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VE4BB

Welcome Back

Date: Monday, September 12, 2016

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Dakota Collegiate - Theatre *See You There*
661 Dakota Street (At Beliveau Road)

Other Important Dates:

Newscaster: Deadline September 28, 2016

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates
October 17, 2016 AGM
November 14, 2016

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

ARES: Tuesday, September 20, 2016
Sir Wm Stephenson Library
765 Keewatin Street Environment and
Climate Change

Other: Fargo Hamfest
September 24, 2016
WARC Fall Flea Market
Sunday, October 16, 2016

WARC Executive for 2016-2017...

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Fallen from the President's Desk ...

I have handed the gavel and hard hat to a new President for 2016-2017. I trust everyone will make Peter Toth VE4TTH as welcome as they made me. Peter is another ideas man, so I look to see the Club do interesting things under his care.

I have moved sideways into the Treasurer's position and a big 'thank-you' to Bob Jacobs VE4RCJ for the splendid job he has done in this post. He will ease me into the current state of the art, I'm sure.

Sincere thanks go also to Ross Gibson VE4RWG who has stepped down from the executive as well. His position as Membership is now filled by new member Jessy Blanchette VE4JBB. I expect he will do very well.

I will leave to your new President the task of introducing the full executive pantheon.

73,
David Latour VE4DLA
Ex-President and Treasurer

WARC Executive 2016 - 2017



(L to R) Membership - Jessy VE4JBB, Director - Gary VA4RWT, President - Peter VE4TTH, Past President & Treasurer David VE4DLA, Director David VE4DTF, Vice-President - John VE4VRJ, Secretary - Gerry VE4GKS

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

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From the President...

Greetings and Salutations fellow Hams!

As your incoming president, I was asked to say a few words in this month's news letter, so here they are.

I would like to promise everyone a chicken in every pot, but the taxes you would have to pay for that now a days makes it cheaper if you just get one yourselves. So instead I would like to open by saying that I look forward to the continued fun and fellowship that this hobby provides, and will do my best to help promote the enjoyment of this hobby.

We are a unique type of people, we amateur radio folk. We are the dreamers and shapers, the builders and makers of the technology, that everyone on this planet takes for granted. Behind every single technological innovation and advancement in the past 100 years, there is a ham radio enthusiast either at the fore front, or closely involved. This has been true since the start of our hobby, and interestingly, it continues today. Likewise, we have always been community minded, such so that we have organized ourselves to be efficient and useful in the event that disaster strikes. Heck, for fun we even practice how to lend a hand and be at the ready, which some would say calls into question our sanity. But we do that because we can, and we do that silently, in the background, with little fanfare. Without ever asking for anything in return, and that makes us unique, and very rare. That also makes me being president of an organization of such people very special, and clearly a great honour.

My goals for WARC are few, but they do require a little bit of effort.

I would like to grow our little group, to at least 50% larger in size. Starting with contacting all past members and enticing them to renew.

I would like to have one extra day out in the field, possibly in the fall, where the entire group shows up for a barbeque or wiener roast by a fire, and set up some radios for the mere purpose of blowing the summer's dust off the equipment after being stored since field day. This would be a daytime and evening event only, and more of a picnic to meet and greet friends, with a chance to operate a radio for a contact or two on HF if you wish.

Finally, I would like to see us get back to our roots a bit more, and engage in building more projects. They don't even have to be radio related, as long as we all get to smell some solder melting, and come away with some gadget that we made with our own hands.

So there we have it, my goals for our group of hams. I hope I don't scare away too many people, and instead entice a few to sign up. These goals of course will take a few people to lend a hand, and if you are willing, the work load will be very light I promise.

See you all at the next meeting.

President
Peter Toth VE4TTH



Manitoba Repeater Society

Semi Annual General Meeting

The Manitoba Repeater Society Inc. Semi Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 24, 2016. It will take place at Dakota Collegiate, in the auditorium, beginning at 7:00 pm.

All MRS members, prospective members, and interested amateurs are welcome to attend. Those present can expect the usual reports from our Membership Chair, our Treasurer, along with a Technical Report on the state of the repeaters.

The executive will be pleased to answer any questions from the floor.

We will be accepting memberships for the 2017-18 year at the Semi Annual General Meeting. The updated membership form will be posted on the MRS website shortly.

Please contact me Dick Maguire ve4hk@rac.ca or Ph. 204-256-3143 or VE4WPG with any questions or concerns.

Dick Maguire
VE4HK
Secretary

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

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

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WARC Meeting Minutes
Taken by Gerry VE4GKS
Monday, June 16, 2016

Meeting called to order 00:37 June 16 at Samuel Burland School.

Introductions as usual

Minutes approved VE4TTH & VE4HK.

Nothing from these minutes.

Treasurer's Report -
No treasurer's report

Membership Report -
101 members.

Programs & Events -
VE4TTH says a fox hunt this fall. Field Day will be a casual affair, not a contest.

Education -
A fall course will be run.

ARES Report -
VE4HK read the ARES report.

RAC Report -
No RAC report.

DX report -
VE4DLA reports a little PSK31 from KH6 on 20 meters. VE4SN reports European & Russian stations.

Field Day will be a small event, casual operation – no beams or towers, just a few dipoles, etc.

Elections -
VE4TTH, VE4GKS, VE4VJR, VA4BB, VE4DLA, VA4RWT are the new executive.

50/50 \$14.50 to VE4HK. Door prizes to VE4SN, VE4RWG & VE4YD.

This was followed by a talk on Camp Amisk

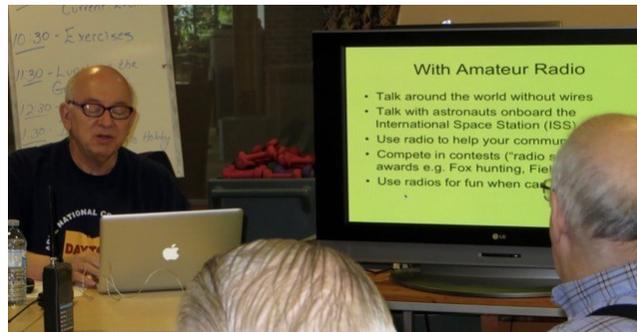
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Intro to Amateur Radio at
The Sharon Home
By David VE4DAR

Seventeen members of the Day Care Program at the Sharon Home received an Introduction to Amateur Radio on June 6 and 8.



The Seniors paid keen attention as David VE4DAR presented an overview of our hobby using a Power-Point. Participants then viewed several videos produced by the Radio Society of Great Britain. Some recalled their use of radios during wartime service.



On hand were a scanner, CW practice set, 2m/70cm handheld and a mag-mount antenna. A few persons had a QSO with Dick VE4HK. The group enjoyed looking at a binder of local ham activities and samples of various ham journals and pamphlets.



Each person was given a handout describing amateur radio, the International Phonetic Alphabet, and the Morse Code to take home.

Winnipeg ARES
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See a summary of 2016 Amateur Radio operation for Manitoba Marathon in a separate article.

Our AUG General Meeting featured Manitoba EMO Training Manager Nicki Albus VE4MMW – Nicki spoke on the new provincial on-line emergency management training system that will debut this fall.



Garry Frankel 2016

Nicki Albus VE4MMW presenting
 Photo Credit Garry Frankel VE4VD

Approximately twelve Winnipeg ARES volunteers lead by Dick VE4HK are providing volunteer Amateur Radio communications for the Parkinson SuperWalk SAT 10 SEP.

The next Winnipeg ARES General Meeting is TUE 20 SEP 1900h at Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street. An Environment and Climate Change Canada Manager has been invited to present on Damage Assessment but at press time was unable to confirm availability. Jason Shaw, the Acting Manager of Emergency Preparedness for the City of Winnipeg may well be dropping in 20 SEP as well.

Winnipeg ARES is recruiting volunteer operators for the Scouts Canada Wilderness Challenge 01. 02 CT at Camp Amisk – this is similar to the Klondike Derby event that we cover in the early springtime. Please contact Richard VE4KAZ directly to volunteer, rkazuk1@mymts.net



Manitoba Marathon
Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ
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The 2016 Amateur Radio Report for Manitoba Marathon can be found on Winnipeg ARES and Winnipeg ARC web-sites:

http://www.winnipegares.ca/archives/manitoba_marathon/2016_Manitoba_Marathon_Amateur_Radio_Report.pdf

And

http://winnipegarc.org/Amateur_Radio_Report_2016_Final.pdf

The 2016 operation ran from approximately 0530-1330h.

Ultimately, eighty-one (81) Amateur volunteers were assigned to each Hospitality Station, Relay Exchange Zone, five Course Vehicles (Lead Full, Lead Half, Course Closing, 2 Sweep Vans), Start Line, Medical Vehicles (1 Medical Transport, 2 Therapy, 2 Medical Supply and “Courier Motorcycle “Bike 10), Hospitality Net Control, Medical Net Control and Care Centre.

Three (3) non-Amateur volunteers supported our operation. Of the 81 volunteers involved, nine (9) were new or “newer” Amateurs that were partnered with Amateurs with previous Manitoba Marathon experience.

Our volunteers were:

VA4s: CAT, DON, RWT, PNO,
 VE4s:PH, PEH, BOY, DAE, JBL, JLO, TSY, PDD, SBS, LYN, SE, XYL, WDZ, GLS, MHZ, JDH, LOL, VZ, ESA, JAL, MMD, QB, RIC, MMG, DRO, HK, JFB, NQ, GAG, DJS, WX, GWB, JAH, LIT, ANF, DBV, SIG, GIS, GZ, UK, STS, MWH, RDO, RAI, EH, TTH, FHS, GWN, ACX, YYL, CDM, ESX, JNF, NCH, KAZ, MAB, EAR, QV, JFK, SYM, TRO, LDI, DWG, MMW, JS, AFL, VB, MBQ Max Perchaluk, Betty Pettapiece and Gail Lameroux.

Six Amateur Radio organizations supported our operation:

Winnipeg ARES
 Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club
 Manitoba Repeater Society
 Pathfinders Amateur Radio Club
 South-Central ARES
 University of Manitoba Amateur Radio Society.

Volunteer registration for 2017 will likely open mid-DEC.

Contest Calendar

Extracted From

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

For September ...

NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1700Z-1800Z, Sep 1 (CW) and 1800Z-1900Z, Sep 1 (SSB) and 1900Z-2000Z, Sep 1 (FM) and 2000Z-2100Z, Sep 1 (Dig)
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Sep 2
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Sep 2
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 2
G3ZQS Memorial Straight Key Contest	2300Z, Sep 2 to 2300Z, Sep 4
Russian RTTY WW Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Sep 3
CWops CW Open	0000Z-0359Z, Sep 3 and 1200Z-1559Z, Sep 3 and 2000Z-2359Z, Sep 3
All Asian DX Contest, Phone	0000Z, Sep 3 to 2400Z, Sep 4
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0600Z-0629Z, Sep 3 and 0630Z-0659Z, Sep 3 and 0700Z-0729Z, Sep 3 and 0730Z-0800Z, Sep 3
RSGB SSB Field Day	1300Z, Sep 3 to 1300Z, Sep 4
IARU Region 1 Field Day, SSB	1300Z, Sep 3 to 1259Z, Sep 4
AGCW Straight Key Party	1300Z-1600Z, Sep 3
Colorado QSO Party	1300Z, Sep 3 to 0400Z, Sep 4
PODXS 070 Club Jay Hudak Memorial 80m Sprint	2000Z, Sep 3 to 2000Z, Sep 4
WAB 144 MHz QRO Phone	1000Z-1400Z, Sep 4
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Sep 4
Tennessee QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 4 to 0300Z, Sep 5
MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint	2300Z, Sep 5 to 0300Z, Sep 6
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Sep 6
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 7
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Sep 7 and 1900Z-2000Z, Sep 7 and 0300Z-0400Z, Sep 8
UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Sep 7
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Sep 9
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 9
Kulikovo Polye Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Sep 10
FOC QSO Party	0000Z-2359Z, Sep 10
WAE DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Sep 10 to 2359Z, Sep 11
SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Sep 10 to 1000Z, Sep 11
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Sep 10 to 2400Z, Sep 11
Russian Cup Digital Contest	1500Z-1859Z, Sep 10 and 0600Z-0959Z, Sep 11
Ohio State Parks on the Air	1600Z-2400Z, Sep 10
ARRL September VHF Contest	1800Z, Sep 10 to 0300Z, Sep 12
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z-0400Z, Sep 11
Swiss HTC QRP Sprint	1300Z-1900Z, Sep 11
Classic Exchange, CW	1300Z, Sep 11 to 0800Z, Sep 12 and 1300Z, Sep 13 to 0800Z, Sep 14
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 14
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Sep 14 and 1900Z-2000Z, Sep 14 and 0300Z-0400Z, Sep 15
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB	1900Z-2000Z, Sep 14
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Sep 16
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 16
AGB NEMIGA Contest	2100Z-2400Z, Sep 16
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	0600 local, Sep 17 to 2400 local, Sep 18
SARL VHF/UHF Analogue/Digital Contest	1000Z, Sep 17 to 1000Z, Sep 18
Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW	1200Z, Sep 17 to 1200Z, Sep 18
All Africa International DX Contest	1200Z, Sep 17 to 1200Z, Sep 18
SRT HF Contest SSB	1300Z, Sep 17 to 1300Z, Sep 18
QRP Afield	1600Z-2200Z, Sep 17
New Jersey QSO Party	1600Z, Sep 17 to 0359Z, Sep 18 and 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 18
New Hampshire QSO Party	1600Z, Sep 17 to 0400Z, Sep 18 and 1600Z-2200Z, Sep 18
Washington State Salmon Run	1600Z, Sep 17 to 0700Z, Sep 18 and 1600Z-2400Z, Sep 18
Feld Hell Sprint	1800Z-1959Z, Sep 17
North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Sep 18
BARTG Sprint 75	1700Z-2100Z, Sep 18
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Sep 19
144 MHz Fall Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Sep 19
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 21
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Sep 21 and 1900Z-2000Z, Sep 21 and 0300Z-0400Z, Sep 22
NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Sep 22
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Sep 23
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 23
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Sep 24 to 2359Z, Sep 25
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Sep 24 to 2400Z, Sep 25
Maine QSO Party	1200Z, Sep 24 to 1200Z, Sep 25
Texas QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 24 to 0200Z, Sep 25 and 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 25
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1400Z-1700Z, Sep 24 (144) and 1700Z-1800Z, Sep 24 (432)
RSGB International Sprint Contest, CW	1700Z-2100Z, Sep 24
UBA ON Contest, 6m	0700Z-1000Z, Sep 25
Classic Exchange, Phone	1300Z, Sep 25 to 0800Z, Sep 26 and 1300Z, Sep 27 to 0800Z, Sep 28
Peanut Power QRP Sprint	2000Z-2200Z, Sep 25
220 MHz Fall Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Sep 27
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Sep 28
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 28
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Sep 28 and 1900Z-2000Z, Sep 28 and 0300Z-0400Z, Sep 29
UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Sep 28
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW	1900Z-2000Z, Sep 29
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Sep 30
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Sep 30
YLRL DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest	1400Z, Sep 30 to 0200Z, Oct 2
<i>Into October ...</i>	
TARA PSK Rumble Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Oct 1
15-Meter SSTV Dash Contest	0000Z, Oct 1 to 2359Z, Oct 2
Oceania DX Contest, Phone	0800Z, Oct 1 to 0800Z, Oct 2
WAB HF Phone	1200Z, Oct 1 to 1200Z, Oct 2
TRC DX Contest	1200Z, Oct 1 to 1200Z, Oct 2
GTC CW Cup	1200Z, Oct 1 to 1200Z, Oct 2
Russian WW Digital Contest	1200Z, Oct 1 to 1159Z, Oct 2
International HELL-Contest	1600Z-1800Z, Oct 1 (80m) and 0900Z-1100Z, Oct 2 (40m)
California QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 1 to 2200Z, Oct 2
FISTS Fall Slow Speed Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 1
UBA ON Contest, SSB	0600Z-1000Z, Oct 2
RSGB International DX Contest	0700Z-1900Z, Oct 2
German Telegraphy Contest	0700Z-1000Z, Oct 3
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 4
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 5
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 5 and 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 5 and 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 6
432 MHz Fall Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Oct 5
UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Oct 5



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
http://www.mb-repeater-society.ca/
http://www.facebook.com/ManitobaRepeaterSociety

WARC's Basic Short Course 12

Information to pass on to your family and friends!

The Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club's upgraded Basic Short Course is now open to applications on a first come, first served basis. Tuition of \$75 covers two study books and all instruction.

Running five Saturdays
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

September 24, October 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2016

At Shaftsbury High School
2240 Grant Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Send those interested to....
http://winnipegarc.org/basic_course.html

Reminder...

Time To Renew your WARC Membership for
2016 to 2017

http://winnipegarc.org/join.html

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 and Dick's "Swap & 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!

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.

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

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Winnipeg VE4WSC (Node 1809) Pinawa VE4PIN

(Node 1981), Flin Flon VE5ROD (Node 1750),

DARC Swan River VE4SRR (Node 1700)

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