UB reported that 82 has some interference that he thinks is coming from a pager. Everything else seems to be working. 64 is working fine. 73 is working but is still waiting for the antennae to be raised.
- B. Scout Merit Badge – Ken, N7IYZ and Mark, WB0OAJ worked with the scouts. Mark reported that all the scouts received their merit badge and a few may be attending the classes.
- C. Classes – Melissa, KD0AAK our public service representative has contacted KQCD, Public Library, City Hall, the County, Dan's Supermarkets, Albertson's with information on our classes were are holding on Saturday's at the LEC. She has received 6-8 calls of interest. Ken, N7IYZ recruited someone from Glen Ullin. Mark Maddock is doing self study. Corrine Kraus from DSU is planning on attending. She is future planning for next year to get some college students for the class. Trinity High School is also promoting our information to the students. We will order a few more books in case we have more students. Melissa has most of the instructors lined up for the classes. Bill was going to teach RF interference but said if anyone wanted to they could. Ken, K7UQD volunteered.

**New Business**

- A. Emergency Coordinator – Gary Kostelecky presented the club with a check for \$300.00 from Stark County. Thank you Gary for your help and support to the club.
- B. Projector – Bernie, KC0RRJ did some checking on renting a projector for classes to do power point presentations. He found a used one for sale at SBM. They will give us a 90 day warranty. It was only used for 23 hours. The price is \$450.00 plus tax. Bill, K0UB made a motion to approve the purchase of the used projector. Seconded by Kornard, KB0ELT. Motion approved. Discussion was made and decided that the projector will remain at the LEC and not be loaned out.
- C. Frequencies - Bill, K0UB coordinated all the frequencies and sent them to the frequency coordinator.
- D. Monthly Presentations – At the end of each meeting we try and have a 15 minute presentation on different subjects. Ken, N7IYZ will do Dipole Antennae's in February. Melissa, KD0AAK will do a presentation on the new projector in March. April there is no meeting due to Sky Warn. Bill, K0UB will do a presentation on traffic handling in May.
- E. Election of Officer's – Any nominations for Secretary/Treasurer? Laurie, KC0NHW was nominated on a motion by Irene, WD0DAW and seconded by Dave, KD0AAJ. Motion made that nominations cease for Secretary/Treasurer and we cast a unanimous ballot made by Gary and seconded by Bill, K0UB. Motion carried. Any nominations for Vice President? Ken, N7IYZ was nominated by Emil, N0DK and seconded by Dave, KD0AAJ. Motion made that nominations cease for Vice President and we cast a unanimous ballot made by Bernie, KC0RRJ and seconded by Irene, WD0DAW. Motion approved. Any nominations for President? Bernie, KC0RRJ was nominated by Laurie, KC0NHW and seconded by Odo, WA0UQD. Motion was made that nominations cease and we cast a unanimous ballot made by Evelyn, KC0HKR and seconded by Emil, N0DK. Motion carried.

Winner of the meeting drawing is Margaret, KB7ITR Congratulations!

Meeting adjourned.

**MARGARET’S CORNER**

The New Year came in quietly for most of us. Then it was off to the races. Technician classes started on Jan. 5th with two confirmed students and one maybe. There were a whole lot of Elmers on hand. The second class was a little better. Seven students showed up and two were absent due to illness. If all continue we should have quite a few new hams.

The annual election of officers was held at the meeting. Officers for 2008 are President - Bernie Krebs, Vice President - Ken Muggli and Secretary /Treasurer - Laurie Heick.

By the time you read this our ranks will be reduced by three more. Sue KB0NBU should be in Mesa, Arizona and Bill and Irene should be in Tuscon enjoying their new trailer, the warmer weather and Irene's sisters. They'll be joining Stan and Betty in Yuma in March.

Just a couple of capsules of wisdom for this month: "The secret of returning from Las Vegas with a small fortune is to take a large fortune with you." and "You're middle-aged if, when the air is springy, you're not."

73, Margaret KB7ITR

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Michael	Hastings	N0UDG	2/13
David	Sheppard	KE6ZYY	2/13
Warren	Pierce	K7UPS	2/17
Emil	Wieglanda	N0DK	2/20
Faye	Nelson	K0TUP	2/25

**The TRARC Newsletter: A Brief History**

The president of the TRARC asked that I might write a bit of history of our Newsletter since this is the 25th year of that publication. The Volume 1, Number 1 issue is dated April 1983. The president of the club at the time was Glen Nickel, WD0DAI. He, along with other club members, saw the need for a Newsletter and so he took on the job as the first editor along with his job as president. The Vice-president at the time was Stan Kittelson, WD0DAJ, and the Secretary-Treasurer was Irene Bosch, WD0DAW. In his introductory article the editor said that “we need input from YOU [his emphasis] to make this OUR Newsletter. Any type of article of interest or nonsense is welcome.” Of course, in those days the entire newsletter was typed on a typewriter. Glen brought the typed pages down to Richardton so that I could copy it and mail it. He would often bring it when he was going out on his route; he would call me on two meters at about 7:15 a.m. and tell me he was just

turning the corner by the Abbey and would be to the door in a couple of minutes.

Following editors and their starting dates in were: Glen Roller, KA0SYP, January 1986; Jon Beyer, KA0TOH, February 1987; Roger Beyer, N0FBA, March 1988; Glen Nickel, WD0DAI, May 1988; Rebekah Wilson, KF0QD, February 1992; Connie Allar, KF0ON, September 1993; Art Rabe, KB0VSE, January 2000 (until he died very unexpectedly in April 2005 -- there was no May issue that year); Mick Lewton, KC0RLF, June 2005, to the present. It has been good working with all the editors. They have always composed, typed and/or typeset the complete newsletter. I have only copied it, folded, labeled and put on postage with our postage meter. I have done this for all the issues, except four issues in the summer of 1991 when I was out of State for four months. The officers of the club took care of the production and mailing for those four months. The club reimburses for postage and also gives me a copying fee. For now I am willing to continue this copying and mailing, but I will also state emphatically that if anyone else wants to take on the project, I would be perfectly happy at this time to pass this project on to someone else in the club.

A word about myself: I am a monk of Assumption Abbey. I was born and grew up in Richardton, joined the monastery in 1959, and got my ham ticket in 1968. At that time I got what was called a “Conditional” license. We had all the privileges of General but since the FCC did all the testing in their regional offices, and we were at least 250 miles from an FCC office (Minneapolis), we could have another licensed ham administer the test. “Conditional” meant that the FCC could recall our license or call us in for re-testing if they wished. At a later time all “Conditionals” were upgraded to Generals by the FCC.

In my earlier “ham” years I did a lot of HF operation to our monastic foundation and school in Bogota, Colombia, South America, and ran lots of phone patches for monks and teachers down there (at a time when one could not pick up a telephone and direct-dial a call to a foreign country). I was also involved in a Benedictine Net which included monks from across the Globe, and a Junior College Net, because we had a 2-year college in Richardton at that time.

I am currently Business Manager at the Abbey, do liturgy work and am one of the three monastic organists, plus I do other smaller jobs that one seems to accumulate in a monastic setting like ours.

Odo Muggli, WA0UQD

**TRARC Membership / Renewal Application**

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