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VE4BB

ISS Telebridge update

By Rob VE4SHS

Date: Monday, March 14, 2016

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Shaftsbury High School - Library *See you there!*

This month only at - 2240 Grant Avenue !!

Other Important Dates...

Newscaster: Deadline March 30, 2016

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates...
April 11, 2016 - Home Brew Night
May 9, 2016 - TBA

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

ARES: Tuesday, March 15, 2016
Sir Wm Stephenson Library
765 Keewatin Street -
Public Safety Canada's Role in
Emergency Management.

Other: - Radio Sport Manitoba
Presentation - Discover The HF
Experience on Saturday, April 2, 2016
-WARC Spring Flea Market
Sunday, April 17, 2016

WARC Executive for 2015-2016...

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WARC's March meeting is a Field Trip to...

Shafsbury High School
2240 Grant Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Parking in front (north side) and along the east side of the building. Access through the front doors.

Meeting is held in the library down the hall and up the stairs.

Presentation following the agenda will be held in the outside portable with the fan dipole on the roof.

WARC's Spring Flea Market

Sunday, April 17, 2016
Heritage Victoria Community Centre
950 Sturgeon Road, Winnipeg, MB

*Admission to the Flea Market is
\$5.00 per person.*

Please bring exact change, preferably a \$5 bill !!

From The Newscaster Editor's desk ...

Thanks to all who contribute to your newsletter - The Newscaster!

When submitting articles for *The Newscaster* please specify in your e-mail that what you are sending is intended to be published in an upcoming issue. I do receive a lot of e-mail and this helps prevent the publication of information that was not intended to be.

The deadlines for submissions for the next issue are included in each issue so please ensure your articles that are time sensitive are submitted on time. I set aside a block of time each month to put the puzzle pieces together and late submissions, adding a piece to a completed puzzle, becomes troublesome.

73 Mark VE4MAB

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

February 8, 2016

Taken by Gerry VE4GKS

Meeting called to order 19:35

VE4DLA president chairing meeting.

Introductions –

36 members, 2 student guests.

VE4TTH & VE4GWN moved acceptance November 2015 minutes. Approved.

VE4TTH & VE4JDH moved acceptance January 2016 minutes. Approved.

Financial Report –

C.U. \$7598, Pay Pal \$3958. Total \$11,556

Membership –

97 members, VE4YU is SK.

Education –

Basic course starting 20 February.

ARES –

Recruiting for Manitoba Marathon – Klondike Derby response is OK. WX spotter training in March. Usual items for Manitoba Marathon equipment & briefing.

RAC report –

Nothing from VE4HAY.

DX report –

VE4SN reports DX is very poor. VE4TTH reports good action on 40-160m CW & SSB.

Home brew night is April 11.

Flea Market –

April 17 – usual time and place, followed by MRS meeting.

April 24 – fox hunt in St Vital Park, details in Newscaster and Website soon.

Tape measure Yagi build night – nothing totally firm yet on location & date.

June is election night, prepare to nominate.

There was an expression of interest in WARC ballcaps, and in a “CW Group for practice”

Cary made a presentation on a joint WARC/RSM

Manitoba Repeater Society**Notice of Annual General Meeting**

The Manitoba Repeater Society will be holding its Annual General Meeting on ...

Sunday, April 17, 2016Heritage Victoria Community Centre
950 Sturgeon Road, Winnipeg, MB

The Meeting will commence at 12 noon immediately following the WARC spring flea market. The meeting will feature the presentation of the 2017 budget, updates on the current projects and election of the board of directors.

If you are interested in joining the executive of the MRS, please contact Dick, VE4HK for further details.

As per our by-laws, if you would like to present a motion at the meeting, we request that you submit the motion in writing to any member of the executive so that it can be added to the agenda and appropriate notice given to the membership. We look forward to see you there!

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.

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

info@mb-repeater-society.ca<http://www.mb-repeater-society.ca/><http://www.facebook.com/ManitobaRepeaterSociety>

project to increase interest in operating HF and contesting, to be held 2 April. Details to be published soon.

50/50 draw – VE4AHM won \$20.00.

Door prize winners VE4VB, VE4GWB, VE4MAB (the fix was in).

Meeting adjourned 20:25 by VE4GWN

Garth VE4GWB made a presentation on the Raspberry Pi.

Winnipeg ARES
Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ
ve4mbq@rac.ca

Our FEB meeting featured Bob Poole VE4MAQ and Glen Napady VE4GWN delivering the Volunteer Briefing for Klondike Derby as well as focusing on personal equipment requirements for the event. Richard Kazuk VE4KAZ did an un-planned review of Cross Band Re-Transmit. Thanks to Manitoba Repeater Society for the recent donation of a Kenwood TK 8180 UHF Transceiver and Thanks to Yori VE4ACX for the donation of a Regulated Power Supply – a great start to a UHF Mobile Kit!

At press time approximately sixteen (16) ARES members and affiliates were scheduled to provide volunteer Amateur Radio communications 5, 6 MAR at Camp Amisk during Klondike Derby.

Following a successful exercise in mid-FEB Winnipeg ARES has engaged Mass Notification provider One Call Now to do our alerts and call-outs through – the EC or Duty EC has to make one phone call instead of seven or eight phone calls and the notifications are sent out almost immediately (our cumbersome telephone fan-out takes 45-90 minutes).

The next Winnipeg ARES General Meeting is TUE 15 MAR 1900h at Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Kee-watin Street. Acting Regional Director Cameron Buchanan is scheduled to give a presentation on Public Safety Canada's Role in Emergency Management.

CANWARN Spotter Training will be held SAT 19 MAR 0930-1330h at Union Station, if interested in attending please register with VE4MBQ by FRI 11 MAR. There is a group lunch following the training session at The Old Spaghetti Factory, \$14.50 each including tip & taxes.

There is a planned activation for the provincial EOC TUE 22 MAR, don't be surprised to hear VE4EMO on the air at some point that day.

D-Star's "D-Tip" Of The Month
By, Garth VE4GWB

Running a DVAP or Hotspot with software capable of ircddb remote?

Use your smartphone or tablet with ircddb remote app installed to control the linking/unlinking with ease.

Contact ve4gwb@gmail.com for any info.

Manitoba Marathon
Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ
ve4mbq@rac.ca

The 2016 Manitoba Marathon will be SUN 19 JUNE.

We still need forty to forty-five volunteers, volunteer registrations seem to have recently plateaued.

If you are a new Amateur we will pair you up with someone who has done the event previously.

The mandatory 2016 Amateur Radio Group Volunteer Briefing is TUE 14 JUNE 1900h Norwood Community Club 87 Walmer (Map 17 C8 in the Sherlock map Book), material distribution begins at 1815h

Please register on-line ASAP thru the form that WARC Web-Master Mark VE4MAB has set up at:

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

Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club
By Gil VE4AG

Finally, the news that's really new and welcome. The Seniors Radio club is now OPEN. Clean-up has been mostly accomplished (thanks to all who showed up Saturday).

Duty officers are in place to cover each day in the week (Monday thru Friday), so feel free to come for socializing and a good cup of coffee (25c per cup).

Hours are usually 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., but it is best to phone first to make sure the door (north end of fire hall) will be open for your visit.

Drop mail service is operative again for WARC and MRS.

Tuesday we check into the CLARA (Canadian Ladies Amateur Radio Association) Net (11:00 a.m. DST) and we welcome, especially, lady Hams to join us at that time, but OMs are also invited to join in, whether from our Club or home station.

We do have some changes. Our phone number is now 204-666-8435; our email address is ve4wsc@gmail.com; and our website is www.ve4wsc.ampr.org (thanks to www.les.net).

Because we have been closed and inactive for so long, the donations to the club have dried up - So guys and gals- what's in your wallet?

Contest Calendar

Extracted From

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

For March...

QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Mar 9
 Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Mar 9
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Mar 9
 and 1900Z-2000Z, Mar 9
 and 0300Z-0400Z, Mar 10

AWA John Rollins Memorial DX Contest
 2300Z, Mar 9 to 2300Z, Mar 10
 and 2300Z, Mar 12 to 2300Z, Mar 13

NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Mar 11
 QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Mar 11
 NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Mar 11
 Nauryz DX Contest 0800Z-1359Z, Mar 12

RSGB Commonwealth Contest
 1000Z, Mar 12 to 1000Z, Mar 13

South America 10 Meter Contest
 1200Z, Mar 12 to 1200Z, Mar 13

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
 1200Z, Mar 12 to 2400Z, Mar 13

Oklahoma QSO Party
 1400Z, Mar 12 to 0200Z, Mar 13
 and 1400Z-2000Z, Mar 13

AGCW QRP Contest 1400Z-2000Z, Mar 12

Stew Perry Topband Challenge
 1500Z, Mar 12 to 1500Z, Mar 13

EA PSK63 Contest 1600Z, Mar 12 to 1600Z, Mar 13

TESLA Memorial HF CW Contest
 1800Z, Mar 12 to 0759Z, Mar 13

QCWA QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 12 to 1800Z, Mar 13

Idaho QSO Party 1900Z, Mar 12 to 1900Z, Mar 13

North American Sprint, RTTY 0000Z-0400Z, Mar 13

UBA Spring Contest, 2m 0700Z-1100Z, Mar 13

NSARA Contest 1200Z-1600Z, Mar 13
 and 1800Z-2200Z, Mar 13

Wisconsin QSO Party
 1800Z, Mar 13 to 0100Z, Mar 14

WAB 3.5 MHz Phone 1800Z-2200Z, Mar 13

Bucharest Contest 1800Z-2059Z, Mar 14

CLARA Chatter Party
 1700Z, Mar 15 to 1700Z, Mar 16
 and 1700Z, Mar 19 to 1700Z, Mar 20

QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Mar 16
 Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Mar 16
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Mar 16
 and 1900Z-2000Z, Mar 16
 and 0300Z-0400Z, Mar 17

RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW
 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 16

NAQCC CW Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Mar 17

QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Mar 18

NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Mar 18

NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Mar 18

BARTG HF RTTY Contest

0200Z, Mar 19 to 0200Z, Mar 21

SARL VHF/UHF Analogue/Digital Contest

1000Z, Mar 19 to 1000Z, Mar 20

Russian DX Contest

1200Z, Mar 19 to 1200Z, Mar 20

F9AA Cup, SSB

1200Z, Mar 19 to 1200Z, Mar 20

Louisiana QSO Party

1400Z, Mar 19 to 0200Z, Mar 20

AGCW VHF/UHF Contest

1400Z-1700Z, Mar 19 (144)

and 1700Z-1800Z, Mar 19 (432)

Virginia QSO Party

1400Z, Mar 19 to 0200Z, Mar 20

and 1200Z-2400Z, Mar 20

Feld Hell Sprint

1700Z-1859Z, Mar 19

UBA Spring Contest, SSB

0700Z-1100Z, Mar 20

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Mar 21

SKCC Sprint

0000Z-0200Z, Mar 23

QRP Fox Hunt

0100Z-0230Z, Mar 23

Phone Fray

0230Z-0300Z, Mar 23

CWops Mini-CWT Test

1300Z-1400Z, Mar 23

and 1900Z-2000Z, Mar 23

and 0300Z-0400Z, Mar 24

RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB

2000Z-2130Z, Mar 24

QRP Fox Hunt

0100Z-0230Z, Mar 25

NCCC RTTY Sprint

0145Z-0215Z, Mar 25

NCCC Sprint

0230Z-0300Z, Mar 25

FOC QSO Party

0000Z-2359Z, Mar 26

CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB

0000Z, Mar 26 to 2359Z, Mar 27

Low Power Spring Sprint

1400Z-2000Z, Mar 28

Phone Fray

0230Z-0300Z, Mar 30

CWops Mini-CWT Test

1300Z-1400Z, Mar 30

and 1900Z-2000Z, Mar 30

and 0300Z-0400Z, Mar 31

UKEICC 80m Contest

2000Z-2100Z, Mar 30

Into April ...

NCCC RTTY Sprint

0145Z-0215Z, Apr 1

NCCC Sprint

0230Z-0300Z, Apr 1

15-Meter SSTV Dash Contest

0000Z, Apr 2 to 2359Z, Apr 3

LZ Open 40m Sprint Contest

0400Z-0800Z, Apr 2

Mississippi QSO Party

1400Z, Apr 2 to 0200Z, Apr 3

Missouri QSO Party

1400Z, Apr 2 to 0400Z, Apr 3

and 1400Z-2000Z, Apr 3

SP DX Contest

1500Z, Apr 2 to 1500Z, Apr 3

EA RTTY Contest

1600Z, Apr 2 to 1600Z, Apr 3

North American SSB Sprint Contest

0000Z-0400Z, Apr 3

UBA Spring Contest, 6m

0600Z-1000Z, Apr 3

RSGB RoLo SSB

1900Z-2030Z, Apr 3

RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW

1900Z-2030Z, Apr 4

Net Control Operator Workshop By David VE4DAR



Nineteen students and teachers participated in my Net Control Operators' Workshop at Shaftesbury High School on February 11. The purpose was to give basic information and advice for those who could go on to be a net control

operator for the Newbie and other nets.

Some of the students were graduates of recent Basic Short Courses. Others plan to take BSC 11 at Shaftesbury High School in February and March.

Among the topics covered were: what is a net; types of nets; role of net control stations/operators; net scripts; handling check-ins; and tips for running a good net.



The Newbie Net is planned to continue until the end of June. Net Control Operators (NCO's) have been scheduled until the end of April. Several NCO's signed up at the workshop. As students from other schools get their ham ticket, we hope the Newbie Net serves as their meeting place.



When You're Hot; You're Hot! By David VE4DAR

I don't remember ever having 25 students in a class since we began in 2006 with a course for Air Cadets; not at the Seniors; not at Red River College; nor at Shaftesbury HS.



But that's what Chief Instructor Rob VE4SHS has registered for BSC 11. One-third of the class is high school students including 6 females. And Grade 12 student, Dylan VA4DFJ, is one of the instructors. Dylan is also one of the new Net Control Operators for the Newbie Net.



Good recruiting, Rob. Also, great job in revising the course and upgrading the Yellow Folder. Thanks from all of us. "When you're hot; you're hot!"



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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)

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Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

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

Newbie Net 147.390 Mhz+

Saturdays at 10:00 am

This net is intended to give students and neophyte hams a chance to learn more about our hobby and to practice their on-air skills.

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On "DPlus" Reflector 1 (REF001CL)

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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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