



# The **NEWSCASTER**

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**TBA**

**Date: Monday, November 16, 2015**  
(One week later due to scheduling conflict at Dakota Collegiate)  
**Time: 7:30 PM**  
**Place: Dakota Collegiate - Theatre See you there!**  
661 Dakota Street (At Beliveau Rd.)

### **Other Important Dates...**

**News-caster: Deadline December 2, 2015**

**WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates...**  
December 14, 2015  
January 11, 2016

**WSC: 2nd Thursday of month**  
Breakfast - Garden City Inn

**ARES: Tuesday, November 17, 2015**  
Sir Wm Stephenson Library  
765 Keewatin Street - Santa Clause  
Parade briefing followed by Annual  
General Meeting

**Other: --Fox Hunt - "Noonish" on Sunday,**  
November 1, 2015 St. Vital Park  
- WARC Spring Flea Market  
Sunday, April 17, 2016

### **WARC Executive for 2015-2016...**

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### **From the President's desk ...**

This November sees another crop of freshly-examined hams joining the Club with their complementary memberships. Listen for their new call-signs on the air, and welcome them to our community. We look forward to their participation in meetings and events, as well.

Speaking of events, there will be a foxhunt on All Saints' Day, and we are looking into another Simplex Day before Christmas. There are still some who don't have their Worked All Winnipeg award, yet.

Also coming up are a couple of Maker Days, one for a QRP transceiver, and another for a QRP multi-band antenna. Watch the website and the News-caster for details.

73,  
David Latour VE4DLA  
President

### **FOX HUNT** **Sunday, November 1, 2015**

The Nov 1 Foxhunt will be held at St Vital Park, starting 11:00 CST at the picnic shelter by the Pond at 190 River Road.

Should be all done by 13:00 followed by the BBQ.

Bring your own dogs, burgers, veggie patties, buns and drinks. We'll do the cooking.

Rain date is 8 Nov, same time and place. Please remember to wear good outdoor footwear and dress for the day's weather. Plenty of water is also recommended.

Peter VE4TTH will run a talk-in on VE4WPG

### **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,  
October 19, 2015  
Submitted by Gerry VE4GKS***

Meeting called to order at 00:40 UTC

Introductions.

September minutes approved.

Bob Jacobs presented the budget.

Membership -

59 paid-up members as of Monday morning.

Fox hunt November 1

Education -

24 writing exams this Saturday

ARES Report -

By Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ. A comprehensive Winnipeg ARES report was included in the OCT newsletter.

Our Summer Severe Weather Season for CANWARN closed SUN 13 SEP – in the seventeen weeks of the 2015 program we saw eleven (11) Severe Weather nets ranging from 0.75 to 6 hrs. Nineteen ARES members participated as CANWARN Net Controllers. VE4MAN was used for at least 26 hours of Severe Weather traffic, MRS has been advised in writing.

Hamish Donaldson VE4JDH and Nicki Albus VE4MMW are our new fundraising Co-Chairs – they did a terrific job organizing and running the ARES Silent Auction at the WARC Flea Market.

The next Winnipeg ARES General Meeting is TUE 20 OCT 1900h at Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Kee-watin Street. Jim Sutton VE4SIG will be doing a presentation on knot-tying – if attending please bring ten feet of cord or rope.

Derek -

No RAC report.

DX -

CQ WW DX phone contest this weekend.

Flea market -

Profit is approximately \$1,000.00

***October 18, 2015 WARC Flea Market***

The 2015 WARC Flea Market took place at our all time favourite location, Heritage Victoria Community Centre, on October 18.

Everything went like clockwork. Doors opened on time, tables up on time, coffee and muffins ready on time, volunteers in place on time, PA system worked perfectly right off the bat. That was kinda scary! I was waiting for the other shoe to drop, hi hi.



This is my last time as Flea Market Coordinator. I am retired, and have passed the torch to Peter VE4TTH. I am sure he will do a fine job, beginning with the Spring Flea Market.

There were 184 admissions sold for the Flea Market. Profit after all expenses was \$883.50

First prize in the admission door draw was \$100.00. The winner was John Bell VE4OL. Second prize was \$50.00. Allan Grant VA4AJG was the winner.

*The Spring 2016 Flea Market is scheduled for Heritage Victoria Community Centre on April 17, 2016.*

I would like to thank all the volunteers who made all “my” Flea Markets a success over the years. This year, thanks to Ruth VE4XYL for preparing coffee and muffins, and selling out all 30 tables. Also, thanks to Ruth for all her excellent advice over the years. Thanks to Dave VE4DJS, Allan VA4AJG, Patrick VE4PTH, Judy VE4JUD, and Tom VE4SE for looking after the Admission Door. Thanks to Ed VE4OAK and Mariska VE4MMG for looking after the Vendor Door. Mariska also took care of table layout and marking table numbers. Thanks to Tom VE4SE for helping with picking the winners of the admission prizes. Final thank you to my sister Barbara Maguire and Michele Flagg for an excellent job of selling coffee and muffins.

Thanks to everyone for their support

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Dick Maguire VE4HK

## *WSCRC's Potluck Luncheon*

*By David VE4DAR*

Usually, the Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club has a Fall Picnic. However, this year, the usual site, St. Vital Park's duck pond area, was unavailable because of construction. Also, the club's premises were being renovated.



So, instead of a picnic, the Seniors hosted a potluck luncheon at Bethel Community Church on September 22nd.



Eighteen happy members and guests enjoyed the yummy food and good fellowship. Thank you to the food donors and event organizers.



### *Time to RENEW your WARC membership!!*

You can renew your WARC membership on-line at...

<http://winnipegarc.org/join.html>

Be sure to include your RAC membership # to assist with our RAC insurance application.

### *MRS memberships expire December 31!!*

You can renew your MRS membership on-line at...

<http://www.mb-repeater-society.ca/membership.html>

### *Not a RAC Member??*

You can join RAC today on-line...

<http://www.rac.ca/>

## *Manitoba Repeater Society*

The Manitoba Repeater Society operates and maintains a linked repeater system across southern Manitoba, including Winnipeg.

If you are a user of any of these repeaters, we urge you to support the group by becoming a member.

VE4MAN - Starbuck, VE4CDN - Morris,  
VE4PLP - Portage, VE4MRS - Bruxelles,  
VE4GIM - Gimli, VE4MIL - Milner Ridge  
VE4EMB - Hadashville, VE4FAL - Falcon Lake,  
VE4WPG - Winnipeg, VE4VJ - Winnipeg, VE4WRS  
- Autopatch & IRLP link Winnipeg

Links to repeaters in Ontario, Brandon, Selkirk and soon to be the Dauphin & area.

[info@mb-repeater-society.ca](mailto:info@mb-repeater-society.ca)

<http://www.mb-repeater-society.ca/>

<http://www.facebook.com/ManitobaRepeaterSociety>

## Winnipeg ARES

Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ [ve4mbq@rac.ca](mailto:ve4mbq@rac.ca)

Between 11 MAY and 13 SEP we ran eleven (11) Severe Weather Nets ranging from 45 minutes to 6 hours duration during our CANWARN Program (in 2014 there were 4 Severe Weather Nets). There were 12 Test/Familiarization/Service sessions. We utilized VE4MAN owned by the Manitoba Repeater Society for twenty-six (26) hours during Severe Weather Nets (VE4MAN is located on a site owned by CBC, MRS is supposed to keep track of how much time MAN is used for emergency communications).

19 out of 25 CANWARN Net Controllers were able to volunteer for on-call shifts this year (twelve hours/day for seventeen weeks):

VA4S AJG, MAC

VE4s AJO, JNF, WTZ, HK, SIG, WZ, DLA, HAZ, DXR, GWN, DWG, LDI, JS, GKS, STL, VD and MBQ.

Kent Haase VE4KEH is doing great as the custodian of the government-owned radio gear.

Speaking of doing great, Nicki Albus VE4MMW and Hamish Donaldson VE4JDH did great as Fundraising Co-Chairs organizing the Winnipeg ARES Silent Auction at the WARC Fall Flea Market. I'm not totally sure how they did it but they managed to put together fourteen (14) prize lots.

### Winners:

Basket 1 - Warm Ham- VE4BOY Juanito Alambra

Basket 2- Tranquil Ham - VE4HK Dick Maguire

Basket 3 - Baby Ham - VE4XYL Ruth Mills

Basket 4 - Prepared Ham - VE4BOY Juanito Alambra

Basket 5 - Lucky Ham - VE4 CRS Ruthie Maman

Basket 6 - Gadget Ham - VE4SET Chris Setla

Basket 7 - Lustrous Ham - VE4MMG Mariska

Maguire

Basket 8 - Nature Ham – An unknown VE1/VA1!

Basket 9 - Handy Ham - VE4AV Rick Jones

Basket 10-Scary Ham - VE4GWB Garth Blum

Basket 11- Swedish Ham - VE4YYL Rosi Napady

Basket 12 - Repair Ham - VE4SET Chris Setla

Basket 13 - Hockey Ham - VE4PEH Pat Haertel

Basket 14- Glazed Ham - VE4CRS Ruthie Maman



While there were fourteen prize lots to be won, everyone who purchased tickets and/or donated items are winners because those folks finance our continued operation!

### Donors included:

Radio World

Wild Birds Unlimited

Fort Garry Industries Ltd

Canadian Super Shop

St John Ambulance

Nicki Albus VE4MMW and Mom

Susan Collings VE4SYM

Glen Napady VE4GWN

Irving Cosgrove VE4UG

Ruth Mills VE4XYL.

Thanks to Jim Sutton VE4SIG who demonstrated the tying of four knots for the members present at our OCT General Meeting.

Jim VE4SIG and Dick VE4HK operated VE4WWO SAT 24 OCT in support of the South-Central ARES Simulated Emergency Test. We're still waiting on digital photos for the majority of Wpg ARES membership (they were supposed to be submitted by end of OCT).

Nominations for 2015-16 Winnipeg ARES Inc. Officers (President, Secretary and Treasurer) opened at the conclusion of our OCT General Meeting and will close at 1600h TUE 10 NOV.

Our Annual General Meeting will be TUE 17 NOV at Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street right after the Santa Claus/Grey Cup Parade Volunteer Briefing concludes (that briefing is scheduled to begin at 1900h).

*Please consider bringing a new unwrapped children's toy in support of the Salvation Army Toy Mountain campaign.*

<http://www.winnipegares.ca/>

### Call Signs Now Available..

Doug Henry VE4TG, VA4DUG and VE4DUG has moved to Nova Scotia. He no longer holds those calls.

Someone in VE4-land was wanting VE4DUG or VA4DUG. These calls are now available for that person.

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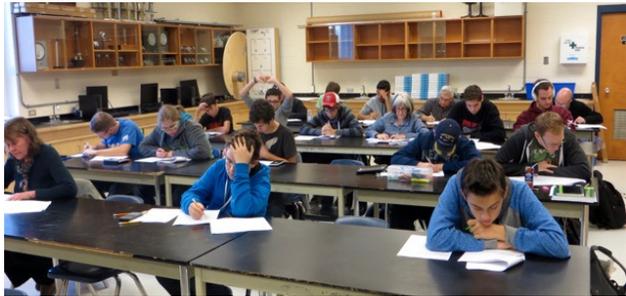
Dick VE4HK

## ***Basic Short Course 10 Graduates*** ***By David VE4DAR***

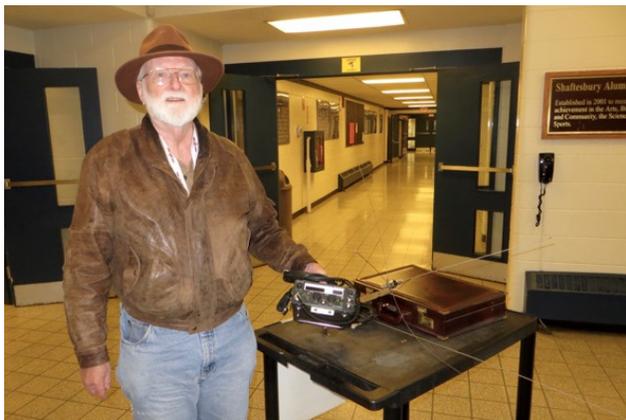
Led by Chief Instructor Dan VE4DPR and WARC's cadre of volunteer instructors, the 23 students of Basic Short Course 10 completed training at Shaftesbury High School on Saturday, October 24.



Nineteen students wrote Industry Canada's exam proctored by Adam VE4SN. Four students deferred to a later date. Eleven students passed the Basic Certificate exam with two achieving Honours. We congratulate them and look forward to hearing them on the air soon.



Following the exam, long-time ham Dave Place VE4PN, gave a presentation on getting started in our hobby. Students benefited from his presentation, augmented by samples of various equipment and enhanced by stories of his service with ARES and overseas with the Canadian Red Cross.



## ***Early Wireless and Radio in Manitoba, 1909-1924***

*(Taken from a Manitoba Historical Society document by George F. Reynolds (VE4AG) published in the 1978-1979 season)*

*Submitted by Ed VE4YU*

Less than eight years after Marconi had first spanned the Atlantic by wireless on December 12, 1901, amateur operators, or "hams" as they are generally known, were active in Manitoba.

In the fall of 1909, Alex V. Polson and some of his classmates at Central Collegiate Institute on Kate Street began experimenting with wireless. Young Polson had visited a United Wireless Telegraph Company station while traveling in the eastern United States that summer. When he returned to Winnipeg he told his friends all about the marvels of wireless and they decided to build an outfit of their own.

Their transmitter had a one-inch spark coil, glass plate condenser, tuning helix and spark gap. Messages were sent from Polson's home at 94 Cathedral Avenue to Melville Sayer who was living on Graham Avenue in the Alexandria Block.

The receiver consisted of a Hughes-type microphonic detector, which had a steel needle resting on carbon prisms, a tuning coil and headphones.

This is the first recorded use of wireless in Manitoba. Because of the success that attended these trials, there were soon many others who took up this new and fascinating hobby.

In February, 1911, the Canadian Central Wireless Club was organized in Winnipeg. Available records suggest that this was the first amateur wireless club in Canada. The Wireless Association of Toronto came into existence later that year.

In March, 1919, the Winnipeg Radio Club was formed. The president was J. Ralph Foster; vice-president was Douglas C. Chapman while the energetic secretary was Graham Spry.

Spry, Manitoba Rhodes scholar in 1922, later became co-founder and president of the Canadian Radio League. The league was the driving force behind the establishment of nation-wide, publicly owned broadcasting in Canada which culminated in the incorporation of the CBC.

The club met in the old red brick University of Manitoba Arts building on Kennedy Street just north of the Law Courts. There were some 20 members, mostly war vets with signaling experience plus a few students.

## Contest Calendar

Extracted From

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

### For November ...

QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Nov 6
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Nov 6
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 6
IPARC Contest, CW	0600Z-1000Z, Nov 7 and 1400Z-1800Z, Nov 7
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Nov 7 to 2400Z, Nov 8
Ukrainian DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 7 to 1200Z, Nov 8
NA Collegiate ARC Championship, CW	2100Z, Nov 7 to 0300Z, Nov 9
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 7 to 0300Z, Nov 9
IPARC Contest, SSB	0600Z-1000Z, Nov 8 and 1400Z-1800Z, Nov 8
EANET Sprint	0800Z-1200Z, Nov 8
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Nov 8
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Nov 11
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 11
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Nov 11 and 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 11 and 0300Z-0400Z, Nov 12
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB	2000Z-2100Z, Nov 11
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Nov 13
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Nov 13
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 13
WAE DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Nov 14 to 2359Z, Nov 15
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, Digital	0001Z, Nov 14 to 2359Z, Nov 15
JIDX Phone Contest	0700Z, Nov 14 to 1300Z, Nov 15
OK/OM DX Contest, CW	1200Z, Nov 14 to 1200Z, Nov 15
Kentucky QSO Party	1400Z, Nov 14 to 0200Z, Nov 15
CQ-WE Contest	1900Z-2300Z, Nov 14 (CW/Digital) and 0100Z-0500Z, Nov 15 (Phone) and 1900Z-2300Z, Nov 15 (Phone) and 0100Z-0500Z, Nov 16 (CW/Digital)
Homebrew and Oldtime Equipment Party	1300-1500Z, Nov 15 (40m) and 1500-1700Z, Nov 15 (80m)
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Nov 16
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Nov 18
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 18
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Nov 18 and 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 18 and 0300Z-0400Z, Nov 19
NAQCC CW Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Nov 19
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Nov 20
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Nov 20

NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 20
YO International PSK31 Contest	1600Z-2200Z, Nov 20
SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Nov 21 to 1000Z, Nov 22
LZ DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 21 to 1200Z, Nov 22
All Austrian 160-Meter Contest	1600Z, Nov 21 to 0700Z, Nov 22
Feld Hell Sprint	1700Z-1859Z, Nov 21
NA Collegiate ARC Championship, SSB	2100Z, Nov 21 to 0300Z, Nov 23
RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 21 to 0100Z, Nov 22
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	2100Z, Nov 21 to 0300Z, Nov 23
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Nov 25
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 25
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Nov 25 and 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 25 and 0300Z-0400Z, Nov 26
UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Nov 25
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW	2000Z-2100Z, Nov 26
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Nov 27
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 27
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Nov 28 to 2359Z, Nov 29
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 28 to 2400Z, Nov 29

### Into December 2015...

QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 2
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 2 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 2 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 3
QRP ARCI Topband Sprint	0000Z-0600Z, Dec 3
NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1800Z-1900Z, Dec 3 (CW) and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 3 (SSB) and 2000Z-2100Z, Dec 3 (FM) and 2100Z-2200Z, Dec 3 (Dig)
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Dec 4
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 4
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 4
ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Dec 4 to 1600Z, Dec 6
TARA RTTY Melee	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 5
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0600Z-0629Z, Dec 5 and 0630Z-0659Z, Dec 5 and 0700Z-0729Z, Dec 5 and 0730Z-0800Z, Dec 5
TOPS Activity Contest	1600Z, Dec 5 to 1559Z, Dec 6
AWA Bruce Kelley 1929 QSO Party	2300Z, Dec 5 to 2300Z, Dec 6 and 2300Z, Dec 12 to 2300Z, Dec 13

*Good Luck In The Contest*

## Nostalgia Radio CJNU 93.7

*CJNU 93.7 FM is where you'll hear the very best easy listening music that has been popular over the past eight decade !*



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Ph. (204)-783-1885 Fax (204) 779-7522  
Contact George Hill, VE4GDH

Visit their web site..

<http://www.microhightech.ca/>

### 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"

**The 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!

**Friendly Manitoba IRLP Net**

**Net - 145.450 Mhz - (Node # 1066)**

**On - The Great Lakes Reflector #9611**

**Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**

This net connects you with the world using the internet as the backbone!

### D-Star Nets on the VE4WDR System using

**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 )

HamNation D-Star Net Wednesday at 9:15pm

On "DPlus" Reflector 14 ( REF014CL )

Ozark Mtn. D-Star Net - Sundays at 8:00 pm

On "DPlus" Reflector 1 ( REF001CL )

More nets <http://www.dstarinfo.com/nets.aspx>

### HF Nets .....

**MB Evening Phone Net - 3747 Khz**

**Daily at 7:00 PM Local Time (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 Local Time (CT)**

### ARES Manitoba Monthly Readiness Net

**4TH Sunday of each month**

**4:00 PM - 4:10 PM -7,075 Khz**

**4:10 PM - 4:20PM -3,675 Khz LSB 5,375 USB**

**Manitoba IRLP Nodes - Use reflector 9003**

**Winnipeg VE4WSC (Node 1809) Pinawa**

**VE4PIN (Node 1981), Flin Flon VE5ROD**

**(Node 1750), DARC Swan River VE4SRR**

**(Node 1700)**

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