



Theodore Roosevelt Amateur Radio Club

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OFFICE HOLDERS OF TRARC

President.....Melissa Sheppard/KD0AAK
Vice President.....Bernie Krebs/KC0RRJ
Secretary/Treasurer.....Laurie Heick/KC0NHW
Emergency Coordinator.....Gerry Krebs/KD0DDH
Historian.....Margaret Wieglanda/KB7ITR
Newsletter Editor.....Mick Lewton/KC0RLF
Public Information Officer.....Melissa Sheppard/KD0AAK

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 W5YL. They will let you know when the next test session will be held.

Bill: 701-483-3869
Emil: 701-483-4953

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write in this space for the last time, I wish to thank each of you for making the last two years for me as president of TRARC such a rewarding and growth filled experience! I received so much support and fantastic advice, and I am so appreciative of all that each of you has done for the good of the order!

It is now time to hand the gavel over to Melissa Sheppard KD0AAK, who was elected President at our January 5th meeting. I know that with your help and support, she will do a fine job. I was elected to the Vice President position, and Laurie Heick KC0NHW, was re-elected to Secretary/Treasurer. I had the privilege of re-appointing Margaret Weiglanda W7ITR, to the Historian/Archivist position; Mick Lewton KC0RLF accepted the appointment to District Emergency Coordinator, and Gerry Krebs KD0DDH, to Emergency Coordinator of Stark County. Melissa will continue will take care of our Public Information Officer needs but I'm sure she would love to appoint a desiring club member to this position. Thank you folks from the club for accepting these appointments and positions!

At the time of this reading, we should be well on the way with our 2009 Technician Class. Good luck to each of our new students as you study, prepare, learn, and ultimately test for your license! Welcome to your new and exciting hobby of Ham Radio!

Please take note to send in your annual dues. The time is now. Thank you in advance.

Bill Bosch K0UB, and Mark Tollefson W0ZCM are willing to teach Morse Code. Contact either of them if you are interested in learning and growing in this modality. CW sessions could happen after the Western Dakota ARES NET on Tuesday evenings over the air, and/or meet after the Technician Class on Saturday afternoons.

Finally, a senior member of our club has said to me often, "This club really runs itself." These words are so true and have brought me some nice comfort in my more anxious moments while at the helm. It has been a blessing in many ways to preside over our club. Good health and good hamming to all and future members of TRARC!

73 Bernie Krebs KC0RRJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ February 2: TRARC meeting 7 pm @ LEC.
- ◆ February 28: Bismarck Hamfest
- ◆ 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.

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Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2009

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 Irene, WD0DAW and seconded by Evelyn, KC0HKR. Motion carried.

Laurie, KC0NHW, gave treasurer's report. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Emil, N0DK and seconded by Bill, K0UB. Motion carried.

Old Business

- A. Christmas Party – Attendance was down this year but we still had lots of fun and visiting.
- B. Classes – Discussion on the classes that will be starting. Jim, N0SJ will teach a part. Melissa, KD0AAK will contact the people that were interested at the Community Days at the mall.
- C. Repeaters – Around 5:30 in the evening and all night we have interference, it is not there every night. We could tone our repeater to get rid of the problem. Not everyone has tone access. So that may not solve too much. Whenever you hear the interference go to 146.22 and turn up the squelch. Something has to be keying in order for it to be heard. Once we find it we can work with the problem. 73 is working. The antenna has been put up about 80 feet by Dan Walz and his son. The APRS antenna is not up yet. 64 is working. When they replaced coax there is a t inside the shack that could be checked to be sure that it is tight. Sometimes the cold will loosen fittings.

New Business

- A. Annual Dues – Dues are to be paid by March 1, 2009 to have continuation of membership and the newsletter.
- B. Emergency Coordinator – Jim, N0SJ has resigned as emergency coordinator. Mick, KC0RLF will take the district coordinator and Gerry, KD0DDH will take the local coordinator.
- C. Historian – Margaret, KB7ITR will be the historian for another year.
- D. Election of Officer's – Any nominations for President? Melissa, KD0AAK was nominated for President on a motion by Bill, K0UB and seconded by Irene, WD0DAW. Any other nominations for President? Motion made that nominations cease for President and we cast a unanimous ballot made by Emil, N0DK and seconded by Gerry, KD0DDH. Motion carried. Any nominations for Vice President? Bernie, KC0RRJ was nominated on a motion by Bill, K0UB and seconded by Irene, WD0DAW. Any other nominations for Vice President? Motion made that nominations cease for Vice President and we cast a unanimous ballot made by Laurie, KC0NHW and seconded by Evelyn, KC0HKR. Motion carried. Any nominations for Secretary/Treasurer? Laurie, KC0NHW was nominated on a motion made by Bill, K0UB and seconded by Emil, N0DK. Any other nominations for Secretary/Treasurer? Motion made that nominations cease for Secretary/Treasurer and we cast a unanimous ballot made by Irene, WD0DAW and seconded by Margaret, KB7ITR. Motion carried.

Discussion of maybe doing a general class if we do not get anybody for our technician class.

Hamfest in Bismarck will be February 28th.

If anyone is interested in code practice after the net on Tuesday evenings on 2 meters starting with 5 characters, Mark, WB0OAJ or Clarence, W0RTK would be willing to help. Bill, K0UB would get it started if he can before he goes south.

Winner of the meeting drawing is Emil, N0DK. Congratulations!

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Irene, WD0DAW and seconded by Melissa, KD0AAK. Meeting adjourned.

NORTH DAKOTA SECTION NEWS

The North Dakota QSO Party will be on March 21st and 22nd, 2009 and you will see the listing it in the contest section of QST.

The Central Dakota ARC will hold its 19th Annual Hamfest in Bismarck on Saturday, February 28, 2009 - 7:00AM - 3:00 PM CST at Saint Marys Grade School, 807 East Thayer Avenue, Bismarck, ND

Talk-in 146.34/94, Vendors will be Burghardt Amateur Center, Watertown, SD and Interstate Batteries.

Program Schedule:

7 AM - Registration opens (\$7 at door) and Swap table setup. (tables \$5)

8 AM - Hamfest opens

9 AM - ARRL VE testing

11 AM - Seminars - ND Section ARRL Forum by W0CQ

12 NOON - ND Net control/Manager meeting by K8BBM

2 PM - Home Brew Contest prize Award

3 PM - Hamfest closes

W0CQ will hold an ND ARRL Forum at 11:00 am and talk about his visit to W1AW.

K8BBM- Net Manager will hold a ND Section Net meeting at the Bismarck hamfest, Feb 28th, at noon, room to be announced. All net control stations, net participants, interested parties are welcome. This meeting is for the Goose River net, DATA net, ND cdo wx road information net.

November Net Report from Dave- K8BBM, ARRL Net Manager Goose River - 160 m - 4 sessions, 52 qni, 1 qtc Cdo WX Road info, 3937 khz - 48 sessions, 907 qni, 16 qtc

Data Net, 3937 29 sessions, 665 qni, 10 qtc Thanks to wb0gmd, n0ckb, ke0vf, w0krc, w0osp, kf0hr, w0tf, kr0w, kd0yx, wf0o, k0mad, k0hda, n0rdj and ai0q who acted as net controls.

Our special thanks to Robert, ke0xt, for his service as a net control. Robert is currently off the air.

MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE NORTH DAKOTA SECTION NEWS FOR THE LATEST ND BULLETINS AT ARRL.org

73's Lynn - W0CQ

ARRL North Dakota Section

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

MARGARET'S CORNER

A new year has arrived but unfortunately the weather is a continuation of last year. We are experiencing something this year that has not been so the past few. The snow piles are growing to unaccustomed heights and it just keeps on falling. So do the temperatures. Many records have been broken with 40 below or more around the 14th of the month. The one unusual occurrence is the rain before the falling temps causing sidewalks, parking lots and roadways to become virtual skating rinks.. Most all of the people I talk to say spring can't come too soon. I also feel sorry for all those snowplow operators who have to clean up this snow.

Along with the new year comes a change in the slate of officers for the club. Melissa Sheppard is our new president, Bernie Krebs- Vice President and Laurie Heick- Secretary/Treasurer.

Technician classes are also under way. The organizational meeting was held on Jan. 10th with three prospective students present. One decided that Amateur Radio was not for him and decided not to continue. Some others were contacted but could not attend the first class.

It was nice to see Mike KB0OXY back in the area. He informed us that Bonnie KB0NVU is now a resident of St. Ben's nursing home. At the meeting it was announced that Jim Fahy resigned his position as emergency coordinator. Mick Lewton will be the new District Emergency Coordinator and Gerry Krebs the Local Emergency Coordinator.

Here's hoping everyone is staying warm and safe. Just think it's only six or so weeks before spring and won't we have fun when these mountains of snow begin to thaw!

73, Margaret KB7ITR

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

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____

Membership Type

- Family \$30
- Regular \$25
- Digital User \$10
- Under 16 \$10
- Over 65 \$10
- Newsletter Only \$8

Home Phone Number () _____ - _____

E-mail Address _____

Mail this form to:



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*Note: The information on this form will not be given out. It is only used to maintain a database of information for all club members. If you do not feel comfortable giving out this information, you are **not** required to do so.*

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