



Central Dakota Amateur Radio Club, WØZRT



NOISELETTER

September 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,

Well, Fall is in the air and I am hoping for a long Fall and a short Winter. The Club Picnic was last month, and we had 15 people show up for the event. I feel this was a great turnout due to many staying away due to the COVID virus.

Mark/NØFAZ brought a Heathkit time piece to the picnic, considered "the most accurate clock" at the time for amateur radio operators.

I stated in the last Noiseletter that I have a plan to help WBØTLM; I need to correct this: it was WBØTML! I transposed the letters of his call sign (Sorry Rich!). Well, the next plan is to work on it on the weekend of 9/12. I will give an update on this next month. Hopefully by the time you read this he will be on the air with his new antenna and has made contact with some of you.

I hope to hear a lot of you on the air on the Sunday night nets, and at the September 22nd meeting. This meeting may be on the air, but if we decide differently, we will be announcing it on the website and Facebook.

73,

Mike Holman, KEØESG
President, CDARC

SEPTEMBER 2020 MEETING AGENDA

Attendance Check-in

A. Approval of July 2020 meeting minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Technical
2. Skywarn
3. VE Testing status

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Club Picnic Report
2. Net Controller Schedule

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PayPal for Membership/Hamfest/Donations
2. 2021 Hamfest
3. Announcements

Adjourn

JULY 28TH, 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

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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

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 25th, 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 11th 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 Monthly Meeting: The September 2020 meeting will be conducted on the 146.85 WØZRT repeater at 7:00 pm on September 23rd, 2020.

Totten Trail Hamfest: Saturday, October 3rd, 2020, 8:00 am, Garrison City Auditorium. VE testing...use your own good judgement for attending.

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CDARC Executive Committee meeting:
Tuesday, October 13th, 2020, 7:00 pm, Location
to be determined.

NET REPORTS

Sunday CWJ/VHF Net 146.850 (August 2020)
Nets: 5
Checkins: 67

Sunday 2 Meter Net 144.200 (August 2020)
Nets: 5
Checkins: 13

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 Fettig, 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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