



Theodore Roosevelt Amateur Radio Club

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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

Reflecting back on our club and its events over the past year is truly remarkable. So many of you have stepped up to the plate and gave of yourselves so generously. Many new events were brought to the club for its participation; our traditional events have been enhanced in so many good ways, and our membership is growing. The older members of the club have mentored us younger members so very well. We thank you for your trust in us and may we always respect the hard work and energy you have given TRARC over the years! I am so honored to be able to say that I have served as this club's president. Thanks to all of our members.

Words of gratitude go to each of you who planned and participated in our annual Christmas Party. It was an evening of fun, good food, and relaxation. Also, thanks to Melissa Sheppard KDØAAK, for presiding over the club's participation in the National Skywarn Recognition Day on December 6. We had some nice coverage in our local paper with a press release and photo of some of our hams participating in that event. Melissa also graced us with a presentation following our November meeting of her recent work as a Red Cross Volunteer during the aftermath of Hurricane Ike in the Houston, Texas area. Good job, Melissa!

We will have an organizational meeting on January 3, 2009 at 1:00 pm for the new and upcoming Technician Class. The first class is slated for January 10, 2009. We plan to reserve the classroom at the LEC for a longer time so that following the Technician Class, we may wish to delve more deeply into some topics, or even work on Morse Code if the interest is there.

Plan to attend our January 5 meeting as new officers need to be elected. Please, be a responsible member in our club, your voice is important in defining who we are as a club.

Finally, on behalf of all of the members of TRARC, I wish to thank a few "behind the scenes" persons who play a very integral role in our organization: Rod Bakke K0ALV, for the webpage work; Brother Odo Muggli WA0UQD for the printing and mailing of our newsletter; and Mick Lewton KCØRLF our editor. You folks do fine and wonderful work. To my fellow officers, who aren't so "behind the scenes" I too wish to thank you for your service in this leadership capacity. Also, thanks to each of you for supporting me in this role as president these past two years. I believe that we are all better hams and a better club, and that is the goal year in and year out.

Happy New Year and God Bless You in 2009.
Bernie KCØRRJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ January 5: 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: Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm.

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Meeting Minutes
November 3, 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 Irene, WD0DAW. Motion carried.

Laurie, KC0NHW, gave treasurer's report. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Bill, K0UB and seconded by Evelyn, KC0HKR. Motion carried.

Old Business

- A. Repeaters – Jerry, K0DIK, Emil, N0DK, Curtis, KC0JVJ and Bill K0UB put up new coax at 82. Relashed and moved old hard line. They also fixed up the phone patch and put water in the battery. The generator was serviced. Stable was put in the gas tank, added antifreeze and oil. A new bulb is needed for the gages. Some interference about 6:30 every night, some nights is worse than others. Got rid of the FM signal with the help of Jerry, The problem was a transmitter. 64 still needs to be maintained.
- B. Community Days – Those attending were Bill, K0UB, Irene, WD0DAW, Emil, N0DK, Margaret, KB7ITR, Stan, WD0DAJ, Betty, KB0NVT and Mick, KC0RLF. They had about 7 people that are interested in Amateur radio classes or renewing.
- C. ARES net – The ARES net is on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Mick, KC0RLF is heading it up.
- D. Emergency Management – There were 3-4 counties that were involved with the exercise at Fryburg. Bill, K0UB and Stan, WD0DAJ helped set up the trailer. VHF worked well. Passed a piece of traffic to Bismarck for Gary, Emergency Manager. Bill and Stan tried to bring up the phone patch which locked it up. It was on superlink at the time. They think if they would have brought down the superlink and tried it, it may have worked. They also did some HF work for the fun of it and found out the jumper cable from the tuner to the radio wasn't working. The pl259 center connector Emil, N0DK made 3 patch cords to use the next time. Bill, K0UB will contact Burghardt and mention it.

New Business

- A. Christmas Party – Work party Wednesday November 19th at 2:00 pm at Irene's, WD0DAW. Motion was made by Bill, K0UB to spend a maximum amount of \$100.00 to buy men and women's door prizes. Seconded by Emil, N0DK. Motion carried. Meals this year are \$11.50 per adult and \$5.75 for children 12 and under. Discussion was made on doing a 50/50 drawing. Decision was made to use an old punch board donated by Dave, KD0AAL it has (100) unique women's names
- B. Classes – When do we want to have them? Some would like to see more hands on. Need to get the classroom reserved. Bernie, KC0RRJ will take care of that. We will be starting January 10th for 8 weeks. 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm regular class. We will reserve the classroom until 5:00 pm so if people are interested in staying later they may do so. Discussion about starting modest and build from there. Give each presenter a challenge to try to do hands on with their presentation. Melissa will get the public relations information out. She will also talk to the instructors and see what they would like to teach this year whether they want the same topic or change.

Winner of the meeting drawing is Evelyn Bjorness. Congratulations!

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Irene, WD0DAW and seconded by Mick KC0RLF. Meeting adjourned.

MARGARET'S CORNER

November proved to be quite interesting. We had an enjoyable trip to Totten Trails for the annual Hamfest on the 2nd. Weather was good and those Totten Trail burgers were delicious as always. It was nice to visit with everyone in attendance.

Weather dominated the conversation a lot in November. On the fifth we had rain turning to snow with blizzard conditions on the sixth and seventh. The next week we had rain showers on three consecutive days followed by one day of snow. A couple of days with snow showers the following week too. It seems that every time the meteorologist predicted snow we got it and continue to be on the receiving end of snow even in December. Where was he during the year when rain was predicted but didn't show up?

We had a fun work day at Irene's house on the 19th getting ready for the Christmas Party. We had a small crowd at the Christmas Party this year and we sure missed those who couldn't make it.

December 9th was Skywarn Recognition Day. Melissa, Bill, Emil and Chuck Olson were on hand for the public demonstration at McDonalds from 1 to 3 p.m.. They even earned a picture in the Dickinson Press for their efforts.

December weather seems to be following the same pattern as November with one difference - below zero temperatures which are causing numerous problems for everyone. It will be an interesting winter season if the same pattern continues. One consolation - the days will be getting longer again. Enjoy the sun when you can. It's bound to get better eventually.

May the New Year bring better news. I'm certain we'll need many prayers to accomplish that. Hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas and best wishes for a Happy New Year!

73, Margaret KB7ITR

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bernie	Krebs	KCORRJ	12/10
Kornard	Burkle	KB0ELT	12/11
Joe	Callahan	N0QAU	12/22

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 2 METER REPEATERS & SUPERLINK CODES

<u>Location</u>	<u>On</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Dickinson	342	1342	146.820-
Killdeer	545	1545	146.640-
Sentinel Butte	736	1736	146.730-

HOW TO USE THE AUTOPATCH

Joe, N0QAU

(Reprinted from Aug. 2006 newsletter)

1. Key and hold mic in. While keying, press * and your seven digit phone number.
2. You will hear a series of matching tones, followed by the ringing of the number you dialed.
3. Key the mic to talk to the other party.
4. When finished, key the mic and press the # key.
5. You will hear "call complete".

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:



TRARC
PO Box 1854
Dickinson, ND 58602-1854

*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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