



# 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 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*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ May 4: 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.

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Spring Greetings** to all members of the Theodore Roosevelt Amateur Radio Club! I missed the mark for the April 09 Newsletter. However seasoned North Dakotans are telling me to expect 10-30 inches more of snow. I don't know if my leg is being pulled, but that's OK!

The ND QSO party was a blast! Eight club members or friends participated: Rod Redetzke, KC0RRR of Bowman, Tyler Hansey, KD0TJH, also of Bowman, Ken Muggli, K0HL of Glen Ullin, and from Dickinson, Dave Sheppard, N0CI, Melissa Sheppard, KD0AAK, Chuck Olsen, KD0DDJ, Gerry Krebs, KD0DDH, and Bernie Krebs, KC0RRJ. The group completed contacts across 32 states and 2 provinces thereby helping 138 hams work toward their awards as well as enjoying the camaraderie of ham radio as they working the club station!

During this month, Emil Wiegler, N0DK, and his VE team tested Mike Schaper, KB0OXY, who qualified for his General ticket. Congratulations Mike and thank you Emil! Jason Mahto is now KD0HCR and Bob Allan KD0HCQ. Welcome our new and upgraded hams on the air!

### The President's Thoughts for this month:

This month I want to discuss SKYWARN and ARES and our club. Our SKYWARN meeting was cancelled by the NWS as were many others, due to the current severe weather related problems in North Dakota. SKYWARN of course will remain our most common ARES function here in SW ND. Not everyone wants to participate in ARES and this is fine...our club is for all hams whatever their interest(s)!

Sometimes ARES is called upon in more widespread emergencies. During this current ND flooding emergency, North Dakota hams have been responding and helping in many flooded areas, especially to the east along the Red River. Over 30 hams responded to W0CQ's call-out for volunteers. Communications were primarily on VHF and UHF. Ham responders were asked to check into the EOC that tracked and deployed hams. This helped the emergency managers know who was available and how to best deploy their volunteer hams. It was not an unorganized deploy yourself thing.

Unrelated to this call-out, Mick Lewton KC0RLF and I had met with Larry Holm, KI0W, our Section Emergency Manager earlier in the month. He briefed us on the current ND Section work to re-juvenate and organize ND ARES. The Section would like to know who across the state is participating in ARES and has asked all who do ARES volunteer work to register with their club. *Note: No listing of actual radio equipment owned or privacy information will be sent to*

*the Section staff.*

However, the Section needs to know who wishes to help (when they can) and what their capabilities are. This will help the ND ARRL Emergency Manager advise the State and County EOCs about what resources we hams can provide as they link all their resources together (government, private companies, and volunteers organizations) in their plans and in their Incident Command operations. The State Emergency manager is re-writing the State Emergency Plan to include hams *for the first time!*

Thus we are being asked to understand the modern day emergency management system implemented since 9/11 under the Incident Command System (ICS) and how we fit into the structure, including the state Emergency Communications Plan, and, to organize and train a little. ARRL HQ has just announced they too are updating their EmCom courses toward this end. I know all volunteer organizations are undergoing this same type of training and understanding development as I am affiliated with others.

I hope some of you will consider registering with our club's ARES organization. It does not commit you to respond to any specific emergency. As with any volunteer activity, *you respond if you wish and when you can*. You choose *when and where*. Many of you help with SKYWARN. A smaller handful can respond further afield. Some clubs have agreements that grant them WSI coverage with served agencies. The Century Code 54-06-27 and 54-06-28 covers emergency leave for radio volunteers with certain employers. These measures help allay some concerns in the modern day for volunteer responders.

Hoping to see many of you May 4<sup>th</sup> next,  
73 for now, Melissa Sheppard KD0AAK, President.

54-06-27. Emergency service volunteers - Leave. Upon issuance of an order or proclamation declaring a state of disaster or emergency pursuant to chapter 37-17.1, or a declaration of at least a level II disaster by the American red cross in this or any other state, the executive officer in charge of a state agency or the governing body of any political subdivision may grant a leave of absence to any full-time employee of that governmental entity who is an emergency medical service provider, a member of the civil air patrol, a firefighter, police officer, or **emergency radio operator**, or who performs other services necessary in an emergency. The leave of absence must be for the purpose of allowing that employee to provide voluntary emergency services. A person on leave under this section is not deemed to be an employee of the governmental entity for the purposes of workforce safety and insurance. The cumulative leave granted under this section may not exceed five working days during any calendar year. The leave may not result in a loss of compensation, seniority, annual leave, sick leave, or accrued overtime for which the employee is otherwise eligible.

54-06-28. Emergency service volunteers - Temporary leave for firefighters, **emergency radio operators**, medical service providers, and civil air patrol. The executive officer in charge of a state agency or the governing body of any political subdivision may grant temporary short-term leave with compensation to any full-time employee of that governmental entity for the purpose of allowing the employee to respond to an emergency call if the employee is a volunteer emergency medical service provider, firefighter, **emergency radio operator**, or a member of the civil air patrol.

**NOTE**

*There were no meeting minutes for last month due to the scheduled Sky Warn training. The training was later cancelled due to flooding concerns the National Weather Service had to deal with.*

*Mick KCORLF*

**NORTH DAKOTA SECTION NEWS**

Welcome to the North Dakota ARRL Section News. Spring is here and many parts of North Dakota are fighting floods. A big thank you to all hams that have helped out in different parts of the state to save family homes and businesses. The RRRA Radio Club in Fargo should be commended for the outstanding Amateur Radio support under the direction of club president, Mark Johnson, along with his fellow club members. The Fargo Forum printed headline news describing the outstanding support of the local amateur radio operators. Great Job RRRA!!!

Scott Rausch, WA0VKC, of Piedmont, has been appointed Section Manager of the ARRL South Dakota Section starting April 7. He will serve the balance of the term of Rich Beebe, N0PV; Beebe passed away on March 16. According to the Rules and Regulations of the Field Organization, when a vacancy in the office of Section Manager occurs between elections, the position is filled by appointment. Membership and Volunteer Programs Manager Dave Patton, NN1N, in consultation with Dakota Division Director Jay Bellows, KOQB, made the appointment effective Tuesday, April 7. Rausch has served as a South Dakota Assistant Section Manager since 2003; he is also an Emergency Coordinator and an Official Emergency Station within the Field Organization. His term of appointment as Section Manager continues through March 31, 2010.

\*\*\* TRAINING \*\*\* Skywarn Training for much of the state was cancelled due to the flood emergencies. Keep watching for more updates on the new schedule for Skywarn training. SKYWARN Training for Burleigh County is still on for April 28, 09.

\*\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS \*\*\* The Red River Radio Association Hamfest was cancelled for the weekend of April 18th and reschedule for August 1st, 2009. Go to [www.rrra.org](http://www.rrra.org) for more information. May 15th-19th, 09 is the Dayton Hamvention, Field Day 2009 is June 27th & 28th, Peace Garden Hamfest is July 11th & 12th, 09 and the Grand Forks Hamfest is October 3rd, 09. If you have any other events you want posted, send me an email.

March Net Report from Dave-K8BBM, ARRL ND Net Manager: Goose River Net on 160

Meters- 5 Sessions, 55 Check-ins & 2 Message passed, ND CDO/WX Road Info- 52 Sessions, 967 Check-ins & 13 messages passed, DataNet- 31 Sessions, 827 Check-ins & 10 Messages passed. The noontime session of the CDO/WX net will cease April 13th. CDO net meets Monday-Saturday on 3937 khz at 8:30 AM CDT and the DataNet meets daily on 3937 khz at 6:30 pm CDT. Thanks to the crew of volunteers who have called net.

MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE NORTH DAKOTA SECTION NEWS FOR THE LATEST NORTH DAKOTA BULLETINS AT [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) 73's Lynn - W0CQ

**MARGARET'S CORNER**

Once more the weather has dominated the news. After several days of nice weather in March our mountains of snow all but disappeared and flooded rivers and creeks laden with heavy ice jams were a big concern. All that was not to last too long because at the end of March, within one week, we had two blizzards which left us with even higher mountains of snow. Unfortunately the snow melt was a little quicker this time causing more flooding and washed out roads across the state. Because of the weather and flooding the Skywarn training sessions until April 26th were cancelled. On Easter Sunday we were pleasantly surprised that most of the snow was gone and we were able to be outdoors without a jacket.

Congratulations to Dennis Hintz on upgrading to General at the Bismarck Hamfest in February and also to Mike Schaper becoming a General in March. It's also good to hear our students, Bob KD0HCQ and Jason KD0HCR, on the air.

It sounds like the QSO Party on March 21 was a lot of fun and a number of contacts made.

Welcome back to all of our friends who spent the last few months in warmer conditions. It's good to have you back.

While waiting for my hair appointment on the day after the last blizzard I came across this statement by Anne Bradstreet which really caught my eye. "If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome." After the long winter this year it seemed quite appropriate.

The calendar says spring is here. Come what may, let us enjoy it.

73, Margaret KB7ITR

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**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Arlon	Nelson	W0TUP	5 / 11
Carl	Strum	AB0KS	5 / 15
Connie	Williams	KB0RXG	5 / 26
Sandy	Fischer		5 / 28
April	Redetzke	KC0KBN	5 / 30

**TRARC Membership / Renewal Application**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Call</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>B-Day</u>	<u>ARRL</u>	<u>VE</u>
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**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><b>Mail this form to:</b></p> 	<p>TRARC PO Box 1854 Dickinson, ND 58602-1854</p>
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*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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