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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 W5YI VEC. 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

Greetings to all my fellow hams!

It seems to be an endless winter this year and hard to keep up with the shovel! Of course, this winter is why Dave I moved to North Dakota! Finally we get to experience a modest amount of snow! Some say we need to have our heads examined but that's OK. The clean white is so beautiful to us as is the cold air and four seasons. It beats the long brown seasons in California (only spring is green). But perhaps people like you are the best reason!

I am humbled that you have asked me to be President. Quite frankly, it was not a job I sought. I'm not sure I have all the attributes to solve problems and lead without sometimes causing offense. I am very committed to the welfare of the club and its members, all of you. For this reason, I have accepted your request for me to serve the club and membership. I will endeavor to honor and respect old ways and traditions as well as to encourage improvements in the club that will help us grow and to serve our community. I hope to promote the interests of various elements of the membership.

Please feel free to contact me and tell me what you want and of any concerns.

I want to bring to everyone's attention that we in North Dakota will be having our first QSO party in a long time! It runs 1700Z March 21 until 0100Z March 22nd. I hope the call KOND will participate as well as any of you with your own stations. The details should be elsewhere in this newsletter.

Lastly, it's going to be hard to fill Bernie's shoes. Thank you so very much, Bernie!

Sincerely, Melissa Sheppard, KD0AAK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ March 2: 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

February 2, 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 Dave, N0CI. Motion carried.

Laurie, KC0NHW, gave treasurer's report. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Bernie, KC0RRJ and seconded by Evelyn, KC0HKR. Motion carried.

Old Business

- A. Dues – Membership dues should be paid by March 31st or there will be discontinuation of the newsletter.
- B. Classes – Have 2 students taking the class. The shack was opened for the students to learn on 2 meters. Emil, N0DK brought cable wire and connectors. Testing will be tentatively set for March 14th. Emil, will be the VE and lead the test team. Melissa, KD0AAK will get it announced publicly.

New Business

- A. QSO – Melissa, KD0AAK has some information that she will put in the newsletter.
- B. Ares list – Gerry, KD0DDH is starting a new ares list with current information. The net is on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM.
- C. Club computer – Discussion was made on purchasing a new laptop that is updated. Motion to purchase a laptop with \$500.00 maximum spending limit made by Bernie, KC0RRJ and seconded by Randy, N7EEE. Gerry, KD0DDH and Bernie, KC0RRJ will check them out and we will discuss it at the next meeting.
- D. Plans and Guidelines – Gerry, KD0DDH has put together a binder (listed as protocol and log sheets) that will be kept in the shack. It contains sky warn information, sky warn log sheets, ares resource manual, ares log sheets, ares message forms and TRARC call signs. To be in the RACES you need to contact Gary Kostecky.

Winner of the meeting drawing is Larry, KD0BDI. Congratulations!

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Laurie, KC0NHW and seconded by Randy, N7EEE Meeting adjourned.

NORTH DAKOTA SECTION NEWS

It's a new year with Amateur Radio and I look forward to the North Dakota Hamfests, Field Day and summer picnics.

The Central Dakota ARC will hold its 19th Annual Hamfest in Bismarck on Saturday, February 28, 2009 - 7:00AM - 3:00 PM CST at St. Mary's 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 with \$7 at door and Swap tables for \$5.

At 8 AM the Hamfest open, 9 AM there will be ARRL VE testing, at 11 AM the ND Section ARRL Forum will be held with a presentation from my trip to the ARRL Headquarters. At 12 NOON there will be a ND Net Control meeting by K8BBM- Net Manager with all net control stations and interested parties. Also, this is for the Goose River Net, DATA Net, ND CDO/WX Road information net participants. At 2 PM will be a Home Brew Contest with final drawings at 3 PM.

The North Dakota QSO Party will be on March 21st and 22nd, 2009 and you will see the information by going to the website of www.k0ln.com.

SKYWARN training is set for Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 7PM in the Sertoma Club Community Shelter...Bismarck (Adjacent to the SuperSlide amusement park near Dakota Zoo). See John Paul Martin, Warning Coordination Meteorologist at NOAA-NWS Bismarck ND (701-250-4495)

Net Report from Dave- K8BBM, ARRL Net Manager: Goose River Net- 4-45-1, Data

Net- 31-706-9, ND CDO/WX Road Info- 54-1072-13. Thanks to AI0Q, N0CKB, KR0W, N0RDJ, K0HDA, K0TLW, W0TF, W0OSP, W0KRC, KD0YX, W000, K0MAD, and KA0ETO for net control duties. We continue to hold the DATA Net at 5 PM, CST, as band conditions go very long by 6:30 PM. We will talk this over at Bismarck Hamfest. We still could use a couple of substitutes for the ND CDO/WX Road Info Net, M-Sat, 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM.

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

February is a quiet month and there really isn't much going on. Classes are progressing well with two students who are quite eager to learn.

Weather is always a big news item these days. The pattern which began in November continues with snow accumulating to ever increasing heights. We had a nice break toward the end of January with a warm sun that decreased or should I say compressed the snow piles a bit. This was the calm before the next storm because once more it rained and finally turned to snow leaving the streets a washboard, the mountains of snow even higher and the ditches fuller. My admiration for the crews that have to clean up this year has grown immensely. They have worked long hours with little sleep to clear the streets and highways. The big question is "where do you put all of this snow"? And it just keeps on falling as if the atmosphere saved up all the rain that should have fallen last spring and deposited it as snow this winter.

Granted, we've been spoiled by the nice open winters of the last few years so this is a good remembrance of the good old days when we trudged through waist high snow and thought nothing of it. The country should be nice and green come spring. We may even get water back into stock ponds, rivers and lakes. Spring is only three weeks away. For me, it can't come too soon.

Hope everyone is staying warm and safe! Take care.

73, Margaret KB7ITR

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

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
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5 _____	_____	N T T+ G A E	Mo() Day()	Y N	Y N

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Membership Type

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

Home Phone Number () _____ - _____

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