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Free to Members

Welcome back

Date: September 13th, 2004
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Sturgeon Creek Regional Secondary School

Other Important Dates:

WARC Oct. 18th, - BPL What is it !
Oct. 17 - Flea Market
April 17 - Flea Market

WSC: 2nd Thurs. of month - Breakfast - Garden City Inn

ARES: September 19 - Terry Fox Run
September 21 - General Meeting
September 26 - Parkinson Super Walk

Other:

Nets: Daily 01:00 UTC	MB Evening Phone net 3760 KHz
Daily 01:30 UTC	Prairie traffic Net (CW) 3660 KHz
Daily 02:30 UTC	Aurora #2 net 7055 KHz
Daily 14:30 UTC	MB Wx Net 3743 KHz
Weekdays 9:00	Seniors morning net 147.390 MHz
Wed. 9:00 pm	Six Meter net 50.238 MHz.
Thursday 9:00pm	MRS Net 147.390 MHz +
Sunday 9:00pm	MRS Net 147.390 MHz +

The President's Call By John, VE4QV



September has come so quickly. Just a reminder that the September meeting is Monday, September 13th at 19:30 at Sturgeon Creek Collegiate.

Remember that guests are always welcome so bring out a family member or friend that may have been wondering what keeps you so busy in your ham shack. We have two members joining the WARC executive this year, Kumara Perera VE4WKP and Jan Schippers VE4JS. Its great to have them aboard. The formal part of this month's meeting will be quite brief to allow for an extended "coffee break" to meet, swap stories of your summer activities, or even your fall and winter plans. I've had a sneak peak at some of the upcoming presentations scheduled and its going to be a great year. I hope to see you there.

Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club By Adam, VE4SN, Past-President.



I'm not going to talk about the weather! In fact I'm not even going to mention it because mere words cannot faithfully express the venom of my thoughts! I hope everyone had a wonderful "summer that wasn't"! It may

WARC: Executive for 2004

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sound silly but I'm almost ready to welcome winter if for no other reason than at least we know what to expect!

Not much in the way of activity during July and August except to say that repairs were in progress for the tower portion of our building. The stairs going up to the roof of the tower were found to be in poor shape and the city felt that repairs were needed. The leaky roof of the tower was also fixed.

The monthly breakfasts continued however and July saw twenty-six attendees at the Garden City Inn with Tom Mills VE4SE winning the free breakfast. In August, twenty-seven persons came out and as if it were prearranged, Ruth Mills VE4XYL, won the free meal.

The major club event took place near the end of August, on the 26th to be exact. The annual club picnic was held at St. Vital Park near the Duck Pond. 74 hardy souls showed up in spite of the horrendous weather, which started with a deluge of rain and ended with a somewhat lesser amount of the same stuff. Totally confined to the shelter provided at the site, those in attendance were nonetheless treated to sweet corn, lots of barbecued hamburgers and hotdogs with all the trimmings, coffee and soft drinks and of course, the usual eyeball socializing. A good time was had by all and once again we have proved that senior hams are definitely not made of sugar!! Thanks and kudos go to the group of volunteers who worked so hard to make this event a big success.

September 7th will usher in the start of our club's Basic Amateur Radio Course. There are still a few openings for last minute sign-ups. If you know of anyone desiring to obtain their Basic Radio Certificate, have them call Sandy at 633 2877 as soon as possible.

Finally, a reminder for all Executive Board members... the first meeting of the Board after the summer break will be on the 15th of September. Mark your calendars and make every effort to attend.

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Call for Blue Book Updates

The Manitoba Blue Book - a publication which lists all Amateur Radio operators in Manitoba, by Call Sign, Name & Location is preparing for another printing and is asking for any updates you may have. The book is only as good as its contents. If your information is not correct or you know of another hams information that is not correct, please submit it to ve4ub@ve4sss.ca

We are also in dire need of advertisers to help offset the cost of printing. We no longer can count on getting the printing donated. Anyone wishing to advertise in the Blue Book should submit their ad copy in electronic form to ve4ub@ve4sss.ca

Any clubs wishing to raise money by selling the blue book should contact Bill directly to discuss the requirements.

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Minutes for W.A.R.C. June, 2004

Submitted by Ed, VE4EIH

The meeting started, at 1936 hours. The introductions were done in the normal manner. There was 46 people in attendance, 42 members and 4 guests. There was a special guest a Kang Goh Son DS0CZ who was from South Korea.

Minutes

David VE4DAR noted that there was a typo, this was noted. Glen VE4GWN motioned minutes be accepted. Eric VE4EWN 2nd. Motion passed.

Business arising

Dick VE4HK relayed from Wayne VE4WKL information on Field Day. All food, radios, and computers have been confirmed. The talk in frequency is 147.390. The set up will be on Saturday morning. The food is going to be burgers, salad, and soft drinks. New for Field Day, a van to move 6 people from Polo Park to the site at Birds Hill. About half of those present thought it was a good idea. Updates to follow. Contact Wayne with any questions or concerns.

Treasurers report

From 2 new members \$30.00 Door \$28.00 \$36.70 expenses, postage stamps. Total in account \$6390.00

New Business

John VE4QV Told on how to night was elections, then a long coffee break. John on behave of the Exec, and club thanked both Glen and Pat for their time on the Exec. There was a round of applause for them from all in attendance. There was 1 renewal and 1 new membership with a total of 129 members. Membership is due in Sept.

DX sleuths

Adam VE4SN Reported that conditions were bad today even digital communications were not good. 20m were hard, while 40m okay with morse. Can work the far East at night. Adam noted that Kids Day was coming up. This event is to show kids about amateur radio. It is on 19 June from 1800 to 2400 Zulu hours. The kids would give there name, age favorite colour.

ARES

Jeff VE4MBQ Winnipeg ARES report 29 June. Dick would do message handling. In October Ed VE4YU will talk about CFARS. Wayne Provincial ARES. 6 new repeaters are being made ready. 80m ERTS plan station at Lake Manitoba. 60 new towers to about 100 ft they may accommodate amateur Repeater. Dauphin radio club not active. For those

with HF the Sunday of the month on 40m net there is a general net. There was a couple of questions and answers.

Up coming events

MARM in August and the International Ham Fest is 9 and 10 of July.

Marathon Report.

Jeff There will be a volunteer briefing at the Sports Federation building 15 June 1900 hours. There are between 80 to 85 volunteers at this time. See Pat if you can help out. There is a test net at 20:30 hours.

Elections:

John thanked Yuri, and crew for nominating people. The IRLP board to be ordered tomorrow. IRLP should be up and running by Sept. Any questions asked were answered. Kumara VE4WKP and Jan VE4JS were up for nomination. Glen, but forward that nominations be closed. Dick 2nd. The motion passed. Both Kumara and Jan were elected to the Exec. Wayne noted that the exec, could find members as per Roberts Rules. John explained that 3 people may be interested for next year.

Good and Welfare

Ed VE4YU In past Vern Dutton, would relate past experiences to the club. Everyone likes to boast on what they did. Ed, explained on how the US MARS system works. And how hams talked to the MARS stations and vice versa for, the US Armed Forces Day. At the end of May. Adam Talked about the Ultra Award. Is for countries worked. The ARRL runs the DXCC program. ON 23 Sept. 1992 Adam was placed on to the Honour roll. This was after 36 years, and 335 Entities due to the high costs there are less expeditions going out. 326 Entities are required to get on the Honour roll. Adam and Wally Winters VE4ACY are the only two in Manitoba. Wayne announced he was last Thursday.

John thanked both Glen and Pat again, for their work, while members of the Exec.

Ed. VE4YU Announced that on the 19 June the Winnipeg Seniors Club is having a open house. Between 11 and 1400 hours.

Bob VE4ZAP Welcomed the two special quests, and thanked Glen and Pat as well. Bob also welcomed Glen and Pat back when if they wish. Bob talked about Aruni, and how she is a fully licensed ham at 10 years old. And how she is building a HF station from scratch.

20:30 Meeting ended 50/50 winner was Ed VE4EIH

2004 Manitoba Marathon

By Jeff, VE4MBQ

The joint Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club-Winnipeg ARES Marathon Operation was once again very successful and almost but not quite flawless (nothing really critical though). We only had two and one-half pages of Lessons Learned/Concerns/Suggestions this year.

Although this event is billed as a joint operation, in addition to WARC and WPGARES several other Amateur radio clubs support the operation:

Manitoba Repeater Society, University of Manitoba Amateur Radio Society, Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club, Pathfinders Amateur Radio Club, Interlake ARES, Kildonan ARES, and South-Central ARES.

The operation involved 88 Amateurs and associates. Thanks to VE4s:

HAY, RCJ, HAZ, RST, EWN, ZAP, UK, CLK, QV, ESX, GWB, MMD, MJM, RJR, BOY, ALP, ELA, CDP, STS, HQ, BN, CEU, PPG, GWN, YYL, QB, WRN, FV, PLG, DAR, TP, NQ, KDB, AJO, CRS, AFL, NAT, SBS, LYN, BSR, TOS, GZ, TG, YG, OAK, GRM, ESQ, CEL, MCJ, EIH, UNX, SYM, TRO, VG, KLM, YU, SN, MHZ, GLS, VZ, HQ, KAZ, EH, XT, MMG, PZL, MAQ, QSG, QEW, EAR, JHJ, DAN, MBQ, MAB, TJR, SE, XYL, DWG, HK, ODB, DDW, ZUF; VA4AA, KB7REU; Kyle, Betty, Danielle, Luke.

Approximately 21% of our volunteers were new to the Marathon this year. We attempt to partner new volunteers with an experienced volunteer so some mentoring can take place. Over the past couple of years we have been able to recruit sufficient operators so that we have reserve operators identified for every hospitality station as well as having back-up Net Control operators and back-up medical vehicle operators. Notwithstanding the "reserve" arrangement, it was still a relief when Ruthie VE4CRS and Graham VE4GRM stepped in a couple of days before Race Day to take the place of a couple of operators that backed out on us.

The Marathon Radio Group (MRG), composed of Yori VE4ACX, Derek VE4HAY, Kelly VE4XT, Rob VE4RST, Richard VE4ESX, Pat VE4PLG, Richard VE4KAZ, Jeff VE4MBQ met 4 times from late winter thru spring and 3 of us had a "work bee" to photocopy briefing packages. The Marathon Technical Committee had 7 meetings, RST or ESX and I attended each one.

The comprehensive 2004 Manitoba Marathon Amateur Radio Report can be found on the WARC web-site as well as the WPGARES web-site:

http://www.ve4.net/warc/marathon_report_2004.pdf
<http://www.winnipegares.ca/documents/2004%20MRG.pdf>

There are apparently Amateur oriented Marathon photos at several web-sites however the only URL that I can confirm at press time is:

<http://www.rac.ca/news/aiapse.htm>

I hope to have the other URLs at the SEP WARC meeting.

WPGARES

Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ

Our June General Meeting featured Dick Maguire VE4HK who gave us a presentation on Tactical Message Handling and Logging Guidelines. Our August General Meeting featured Ed Henderson VE4YU who gave us a presentation on CFARS.

Believe it or not the CANWARN "Summer Severe Weather Season" goes on until SUN SEP 12. I'll have a summary in the OCT report on the past season.

At press time we are still in need of a few volunteer operators for the Terry Fox Run on SUN 19SEP. The volunteer briefing will be TUE 14SEP 1900h at Manitoba Sports Federation 200 Main Street.

Our next General Meeting will be TUE 21SEP 1900h Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street. In lieu of a guest speaker we will hold the volunteer briefing for the Parkinson Superwalk (which is SUN 26SEP in StVitalPark).

The Proper Way To Ground a Tower

By Tom VE4HQ

Trusty old tower in the tree tops
 Stood there proudly for many a day
 Until some idiot untied the guy ropes
 Oh Man she started to sway and we all felt like dopes
 Down came the tower, antennas and all
 We can't blame the young fella – what was his call
 So next year lets do it up proper and get it all right
 When we take down the tower, have someone in charge
 of the site
 Clear the people from the area and have a good plan
 Then get MEN ON ALL the ropes, as many as you can
 Then lower it safely to the ground
 Lets do without that crunching sound
 Remember that sucker weighs many a pound !!!

News from the Net

RAC President sends formal proposal on Morse Testing to Industry Canada 2004-7-20

Following informal discussions over a period of about one year, and decisions reached at the CARAB meeting last fall, RAC has prepared a formal proposal to Industry Canada, with detailed recommendations on issues related to Morse testing, and other aspects of certification. It is expected that Industry Canada will make every effort to consult with interested amateurs and other spectrum users in Canada, and reach a decision as soon as possible.

The covering letter from President Lamoureux to Mr. Jan Skora Director-General of the Radiocommunications and Broadcasting Regulatory Branch of Industry Canada is also available on the web site and can be found at <http://www.rac.ca/news/morseletter20july04.doc>

Details of the proposal in MS Word format can be downloaded from the RAC web site <http://www.rac.ca/news/Final%20-%20Proposal%20RAC%20to%20IC%2019Jul04.doc>

Somalia Gives Ham Radio Increased Power Limits

The Ministry of Information, Telecommunication and Culture in Somalia has made changes as part of action to implement the W-R-C 2003 accords.

The nation of Somalia has acted to grant its ham radio population a power increase to 3 kilowatts. They are also letting hams use the 88 to 108 Mhz band for F-M and permitting Amateur Television broadcasts to be conducted on any unoccupied standard VHF or UHF television channel.

Additional frequency allocations for amateur radio experimenters in Somalia: Radio Amateurs in that nation can operate on additional bands including Zero to 9 Kilohertz, from 70 to 90 Kilohertz and 130 to 190 Kilohertz. On Medium Wave frequencies include 495 to 526 Kilohertz, while on the High Frequencies the hams of Somalia get 5.060 to 5.450 MHz and 26.100 to 29.700 MHz excluding 27.995 the sliver band from to 27.999.

If you are planning to visit Somali a 'Somali Visitors Amateur Radio License' is now issued to any class of overseas amateur radio license holder as a courtesy. It is free of charge and issued for life unless canceled by the Somali Government.

Kenya Drops Morse Requirement

According to an article in QST's August 2004 edition (page 88), the Communications Commission of Kenya has dropped the Morse requirement and made additional

changes to simplify and facilitate amateur licensing in Kenya. Further information is available on the website of the Amateur Radio Society of Kenya at <http://www.qsl.net/arsk--nocode international>

New Zealand Also Drops Code Requirement

Jim Linton VK3PC, President, WIA Victoria, reports that the New Zealand Ministry of Economic Development has announced that it has decided to end the amateur licence Morse code test requirement. A notice in the New Zealand Government Gazette brings in the necessary changes to the Radiocommunications Regulations with their effective date being 17 June. The long-awaited decision means that New Zealand's current Limited licence will include access to all amateur bands. The Limiteds will become General licence class holders, however there's no requirement for them to change their existing callsigns. The decision is in response to the end of mandatory Morse code tests taken at the World Radiocommunications Conference in July last year. New Zealand is the latest in a string of nations to end the code tests. -- *Nocode international*

CANADIAN LICENSING CHANGES PROPOSED

Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) has proposed formally that Industry Canada (IC) eliminate Morse code as a ham radio testing requirement for operation in bands below 30 MHz in Canada. RAC wants Industry Canada to continue to make Morse testing available to Canadian amateurs still wishing to have that qualification specified on their certificate, however. At the same time, the RAC wants IC to require applicants for the Basic examination to score at least 80 percent before permitting operation below 30 MHz. Under the proposal, present Basic plus Morse holders would be considered as holders of the new Intermediate qualification. Basic holders who have not passed the Morse exam would continue to hold that class with existing operating privileges. Current Basic-without-Morse licensees who retake the Basic examination and obtain at least 80 percent would be upgraded to Intermediate. RAC also recommends that the passing grade for the Basic and Advanced examinations be raised from 60 to 70 percent when the Morse requirement is dropped. Ultimately, RAC wants the passing grade to be upped to 75 percent for all examination elements. Anyone holding both the Basic and Advanced qualifications would have HF privileges, and the Intermediate qualification or Basic plus Morse would become a prerequisite to obtaining the Advanced. The RAC also wants IC to create a new entry-level qualification. RAC President Daniel Lamoureux, VE2KA, says Canadian amateurs can anticipate implementation of a first phase of the RAC recommendations by year's end. Details are available on the RAC Web site < <http://www.rac.ca/downloads/morserec.pdf>>. --ARRL

Calendar

September, 2004

All Asian DX Contest	Phone	0000Z	Sep 4
Russian WW Contest	RTTY	0000Z	Sep 4
IARU Region 1 Field Day	SSB	1300Z	Sep 4
RSGB Field Day	SSB	1300Z	Sep 4
AGCW Straight Key Party	CW	1300Z	Sep 4
FISTS Straight Key Week	CW	0001Z	Sep 5
DARC 10-Meter	Digi	1100Z	Sep 5
MI QRP Labor Day Sprint	CW	2300Z	Sep 6
ARS Spartan Sprint		0100Z	Sep 7
YLRL Howdy Days		1400Z	Sep 8
WAE DX Contest	SSB	0000Z	Sep 11
CIS DX Contest	RTTY	1200Z	Sep 11
Swiss HTC QRP Sprint		1300Z	Sep 11
Louisiana QSO Party (1)	CW/SSB	1400Z	Sep 11
SOC Marathon Sprint	CW	1800Z	Sep 11
ARRL September VHF QSO Party		1800Z	Sep 11
Coast-coast FISTS Clubs QSO	CW	0000Z	Sep 12
Louisiana QSO Party (2)	CW/SSB	1400Z	Sep 12
Månadstest nr 9 -	CW	1400Z	Sep 12
Månadstest nr 9 -	SSB	1515Z	Sep 12
North American Sprint	CW	0000Z	Sep 12
Tennessee QSO Party		1800Z	Sep 12
ARCI End of Summer Sprint	PSK31	2000Z	Sep 12
AGB NEMIGA	CW/SSB/DIGI	2100Z	Sep 17
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest		0600 Loc	Sep 18
	And	0600 Loc	Sep 19
SARL VHF/UHF Contest		1000Z	Sep 18
Scandinavian Activity Contest	CW	1200Z	Sep 18
Collegiate QSO Party		1200Z	Sep 18
Med. Islands Award Contest		1200Z	Sep 18
South Carolina QSO Party		1300Z	Sep 18
QRP Afield		1500Z	Sep 18
Washington State Salmon Run		1600Z	Sep 18
	And	1600Z	Sep 19
QCWA QSO Party		1800Z	Sep 18
Panama Radio Club Ann.	Phone	1200Z	Sep 19
North American Sprint	SSB	0000Z	Sep 19
144 MHz Fall Sprint		1900 Loc	Sep 20
CQ Worldwide DX Contest	RTTY	0000Z	Sep 25
Scandinavian Activity Contest	SSB	1200Z	Sep 25
Arkansas QSO Party		1400Z	Sep 25
	And	1800Z	Sep 26
Texas QSO Party		1400Z	Sep 25
	And	1400Z	Sep 26
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest		1600Z	Sep 25
	And	1900Z	Sep 25
Alabama QSO Party		1800Z	Sep 25
UBA ON Contest - 6m		0600Z	Sep 26
Fall QRP Homebrewer Sprint		0000Z	Sep 27
222 MHz Fall Sprint		1900 Loc	Sep 28

October, 2004

TARA PSK Rumble Contest		0000Z	Oct 2
UCWC Contest	CW	0000Z	Oct 2
Oceania DX Contest	Phone	0800Z	Oct 2
F9AA Cup Contest	CW/SSB	12000Z	Oct 2
International HELL-Contest (1)	HELL	1400Z	Oct 2
EU Autumn Sprint	SSB	500Z	Oct 2
California QSO Party		1600Z	Oct 2
UBA ON Contest	SSB	0600Z	Oct 3
RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest	SSB	0700Z	Oct 3
German Telegraphy Contest		0700Z	Oct 3
International HELL-Contest	HELL	1900Z	Oct 3
ARS Spartan Sprint		0100Z	Oct 5
YLRL Anniversary Party	CW	1400Z	Oct 6
432 MHz Fall Sprint		1900 Loc	Oct 6
SARL 80m QSO Party		1700Z	Oct 7
SSA 10 m Aktivitetstest	CW/SSB/FM	1700Z	Oct 7
International HELL-Contest	HELL	1700Z	Oct 3
Makrothen	RTTY	0000Z	Oct 9
	And	1600Z	Oct 9
	And	0800Z	Oct 10
Oceania DX Contest	CW	0800Z	Oct 9
EU Autumn Sprint	CW	1500Z	Oct 9
Pennsylvania QSO Party		1600Z	Oct 9
	And	1300Z	Oct 10
FISTS Fall Sprint		1700Z	Oct 9
North American Sprint	RTTY	0000Z	Oct 10
10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint		0001Z	Oct 10
UBA ON Contest	CW	0600Z	Oct 10
YLRL Anniversary Party	SSB	1400Z	Oct 13
JARTS WW	RTTY	0000Z	Oct 16
Microwave Fall Sprint		0600 Loc	Oct 16
Worked All Germany Contest		1500Z	Oct 16
Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint	CW	0000Z	Oct 17
UBA ON Contest 2m		0600Z	Oct 17
RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest	CW	0700Z	Oct 17
SSA Månadstest nr 10	SSB	1400Z	Oct 17
SSA Månadstest nr 10	CW	1515Z	Oct 17
Illinois QSO Party	CW/SSB	1800Z	Oct 17
W/VE Islands QSO Party		1600Z	Oct 23
50 MHz Fall Sprint		2300Z	Oct 23
FISTS Coast to Coast Contest		0000Z	Oct 24
CQ Worldwide DX Contest	SSB	0000Z	Oct 30
CQ WW SWL Challenge	SSB	0000Z	Oct 30
10-10 Int. Fall Contest	CW	0001Z	Oct 30
ARCI Fall QSO Party		1200Z	Oct 30

Notice of Motion
By Glen VE4GWN

To be voted on at the AGM - October 2004

Move that the By-laws article 3:3 be changed back to read as follows:

“3.3: The Board of Directors shall be elected annually by ballot by a majority of the members present and in good standing at a meeting called for that purpose. The number of Directors elected in excess of six (6) may be varied from time to time at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The officers of the corporation shall be appointed from among the Directors elected from the general membership as follows: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and Two Directors at Large.”

Motion by Glen VE4GWN
Seconded by Bob VE4ZAP

At the June 2003 meeting the By-laws were amended to read as follows:

“3.3: The Board of Directors shall be elected annually by ballot by a majority of the members present and in good standing at a meeting called for that purpose. The number of Directors elected in excess of nine (9) may be varied from time to time at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The officers of the corporation shall be appointed from among the Directors elected from the general membership as follows: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Flea Market Coordinator, Field Day Coordinator, Program Coordinator, Membership Coordinator and One (1) Director at Large”

Since this change in the By-laws the WARC board of directors has only had 6 members. There seems to be a lack of interest of the members to fill positions on the Board. The main reason for the change was to make the Flea Market and Field Day Coordinators members of the Board. Since both Coordinators are only required for a short period of time each year I feel that article 3:6 (below) covers this requirement.

“3.6: The Board of Directors may appoint standing committees and ad-hoc committees and special committees as needed and the president shall be an ex-officio member of all such committees.”

Since this is a change in the by-laws it has to be passed on to the Secretary in writing 30 days before the vote, and to members 1 week before the vote. I'm asking to have this printed in the September Newscaster to be voted on during the October AGM.

Notice of Motion
By Bob VE4ZAP

Motion to amend by-laws 3.12(a) and 3.12(b).

Where as the present by-laws read,

3.12(a) The term of office of any member of the Board of Directors shall not exceed three (3) consecutive years.

3.12(b) A member who has served three (3) consecutive years may not serve again without at least one (1) year absence from the Board of Directors.

To be changed to and to read as follows...

3.12(a) A term in office as a Director of the Board shall be one (1) fiscal year.

3.12(b) A Director of the Board can be voted in for a unlimited amount of terms, provided that a majority of the members present and in good standing at a meeting for that purpose, have voted in said director for each term.

3.12(c) Any Director of the Board, appointed to the office of President or Vice president, shall not hold said offices for longer than five (5) consecutive terms and must step down from said positions for at least one (1) term but will be allowed to remain on the Board of Directors in any other position, provided that a majority of the members present and in good standing at a meeting for that purpose, have voted in said director for each term.

Motion made by Bob Hrabí VE4ZAP

Seconded by Glen Napady VE4GWN



Fall Flea Market

Sunday October 20 '02

Heritage-Victoria

Community Club

950 Sturgeon Road

10:00 AM

\$2.00 Entrance Fee

Call Ruth VE4XYL 837-6915 to book your table

Volunteers wanted - Please contact Bob - VE4ZAP if you are able to help out.

RAC Bulletin 04-22E - Industry Canada Gazette Notice DGRB-003-04 on Morse Code.

On Saturday, 28 August, 2004, Industry Canada published Canada Gazette Notice DGRB-003-04 - Consultation on "Recommendations from Radio Amateurs of Canada to Industry Canada Concerning Morse Code and Related Matters", and invited comments. Amateurs have sixty days in which to respond.

The RAC Proposal deals with the WRC-2003 decisions concerning Morse as a mandatory qualification for HF operation in the Amateur Service. RAC has recommended that Industry Canada delete the mandatory requirement for Morse testing but leave it as a voluntary qualification as it may be required for reciprocal operation in those countries retaining a Morse requirement.

Amateurs should address comments to Industry Canada as directed in the Notice. RAC recommends that Canadian amateurs endorse this proposal. Amateurs with questions for RAC should direct them to their regional RAC Director. The Notice is available at:

<http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/internet/insmt-gst.nsf/en/sf06456e.html>

From the Planning Chair: Kumara, VE4WKP

Hello everyone. I am glad to be your new program director and would like to thank our nominating committee for the nomination. I hope that I will be able to fulfill your expectations, which you already experienced from the outgoing program director Glen Napady VE4GWN. He always encouraged me to accept this position. Thank you Glen for your kind help on sorting out the challenges I faced at the beginning of my term. I take this opportunity to thank Glen Napady for his outstanding services and devotion towards the position he held for the last three years. I am sure everyone was enjoyed the interesting presentations arranged by him during his office.

By way of introduction of myself, I would like to share something about how I was bit by this radio bug at a young age. I successfully passed the general examination in Sri Lanka to qualify for a VHF ham operator. Unfortunately I was unable to wait for my station permit since I had to accept my immigration papers for migrating to Canada. Though I am a licensed Ham operator in Canada for not more than one and half years, I held my SWL license since I was nine years. When I was in grade six I surprised my classmates with a homemade battery operated electric bell I

built using scrap materials. Those days we were so under-developed that I even did not have electricity in my village to heat up a soldering iron. I used my ever-reliable kerosene stove to heat up a pointed copper rod with a wooden handle to solder my projects. My next surprise was a crystal radio built using a now obsolete OA 70 Germanium point-contact diode and few other components. With this tiny radio we enjoyed listening to weak radio signals after school. I am also reminded of a day when I came home late after this fun and my dad punished me for being late from school. That didn't stop me from this hobby, and later I pioneered a small radio club in my school.

My interests started growing as I became older. In 1990 I built a TVRO satellite receiver by modifying a discarded TV tuner and with my own wide band FM (WBFM) demodulator to decode Secam color TV programs beamed on 714MHz from a Russian UHF satellite (Ekran) that was stationed over Siberia. For this receiver I built my first experimental 10 turn Helical antenna using just a coaxial cable and an aluminum sheet as the reflector. I also built a VHF FM receiver using locally available components that opened wide discussion among the members of our local radio club (RSSL) in Sri Lanka. I have experimented with and built various antennas and pre amplifiers to improve reception on local UHF TV channels. I guess I was somewhat influenced to take interest in this hobby by my elder brother, also a keen radio builder. My brother developed the first locally built commercial band FM receiver around 1976 to monitor the experimental FM test transmissions from Ceylon Broadcasting Cooperation (CBC).

With this interest I seek your cooperation to help me plan interesting technical topics for you. If you have a topic that you would like to share with the club, or if you have a suggestion for an educational presentation that you believe the members will be find interesting let me know. If you know somebody, a friend or organizations that can come speak on with an interesting subject let me know about that too. You can send me an e-mail or you can reach me on phone in the evening at 256 6528.

We had a very good time at the International Peace Garden Hamfest this year with very interesting events as usual. Although the bad weather dampened our hopes, there was a good turnout and many of us even had an opportunity for donating blood to the mosquito community.

This year Marmfest was very successful and the turnout was bigger than last year. It would have been even better if there were few more tables. I noticed some disappointed faces digging for parts for them to finish up their projects.

For our October meeting we have a very interesting topic I have already finalized. More information would be posted on the October Newscaster. The September 13th meeting will be a coffee meeting and the members will have a good chance to meet the new board of directors and discuss their views.