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WARC's Election Night 2022

Date: Tuesday, June 14 2022

Time: 7:30 PM An **"In-Person" Meeting**

Windsor Park United Church

1062 Autumnwood Dr (at Cottonwood Rd.)

Find it on Google Maps - [Click Here](#)

Also available on Zoom

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86281996090?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86281996090?pwd=OUtCcGt1aEJYaUMrR1RVbCtMdVdlZz09)

[pwd=OUtCcGt1aEJYaUMrR1RVbCtMdVdlZz09](#)

Other Important Dates:

News caster: Deadline September 1, 2022

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates **2nd Tuesdays**
September 13, 2022 - Welcome Back

ARES: Tuesday, June 21, 2022
General Meeting—Marathon Debrief
Will likely be an **on-line** "Remote"
meeting Winnipeg ARES members will
be advised by e-mail

Check your WARC Membership Status at ...
<http://winnipegarc.org/join.html>

WARC Executive for 2021-2022...

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Director	Cary Rubenfeld	VE4EA
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Public Information Officer....	Vacant	

WARC & ARRL Field Day 2022

WARC is participating in ARRL Field Day
St. Vital Park - Saturday-Sunday, June 25-26.

All are welcome, open to the public

Assistance and volunteers are required to help construct the station and erect antennas.

After an absence of two years, the Winnipeg Amateur Radio club is happy to announce that WARC will once again be active in ARRL Field at St. Vital Park on Saturday and Sunday, June 25th-26th. Planning for the station and antennas is well underway for this exciting club event.

WARC Field Day is designed for all club members but is open to all. Bring your friends and family to a wonderful picnic-in-the-park. Try your hand at some Field Day fun and making contacts across North America.

We are also looking for teams of volunteers to help build the stations, antennas and facilities. If you have time Saturday and or Sunday morning, please let a member of the WARC Executive or Field Day committee know your schedule.

Most of us who are licensed today got our first taste of ham radio at a club Field Day. This year is no exception. Watch for further announcements and then come join the fun!

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E-Mail Steve at Steve@microhightech.ca

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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**WARC General Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2022**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 19:35

Introductions, encourage newbies and guests to declare
In attendance - 15 in person, 17 online

Minutes

Approval of April minutes as posted in the
Newscaster

Previous Business

WARC to formally invite Yori to Hamfest and
provide a testing table.

Treasurer's Report

	PayPal	Bank	Rainy	Books
Start	\$ 159.32	\$ 4,500.21	\$ 6,531.05	\$ 4,668.02
In	\$ 230.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 2.58	\$ 503.56
Out	\$ 196.04	\$ 431.002	\$ 0.00	\$ 627.06
End	\$ 193.28	\$ 4,205.21	\$ 6,533.63	\$ 4,544.52
Total Cash on Hand	\$ 11,078.15			

Membership Report

87 members (2 new).

Programs

2022 Hamfest (June, 5), Field Day (June 25-26), Cana-
dian Prairies QSO Party (May 14)

Presentation by John VE4VJR about CPQP and 2022
Hamfest. John operating as VE4BB during CPQP.

Education

Drago VE4DBV has expressed interest in coordinating
short courses for upcoming classes in conjunction with
Roberto. Roberto not present at meeting

WARC is considering offering a new operation training
program to help new operators with station operation.

ARES

ARES report to be posted in upcoming Newscaster.
ARES still requires 33 more volunteers for the Manito-
ba Marathon. Contact VE4MBQ to volunteer.

RAC

RAC has announced a special call sign authorization
for the 70th anniversary for the Queen's Platinum Ju-
bilee. Each province will have a special prefix that may
be used by any station with no special approvals. See
RAC website for more information.

Ed VE4VT also informed the club regarding the alloca-
tions of 7 frequencies in the 430-450 mhz band for the
use by Grand Prix racing.

The members were reminded that this band is not ex-
clusive to amateur use and be aware of the possible use
during race events.

DX Report

Report for Ed VE4Vt indicates a rise in solar activity
and the HF bands are becoming ideal for propagation
including the 10M band. Morning propagation to Eu-
rope on 10M and evening calls on 20M are becoming
more regular. 6M propagation is improving with open-
ings in South America (Brazil, Chile, Honduras) as well
as into the Caribbean.

New Business:

Dan VE4DRK announced Joan Santos as the winner of
a new IC-2300H giveaway by the Manitoba Repeater
Society. Members were also informed that the MRS
had unsuccessfully applied for a grant that would allow
for the upgrade of all MRS repeaters. Another applica-
tion will be submitted to allow this to continue however
MRS is still planning on upgrading 1 repeater a year.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 20:41

**WARC Hamfest 50-50 and
Silent Auction Winners**

50 - 50 Draw

Drew Evans VE4CWE \$1350 (270 tickets sold)

Silent Auction

Prize Package #1 (est value \$320) - Kelly Taylor VE4XT -
Ticket nr 103658

\$150 Radioworld\GPS Central gift certificate
G5RV antenna (1/2 size) by Degen Designs
N3FJP Amateur Contact Log (ACLog) software
WARC coffee mug

Prize Package #2 (est value \$400) - Robert Hawthorne
VE4RBH - Ticket nr 103678

Samlex SEC 1235 13.8v, 30A Switching Power Supply
(reconditioned)

\$50 Radioworld\GPS Central gift certificate
1 Year Radio Amateurs of Canada Full eTCA membership
WARC coffee mug

Prize Package #3 (est value \$300) - Gary Goodman VE4GG -
Ticket nr 103643

Bioenno Power BLF 1212A Lithium Iron Phosphate Re-
chargeable Battery and Charger

\$50 Degen Designs gift certificate
1 Year Radio Amateurs of Canada Full eTCA membership
WARC coffee mug

Prize Package #4 (est value \$320) - Steve Buchy KD0ZXI -
Ticket nr 103673

\$100 US DX Engineering gift certificate
G5RV antenna (1/2 size) by Degen Designs
BuckMaster HamCall International Database - 6 month
download
WARC coffee mug

Prize Package #5 (est value \$285) - John Romanec VE4IM -
Ticket nr 103662

G5RV antenna (full size) by Degen Designs
\$100 Radioworld\GPS Central gift certificate
\$50 Degen Designs gift certificate
WARC coffee mug

Manitoba Marathon
Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ
ve4mbq@rac.ca

The 2022 Manitoba Marathon will be SUN 19 JUNE. We still need Amateur Radio volunteer operators. On-line volunteer registration:

https://winnipegarc.org/marathon_volunteer_form.html

Our volunteer briefing is scheduled for TUE 14 JUNE AUG 1900h at Crescentwood Community Club 1170 Corydon Avenue, Map 24 D2. Although the briefing starts at 1900h, material pick-up starts at 1815h. If you are volunteering with us this year but can't attend the 14 JUNE briefing please let us know who will attend to pick up your stuff.

Please note:

Facemasks are required to enter the Crescentwood Community Club for this Pre-Marathon briefing.

To recap, if you are not able to attend the briefing please let us know in advance by e-mail who is attending in your place to get your stuff.

We need all borrowed equipment returned as soon as possible. On Race Day loaner traffic vests & HTs should be turned over to the Course Closing Vehicle as it passes by (it is manned by Amateurs).

As of 01 JUN we have the following registered volunteers:

- VA4s: CQD, OHM, LMK, PNO, DON, CAT, VMM
- VE6s: LOT, MRG
- VE4s:MMG, BOY, BYT, HIN, TSY, ASY, SBS, LYN, WDZ, BSC, GLS, MHZ, JEP, KYG, JBL, PDD, LEX, DBV, HK, NQ, CLK, ZN, RIC, BEF, GWN, YYL, HAY, HAZ, GZ, KAZ, JFK, MWH, QV, NJR, VD, GG, CDM, FTS, MAB, EAR, SYM, TRO, JAH, AFL, DJS, SLC, GTM, MBQ.

Winnipeg ARES
Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ
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Our May General Meeting was held virtually 17 MAY.

To be prudent, with rural flood operations on the go, we had a volunteer operator on stand-by for 0800-1900h daily 01-20 MAY for VE4EMO in the Manitoba Emergency Coordination Centre (MECC) – the provincial EOC in other words.

Thanks to our volunteer operators:

- III VE4s HK, VD, HQ, MWH, HAZ, GWN and MBQ
- IV VE4s VD, HQ, HK, HAZ and MWH
- V VE4s HQ, HK, VD, MWH and HAZ

Our next General Meeting will be TUE 21 JUN, Manitoba Marathon debrief, likely held virtually, Winnipeg ARES members will be advised by e-mail.

RAC - Special Call Signs in Honor of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

Available from May 15 to July 14, 2022

<https://www.rac.ca/special-call-signs-available-in-honour-of-the-queens-platinum-jubilee/>

In 2022, Canada is celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, marking her 70th anniversary on the Throne. She is Canada's longest reigning Sovereign and the first to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee.



To mark this historic milestone, a series of initiatives are taking place throughout Canada to honour The Queen's service and dedication to this country and celebrate Canadian achievements of the last seven decades.

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada has approved the use of special call signs from May 15 to July 14. These dates correspond to the early summer busy operating season and will be available to all Canadian Amateurs who wish to use the special call signs on all occasions including Field Day, the June VHF Contest, the RAC Canada Day Contest and the IARU World Championship.

To use the special call sign, substitute the prefix normally assigned to your province or territory by the special prefix shown in the following table. For example, VE3 becomes VX3, VA7 becomes VG7, and YV2 becomes XK2, and so on.

For more information on the Platinum Jubilee visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/platinum-jubilee.html>

Province and Territory Prefixes	Special Event Prefixes	Province and Territory Prefixes	Special Event Prefixes
VE1 (NS)	VX1	VE7 (BC)	VX7
VA1 (NS)	VG1	VA7 (BC)	VG7
VE2 (QC)	VX2	VE8 (NT)	VX8
VA2 (QC)	VG2	VE9 (NB)	VX9
VE3 (ON)	VX3	VO1 (NF)	XJ1
VA3 (ON)	VG3	VO2 (LAB)	XJ2
VE4 (MB)	VX4	VY0 (NU)	XK0
VA4 (MB)	VG4	VY1 (YT)	XK1
VE5 (SK)	VX5	VY2 (PEI)	XK2
VA5 (SK)	VG5	CY0 Sable Is	N/A
VE6 (AB)	VX6	CY9 St-Paul Is	N/A
VA6 (AB)	VG6		

Contest Calendar for Summer 2022

Extracted From

<https://www.contestcalendar.com/>

June 2022

Cookie Crumble QRP Contest	1700Z-2200Z, Jun 12
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jun 13
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jun 13
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 13
OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Jun 13
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 13
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jun 14
ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 14
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jun 14
NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jun 15
Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 15
A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Jun 15
CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 15
Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Jun 15
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2000Z, Jun 15
Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Jun 15
CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 15
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 15
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	0000Z-0100Z, Jun 16 and 0200Z-0300Z, Jun 17
CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 16
CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Jun 16
SARL Youth Sprint	1200Z-1300Z, Jun 16
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jun 16
NTC QSO Party	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 16
EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 16
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jun 17
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 17
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Jun 17
SMIRK Contest	0000Z, Jun 18 to 2359Z, Jun 19
All Asian DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Jun 18 to 2400Z, Jun 19
Battle of Carabobo International Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Jun 18
Ukrainian DX Classic RTTY Contest	Cancelled for 2022
IARU Region 1 50 MHz Contest	1400Z, Jun 18 to 1400Z, Jun 19
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Jun 18 to 1500Z, Jun 19
West Virginia QSO Party	1600Z, Jun 18 to 0400Z, Jun 19
Feld Hell Sprint	1800Z-1959Z, Jun 18
ARRL Kids Day	1800Z-2359Z, Jun 18
WAB 50 MHz Phone	0800Z-1400Z, Jun 19
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	2300Z, Jun 19 to 0100Z, Jun 20
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jun 20
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 20
OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Jun 20
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 20
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jun 21
ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 21
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jun 21

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SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jun 22
Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 22
A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Jun 22
CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 22
Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Jun 22
Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Jun 22
CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 22
CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 23
CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Jun 23
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jun 23
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 23
EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 23
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Jun 24
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jun 24
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 24
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Jun 24
Pajajaran Bogor DX Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jun 25
UFT QRP Contest	0600Z-0900Z, Jun 25 and 1400Z-1700Z, Jun 25
Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest	Cancelled for 2022
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	1200Z, Jun 25 to 1200Z, Jun 26 1800Z, Jun 25 to 2100Z, Jun 26
ARRL Field Day	1800Z, Jun 25 to 2100Z, Jun 26
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jun 27
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 27
QCX Challenge	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 27
OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Jun 27
RSGB FT4 Contest	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 27
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 27
QCX Challenge	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 27
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jun 28
ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 28
QCX Challenge	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 28
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jun 28
Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 29
A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Jun 29
CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 29
Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Jun 29
Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Jun 29
CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 29
CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 30
CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Jun 30
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jun 30
EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 30

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July 2022

RAC Canada Day Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1	RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jul 12
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Jul 1	Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 13
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jul 1	A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Jul 13
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 1	CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jul 13
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Jul 1	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2000Z, Jul 13
Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jul 2	Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Jul 13
NZART Memorial Contest	0800Z-1100Z, Jul 2 and 0800Z-1100Z, Jul 3	Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Jul 13
DL-DX RTTY Contest	Cancelled for 2022	CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 13
Marconi Memorial HF Contest	1400Z, Jul 2 to 1400Z, Jul 3	RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 13
TA VHF/UHF Contest	1500Z, Jul 2 to 1500Z, Jul 3	CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 14
Original QRP Contest	1500Z, Jul 2 to 1500Z, Jul 3	CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Jul 14
PODXS 070 Club 40m Firecracker Sprint	2000Z, Jul 2 to 2000Z, Jul 3	RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jul 14
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jul 4	EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 14
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jul 4	QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Jul 15
OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Jul 4	NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jul 15
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 4	NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 15
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 4	K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Jul 15
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jul 5	Russian Radio Team Championship	0700Z-1459Z, Jul 16
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Jul 5	Trans-Tasman Low-Bands Challenge	0800Z-1400Z, Jul 16
ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 5	IARU Region 1 70 MHz Contest	1400Z, Jul 16 to 1400Z, Jul 17
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jul 5	North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Jul 16 to 0559Z, Jul 17
Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 6	CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	1800Z, Jul 16 to 2100Z, Jul 17
A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Jul 6	RSGB International Low Power Contest	0900Z-1200Z and 1300Z-1600Z, Jul 17
CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jul 6	CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush	2000Z-2159Z, Jul 17
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2000Z, Jul 6	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	2300Z, Jul 17 to 0100Z, Jul 18
Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Jul 6	K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jul 18
Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Jul 6	ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jul 18
CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 6	OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Jul 18
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	0000Z-0100Z, Jul 7 and 0200Z-0300Z, Jul 8	ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 18
CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 7	RSGB FT4 Contest	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 18
CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Jul 7	Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jul 19
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jul 7	ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 19
NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1700Z-1800Z, Jul 7 (CW) and 1800Z-1900Z, Jul 7 (SSB) and 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 7 (FM) and 2000Z-2100Z, Jul 7 (Dig)	RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jul 19
EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 7	Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 20
SKCC Sprint Europe	1900Z-2100Z, Jul 7	A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Jul 20
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Jul 8	CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jul 20
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jul 8	Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Jul 20
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 8	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2000Z, Jul 20
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Jul 8	Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Jul 20
IARU HF World Championship	1200Z, Jul 9 to 1200Z, Jul 10	CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 20
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Jul 9 to 2400Z, Jul 10	Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	0000Z-0100Z, Jul 21 and 0200Z-0300Z, Jul 22
QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint	2000Z-2300Z, Jul 10	NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jul 21
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jul 11	CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 21
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jul 11	CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Jul 21
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jul 11	RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jul 21
OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Jul 11	EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 21
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 11	NTC QSO Party	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 21
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jul 12	QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Jul 22
ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 12		

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NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jul 22
 NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 22
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Jul 22
 YOTA Contest 1000Z-2159Z, Jul 23
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Jul 25
 QCX Challenge 1300Z-1400Z, Jul 25
 ICWC Medium Speed Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jul 25
 OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Jul 25
 ICWC Medium Speed Test 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 25
 QCX Challenge 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 25
 Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
 0100Z-0159Z, Jul 26
 ICWC Medium Speed Test 0300Z-0400Z, Jul 26
 QCX Challenge 0300Z-0400Z, Jul 26
 RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jul 26
 SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Jul 27
 Phone Weekly Test 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 27
 A1Club AWT 1200Z-1300Z, Jul 27
 CWops Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jul 27
 Mini-Test 40 1700Z-1759Z, Jul 27
 Mini-Test 80 1800Z-1859Z, Jul 27
 CWops Test 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 27
 CWops Test 0300Z-0400Z, Jul 28
 CWops Test 0700Z-0800Z, Jul 28
 RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jul 28
 EACW Meeting 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 28
 RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data
 1900Z-2030Z, Jul 28
 QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Jul 29
 NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jul 29
 NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 29
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Jul 29
 Feld Hell Sprint 0000Z-2359Z, Jul 30
 RSGB IOTA Contest 1200Z, Jul 30 to 1200Z, Jul 31
 Tennessee State Parks on the Air 1400Z-2200Z, Jul 30
 and 1400Z-2200Z, Jul 31
 WAB 144 MHz Low Power Phone
 1400Z-1800Z, Jul 30
 ARS Flight of the Bumblebees 1700Z-2100Z, Jul 31
 August 2022
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Aug 1
 ICWC Medium Speed Test 1300Z-1400Z, Aug 1
 OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Aug 1
 ICWC Medium Speed Test 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 1
 ARS Spartan Sprint 0100Z-0300Z, Aug 2
 Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
 0100Z-0159Z, Aug 2
 ICWC Medium Speed Test 0300Z-0400Z, Aug 2
 RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Aug 2
 Phone Weekly Test 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 3
 A1Club AWT 1200Z-1300Z, Aug 3
 CWops Test 1300Z-1400Z, Aug 3
 Mini-Test 40 1700Z-1759Z, Aug 3
 VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest 1700Z-2000Z, Aug 3
 Mini-Test 80 1800Z-1859Z, Aug 3
 CWops Test 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 3
 Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest
 0000Z-0100Z, Aug 4
 and 0200Z-0300Z, Aug 5
 CWops Test 0300Z-0400Z, Aug 4
 CWops Test 0700Z-0800Z, Aug 4
 RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Aug 4

NRAU 10m Activity Contest 1700Z-1800Z, Aug 4 (CW)
 and 1800Z-1900Z, Aug 4 (SSB)
 and 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 4 (FM)
 and 2000Z-2100Z, Aug 4 (Dig)
 EACW Meeting 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 4
 SKCC Sprint Europe 1900Z-2100Z, Aug 4
 QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Aug 5
 NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Aug 5
 NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 5
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Aug 5
 Batavia FT8 Contest 0000Z, Aug 6 to 2359Z, Aug 7
 10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB
 0001Z, Aug 6 to 2359Z, Aug 7
 European HF Championship 1200Z-2359Z, Aug 6
 NRRL MGM Weekend Contest
 1400Z, Aug 6 to 1400Z, Aug 7
 ARRL 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest
 1800Z, Aug 6 to 1800Z, Aug 7
 North American QSO Party, CW
 1800Z, Aug 6 to 0559Z, Aug 7
 SARL HF Phone Contest 1400Z-1700Z, Aug 7
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Aug 8
 ICWC Medium Speed Test 1300Z-1400Z, Aug 8
 OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Aug 8
 ICWC Medium Speed Test 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 8
 Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
 0100Z-0159Z, Aug 9
 ICWC Medium Speed Test 0300Z-0400Z, Aug 9
 RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Aug 9
 NAQCC CW Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Aug 10
 Phone Weekly Test 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 10
 A1Club AWT 1200Z-1300Z, Aug 10
 CWops Test 1300Z-1400Z, Aug 10
 Mini-Test 40 1700Z-1759Z, Aug 10
 VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest 1700Z-2000Z, Aug 10
 Mini-Test 80 1800Z-1859Z, Aug 10
 CWops Test 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 10
 CWops Test 0300Z-0400Z, Aug 11
 CWops Test 0700Z-0800Z, Aug 11
 RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Aug 11
 EACW Meeting 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 11
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 NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Aug 12
 NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 12
 MMonVHF/DUBUS 144 MHz Meteorscatter Sprint
 Contest 1500Z, Aug 12 to 1459Z, Aug 14
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Aug 12
 WAE DX Contest, CW
 0000Z, Aug 13 to 2359Z, Aug 14
 SARL Youth Sprint 1200Z-1300Z, Aug 13
 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
 1200Z, Aug 13 to 2400Z, Aug 14
 Keyman's Club of Japan Contest
 1200Z, Aug 13 to 1200Z, Aug 14
 Kentucky State Parks on the Air 1400Z-2200Z, Aug 13
 Maryland-DC QSO Party
 1400Z, Aug 13 to 0400Z, Aug 14
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 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
 0000Z-0200Z, Aug 15
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Aug 15
 ICWC Medium Speed Test 1300Z-1400Z, Aug 15
 OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Aug 15
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ICWC Medium Speed Test 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 15
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest 0100Z-0159Z, Aug 16
ICWC Medium Speed Test 0300Z-0400Z, Aug 16
RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Aug 16
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A1Club AWT 1200Z-1300Z, Aug 17
CWops Test 1300Z-1400Z, Aug 17
Mini-Test 40 1700Z-1759Z, Aug 17
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest 1700Z-2000Z, Aug 17
Mini-Test 80 1800Z-1859Z, Aug 17
CWops Test 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 17
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest 0000Z-0100Z, Aug 18
and 200Z-0300Z, Aug 19
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NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Aug 19
NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 19
K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Aug 19
SARTG WW RTTY Contest 0000Z-0800Z, Aug 20
and 1600Z-2400Z, Aug 20
and 0800Z-1600Z, Aug 21
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest 0600 local, Aug 20 to 2400 local, Aug 21
Russian District Award Contest 0800Z, Aug 20 to 0800Z, Aug 21
Feld Hell Sprint 1600Z-1759Z, Aug 20
North American QSO Party, SSB 1800Z, Aug 20 to 0559Z, Aug 21
CVA DX Contest, CW 2100Z, Aug 20 to 2100Z, Aug 21
SARL HF Digital Contest 1400Z-1700Z, Aug 21
NJQRP Skeeter Hunt 1700Z-2100Z, Aug 21
ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY 1800Z-2359Z, Aug 21
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K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Aug 22
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OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Aug 22
ICWC Medium Speed Test 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 22
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ICWC Medium Speed Test 0300Z-0400Z, Aug 23
RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Aug 23
SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Aug 24
Phone Weekly Test 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 24
A1Club AWT 1200Z-1300Z, Aug 24
CWops Test 1300Z-1400Z, Aug 24
Mini-Test 40 1700Z-1759Z, Aug 24
Mini-Test 80 1800Z-1859Z, Aug 24
CWops Test 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 24
CWops Test 0300Z-0400Z, Aug 25
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QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Aug 26
NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Aug 26

NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 26
K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Aug 26
RTTYOps WW DX RTTY Contest 2200Z, Aug 26 to 1200Z, Aug 27
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YO DX HF Contest 1200Z, Aug 27 to 1200Z, Aug 28
Kansas QSO Party 1400Z, Aug 27 to 0200Z, Aug 28
and 1400Z-2000Z, Aug 28
Ohio QSO Party 1600Z, Aug 27 to 0400Z, Aug 28
CVA DX Contest, SSB 2100Z, Aug 27 to 2100Z, Aug 28
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K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Aug 29
ICWC Medium Speed Test 1300Z-1400Z, Aug 29
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OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Aug 29
ICWC Medium Speed Test 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 29
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Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest 0100Z-0159Z, Aug 30
QCX Challenge 0300Z-0400Z, Aug 30
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RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Aug 30
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A1Club AWT 1200Z-1300Z, Aug 31
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Mini-Test 80 1800Z-1859Z, Aug 31
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CWops Test 0300Z-0400Z, Sep 1
CWops Test 0700Z-0800Z, Sep 1
All Asian DX Contest, Phone 0000Z, Sep 3 to 2400Z, Sep 4
CWops CW Open 0000Z-0359Z, Sep 3
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint 0600Z-0800Z, Sep 3
SARL Field Day Contest 0800Z, Sep 3 to 1000Z, Sep 9
CWops CW Open 1200Z-1559Z, Sep 3
Colorado QSO Party 1300Z, Sep 3 to 0400Z, Sep 4
AGCW Straight Key Party 1300Z-1600Z, Sep 3
CWops CW Open 2000Z-2359Z, Sep 3
PODXS 070 Club Jay Hudak Memorial 80m Sprint 2000Z, Sep 3 to 2000Z, 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

***** Good Luck In The Contest *****

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I am not now, nor ever have been, a Contester. I don't see myself becoming a Contester either, if one defines the term to include round-the-clock operations, intravenous fluids and diapers, and frequent relays of cold, one-hand meals. Not my thing, at all. BUT.....

I am a ham in Manitoba. That brings some baggage, it seems. One portmanteau is the need to be near with the dollar. Hence my trials and tribulations with antennas. No multi-thousand dollar towers and Yagis here, no sir! Nope, it's army-surplus tent poles and wire antennas and a web of polypropylene line to hold it all in the air, more-or-less stabilized with liberated breeze blocks and patio pavers. The 60' of coax from the WARC Cable Shop is the most expensive single component of my antenna system. Those damned silver-plated UHF males are spendy items....

At the moment the antenna consists of but 3 un-guyed tent poles on a roof-top mount weighed down with pavers. This gives about 14' above the roof, and the roof is at 13' - give or take. The three-wire fan-dipole is hoisted to the peak on a double-purchase tackle rescued from a garage sale. There is 100' of new polypro rope in the mix, but of lowest grade/price. It serves. The antenna itself is a commercial unit, a hamfest find for way less than I could buy the component wire.

This week it is under-performing, not receiving much at all in the daylight, doing better at grey-line and nightfall. Maybe the blood flower moon put it off, I dunno. In the inaugural Canadian Prairies QSO Party I was unable to do much until after 4pm, when 20m started to wake up at roof top level. 187 Q in 6 hours to finish 8th overall (as of Monday's reports on 3830scores) and third in my category. I wasn't running my own call, but had the privilege of using the Club call of Radiosport Manitoba - VE4AA. Only forgot who I was a couple of times... Ran my own frequency most of the time, very little S&P, which is unusual for me: but being someone else, I didn't care so much about looking foolish (that was VE4AA, not ME!) Pileups happen, but you pick out what you can hear, and keep going. There were a few that I never managed to copy the whole call before they faded out, including a G3 and a CE I would have liked to bag. I worked 20

Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club

The Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club is looking for Duty Officers and Net Controllers.

If interested please contact Calvin VE4AJ at ve4aj@rac.ca

Winnipeg Senior Citizen's
Field Day event

Noon Saturday June 25 - Noon Sunday June 25

Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, thousands of radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and, most of all, FUN! It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles.

We are looking for volunteers in three areas:

1. Operators to sign up for an operating slot of an hour or more. Book your operating slot(s) now. First to sign up get their preferred time slot(s)
2. Volunteer(s) to organize a social aspect to the 24 hours event. Mainly the first afternoon into evening.
3. Volunteers to man a demonstration station, for visitors to get on the air.

This is your chance to come out and support the club and its activities. If you would like to support your club, and help promote amateur radio, or to just get in some operating time or socialization, please send an email to the club.

Indoors, no rain to extreme weather to worry about

Contact us at VE4WSC@gmail.com

73,
 Derek Hay,

Federal ridings across MB, SK and AB - the most VE5 calls I have ever worked in a contest. Where have you guys been hiding?? 38 states and 8 provinces in the contest log. Short, sweet and good fun, QSO parties are great to recharge on. I may go into WPX with higher hopes.....

Pretty ticked - today, despite the forecast, would have been ideal to raise the antenna another 16 feet. Too bad

I don't have 5 buddies waiting on the call to come now, it's on! We'll see if another such Sunday ever comes by this summer with some prior warning.

But it isn't contesting. Nope. Not at all. Well, maybe....

What have you done to "promote
amateur radio this week"

That line we credit to an old News stalwart, Peter Parker with using in his old VK1 and VK3 casts many years ago and it still stands true -*WIA*

NET ANNOUNCEMENTS for Summer

The Saturday Morning Net, held at 10:00 am Saturday mornings, on VE4WPG and VE4VJ, is going on hiatus for the summer, beginning July 2, 2022. It will resume regular Saturday mornings as of Saturday, September 3. This will give everybody the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing summer.

The Morning Net, held Monday through Friday at 9:00 am on VE4WPG and VE4VJ will continue as usual throughout summer, with all the regular Net Controllers.

The Manitoba Repeater Society 2 Meter Net, held on VE4WPG and VE4VJ will continue to operate at 9:00 pm Thursdays and Sundays, throughout the summer.

We look forward to hearing everybody back on the air in September.

We wish everybody a great summer!

73

Calvin Winter VE4AJ, Net Manager, Morning Net and Saturday Morning Net

Dick Maguire VE4HK Net Manager, MRS 2 Meter Net

HF Radio Training

HF Radio operating skills and training sessions will be held at the Winnipeg Seniors Radio Club on Saturday mornings. This is geared to all new comers to Ham radio to give training and operating technique on HF radio operations as well as VHF/UHF if wanted. Also open to those who need a refresher or who feel they are not up to speed.

We will show how to safely operate a radio, how to initiate a QSO, refresh on the gentleman agreement for what modes are used in what portion of the band, how to exchange information in a contest, etc. There will be both practical and hands on training led by experienced operators

If you are interested please stop in at WSC on Saturday Mornings. Or email the club at ve4wsc@gmail.com

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VHF Nets

MRS Nets

VE4WPG 147.390 Mhz + (127.3) &
VE4VJ 443.500 Mhz + (127.3)
(WPG is normally hot linked to VJ)

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!

**The Saturday Morning Net 147.390 Mhz+
Saturdays at 10:00 am**

A Net for all Hams to participate and learn about Ham radio and get on the air! PLUS a presentation of The History of Amateur Radio by Dick VE4HK

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 5 (XRF103BO)
Also on VE4DMR Timeslot 2 Talkgroup 302050

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 (REF091CL)
More nets <http://www.dstarinfo.com/nets.aspx>

DMR Nets on the VE4WDR System ...

Astronomy Net

Wednesday @ 20:00 local time
Time Slot 2, 31012

HF Nets

**MB Evening Phone Net - 3747 Khz
Daily at 7:00 PM Local Time (CT)**

**Prairie Traffic Net (CW) 3660 Khz
Daily at 0130 UTC**

Aurora Net (Afternoon) 7055 Khz

Daily at 2330 UTC

Aurora # 2 Net (Evening) 7055 Khz

Daily at 0230 UTC

MB Wx Net 3743 Khz

Daily at 8:30 Local Time (CT)

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