



Theodore Roosevelt Amateur Radio Club

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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 W5YL. 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

Community Days were held at the Prairie Hills Mall and we were able to glean some new prospects for our next class session. As always, it was a good event to nurture our community awareness of our club. A word of gratitude goes out to Bill KØUB; Mick KCØRLF; and Laurie KCØNH, for coordinating this event. Thanks also to all of you who helped man the station and any other participation in this event.

We recently had a work party and did some tuning and winterization at the 82 site, as well as some necessary maintenance to the generator, club trailer, and portable tower. Bill KØUB, Stan WDØDAJ, Emil KØDK, Gerry KDØDDH gave of their time and talent. Thanks guys! We still need to do a Killdeer repeater winterization run. Stan WDØDAJ gave some continuing education on the Superlink following our last meeting. Good job Stan, it was very informative. God bless you and Betty KBØNVT as you travel south for winter!

On Tuesday, October 22, the club has been asked to participate in, or better said, to be present at, an emergency disaster exercise. Bill KØUB, will be sure our trailer is taken out to Fryberg, and ready to assist Stark County Emergency Management as needed. For more information, give Bill a call. Our club received an anonymous donation of \$200.00. Our gratitude goes out to that generous soul!

On Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm, the Western Area ARES Net has begun. Please check in, listen in, and have fun! The 73 and 64 repeaters will be brought up and we welcome your participation. Talk to Bill KØUB, or Mick KCØRLF if you have any questions.

We will need to discuss our 2009 Technician Class schedule its various aspects at our next meeting on November 3. Melissa Sheppard KDØAAK, will guide us in the discussion, as well as share from her recent experience as a Red Cross volunteer regarding recent hurricane damage.

Mark your calendars too, for our annual Christmas Party on November 29. Again, the Elks will host us! We again welcome any donated items to be auctioned for the benefit of our club. Mark your calendars too, for our January 7, 2009 meeting at which we will have the Election of Officers. Be sure to come and participate as a responsible club member!

Good hamming, 73 Bernie KCØRRJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ November 3: TRARC meeting 7 pm @ LEC.
- ◆ November 29: Christmas party @ Elks Club (details on page 3).
- ◆ 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

October 6, 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 Irene, WD0DAW. Motion carried.

Laurie, KC0NHW, gave treasurer's report. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Emil, N0DK and seconded by Bill, K0UB. Motion carried.

Old Business

- A. Repeater – Phone patch not working. Fixed carbon. Problem in the phone line controller. Need to replace resistors. Curtis, KC0JVJ volunteered to solder them in. They are protection for the controller. Need to check batteries at all the sites. Possibly next Saturday.
- B. Jamboree – Jamboree on the regarding the Boy Scouts will not be happening due to scheduling conflicts.
- C. Community Days – Bill, K0UB will coordinate the set up at the mall.

New Business

- A. Hurricane Volunteer – Melissa, KD0AAK served with the Red Cross in Texas after hurricane Ike. Next meeting she will give us a presentation on her experience.
- B. Duplexer – Stan, WD0DAJ has a duplexer in his basement that could be used to feed the APRS and packet radios into one antenna to run out of the LEC or the club trailer. He will bring it over to the LEC so if someone is interested they can play around and fine tune it.
- C. Radios – Bill, K0UB has the rest of the radios that were donated from the ambulance service stored in his garage. One was sold at the picnic auction. He also said we have a flat tire on the tower (antenna) trailer.
- D. Exercise – Joe Wanner along with Gary Kostelecky, Stark County Emergency Manager will be using the trailer for an emergency exercise out by Fryburg on the 22nd involving the surrounding counties. Gary would like to get their radio systems hooked up like our super-link. Discussion was held on putting in a double pole switch so that we could shut off our radios and leave the emergency management radio on.

Winner of the meeting drawing is Dennis, KD0DDD. Congratulations!

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Ken, K0HL and seconded by Mick KC0RLF. Meeting adjourned.

MARGARET'S CORNER

Although there were some concerns about participation at the Community Service Days at the Mall we had a nice representation. A comment was made that we had a lot more interest in our station this year than previously. We were visited by people who didn't know about Ham activity in the area as well as other Hams that expressed a desire to get back into the Hobby or take the class. A few signed up and we look forward to seeing some at class. We felt the day was worth the effort.

It was good to see Melissa back from assignment in Galveston with the Red Cross. It will be interesting to hear her tell of her experiences at the next meeting. She was helping out at the Red Cross booth just a ways down from us on Community Service Days so she divided her time there and with us.

Saturday, the 18th, was a beautiful day so some of the guys used the day to go up to the 82 repeater site to do needed repairs and maintenance while others winterized the emergency trailer. It was good to hear Joe N0QAU in the area again, even for just a short time. Also Thanks to Jerry K0DIK for helping find and curing the cause of the interference on the 73 repeater.

For the last two weeks we were meeting at McDonalds for coffee. The reason - Arbys began opening at 10 a.m. and quit serving breakfast. Thus we thought we'd try somewhere else. Among other things, McDonalds are quite busy around noon and it is hard to exit the parking lot. Also noise from the play area presents a challenge at times and makes it difficult to hear. Therefore we decided to go back to Arbys starting the 20th

By the time you read this Stan and Betty will be in their winter quarters in Yuma AZ. We will miss them, as usual.

Finally, our condolences to Ray DeBoer on the death of his wife Gail.

73, Margaret KB7ITR

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Steve | Allar | NOELA | 11/1 |
| Anthony | Aman | K7TNY | 11/3 |
| 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 |



CHRISTMAS PARTY INFO
Elks Lodge/Upstairs

Saturday, November 29
 Social Hour 5:30 pm
 Meal served at 6:30 pm
 Menu- Roast Beef & Baked
 Chicken

RSVP to Irene WD0DAW by
 Wednesday, November 26

Phone 483-3869
 Email k0ub@ndsupernet.com

COUNTY EMERGENCY EXCERCISE

TRARC was called to take the communications trailer to Fryburg for a County Emergency Exercise on October 22. Stan WD0DAJ and Bill K0UB set up the VHF and HF communications for the drill.

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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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 _____

Mail this form to:



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Dickinson, ND 58602-1854

*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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