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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The leaves of autumn tantalize every sense. I just returned from a walk, and the crunching sound of leaves being stepped on, the crisp smell and their emanating colors serve as a great reminder that Thanksgiving is not far away. As I reflect on this past year as a Ham, I am very thankful for the wonderful help, support, and expertise shared with me by our members. I am most grateful to those who volunteered in so many ways and were so generous from chairing and participating in club activities, being an officer, a teacher, to those who set up and cleanup that can so easily go unnoticed. Thank you for making this club one of camaraderie, service, and fun!

Thanks to the hams that winterized the 82 repeater a couple Saturdays ago; thanks also to Jim Faye, NØSJ, for teaching us on "Good Operating Procedures," following our last club meeting. Be sure to attend the November 5 meeting and after its adjournment, Emil Wieglanda, NØDK will instruct us on "How To Use a Meter."

It will soon be time to plan classes for 2008 and elect officers at our January 6 meeting. Please plan to attend. The New Year is already looking more exciting as Dr. Mike Hastings, NØUDG, has enlisted the club's assistance for some DSU students in attaining their license, and the possible retrieval of a weather balloon! See you at the next meeting.

73 Bernie Krebs, KCØRRJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5

TRARC meeting 7pm @LEC

November 24

TRARC Christmas Party @ Elks Club
Main Lodge Room. Social hour 5:30-6:30
pm and supper at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP
Irene WDØDAW at 483-3869 by
November 19.

TEST SESSIONS

If you are in need of a test session, contact either Bill Bosch/KØUB or Emil Wieglanda/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

Emil: 701-483-4953

OFFICE HOLDERS OF TRARC

President Bernie Krebs/KCØRRJ

Vice President Darryl Wehner/KCØEWH

Secretary/Treasurer Laurie Heick/KCØNHW

Emergency Coordinator Jim Fahy/NØSJ

Historian Margaret Wieglanda/KB7ITR

Newsletter Editor Mick Lewton/KCØRLF

Public Information Officer Melissa Sheppard/KDØAAK

Theodore Roosevelt Amateur Radio Club
Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2007

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 Stan, WD0DAJ. Motion carried.

Laurie, KC0NHW, gave treasurer's report. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Odo, WA0UQD and seconded by Mick, KC0RLF. Motion carried.

Old Business

- A. Repeaters – Work was done on 64 Saturday, September 22. A problem to fix in the future is to set levels and programming the controller. 545 connects to super link but not towards Williston. The 82 site also needs to be winterized also. That will be done on an evening or Saturday. Phone calls will be made to make arrangements with the weather as coordinator.
- B. Books – Emergency Classes lesson books I, II, and III. This is a follow up from a previous motion that was approved to purchase these books. Bill, K0UB will order them for us.
- C. Show and Tell – Community days that was scheduled at the Prairie Hills Mall on October 20 has been cancelled by the mall district manager.

New Business

- A. Letter from Mike Hastings - We received a letter from Mike, N0UDG concerning some equipment that was previously used at DSU. If we are interested he is willing to donate the equipment to TRARC. There is 20-25 interface and associated kits (electronics, switches, connectors, plugs, etc.) There original use was to act as an interface between analog instruments (e.g. air tracks) and computers (analog to digital converters). General discussion was held. Bernie will pick them up at Mike's office. Thank you Mike for the donation.
- B. Weather Balloons – Mike, N0UDG presented us some information from DSU. They have received a grant from NASA for the University to get kits for the students. The students have put together the kits, which are with cameras to attach to the weather balloons to collect data. He was wondering if any of the club members or amateur operators would be interested in using a GPS receiver to track the balloons. At this time they are to launch them this weekend but the weather is not looking promising. There was also discussion on helping the students get their amateur license so they would be able to do the tracking themselves.
- C. Farewell – Dave, K0HKY will be moving from Dickinson October 15, 2007. He is moving to New Hampshire. He plans on being one of our long distance members and find a club where he is settling.

Winner of the meeting drawing is Emil, N0DK. Congratulations!

Motion to adjourn made by Irene, WD0DAW and seconded by Betty, KB0NVT. Meeting adjourned.

MARGARET'S CORNER

Not much going on. September 22nd Bill, Stan, Emil, and Mick went to the 82 repeater site and took care of checking and winterizing the equipment. Stan and Bill went back up on the hill on October 15th to seal up the roof of the shack.

Since Stan and Betty would be leaving early for Yuma, the annual work party to make Christmas favors was held at the Kittelson home on October 10th. At one point in time it was so quiet because everyone was so intent upon the work at hand that one would not guess there were ten ladies present. Betty was a gracious hostess and served coffee and goodies to the guys and gals present when we were all done

Due to problems at the mall Show and Tell will not be held this year. This leaves only one major function left this year which is the annual Christmas party on November 24th.

Stan and Betty left for Yuma on the October 17th. The day before as well as the day of their departure was cloudy and gloomy, much like the feelings of some of those left behind. On October 15th Dave and Joyce Williams also left the area for their new home. We wish them well.

I saw something cute in an old 1978 Farmers Almanac that I would like to share with you here. They're called "Capsules of Wisdom". "To err is human but to really foul things up requires a computer". "Now there's margarine for people over 40 - the middle-aged spread." You're middle-aged if, when the air is springy, you are not".

Under signs of the times I found these two sayings which I thought were neat: Sign on a church bulletin board: "If God seems far away - who moved?" and sign on Connecticut highway: Driver who has one for the road has State Trooper for chaser".

Here's wishing everyone a fine rest of the year.

73, Margaret KB7ITR

ANOTHER YEAR is drawing to a close and as in the past, there will be no TRARC meeting or newsletter in December. Happy Holidays and best wishes to everyone!

Mick KCØRLF

**NOVEMBER & DECEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

Steve	Allar	NOELA	11/1
Anthony	Aman	K7TNY	11/4
Irene	Bosch	WD0DAW	11/6
Alex	Muggli	W0ZTL	11/9
Cordell	Booke	KC0COH	11/21
Ryan	Jilek	KA0UPH	11/21
Leon	Kirschmann	K0LU	11/21
Ken	Johnson	W6FU	11/28
Bernie	Krebs	KC0RRJ	12/10
Kornard	Burkle	KB0ELT	12/11
Joe	Callahan	NOQAU	12/22

NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Kent Olson, KA0LDG

Lots of ham activity during the last month, so here's what's been happening around the state. Please pass on condolences to family and friends on Bill Snyder, WØLHS, who passed away recently. Bill was one of the most famous hams from ND. Following his service in the US Army's Signal Corp in WW II, he was on the first DX-pedition to Africa with Hallicrafters. He was very active with RTTY (and other modes) and held DXCC-RTTY with 243 countries confirmed. Bill left a lasting legacy to Amateur Radio in ND.

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) is coming up on Oct 19-21. Fargo and Grand Forks hams are hosting Scouts who will be making contacts all around the world with other Scouts. We have a new Net Manager - David Heintzleman, K8BBM, - thanks Dave.

Fall Technician classes are in full swing in Grand Forks and Fargo. Grand Forks hams helped out with the annual Potato Bowl parade. Bismarck hams recently had a successful club picnic, and are thinking of using APRS for SKYWARN. The Bismarck 85 repeater is back up with a PL tone of 107.2. Fargo has changed their repeater freq to 145.350- with a PL tone of 123. Please change your radios, as the 147.255 machine is off the air. Upcoming hamfests: Totten Trail, Oct.28th, Fargo, April 26th. Section's web site: <http://home.earthlink.net/~qtipf16/>. HF NM KØJIM net reports for September: Weather Net: 25/584/3. Data Net: 30/667/18. Goose River Net: 5/50/1.

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