



# Central Dakota Amateur Radio Club, WØZRT



## NOISELETTER

August 2020

### ABOUT THE CDARC

Central Dakota Amateur Radio Club - WØZRT was established in 1971. Our purpose shall be to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism, individual radio operating efficiency, and to conduct programs and activities that advance the general interest and welfare of the United States, North Dakota, our community, and amateur radio.

### THE PRESIDENT'S QTC

Hello Everyone,

We will be holding our Club picnic on August 25<sup>th</sup> and I hope to see many of our members there. It will be different this year due to the COVID-19 virus situation. Please check out the website and Noiseletter for additional information.

The summer seems to have slipped past me this year due to medical issues I have had, but I am looking forward to a few projects this fall still.

I assisted KCØTSU in putting up a dipole antenna at his new QTH, and will be helping WBØTLM finishing up an antenna installation, hopefully by the end of the month or in early September.

I hope the summer has been good for everyone and you have enjoyed working on some of your own projects.

73,

Mike Holman, KEØESG  
President, CDARC

### AUGUST 2020 MEETING AGENDA

No Club meeting in August.

### CDARC PICNIC

The CDARC will conduct the annual Club Picnic on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 6:00 pm at McDowell Dam (Aero Club Facility-same place as last year). The rules are different this year because of COVID-19:

- All attendees should bring their own food and drinks.
- No grill will be available for cooking.
- Social distancing standards will be observed.
- Use of masks and other protective gear is encouraged. Hand sanitizer & disinfecting wipes will be available.
- There will be no Fox Hunt this year.
- If you are feeling ill, or don't feel comfortable being around others during the pandemic, we fully understand if you choose not to attend.

### JULY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Club President Mike/KEØESG brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on the WØZRT 146.85 repeater, and conducted the meeting as the net control.

Check-in Attendance:

Mike/KEØESG (CDARC President)  
Bob/NØTC (CDARC Vice President)  
Dee/KBØCGK (CDARC Treasurer)  
Jeff/KØCMS (CDARC Secretary)  
Randy/KCØCAU (Member at Large)  
Justin/KØJBM  
Lorne/NØCYK  
Howard/WBØATB  
Bruce/WØHS

A. Approval of June 2020 Minutes: Motion by Bruce/WØHS, second by Howard/WBØATB to approve; motion carried.

B. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report has been tabled until the next face-to-face meeting.

C. Guests: none

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### Committee Reports

1. Technical: No report. Expect an update on the 85 repeater at the next meeting.

2. Skywarn: Jeff/KØCMS read the most current update from John Paul/KBØYLU at the National Weather Service. The transcript is as follows:

“NWS offices remain under COVID restrictions with only the forecasters on duty allowed in the office. We were expecting to begin allowing more folks in the office soon but with the turn of events including increased cases in ND, we now expect that to happen later rather than sooner. For the rest of this severe weather season I would expect there will be no activations where a net controller would be allowed in the office. NWS HQ is calling the shots with respect to staffing and net control/visitors.”

3. VE Testing: Bob/NØTC reported that no face-to-face testing will be conducted until further notice. He also reported that there are VEC's that will conduct testing over the internet. A link can be found at the CDARC website.

### Old Business

1. Post Cards: Dee/KBØCGK reported that no new responses have been received since the last meeting. She also said that she had two of the cards returned because of address issues.

2. CDARC Picnic: The Executive Committee has decided to proceed with the annual picnic, but there are some differences from previous years. The picnic is scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm, at the Missouri Slope Model Airplane Club facility at McDowell Dam (same as last year).

- Everyone attending should bring their own food and drink; there will be no grill.
- Social distancing will be observed.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Net Control Coordinator: Jeff/KØCMS reported that Executive Committee addressed net control scheduling problems for the

Sunday night nets at the most recent meeting, and also addressed the need for a Net Control Coordinator. He contacted Howard/WBØATB, and requested his assistance in reaching out to current and former net controllers, and to set up a schedule. Howard has secured the assistance of five other net controllers and set up a schedule. Jeff/KØCMS made a motion to appoint Howard/WBØATB as the Club Net Control Coordinator, seconded by Dee/KBØCGK. Howard agreed to accept the position, and the motion was carried. Randy/KCØCAU stated he would like to be added to the net controller list.

2. Outdoor Meetings: Lorne/NØCYK stated that it would be nice to have a face-to-face meeting at an outdoor location as the weather has been good. Club President Mike/KEØESG and others stated their support for this. The Executive Committee will discuss this at the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, which will be held in the Gateway Mall parking lot near the old Sears store.

### 2. Announcements:

a. Club President Mike/KEØESG stated he received a suggestion to hold Club meetings using the ZOOM app. He is looking into how this might be set up.

Motion to adjourn at 7:27 by Lorne/NØCYK, second by Howard/WBØATB; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeff/KØCMS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### CDARC Picnic:

August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 6:00 pm, McDowell Dam Aero Club Facility.

**CDARC Monthly Meeting:** No meeting in August. The September 2020 meeting will be conducted on the 146.85 WØZRT repeater at 7:00 pm on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

#### CDARC Executive Committee meeting:

Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 7:00 pm, Location to be determined.

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## NET REPORTS

Sunday CWJ/VHF Net 146.850 (July 2020)  
# Nets: 4  
# Checkins: 45

Sunday 2 Meter Net 144.200 (July 2020)  
# Nets: 2  
# Checkins: 4

### Net Controllers:

Zach/KØZSH  
Bob/NØTC  
Randy/KCØCAU  
Mike/KEØESG  
Howard/WBØATB  
Jeff/KØCMS  
Justin/KØJBM

Activations: Nothing to report

## LOCAL REPEATERS

145.430- Hannover, No PL  
146.850- PL 107.2 (optional)  
146.940- Super Link, No PL tone  
147.060+ PL 107.2, BSC Fusion Repeater  
224.200- NØFAZ, PL 103.5  
444.200+ PL 103.5 Cross band repeat on  
52.525  
444.350+ PL 107.2, BSC Fusion Repeater  
444.650+ Yaesu Fusion Digital or Analog  
PL for analog 107.2  
Keying up a Fusion repeater with an analog  
transmission will switch all users to analog

## CDARC OFFICERS

### President:

Mike Holman, KEØESG

### Vice President:

Bob Tracy, NØTC

### Secretary:

Jeff Strange, KØCMS

### Treasurer:

Dee Tracy, KBØCGK

### Members at Large:

Bob Arso/WBØSXC  
Randy Tietz/KCØCAU

## COMMITTEES & COORDINATORS

### Newsletter

Jeff Strange, KØCMS  
Dee Tracy, KBØCGK

### Technical Committee

Mark Malm, NØFAZ  
Randy Tietz, KCØCAU  
Pete Fetting, KFØDL

### APRS Coordinator

Randy Tietz, KCØCAU

### SKYWARN

John Paul Martin, KBØYLU  
Zach Heinert, KØZSH

### VE Testing

Bob Tracy, NØTC

### CDARC Information Officer

CDARC Executive Committee

### Web Administrators

Mike Holman, KEØESG  
Quentin Schumacher, KDØWEB

### Net Control Coordinator

Howard Burns, WBØATB

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