

FEEDLINE

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Club Picnic – August 15, 2010
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MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Karen N0TKP at 7:30 PM

There were 14 members and 2 guests present

Secretary's Report – The minutes from June were distributed by John KA0SVY. Approved with some additions and changes

Treasurer's Report – From Truman KD0MTD was accepted.

ARES/EC – Gerry N0NGW reported that we put in 53 and ¼ hours at NWS in July. It was fairly active. He also reported that the pager system soon will no longer be available. We will go to a phone list to be called when we are needed. If called, tune to .94 for information. If no activity on .94 call NWS. More info to come later.

Activity's Report – The club picnic will be August 15, 2010 in Riverside Park starting at noon. It will be pot luck. Gerry N0NGW and Jeff KDOBTT will bring charcoal grills. John KA0SVY will bring a gas grill. Donna KC0SKD will reserve the pavilion. Check in to Monday night net for more details.

Rod KE0A reported that the Fargo Club will be having their swap meet in Fargo on August 14.



VE Report – Rod KE0A reported that we tested July 24. Congratulations to Truman KD0MTD on getting his General license. The next test session will be at our Hamfest October 2, 2010.

Repeaters –Paul KA0CAF said nothing has changed.

Old Business

(701) Hamfest – Karen N0TKP reported that we are ready to have the Hamfest on October 2, 2010. Speakers for forums are being arranged.

B. School Club – Gerry N0NGW said there will not be much activity till school starts next month. The club call will be N0GFK.

New Business

(701) Letter to Fire Department. – Club secretary John KA0SVY will send a letter of thanks to the Grand Forks Fire Department for the use of the communications trailer.

The next club meeting will be August 31, 2010 at 7:30 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM

DATES OF INTEREST

Potato Bowl Parade

August 2010

31 Club Meeting

September 2010

4 ARRL
International
EME
11 ARRL VHF QSO
Party
11 North American
Sprint – CW
18 Potato Bowl
Parade
18 North American
Sprint – Phone
25 CQ WW RTTY
28 Club Meeting

**Mark your
calendars
NOW!**

**Saturday
September 18, 2010**

October 2010

2 Grand Forks
Hamfest
2 ARRL
International
EME
26 Club Meeting

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**GRAND FORKS
MONDAY
NIGHT
NET
9:00 PM
146.940 (-)**

November 2010

30 Club Meeting

December 2010

January 2011

25 Club Meeting

February 2011

19-20 Sled Dog Derby
22 Club Meeting

ND SECTION NEWS

Welcome to the North Dakota ARRL Section News for July 2010. I hope everyone had a great time at Field Day this is year. The North Dakota weather has been generally rainy with numerous Skywarn alerts due to the unsettled weather. We are waiting for Field Day scores from the state clubs participating this year to determine the coveted "Top Gun of 2010". The ND QSO Party is behind us and the results are posted on the www.w0nd.com website so take a look. I also have an email list that I send out state amateur radio related information on. If you are not on the list and want to be, email me at w0nd@arrl.org and I will put you on the email group list for ND Hams.

***** ND NEWS ***** The 10 meter beacon that has been planned since late last summer is now on the air. It is using the call WØILO on 28.2865 CW from the tower site between Kindred and Walcott. Of course we are hoping to get reception reports from all sorts of distant states and DX locations, but any observations in the local area are also encouraged. Send any reports to Alan AIØQ at, ai0q@arrl.net

Area Ham's that have become Silent Keys in 2009 – 2010
WB0HPZ- Noel McCoy
W0JDH- Vic Fisk
WB0BEA- Marv Baska
KA0KZY- Ron Swanson

W0ORU- Bjarne Drawstad
N0POK- Chris Albin
N0JGW- John Tathill
KB0IYU- Edwin Babek
W0EOZ- Arthur Jensen
WB6CWJ- Art Voupahl
WA0SUF- Lyle Krackenberg
WC0M- Bill Kurtti
WØFPW- Howard Klingbell
WØMKD- Robert Watts
W0KRC- Don Carley

**** Upcoming Events ****

The Red River Radio Amateurs are sponsoring a Swapmeet in West Fargo, ND on August 14th, 2010 starting at 8 AM with the "Cornfeed" at Noon. Both are at Amour Park in West Fargo, ND (Next to the Harley Motorcycle dealership" on Main Ave)

Theodore Roosevelt Amateur Radio Club Picnic will be held on August 14th & 15th at the Dickinson Trap Club. For more information contact TRARC at <http://www.qsl.net/k0nd>

The fall Hamfest in Grand Forks is on October, 2, 2010. Here is what I have so far...

Stay tuned for more information...

Date: October 2, 2010

Time: 8:30 AM Open to the Public

Location:

Zion United Methodist Church

1001 24th Avenue South

Grand Forks, ND 58201

Talk-in: 146.94 -600

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MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE NORTH DAKOTA SECTION NEWS FOR THE LATEST NORTH DAKOTA ACTIVITIES AT www.arrl.org. If you have any special announcements, feel free to email me w0nd@arrl.org. Check www.w0nd.com for the latest list of ND stations and activities. Until next month...

73's Lynn – W0ND

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FCC LAUNCHES CONSUMER HELP CENTER

Beginning July 28, those who have dealings with the FCC will have a new tool that the FCC claims will put them “within one click of all the information they want” from the Commission: a new “easy-to-use” Consumer Help Center. “Our new Consumer Help Center makes it easy for consumers to learn about our work and take action,” said FCC Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau Joel Gurin in a press release. “Here, in one place, consumers can do a number of things, such as read about consumer issues, get practical advice for avoiding problems, file a complaint,

comment on our rulemakings, or read what our FCC experts are saying in our Consumer Blog.” Read more here <http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-launches-consumer-help-center>.

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FORX AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETINGS

Last Tuesday
Every Month
7:30 PM

Basement of
Altru Hospital
Meeting Room E
(next to cafeteria)
Come early for
informal discussions
prior to the meeting

**[Please Note:
Use of radios within
Altru Hospital
is prohibited]**

**TECHNOLOGY: ARRL,
TAPR ANNOUNCE 29TH
ANNUAL DIGITAL
COMMUNICATIONS
CONFERENCE**

Aficionados of digital communications are gearing up for the 29th annual ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference, September 24-26 near Portland, Oregon. The ARRL/TAPR DCC is an international forum for radio amateurs to meet, publish their work and present new ideas and techniques. Presenters and attendees will have the opportunity to exchange ideas and learn about recent hardware and software advances, theories, experimental results, and practical applications. Read more here <<http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-tapr-announce-29th-annual-digital-communications-conference>>.

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**GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES INTRODUCE
USER-FRIENDLY
FEDERAL REGISTER**

<http://www.arrl.org/images/view/News/ARRL_FederalRegister.JPG>
> While the Federal Register may

be the ultimate record of the business of the USA's Executive Branch, it can be difficult to navigate. The Register publishes approximately 80,000 pages of documents each year in the form of Notices, Proposed Rules, Rules and Official Documents; this is where all new and amended rules to Part 97, the Amateur Radio Service, must be published before they go into effect. On Monday, July 27 – in an effort to make things a bit easier on the thousands of people who access the Federal Register each day – the US Government Printing Office and the National Archives' Office of the Federal Register launched a new and improved online Register. Named Federal Register 2.0, it is an outgrowth of President Obama's first executive order that mandated greater federal government transparency. The launch of the new site coincided with the 75th anniversary of the Federal Register Act, which became law on July 26, 1935. Read more here <<http://www.arrl.org/news/government-agencies-introduce-user-friendly-em-federal-register-em>>.

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**HAMFEST
FORX AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
OCTOBER 2, 2010**

Place:

Zion United Methodist Church
1001 24th Avenue South
Grand Forks, ND 58201

Schedule of Events:

8:00 AM	Vendor Setup
8:30 AM	Open to Public
8:30 – Noon	Serving Breakfast
9:00 – Noon	Seminars
11:00 AM	Test Session
Noon	Door Prize Drawing
12:15 PM	Close

Banquet:

5:30 PM Eagles Crest Grill
5301 S Columbia Road
Grand Forks, ND 58201

(Order from the menu – no advance ticket sales)

Registration Fee:

\$5 per adult
No charge for children with an adult

Tables:

No additional charge – Call Karen Noss N0TKP
(701) 775-7781 to reserve your table

Talk-In: 146.940 (negative offset)

We will be offering a breakfast meal – come hungry. We look forward to sharing the morning with old and new friends.

All photos by John KAOSVY



(l-r) Judy, Jim KB0LYD, Donna KC0SKD, Rod KE0A, Karen N0TKP





(l-r) Jeff KD0BTT, Anthony KD0MJW



(l-r) Marilyn, Rod KE0A



(l-r) Anna, Kyler, Sarah





TRIVIA

The following trivia question is taken from *THE ARRL HANDBOOK 2006*. The answer will be published in the September 2010 issue of the *FEEDLINE*.

WHAT IS BANDWIDTH?

July's trivia question was:

WHAT IS SMT?

And the answer is:

Surface Mount Technology

This may be found on page 8.12 of *THE ARRL HANDBOOK 2006*