



THEODORE ROOSEVELT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have been blessed this past year as a club, and thanks go out to all of you who gave of yourself in so many different ways. Our club is better and stronger for each of your contributions. The Christmas party was truly a fun and joyous event. For all who attended, planned, and participated in any way to make this activity happen, thank you!

We will have our annual election of officers at our next meeting, on January 7. On Saturday, January 5, at 1:00pm, there will be an organizational meeting for the Technician class which is set to begin January 12. Call Melissa Sheppard, KD0AAK, for any further information.

Emil Wiegler N0DK did a fine job on presenting the use and reading of a meter following our last meeting. Thanks again, Emil. Watch for more educational opportunities in the future as Margaret, K7ITR will present on proper flag etiquette, Bill Bosch, K0UB will share some of his wisdom, and Ken Muggli (N7IYZ) will provide education regarding antennas.

Wishing each of you a Blessed Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Bernie Krebs, KC0RRJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 5

Organizational meeting for Technician class 1 pm @ LEC

January 7

TRARC meeting 7pm @ LEC

January 12

Technician class @ 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 W5YL.

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 Darryl Wehner/KC0EWH

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
November 6, 2007

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 Emil, N0DK and seconded by Evelyn, KC0HKR. Motion carried.

Old Business

- A. Repeaters – Bill, K0UB reported that 82 is up and running. Some roof repair and resealing should be done next summer. 64 APRS radio was turned off. Some sunny day Bill may take a drive and turn it on. 73 is still waiting on Kohler Communications for the antenna.
- B. Christmas Party – The Christmas party is November 24th. Discussion on whether we should have less door prizes and spend more money per gift. Decision was made to spend \$50.00 on the ladies prizes and \$50.00 on the men's prizes. Motion to approve made by Irene, WD0DAW and seconded by Evelyn, KC0HKR. Motion approved.

New Business

- A. Cub Scouts – Gerry Krebs who has a son in Cub Scouts contacted Bernie, KC0RRJ wondering if the club would be willing to host an educational session to boy scouts who would be interested in earning a merit badge. The merit badge would involve 6-8 hours of education. Suggestion was made to contact Jim, N0SJ and Darryl, KC0EWH who have been involved with scouts. Bernie, KC0RRJ will work on getting a sub-committee to get started possibly in December. Ken, N7IYZ volunteered to help with the session.
- B. Tech Classes – Classes will start January 5th, 2008. The classes will go from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. The 1st Saturday in March will be testing. Melissa, will get the information out to the public. Bernie, KC0RRJ will schedule dates with the LEC for classes and meetings for 2008. Discussion was made on getting the instructors and finding out how many people would be interested in taking the class. The decision was made to have an organizational meeting on January 5th to see how many people are taking the class and organize the instructors.

Winner of the meeting drawing is David, KD0AAJ Congratulation!

Motion to adjourn made by Irene, WD0DAW and seconded by Larry, KD0BDL. Meeting adjourned.

MARGARET’S CORNER

Happy New Year! I don't know if it's just me but the days of this past year went like a snowball going downhill. Too fast!

The Christmas party turned out great. The weather was cooperative - no ice or snow-storms. We had 72 people register. The auction was quite lively. Irene won the 50 -50 card draw for some nice Christmas shopping money or perhaps for that trip down south in January. It was nice to see Joe and Kim along with their three boys and Michael's girl friend, Rachel. We missed Stan and Betty but they were in our thoughts.

Since this has been a slow time once more I turned to my 1978 Farmers Almanac and found this - try it. Stand with your foot sideways against a wall, and put your right cheek against the wall. Then, try to lift your left foot. You will not have any command of your left foot at all. It is hard to believe, but go ahead and try it for yourself. Good Luck.

Here's hoping the New Year is a good one for all!

73, Margaret KB7ITR

PUBLIC INFORMATION UPDATE

I admit I'm a little uncertain what to say us hams as the newsletter goes out to licensees, and I've been targeting non-licensees (recruiting).

Here's what I sent out in my press release (more or less, since I'm home today as we closed our shop to pick up out of state family in Bismarck, and my computer files for TRARC are on the shop computer:)

"What are you going to do when your cell phone won't work? The Theodore Roosevelt Amateur Radio Club is hosting a technician amateur license course starting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 5 in the law enforcement center, Dickinson. The public is invited to see what amateur radio can do when all other means of communication are overwhelmed or fail. Morse code is no longer required. Amateur radio operators assist in emergency radio operators such as Hurricane Katrina, wildfires, floods and other disasters. They also assist with public events such as parades. For more information or to reserve a spot, call Melissa Sheppard at 483-0169 or 483-0149."

The Dickinson Press took out the grab line, "what are you going to do when your cell phone won't work?" The result sounds real dull without it to me, since I'm trying to reach people who aren't necessarily interested in community service (ARES)!

So I've designed posters for public posting with the appeal to "self-interest": You need to reach your family; your cell phone is out-of range, in a dead spot, etc. Maybe it's an emergency, you're broken down remotely, and maybe it's ordinary. I've included the fact that it really isn't that hard, not rocket science, to get your tech license, which fulfills the self-interest need, even children can get their tech license.

So I am challenged to put forth a piece to licensed hams- they already know this stuff!

I strongly urge all hams to pursue the aspect of 2 meter of ham radio in their conversations with prospective hams. Many people want and rely upon "instant communications" with family and friends. A tech license gives them an outlet when their cell phone and line fails, as well as the "phone patch" into the phone system.

Melissa Sheppard KDØAAK

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Debra	Olive		1/4
Rhonda	Redetzke	KC0ROR	1/6
Rodney	Bakke	K0ALV	1/7
Jim	Fahy	N0SJ	1/10
Gene	Hamilton	W0III	1/11
DeLane	Meier	KB0DRM	1/17
Louis	Tysver	W7IKC	1/21
Mark	Shields	WB0OAJ	1/23
Nick	Vollmuth		1/29
Clarence	Thompson	W0RTK	1/31

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
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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 _____

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