



# The **NEWSCASTER**

The Official Publication of the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club  
<http://www.mts.net/~warc>

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VE4BB

## *Annual Christmas Party*

Date: Monday, December 12, 2011  
Time: 7:30 PM  
Place: Dakota Collegiate - *See you there!*  
661 Dakota Street (At Beliveau Rd.)

### *Other Important Dates...*

Newscaster: Deadline December 28, 2011

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates  
January 9, 2012  
February 13, 2012  
March 12, 2012  
April 9, 2012—Home Brew Night

WSC: 2nd Thursday of month  
Breakfast—Garden City Inn

ARES: Tuesday, December 20, 2011  
Sir Wm Stephenson Library  
765 Keewatin Street  
Presentation: VHF radio kits

Other: WARC Spring Flea Market  
Sunday, April 15, 2012  
Heritage Victoria CC

### *WARC Executive for 2011-2012...*

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## *The President's CQ - Garth, VE4GWB*

Less than three weeks till Christmas, everybody ready making their list and check it twice. I'm planning a strategic strike on the malls and shopping center next weekend to get in and out in one piece.

Another year almost over but it's been a good one. Winnipeg's new airport opened. NHL returned to the city after 16 years. The Bombers had a good season and made it to the Grey Cup but...In radio a great time was had by all at Field Day weekend at CMU, a group of new members to the Ham community in Winnipeg, and a new repeater was born, VE4WDR on D-STAR. I also went another summer without sinking an HT in the lake. But there is always next year.

I would like to congratulate the graduating class of Basic 5. Job well done and hope you enjoy the exiting hobby ahead. Whether it's working 2 meters locally or chasing the DXCC on the HF bands. I've herd a few of our new members on 146.520 simplex going for the Worked All Winnipeg award. Great way to start out.

Don't forget to come to the Christmas party at this months WARC meeting, bring your spouse, another member of the family or even a friend out for a good time celebrating the upcoming holiday with your fellow Hams.

*The WARC executive wish you all..*

*Merry Christmas & Happy holidays.*

Garth VE4GWB



### *Our Vision*

*To increase public awareness and respect for Amateur radio; to provide education and support in all aspects of the hobby to our members in a social atmosphere*

**WARC Meeting Minutes,  
November 14, 2011  
Taken by Jim, VE4SIG**

Called to order 1935 hrs

**Introductions –**

Besides the usual suspects there was in attendance a new ham VE4RMP – Ralph Paulson who got 91% on his exam as a self-study student (Introduced by VE4SN) and two guests Hamish and Jerry

**Minutes of the October meeting -**

Approved by VE4HAY and seconded by VE4VZ

**Correspondence –**

None

**Treasurer –**

books have been sent to the auditor. At the end of Oct we had funds of \$6708 equal to a balance of \$6848.38 and outstanding cheques of \$140

**Membership –**

2 members

**ARES –**

None presented

**RAC –**

VE4HAY explained the role of RAC

**Education –**

VE4DAR informed the meeting that 14 to 15 students of the original 17 remained on the basic course

there is plans for an Advanced Course and a CW course but he made clear DAVE'S NOT DOING THEM!

We still have 6 textbooks left at \$45 each – see VE4GWB if you want one

**DX –**

VE4SN reported in a word IT'S FANTASTIC – 10M (among others) wide open

**New Business**

VE4HK reminded everyone the Flea Market is April 15th

VE4GWB informed the meeting that MARM is looking to procure benches for the area around the museum and is looking for donations of \$150 for each

VE4DAR moves that WARC donates a maximum of \$175 for a bench at MARM and it was seconded by VE4VZ. The group voted overwhelmingly in favour of the motion.

VE4SE reported that the Brandon ARC held a roast for Dave Snyder who's ran MARM for more than 25 years and has attended almost every Flea Market.

VE4GWB reported we plan on running another Raffle to cover our insurance cos. This year it is planned to be a "Players Choice" to appeal to both Hams and Non-Hams (Nams?) with the prize being either a Mobile Radio or an Ipad2 or gift Card. We hope to have raffle tickets available by next meeting.

VE4MAB informed the meeting there is a new D-Star repeater in town run by the Winnipeg Digital Repeater Group at 55 Nassau. Its VE4WDR 444.575+ (digital).

In operation since October 22nd and has worked as far west as Hwy 1 and 26 with a hand held (membership is \$25 years) see <http://www.ve4wdr.org> The newscaster has a link to the slide show of the installation. Perhaps we will have a D-Star Demo for the January meeting.

VE4DAR had put on the 1 hour "demo" for cadets from the Fort Garry Horse cadet corps with the help of Kumar and if it goes well he hopes that WARC will develop a "Foundation" course leading to a Certificate of Achievement being issued by the club (as a Foundation License is not yet available in Canada).

While in Israel he met with a representative of the Israel Amateur Radio Club- made arrangements to have a SK tree planted in memory of VE4AJR in the clubs "Silent Key Forest"

Moved to adjourn by Ve4HK

The Program was a video on a 50A field day operation that left everyone riveted to their seats.

(literally – no one "snuck out" early and the end of the video was met with a round of applause – obviously it was a hit)

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## *"The Night Before Christmas", Ham Radio-style*

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the town,  
The snowstorm was raging, the phone lines were down;  
The wind it did howl, the tree limbs did crack,  
I hope that St. Nick isn't forced to turn back.  
The wife making cookies, the kids making noise,  
While away in the shack, by my rig I was poised.  
The finals were glowing, the mike gain was set,  
I was chasing DX to see what I could get.  
The bands were all empty, the frequencies clear,  
Except one lone station that sounded quite near.  
He was calling CQ and my interest did pique,  
When he ended transmission with the words,  
"Old St. Nick".

I answered back quickly, I used great dispatch,  
If this were St. Nicholas, good God, what a catch!  
We exchanged information, it was really quite graphic,  
Then he came back and said,  
"I've emergency traffic!"

His reindeer were tired, his elves in a grump,  
If he didn't land soon, then his sleigh he would dump.  
I thought very carefully, I thought very hard,  
Then I gave him directions to my snow covered yard.  
As he flew past my window, his hair like a mane,  
He reined in his chargers and called them by name:  
"Whoa, Anode! Whoa, Cathode! Whoa, Zener! Whoa,  
Diode!

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IRLP Node 1066  
145.450 MHz -600 KHz  
(VE4WRS)

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Stop, Heater! Stop, Grid leak! Stop, Bias! Stop, Triode!  
You're flying too low! you're flying too fast!  
Look out, you dumb reindeer, his antenna mast!"

So into the backyard the reindeer did drop,  
St. Nick, the elves, and the sleigh went kerplop!  
Then at the back door, I heard this loud knocking,  
"Open up in there, or I won't fill your stocking!"  
As I turned off the light and was leaving the shack,  
Into the house Saint Nicholas came from the back--  
His two-meter rig held to his hip with a strap,  
"Hams do it in the shack" on the front of his cap.  
The sack that he carried made his aged brow furrow,  
And he handed me a card that read,  
"QSL Via Bureau".

His clothes were all sooty, from his shoes to his vest;  
I felt like a novice taking his test.  
His fingers were calloused and from what I could tell,  
This came from a straight key that I'll bet he used well.  
I offered him coffee, I offered him smokes,  
I tried easing the tension by telling ham jokes.  
Then he nodded his head and raised up his thumb,  
He smiled like an Elmer, did I ever feel dumb.  
He grabbed up his sack and went straight for the tree,  
And placed in it a large present for me.

When he finished his work, he stood up, took a bow,  
Then out the back door to his team he did plow.  
But I heard him exclaim as he flew o'er the land,  
"Beware of the ACMA, friend, we were both out of band!"

*Merry Christmas everyone*

## Promoting Our Hobby

By David VE4DAR

Who better to promote our hobby than RAC's President, Geoff Bawden VE4BAW?



As photos show, Geoff was on task November 8 at the Macintosh Users Group for Seniors (MUGS) meeting. After his colourful account of the development of radio communication, Geoff described current equipment, various activities and public service in Amateur Radio.



Five hams among the 40 MUGS members present assisted Bawden by telling their experience. Many questions including "How do I become a Ham?" followed the well-received presentation.



## Winnipeg ARES

Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ

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Congratulations to the elected 2011-12 Board of Directors. They were re-re-elected to office for 2011-12 by acclamation:

President	Glen Napady VE4GWN
Secretary	Dick Maguire VE4HK
Treasurer	Susan Collings VE4SYM.

At our Annual General Meeting 15 NOV the 2010-11 Financial Statement was adopted as was the Proposed Budget for 2011-12. In terms of operational activities, in the past year we were involved in the following:

ALERTS, CALL-OUTS, EXERCISES & TESTS (including 5 Flood Operations & 2 pre-flood training events)	9
PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS	4
EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS	12

Our long-serving Webmaster Kent VE4KEH should be recognized for all the time that he puts in to running [www.winnipegares.ca](http://www.winnipegares.ca)

In mid-NOV Susan VE4SYM and Rosi VE4YYL completed the Winnipeg Emergency Management Course – at our AGM there were less than 5 people that had not attended the WEM Course!

Our next General Meeting is TUE 20 DEC 1900h at Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street.

SIEM Municipal Emergency Coordinator Jim Townsend VE4CY and Manitoba ARES Northern & Special Projects DEC Wayne Warren VE4WR are both scheduled to present on particular mobile VHF radio kits.

## The Newscaster

From your editor Mark, VE4MAB

Thanks to this past years contributors...

David VE4DAR, Dick VE4HK, Jeff VE4MBQ, Andy VE4RDO, Ed VE4YU, Garth VE4GWB, Rob VE4SHS, Dario VE4SCH, John VE4JNF, Derek, VE4HAY, Jack VE4JCK, Jim VE4SIG and Ernie VE4EOG, for making *The Newscaster* bigger, better, faster!

Their efforts have been very informative keeping the Amateur Radio community up to speed with what is going on with Amateur Radio in and around Winnipeg.

Consider sharing your experiences, tips n' tricks, photos and more in the next issue of *The Newscaster!*

## Contest Calendar

Extracted From

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

### For December ...

SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 11
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Dec 14
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 14 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 14 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 15
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, Dec 14
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 16
AGB-Party Contest	2100Z-2400Z, Dec 16
RAC Winter Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 17
Feld Hell Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 17
OK DX RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 17
Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party	0001Z, Dec 17 to 2359Z, Jan 1
Croatian CW Contest	1400Z, Dec 17 to 1400Z, Dec 18
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 17 to 1500Z, Dec 18
ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	1800Z-2359Z, Dec 18
QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint	2000Z-2400Z, Dec 18
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 19
DARC Christmas Contest	0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Dec 28
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 28 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 28 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 29
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Dec 29

### Into January ...

SARTG New Year RTTY Contest	0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1
AGCW Happy New Year Contest	0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Jan 3
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 6
PODXS 070 Club PSKFest	0000Z-2400Z, Jan 7

**Good Luck In The Contest !!**

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## Congratulations to the Fall 2011 Basic 5 Class



Back Row, L-R:

Kevin VE4KMK, Leor VE4DXR, Allan VA4AJG,  
Walter VE4VB, Kurt VE4CHT, Peter VE4TTH, Gary  
VE4GJD

Front Row L-R:

Andy VE4HAS, Wayne VA4WJC, Brian VE4BCB



Alex VE4AIM teaching Rules and Regulations

These new Hams are already on the air participating in the MRS nets and actively working towards their "Worked All Winnipeg Award"! Listen for their Call Signs and take some time to QSY to simplex to give them another entry for their log book!

If you yourself don't yet have your WAWA now is the chance. Who wants to be sitting on a lawn chair in the backyard at -35 C?? Make it a chair in the ham shack with a warm cup of whatever working simplex!

For more details on the  
Worked All Winnipeg Award  
visit the WARC web site  
<http://www.mts.net/~warcl/>

**Seniors Christmas Dinner Successful**  
*By David VE4DAR*

The private dining room reserved for WSCRC's Christmas Dinner at Polo Park's Canad Inn was filled to capacity by noon on November 29. Late arrivals had to sit outside in the general dining room. No matter, master of ceremonies Ed VE4YU made sure the "outsiders" were included in all the announcements and draws.



After welcoming everyone President Ed VE4OAK acknowledged the presence of RAC's Mid West Director, Derek VE4HAY.

Two members were awarded positions on WSCRC's Honour Roll: Pat Giesbrecht (below)



and Stan Miner (in absentia. Ed is showing his award).



Sixty members and guests enjoyed the good fellowship, abundant food, and silent auction. Everyone went home with a smile and clutching a gift from Santa.



Thanks to all who worked hard to make this event such a success.

**Merry Christmas**

**From RAC Midwest Director**  
*By Derek, VE4HAY*

Membership in RAC is increasing. Yes I stated that correctly, it may be a small amount but, for the last 4 months the membership turned and is now on an increase. This is a good trend and suggests Canadian Amateurs realize that RAC will be here for the long haul. Expect more on this in 2012 as continuing to increase membership will be a primary focus for RAC executive in the New Year.

The Maple Leaf Memberships are also rising and are now in more than 120 strong. I know these are difficult economic times but these folks have stepped up and said supporting RAC is worth a \$100. If you find it within your means I hope you will consider supporting RAC at this elite level so we can continue to advocate for Canadian Amateurs.

**Deputy Director** — With the approval by the federal government of our bylaws revisions ... each Director of RAC is now authorized to appoint one Deputy Director from among RAC members residing in their region.

Deputy Directors may attend all RAC Board meetings and teleconferences as observers. In the event that a Director is unable to attend a Board meeting, that Director may authorize his or her Deputy Director to attend and vote the Director's proxy on any matter before the Board.

So I am looking for someone who is willing to be a deputy director. Please contact me at—[ve4hay@rac.ca](mailto:ve4hay@rac.ca)

## **Winnipeg Digital Repeater Group Inc.** **By, Mark, VE4MAB**

Winnipeg's D-Star repeater system, VE4WDR, is now connected to the "D-Star" Gateway and linked to the world!

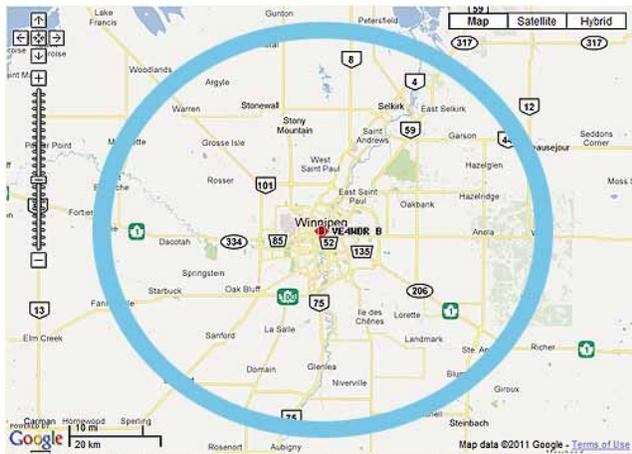
After going on the air October 22, 2011, we had experienced great evening communications however were experiencing some daytime interference causing the "R2D2" effect during a transmission.

Our first Reflector linking was on Tuesday, November 22, for the Ham Nation net (Tuesdays at 9:15 pm local time) To our surprise due to the US Thanksgiving holiday the Ham Nation podcast was not live that day however W4ADX was on the air to take check-ins from his QTH in Florida. Garth and Rosi checked in from here and a VK station was heard checking in.

On Thursday, November 24, Garth VE4GWB and I installed a pre-amp and filter between the duplexer and repeater on the input side and did a test with both Rosi VE4YYL and Glen VE4GWN receiving them on the repeater loud and clear from their QTH on the west side of Winnipeg!

The real test was during the daytime Friday when we had some long winded QSOs listening for that interference that was giving us the "R2D2" effect. With myself out in LaSalle and Garth at the "pit" in Stonewall, all communications were loud and clear. We did receive a few bits of R2D2 and attributed that to the location of the radio transmitting to the repeater and not the constant interference we had expected.

Then later in the day Ted VE4VID was having QSOs with Winnipeg hams from his QTH 49 kms east of the repeater, and Rob VE4TNT was coming in loud and clear mobile from Elie 44 kms west of the repeater! Both were using their Icom 92AD hand holds with an external antenna! An impressive footprint at 5 watts!



On Sunday, December 4, 2011, we installed the VHF omni directional antenna, feed line and the 2 meter Digital Voice repeater! This will give those with the Icom IC2200H mobile or Icom V82 HT an economical way of getting into D-Star by adding the UT-118 board!

For programming your radios for local use the UHF repeater in the system is 444.575+ DV. In the "Call Sign" menu of your radio enter...

UR:CQCQCQ  
R1:VE4WDR B (The 7th is a space, "B" is the Module)  
R2:NOT USE\*  
MY:<YOUR CALL SIGN>

For WDRG Members accessing the D-Star Gateway..

UR:CQCQCQ  
R1:VE4WDR B (The 7th is a space, "B" is the Module)  
R2:VE4WDR G (The "G" in the 8th space)  
MY:<YOUR CALL SIGN>

Program another memory channel of your radio for the VHF repeater. 145.490- DV and follow the programming above. However, for VHF, enter Module "C" in the 8th space for R1.

Thanks Roy VE4EN & CJNU for the repeater site, and to Roy, Ted VE4VID, Glen VE4GWN, Dennis VE4XE, Garth VE4GWB and Mark VE4MAB for all the hard rooftop work.

Thanks to George VE4GHR, Rob VE4TNT, Garth VE4GWB and Eric VE3EI for their computer related expertise getting our computer connected to the D-Star Gateway!

And a very special thank-you to..

George VE4GDH of Micro-HighTech for his guidance and technical support!

To find out more about VE4WDR and the D-Star system visit..

[www.ve4wdr.org](http://www.ve4wdr.org)



***D-Star Mobile and Handheld***  
Amateur Radios are available from your local  
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### ***RAC Bulletin 2011-040E***

***Notice to TELUS customers using the @RAC aliases.  
2011-12-02***

Starting on Nov. 23 there has been a significant increase in unsolicited bulk e-mail arriving for @rac.ca e-mail addresses. TELUS chose to stop accepting messages after only a short period each day resulting in most @rac.ca aliases destined for TELUS customers being significantly delayed.

Messages are again being accepted by TELUS.

Owing to TELUS policies it has become necessary to have the e-mail server block any messages which are normally marked as spam and destined for TELUS customers. There is the possibility that some legitimate messages may not be delivered. While I will try to make what adjustments I can to avoid this TELUS customers should be aware that TELUS has wrongly identified legitimate e-mail addressed to @rac.ca aliases as spam.

To all other destinations we will continue to simply mark messages as possible spam to allow members to make their own final determination.

While I apologize for this inconvenience, it is caused by TELUS overly aggressive anti-spam policy.

James R. Hay, VE2VE  
Vice President Technical and Administrative Services  
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### ***RAC Bulletin 2011-039E***

***Radio Amateurs of Canada Executive for 2012-2013 2011-11-30***

It gives me great pleasure to announce your incoming Radio Amateurs of Canada Executive members for 2012-2013.

RAC President -  
Geoff Bawden, VE4BAW  
First Vice President -  
Ian MacFarquhar, VE9IM  
Chief Field Services Officer -  
Doug Mercer, VO1DM  
Chief Information and Technology Officer—  
James Hay, VE2VE  
International Affairs Officer -  
George Gorsline, VE3YV  
Regulatory Affairs Officer -  
Bill Gade, VE4WO  
RABC Representative Officer -  
Norm Rashleigh, VE3LC  
Honourary Legal Counsel -  
Marcel Mongeon, VA3DDD  
Corporate Secretary -  
Paul Burggraaf, VO1PRB

There were no candidates for Treasurer, Public Information Officer or the Member Services Officer positions. I would like to thank Nominations Committee Chairperson Ed Frazer VE7EF and the RAC Directors for their assistance in the Executive nomination and election process.

Congratulations are extended to the Executive members above and thank you for your service and willingness to step forward for the national organization.

On behalf of the Board of the Radio Amateurs of Canada, I wish to express a sincere "Thank You and Happy Retirement from the RAC" to VPIA Daniel Lamoureux, VE2KA for his many years of dedicated service in numerous roles to the RAC. Last but not least, a sincere "Thank You" to VPRA Richard Ferch, VE3KI for his three terms keeping the regulatory side on the forefront and to Treasurer Margaret Tidman, VA3VXN for taking on the financial reigns the past two years.

Paul Burggraaf VO1PRB  
RAC Corporate Secretary

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**Consider Joining RAC Today!**  
<https://www.rac.ca/store/membership-form-e.htm>

***“Start with a good breakfast...”***  
***By David VE4DAR***

“Start with a good breakfast and you’ll have a good day.” The advice of countless mothers and dieticians seemed to hold for the Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club. Most of the 27 members present had just finished breakfast at the Canad Inn on McPhillips as President Ed Oakes, with VP Adam VE4SN at his side, began the General Meeting on Wednesday, November 16.



After acknowledging recent Silent Keys with a Minute of Silence, elections yielded these officers:

President – Ed Oakes VE4OAK  
 Vice President – Derwyn Percy VE4EIP  
 Secretary – Ed Henderson VE4YU  
 Treasurer – Ed Henderson VE4YU

Also elected to the Board of Directors: Bert VE4AND, Jean VE4BEL, Paul VE4AEY, Willard VE4WJE, Bob VE4RCJ, Alf VE4ALF, Bruce VE4GR, Bill VE4BYL, Al VE4AEW, Adam VE4SN, Pat VE4PLG, and Gerry VE4GKS.



In other business, membership in AMSAT was not renewed due to minimal use. In Education, it was noted that the Basic 5 students were nearing their final exam; a CW course was ready for the New Year with Adam and Bruce instructing; and 18 persons had expressed interest in an Advanced Course. However, no Chief Instructor is apparent.

The announcement that club member Stan Miner VE4SEM would be receiving the Order of Canada generated much applause. Most of the tickets for the Christmas Dinner at Polo Park’s Canad Inn have been sold. Reports of other activities can be gleaned from the minutes.

This was a smooth, friendly and on-time meeting. It seems Mother’s advice about breakfast is really true!

***Amateur Radio for Army Cadets***  
***By David VE4DAR***

It began with a meeting at a restaurant in St. Malo: Capt. Gass and I talking about the possibility of interesting Army Cadets in Amateur Radio.

You may remember WARC ran two courses for Air Cadets, one at WSC and the other at Red River College. Perhaps this would work again. We agreed to try a few sessions with the Army Cadets to see if they might be interested in going for their ticket.



In the first session at McGregor Armoury I gave a quick overview of the hobby and demonstrated 2m on a handheld. On November 16, Kumar, Piyumi and Sunpun talked about satellite communications.



Gordon VE4OK introduced the Phonetic Alphabet and some Morse Code.

**CW Course 2  
January 10 – Mar 1, 2012**

A 5 wpm Morse Code (CW) course is planned for January 10 – March 1 at the ...

Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club  
598 St. Mary's Avenue.

Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Course instructors will be long-time CW advocates Adam Romanchuk VE4SN and Bruce Massey VE4GR.

For further information and to register for this course, contact Adam VE4SN by email: [ve4sn@rac.ca](mailto:ve4sn@rac.ca) or by telephone at 339-3316.

Cost of the course is \$10.00, which includes the examiner's fee.

*Amateur Radio for Army Cadets....Continued*

I supervised Cadets as they talked with Aruni and Rosie on 2m handhelds.



These presentations were so well received that the Commanding Officer, Capt. Gass, has asked that we provide a 12-hour course for her Cadets in 2012.

*"An Introduction to Amateur Radio" is being developed.*

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**VHF Nets .....**

**MRS Nets - 147.390 Mhz +**

**Sundays & Thursdays at 9:00 pm**

This net covers Winnipeg and the MRS linked repeater system, and includes various announcements on amateur radio activities, plus Dick's "Swap and Shop"

**Seniors Morning Net 147.390 Mhz+  
Weekdays at 9:00 am**

This net covers Winnipeg and hams of all ages are welcome to join in this net which is always a lot of fun!

**IRLP (Internet Radio Linking Project)  
Net - 145.450 Mhz - Node # 1066  
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**

This net connects you with the world using your VHF rig and using the internet as the backbone!

**D-Star Nets ...New to Winnipeg on VE4WDR**

**UHF 444.575+ DV Port B and/or**

**VHF 145.490- DV Port C**

TransCanada D-Star Net - Fridays at 8:00 pm

On "Free Star" Reflector 21 ( XRF021BO )

Ham Nation D-Star Net - Tuesdays at 9:15 pm

On "DPlus" Reflector 14 ( REF014CL )

**Six Meter Net - 50.238 Mhz**

**Wednesdays at 9:00 pm**

**HF Nets .....**

**MB Evening Phone Net - 3747 Khz**

**Daily at 7:00 PM CT**

**Prairie Traffic Net (CW) 3660 Khz**

**Daily at 01:30 UTC**

**Aurora # 2 Net 7055 Khz**

**Daily at 02:30 UTC**

**MB Wx Net 3743 Khz**

**Daily at 8:30 AMC**

**ARES Manitoba Monthly Readiness Net**

**4TH Sunday of each month**

**4:00 PM to 4:20 PM -7,075 Khz**

**4:00 PM to 4:15 PM -3,675 Khz LSB**

**Also.. VE4WRS IRLP, VE4ARC/TEU, Inter-lake, VE4FFR Flin Flon, IRLP Reflector 9003 to Flin Flon/Swan River/Pinawa, VE4SIX/DARC repeater, VE4TPN/VHF Thompson.**