



# 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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- ◆ November 2: TRARC meeting, 7 pm @ LEC.
- ◆ November 28: TRARC Christmas Party.
- ◆ 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: 8:30 pm every Tuesday.

## The President's Thoughts

Dear TRARC Friends,

**SILENT KEYS:** We have lost two club members this past month, Glenn Nickel, WD0DAI, and Ken Johnson, W6FU. If I have gotten the call signs wrong, I apologize.

Accordingly, I wish to dedicate this newsletter to their memory.

I never knew Ken Johnson. Old timers tell me he has supported the club financially for a very long time and made annual trips to Dickinson. He originated from South Range WI. He tried out NY City and by his brother's urging went to Iowa Wesleyan College until WWII interrupted his studies. After the war he migrated to California and eventually finished college and became an electronics teacher at a junior college and coached many, many students to their ham licenses. He went on to a fulltime career or a radio engineer for the LA Dodgers.

I do remember meeting Glenn Nickel in his later years. He was an intense Field Day operator, bringing in many contacts. I also knew him as very friendly and enjoyable to talk to when I had the chance. I feel I hardly knew him though. I've heard stories about his "Snappy Apple" which could help on repeater maintenance detail. I've heard lots of stories about his service to the club. I've learned he was the President of the club for many years and on April 1983 he as editor of the newsletter inaugurated our newsletter. In his first "Pen Strokes" from the editor he wrote:"Here it is, the first issue of the TRARC Newsletter. Hope you find it interesting and informative. However to have something of interest for everyone yours truly needs input and articles from YOU, the members. Ant type of article of interest or nonsense is welcome."

Perhaps Glenn's words resonate.

73,

Melissa Sheppard, KD0AAK

**Theodore Roosevelt Amateur Radio Club**

Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2009

Laurie, KC0NHW, Secretary/Treasurer 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 Bill, K0UB and seconded by Gerry, KD0DDH. Motion carried.

Laurie, KC0NHW, gave treasurer's report. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Stan, WD0DAJ and seconded by Irene, WD0DAW. Motion carried.

Guest: Brent Pringle the new Stark County Emergency coordinator came to the meeting. He thanked the club for their help during the tornado. He would like to get his tech license for communications with members. He has taken care of the internet connections into the shack. He thanked us for moving the antenna. Discussion on getting some anchors for our antenna. Also there was discussion that the Southwest district health unit may need help with communications for the H1N1 vaccine with pods(point of dispensing). September 25 and 26 is the emergency exercise in South Heart.

Old Business

- A. Club Computer – The printer has not been working to print the treasurer's reports. Discussion on whether we should try and replace the ink cartridges and see if they are dried up. The black cartridge is only a few months old. The laptop we currently have cannot be connected to a new printer. Decision has been made on a previous motion that the club will purchase a new laptop so the new style printers can be used. Bill, K0UB, Mike, AC0PR, Bernie, KC0RRJ and Gerry, KD0DDH will be the members who look around and see what they can find for a new laptop.
- B. Club Picnic Report – Laurie, KC0NHW reported that \$517.36 profits from the picnic was deposited to the savings account. Everyone had a good time with over 40 people in attendance.
- C. Repeaters Maintenance – Winterizing and maintenance will need to be done at the repeater sites. Stan will get on the air to announce the days and times.

New Business

- A. LEC Antenna Report – Dual band antenna is broken. We will need to get it replaced.
- B. State Radio Report – Melissa will give us more information as it comes available. SKIP wants to integrate ARES.

Due to Labor Day being on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup>, our next meeting will be Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the LEC.

Winner of the meeting drawing is Bill, K0UB. Congratulations!

Motion to adjourn made by Irene, WD0DAW and seconded by Laurie, KC0NHW. Motion carried.

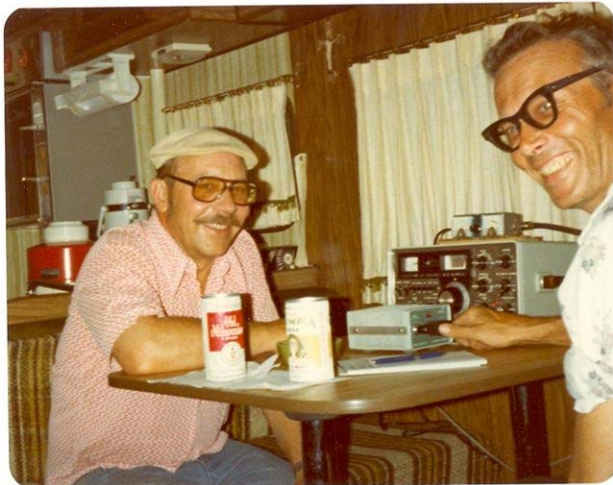
## **November & December Birthdays-**

Steve	Allar	N0ELA	11/1
Irene	Bosch	WD0DAW	11/6
Alex	Muggli	W0ZTL	11/9
Cordell	Booke	KC0COH	11/21
Leon	Kirschmann	K0LU	11/21
Ken	Johnson	W6FU	11/28
Bernie	Krebs	KC0RRJ	12/10
Kornard	Burkle	KB0ELT	12/11
Joe	Callahan	N0QAU	12/22

### MARGARET'S CORNER

We mourn the passing of two long standing members of the club - Glenn Nickel, WD0DAI and Ken Johnson, W6FU. Glenn was part of the Arby's gang and his absence this last year was very noticeable. The year before last when the others went south and it was just the three of us coming to coffee he insisted we needed a name. The Three Musketeers didn't sound right so it was suggested that we use the first initials in our names which made us the GEMs. Ken Johnson would also join us at Arbys on his annual visit to North Dakota. One year he brought his grandson but the last couple of years we enjoyed his company and that of his companion, Carol. His absence this year was also very noticeable. My best memory of Ken will always be the articles he shared with me about his time with the Dodgers after he found out that I was an avid Braves fan as well as a fan of baseball in general. May they both rest in peace.

73, Margaret KB7ITR



**Glenn WD0DAI and Bill K0UB**

### Glenn Nickel

A good supporter of our club. Our first news letter editor. Always ready to help when needed at the repeater sites. Work party's and his snappy apple, a great refreshment on a cold day.

Was one of our good field day operators, and special events. Glenn enjoyed chasing DX, and was not a high power station, but very patient, working over 100 countries.

Glenn will be missed. We had some great times ,studying for our exams.working CW when I was on the road. Glenn was my first CW contact. 73 Glenn Good DX,aGod Bless.

Bill K0UB



**Ken W6FU**

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  - Digital User \$10
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  - Over 65 \$10
  - Newsletter Only \$8

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