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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 W5YI. 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

At the time of this writing, the ham students are preparing for their exam. I wish them the best of luck, congratulate them, and welcome them in advance to the fun and exciting world of amateur radio! I hope that you find this to be a most rewarding hobby, and I encourage you to become an active member in TRARC.

Much effort was given by Melissa Sheppard/KD0AAK, in the organization and facilitation of the classes. Emil Wiegler/NØDK is making final preparations for the testing environment. On behalf of the students, "Thank You!" To the VE's for assisting, and to all of our instructors who so graciously shared their time and expertise, we are also grateful.

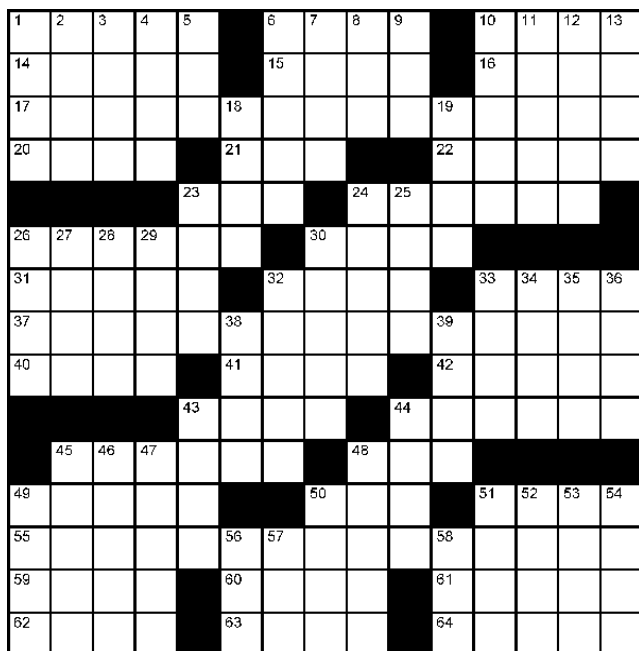
Remember that everyone is welcome to join fellow hams for morning coffee at Arby's 10:00 am, Monday thru Friday (Wednesday now at Twisted Bakery) ; Friday at 5:30 pm pizza at Happy Joes; Saturday morning breakfast at the Dairy Barn 9:00 am.

Ken Muggli/N7IYZ will present "A Dipole Antenna" after we adjourn our March 3rd meeting. (We had technical problems last time!) Thanks for your patience, it will be worth it!

73, Bernie/KCØRRJ

Aerial View

By Chris Codella, W2PA February 8, 2008
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Across

1. 10 kilogauss
6. UA parliament
10. Kludge
14. Kind of socket or tube
15. Ancient OA-lander
16. Competent
17. Improbable dream VHF/UHF antenna
20. Achy, as after an antenna project
21. Transceiver knob label
22. Part connections
23. Ckt.between IF and AF
24. Suffix with bio- or proto-
26. Loud speaker
30. Eye part
31. US hams do it every 10 years, usually
32. "That's great, friend", on CW
33. Be next to
37. What rural hams fancy themselves?
40. Feedline badness
41. Baseball stats
42. Symbol in coax specs
43. Go out of your cell area
44. Unidirectional dipole
45. Where all good signals go, eventually?
48. Late summer contest
49. Tribander parts
50. Kind of FET
51. They have replaced tuning dials in modern rigs, often.
55. Improbable dream HF

antenna

59. K. on phone
 60. Elser-Mathes Cup target
 61. Look of disdain
 62. One meaning of V
 63. Switch type
 64. They deliver power
- Down**
1. Narrowest tower sections, often
 2. EME signal
 3. Sirius, for one
 4. Emit coherent light
 5. Draft pick
 6. One's self, on CW
 7. Ampere, for one
 8. Lots and lots of Hz in the old days
 9. Word to a doctor
 10. Bugs, Roger, Peter, et. al.
 11. Garfield's middle name
 12. Copper often does it
 13. Enables, as a transmitter
 18. Kind of hunter, in radio
 19. Word of regret
 23. "See you ____ the log"
 24. Univ. teachers
 25. Kilo follower
 26. Not written
 27. W7-land city
 28. What this puzzle is about, for short
 29. Connectors named for their shape
 30. Italian yagi?
 32. One C per V
 33. BBs, e.g.
 34. E, to a non-ham?

35. Encourage

36. Bygone UA leader
38. It glows amber
39. Part
43. Sometimes causes antenna failure
44. Window part, where the feedline might come in
45. Group of trees
46. 5 wpm, 70 mph, etc.
47. Eyeball benders
48. Least good
49. Gait faster than a walk
50. QSLs often go via them (abbr.)
51. Lead-ins to P
52. Future ham, sometimes
53. Became SK
54. Switching semiconductors
56. RX spec.
57. Break, during a long contest, say
58. Sig. src.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ March 3- TRARC meeting 7 pm@ LEC.
- ◆ April 7- Skywarn training 7 pm@ National Guard Armory.

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Meeting Minutes

February 4, 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 Ken, N7IYZ. Motion carried.

Laurie, KC0NHW, gave treasurer's report. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Dave, KD0AAJ and seconded by Evelyn, KC0HKR. Motion carried.

Old Business

- A. Repeaters –Emil, N0DK reported that 82 still has some interference still coming in around 2-3 am. Drops out in about 10-15 minutes.
- B. Classes – Melissa, KD0AAK reported that classes have been going well. Instructors have been doing an outstanding job. Jim, N0SJ is coming back to help on the 16th to finish his third segment. This next week will be Melissa.
- C.

New Business

- A. Special Event – Ken, N7IYZ brought up the idea of having a special event even if it is only 4 hours. He and some other members had discussed this. It would give some of the operator's experience. We could run on 20 or 40 meters. One of the spots mentioned could be around Medora. It has been 60 years for the Theodore Roosevelt National Park. It would take 30 – 60 days to get it arranged. Applications would have to be made and certificates made to send out. It would have to be advertised on the ARRL. It was mentioned that maybe the Medora Foundation would help out with some of the funding. Melissa, KD0AAK made a motion that research/fact finding be done to develop a time line. Seconded by Ken, N7IYZ. Motion carried. Emil, N0DK will talk to Ken, Section Manager at the Bismarck Ham Fest. Develop a subcommittee. Ken, N7IYZ, Melissa, KD0AAK, Dave, KD0AAJ and Bernie, KC0RRJ will assist.
- B. CW – Clarence, W0RTK has invited any of the new hams to come and visit his station. About 5 students have expressed an interest in learning CW. Clarence would be interest in teaching class.
- C. New Members – Ken, N7IYZ has 3 people interested in becoming club members. He also informed us that Glen Ulin now has a repeater. He will bring the statistics to the next meeting.
- D. Stark County Fair Association – Invites us to a meeting February 12th 1:30 pm at the Richardton Legion Hall or 6:30 at the Dickinson City Hall. The meetings are designed to ask for ideas and documentation for the Stark County Fair Association to review and begin phase planning. This past August the Stark County Park Board deeded 56.38 acres on the west edge of Dickinson to the Stark County Fair Association for the development of a multi-use area that will serve the citizens of Stark and surrounding counties.
- E. Handbook – Margaret, KB7ITR made a suggestion that we start making a handbook with guidelines for positions such as field day coordinator, Roughrider day's parade, and also phone numbers for contacts that are used. That way the person who volunteers for the position will have something to give them an idea of what is involved.

Winner of the meeting drawing is Melissa, KDAAK Congratulations!

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mick, KC0RLF and seconded by Ken, K7IYZ.

Meeting adjourned.

MARGARET'S CORNER

February was a yo-yo month weather-wise. Luckily the incidence of below zero weather was short with tolerable temps in between.

Classes were concluded on February 16th and a testing session will be held on evening of the 21st. Results will follow in the next newsletter.

The Bismarck Hamfest is Feb. 23rd and it sounds like the weather will be cooperative. The laugh here is that the western half of the state is in the banana belt and the eastern half in the deep freeze. For an example, one day we had 41 degrees above while Grand Forks had below zero for the high.

You can tell this is a slow month again because I have a dilemma I want to present to you. I don't know how many of you have scanners and listen to them. I often hear someone say "ten ate (eight)" and wonder - did the rest go hungry? Then there's "ten for (four)". So if ten are for, are the rest against? Last of all there's the usual "ten ate" followed by "ten for". Question - ten ate ten what, for whatever. Really, these ten codes a good source of humor at times.

I hope all are wintering well because, yup, spring is just around the corner no matter what the ground hog said. The days are getting longer and the sun warmer so the winter blues should be on their way out.

73, Margaret KB7ITR

P.S. It is with sadness that we learned that Charlie W0BHF became a silent key on the morning of February 17th. Our condolences go to his family.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Evelyn	Wehner	KC0HKR	3/7
Linda	Pavlicek	KC0ADJ	3/10
Sharon	Geglemann	N0LVW	3/11
Tyler	Hansey	KD0TJH	3/11
Odo	Muggli	WA0UQD	3/19
Sara	Fahy	KC0CIB	3/21
Mike	Walton	KC0ADK	3/27
Brandon	Wehner	KC0EAK	3/27
Naomi	Wehner	KC00MI	3/27
Lawrence	Huschka	N0JTR	3/29
Dean	Summers	N0ND	3/29
Mike	Callahan	KB0YBH	3/30

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CQ, CQ, calling all TRARC Hams!

Our club is sponsoring a Special Event Session this Spring! We need SSB, CW operators, and some helping hands. The TRARC/Stark County Emcomm trailer and the portable generator will be used. There will be no overnight camping.

This year's Tech Class students are enthusiastic and need to get on the air, too! We expect to have about 8 new hams this spring that have all been very consistent in attendance and avid note takers. They are studying hard! We need General, Advanced, and Extra Class operators to mentor them.

This event is timed to coincide near the 61st anniversary of the North Unit of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The event will occur at the TRNP Painted Canyon Overlook, Exit 32 off I-94, which is 7 miles east of Medora, from 12 noon until 6 pm MDT on May 31, 2008. This is a very publicly visible location and will also introduce park visitors to ham radio.

We are inviting all TRARC operators to come out and participate and help! We are especially looking for CW operators to demonstrate this mode.

Please contact Ken Muggli, N7IYZ, dacklock@beu.midco.net, 701-348-9133 or Melissa Sheppard, KD0AAK, dmshep47@hotmail.com, 701-483-0169 or Bernie Krebs, bjkrebbs@ndsupernet.com.

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
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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 _____

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