



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 Wieglanda/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

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NOTES

- ◆ June 1: TRARC meeting, 7 pm @ LEC
- ◆ June 4-5: Fireman's Convention (need volunteer drivers, dispatchers– contact Bill K0UB)
- ◆ 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: Beginning June 2 will move to **8:30 pm** every Tuesday.
- ◆ No TRARC monthly meeting or newsletter in July.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring does seem to be here! We are enjoying many beautiful days with sun and blue skies interspersed with cool days and cold nights and occasional frost. When I go into the grasslands I see and hear the Meadowlarks!

In recent news, the Stark County SKYWARN briefing was held May 13th, hosted by Gary Kostecky, Stark County Emergency Manager, and our club. The ever popular and informative John Paul Martin of the Bismarck NWS presented the update. I apologize that word of the meeting was not more publicized. The opportunity came up very quickly thus notification was via the major media as we do not have in our club so far as I know a telephone tree or emails for rapid notifications. Fortunately, these types of last minute notifications will be rare! Gerry Krebs, our ARRL Emergency Coordinator, will want to hear from any of you who missed the SKYWARN briefing who wish to be registered as SKY-WARN volunteers. Please let him know so he add you to the list.

Gary Kostecky is retiring May 21st! The club presented him at the SKYWARN meeting an **ARRL Certificate of Merit** for his many years of wonderful and outstanding support of the club. He will be sorely missed! I hope he catches **lots** of fish with Paul Quinn! Brent Pringle will be handling the Stark County Emergency Management system and we look forward to a very good relationship with Brent.

NOTICE: There will be a meeting for all TRARC VE's following the June 1st meeting. This meeting will help all VE's to develop a consensus on VE protocols and policy. Please plan to attend if you are a VE.

The President's Thoughts

Ah, the FUN season is upon us! We have upcoming: Father's Day Picnic @ Glendive Airport June 21st, Field Day June 27th-28th, the Roughrider Parade July 4th, the Peace Garden Hamfest July 11th-12th, Glacier Hamfest July 17th-18th, the Taylor Horsefest July 24th-26th. Then we have in August the Red River Hamfest August 1st, and our annual picnic, August 8th-9th! So: mark your calendars and get ready for a summer of fun and friendship!

Hoping to see many of you June 1st next,
73 for now, Melissa Sheppard KD0AAK, President

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Meeting Minutes

May 4, 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 Curtis, KC0JVJ. Motion carried.

Laurie, KC0NHW, gave treasurer's report. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by ODO, WA0UQD and seconded by Curtis, KC0JVJ. Motion carried.

Old Business

- A. QSO party – During the QSO party March 21st and March 22nd 138 contacts were made. They contacted 32 states and 2 provinces.
- B. Skywarn – Gary Kostelecky has informed us that we could have a skywarn presentation on Wednesday, May 13th at 6:00 PM. Discussion and decision was made to reserve that date. Lynn Nelson would like an ares list. A new skywarn contact list will be gathered on May 13th.

New Business

- A. Fire Department Convention – Larry Callahan from the Dickinson Fire Department has asked the club to be drivers for the Convention which will be held June 4th – June 5th, 2009. Sax motors has donated vans and suburban's to use. May also need to deliver the ladies to a luncheon on Friday, June 5th in Richardton. The evening driving times will be from 5:00 PM until 1:00 AM. Bill, K0UB made a motion that we would offer to drive and Stan, WD0DAJ seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Retirement – Gary Kostelecky is retiring as Stark County Emergency Coordinator. Discussion was held about getting him a retirement/appreciation gift. Decision was decided on an Elks gift certificate. Motion made to approve by Laurie, KC0NHW and seconded by Melissa, KD0AAK. Motion approved.
- C. Breakfast – On June 6th and August 15th Ken Muggli, K0HL will be arranging to have breakfast in Glen Ulin and then drive out to Medora to have some radio hands on making some contacts.
- D. Field Day – At the present time the Dickinson Trap Club has no president. Melissa, KD0AAK contacted Al Lundgren. The Trap club is reserved for June 27th and 28th, 2009. And also for the picnic in August 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2009. Melissa will make sure of the dates.
- E. Maintenance – Emergency trailer has water on the floor when it is moved. It has been decided that it must have a leak in the water tank. The plan is to take it off and see if they can find the leak. If not repairable contact Willie Kuntz to order a new one. The generator is not circulating. Bernie, KC0RRJ will contact Jerry Wolberg, K0DIK and see if he can look at it. The tower trailer needs a new hitch and lights. Previous discussions about converting the clearance lights on the cargo trailer to turn signal and tail lights.
- F. Repeater – The FM station is interfering on 82 especially when you dial 76 and 73. Bill, K0UB will get a hold Jerry Wolberg, K0DIK. Discussion on putting on a magmount and a spectrum analyzer to zero in on what is interfering.
- G. Work Party – Need to have a work party on 64 and 82. APRS is not functioning in Killdeer and Sentinel Butte.

Winner of the meeting drawing is Odo, WA0UQD and Larry, KD0BDI. 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 April 2009. Spring has finally sprung and I can now see the base of my towers after the long winter.

A closer look at the antennas reveals the harsh nature of North Dakota winters on my coaxial feed lines and the dipole tie down ropes.

I am returning from a trip to Dayton, Ohio which is home to "The National Ham Radio Convention" spot. I had a nice eyeball with NT0V, Dennis from Devils Lake while in Dayton. Dennis has family in the area and that gives him an excuse to attend the hamfest. I had a great time with Reverend Rolf Nestingen whom I have attended the Dayton hamfest with for the last 10 years.

You may have known him in Minot as KG0KM (K Mart).

The ND QSO Party was a great success with many entries submitted. We are in the process of validating the entry logs and announcing the winners. Please go to www.k0ln.com to see the results about June 1st. Also, we are planning for the ND QSO Party 2010 and early feedback indicates at minimum of a 12 hour contest. For those that operated, thanks and for those that missed out, give it a try in April of 2010.

*** UPCOMING EVENTS *** Field Day 2009 is scheduled for June 27th & 28th and again there is a contest to see which club in North Dakota can make the most contacts. We will use the total score that is submitted to ARRL to award the winning club for the coveted "Top Gun of 2009". This is the 3rd year we have done this with SVARC from Minot winning the first year and RRRRA from Fargo winning for second year. It could be your year, so get prepared!

The Peace Garden Hamfest is on July 11th & 12th in the beautiful Peace Gardens of North Dakota. The Red River Radio Association Hamfest is rescheduled for August 1st, 2009. Go to www.rrra.org for more information. The Grand Forks Hamfest is October 3rd, 2009. If you have any other events you want posted, send me an email.

April Net Report from Dave-K8BBM, ARRL ND Net Manager: Goose River Net on 160 Meters- 4 Sessions, 42 Check-ins & 1 Message passed, ND CDO/WX Road Info- 35 Sessions, 819 Check-ins & 10 messages passed, Data-Net- 30 Sessions, 885 Check-ins & 17 Messages passed. Thanks to our loyal Net Control Operators of AI0Q, K0HDA, KF0HR, N0CKB, KE0VF, K0MAD, KR0W, KA0ETO, W0KRC, N0RDJ, KD0YX, W0FC, W0OSP, and W0TF.

MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE NORTH DAKOTA SECTION NEWS FOR THE LATEST NORTH DAKOTA BULLETINS AT www.arrl.org 73's Lynn - W0CQ

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MARGARET'S CORNER

The Annual Skywarn meeting which had been cancelled in April was held on May 13 - a cool, blustery day. John Paul had an excellent and informative presentation. There were around thirty or so in attendance and a few questions were asked. Before the meeting, Melissa presented Gary Kostecky a certificate in appreciation for all his help and the good working relationship with the club. Gary is retiring as emergency manager this month.

We also had a pleasant surprise one morning at Arby's when Larry and Sandy Fisher stopped by. Another welcome event was seeing Joe N0QAU at Arby's on the 15th. What an honor it was for him to present his son Ryan with his college diploma at Havre.

I got an email the other day which I thought was quite interesting. It gives us something else to think about with all our new technologies. It seems that this couple had their car broken into while they were at a football match. Their car was parked on the green which was adjacent to the football stadium and specially allotted to football fans. Things stolen from the car included a garage door remote control, some money and a GPS which had been prominently mounted on the dashboard. When the victims got home, they found that their house had been ransacked and just about everything worth anything had been stolen. The thieves had used the GPS to guide them to the house. Then they used the garage remote control to open the garage door and gain entry to the house. The thieves knew the owners were at the football game, they knew what time the game was scheduled to finish and so they knew how much time they had to clean up the house. It would appear that they brought a truck to empty the house of its contents.

Have a good summer! 73, Margaret KB7ITR

JUNE-JULY BIRTHDAYS

Laurie	Heick	KCONHW	6/7
Rod	Redetzke	KCORRR	6/10
John	Iglehart	N0MGL	6/12
Harrison	Church	W0KXP	6/16
Darrel	Heick	KC0APN	6/18
Debbie	Vollmuth	KA0SXS	6/20
Kady	Hansey	KD0KDY	6/20
Connie	Allar	KF0ON	6/23
Larry	Fischer	KB0ZHN	6/29
Joe	Michels	KB0VSC	7/12
Ed	Schaper	KA0SXP	7/12
Stanley	Kittelson	WD0DAJ	7/15
Bill	Bosch	K0UB	7/16
Floyd	Huschka	KCOMRT	7/27

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