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# Introduction to Arduino By Paul VE4AMS

Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 - WARC AGM 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/82631240012? pwd=enp4YUg0TVlyQ1FRWVIyZjR0MTNDQT09

*Other Important Dates:* Newscaster: Deadline September 29, 2022

- WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates 2nd Tuesdays November 8, 2022 - General Meeting General Meeting - Another bite of radio history with Garry Moir
- ARES: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 General Meeting—Winnipeg ARES members will be advised by e-mail

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

WARC Executive for 2022-2023...

President	Drew Kwartel	drewk1166@gmail.com		
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Treasurer	David Latour	ve4dla@gmail.com		
	(Treasurer - Vacant As Of October 30)			
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(Interim secretary)				
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Education	Drago Lambeta	VE4DBV		
Director	Geoff Bawden	VE4BAW		
Director	Jerry Volkers	VE4GCV		
Past Presiden	t John Romanec	ve4vjr@gmail.com		
Public Inform	ation Officer	Vacant		

## From The President

Not available at publication time!

## WARC Membership Draws....

Once again be giving away a prize (will be a surprise) at the October 11 WARC General meeting.

VE4BB

The draw is open to WARC members who are physically present at the church.

You will have the opportunity to sign up for WARC membership at the meeting and be included in the draw.

73, John VE4VJR

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

## Elmers wanted

The Winnipeg Seniors Centre is looking for experienced HF operator who are willing to train, some of our newer Amateur Radio Operators and those who may need a refresher, in HF Radio etiquette and operating procedures.

Looking to trainers who can specialize on Voice, CW & Digital modes. Canadian HF band plan, how to understand the band conditions, indexes, how to contest and how to just make contacts. The training or refresher will be Saturday mornings at the WSC club house on the IC-7700 or the IC-7300. If you are willing to help our the amateur radio community, please contact Derek, ve4wsc@gmail.com

73, Derek Hay VE4HAY

**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 General Meeting Minutes September 13, 2022*

*Call to Order* Meeting call to order

*Introductions* Guests, new members, etc...

*Minutes from previous WARC General meeting* - Approval of June 14 General meeting minutes as posted in Newscaster.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

PayPal	Bank	Rainy	Books
Start \$ 86.03	\$ 7082.35	\$ 6547.86	\$ 7168.38
In \$350.90	\$ 705.34	\$ 8.06	\$ 1055.84
Out \$ 11.98	\$ 279.19	\$ 0.00	\$ 291.17
End \$424.98	\$ 7508.50	\$ 6555.92	\$ 7933.05

Total Cash on Hand - \$ 14,488.97

### Education Report

- Drago Lambeta will be part of the Education Coordinators team

*Membership report* -Cary Rubenfeld VE4EA is our new Membership coordinator

*RAC Report* - Ed Richardson VE4EAR

*ARES Report* - Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ

*DX Report* - Ed Richardson VE4EAR

*Previous Business* - None

**New business** Flea Market Co-ordinator required for next flea market tentatively planned for fall 2023.

Lending Library being passed on to Drew Kwartel VE4DRW.

David Latour VE4DL will still be managing the Cable Shop.

Huge thank you to David Latour for serving +10 years on the WARC Executive.

2022\2023 Executives are: President: Drew Kwartel VE4DRW Vice President: VACANT Past President: John Romanec VE4IM Treasurer: David Latour VE4DL only till October 31, will be VACANT after that Secretary: John Romanec INTERIM until someone permanent found Membership Coordinator: Cary Rubenfeld VE4EA Members at Large: Drago Lambeta, Geoff

Bawden VE4BAW, Jerry Volker VE4GCV

We require a Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President.

### Program

Ed Richardson VE4EAR: RAC update.

\$50 draw for WARC members physically pre sent at meeting.

### Winnipeg ICOM Dealer... Micro-HighTech Communications Ltd.

2217 Henderson Hwy, East St. Paul, MB (Just south of perimeter Hwy)

Ph. (204)-783-1885 Fax (204) 779-7522 Contact George Hill, VE4GDH or E-Mail Steve at Steve@microhightech.ca

### Winnipeg ARES Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ ve4mbg@rac.ca

Our September General Meeting was held virtually 20 SEP.

Thanks to Norman Coull VE4EH for his generous equipment donation. Thanks also to Richard VE4KAZ for picking it up.

Three Wpg ARES members participated in removing external Amateur Radio antennas from the roof of VE4WWO in anticipation of the station's move (in downtown Wpg) WED 31 AUG. Thanks to VE4s HK, TRO and MBQ.

Fourteen Winnipeg ARES members provided volunteer Amateur Radio communications for the Parkinson SuperWalk SAT 10 SEP at CMU. Thanks to Dick Maguire VE4HK for coordinating the event.

Our volunteers were: VE4s: KAZ, JFK, VD, CDM, RCA, GS, MMG, GG, GCV, GIS, HK VA4s: VMM, PNO, LMK.

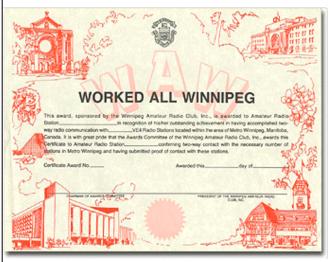
Our OCT General Meeting will be 1900h TUE 18 OCT, at press time unclear if virtual or in-person.

Wpg ARES members will be advised.

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Contest Calendar for S	ummer 2022	ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 10
Extracted From		Worldwide Sideband Activity Con	
https://www.contestcalendar.com/			0100Z-0159Z, Oct 11
		ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Oct 11
		RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Oct 11
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Oct 3	NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Oct 12
German Telegraphy Contest	0700Z-1000Z, Oct 3	Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 12
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 3	A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Oct 12
OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Oct 3	CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 12
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 3	Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Oct 12
RSGB 80m Autumn Series, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Oct 3	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 12
Worldwide Sideband Activity Con		Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Oct 12
	0100Z-0159Z, Oct 4	CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 12
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 4	RSGB 80m Autumn Series, Data	
ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Oct 4	CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Oct 13
<b>RTTYOPS</b> Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Oct 4	CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Oct 13
Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 5	RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Oct 13
A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Oct 5	EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 13
CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 5	NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Oct 14
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 5	NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 14
Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Oct 5	K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Oct 14
Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Oct 5	JARTS WW RTTY Contest	,
CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 5		ct 15 to 2400Z, Oct 16
	cal - 2300 local, Oct 5		ct 15 to 2359Z, Oct 16
UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Oct 5	10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW	
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest			ct 15 to 2359Z, Oct 16
	0200Z-0300Z, Oct 7		ct 15 to 0200Z, Oct 16
CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Oct 6	Worked All Germany Contest	ct 13 to 02002, Oct 10
	0700Z-0800Z, Oct 6		oct 15 to 1459Z, Oct 16
	1700Z-1800Z, Oct 6	Feld Hell Sprint	2000Z-2359Z, Oct 15
(CW)		Argentina National 7 MHz Conte	
	L-1900Z, Oct 6 (SSB)		2130Z-2230Z, Oct 15
	2000Z, Oct 6 (FM)	Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 16
	L-2100Z, Oct 6 (Dig)	UBA ON Contest, 2m	0700Z-1000Z, Oct 16
	1700Z-1900Z, Oct 6		oct 16 to 0100Z, Oct 17
	1700Z-2000Z, Oct 6	RSGB RoLo CW	1900Z-2030Z, Oct 16
SKCC Sprint Europe	1900Z-2100Z, Oct 6	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	
	)145Z-0215Z, Oct 7		oct 16 to 0100Z, Oct 17
	)230Z-0300Z, Oct 7	K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Oct 17
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Oct 7	ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 17
QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party	)000Z-2359Z, Oct 8	ARRL School Club Roundup	
	)000Z-0800Z, Oct 8		ct 17 to 2359Z, Oct 21
	1 600Z-2400Ź, Oct 8	OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z	
	0800Z-1600Z, Oct 9		1900Z-2000Z, Oct 17
	Oct 8 to 2100Z, Oct 9		1900Z-2030Z, Oct 17
		Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	
Microwave Fall Sprint 0800 local - 1400 local, Oct 8			0100Z-0159Z, Oct 18
Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSI		ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Oct 18
	Cancelled for 2022	RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Oct 18
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon		Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 19
	Oct 8 to 2400Z, Oct 9	A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Oct 19
	Oct 8 to 0500Z, Oct 9	CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 19
Pennsylvania QSO Party 1600Z, C		Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Oct 19
	1300Z-2200Z, Oct 9	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	
		Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Oct 19
South Dakota QSO Party 1800Z, Oct 8 to 1800Z, Oct 9 PODXS 070 Club 160m Great Pumpkin Sprint		AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Eve	
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UBA ON Contest, CW	0600Z-0900Z, Oct 9	CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 19
	0000Z-0100Z, Oct 10	Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	
4 States QRP Group Second Sunda	ly Sprint	.	0000Z-0100Z, Oct 20
	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 10	and	0200Z-0300Z, Oct 21
	001Z-2359Z, Oct 10	~ -	,
ICWC Medium Speed Test 1	300Z-1400Z, Oct 10	Contin	ued
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CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Oct 20			
CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Oct 20			
<b>RTTYOPS</b> Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Oct 20			
NTC QSO Party	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 20			
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Oct 21			
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 21			
Telephone Pioneers QSO Party				
	2000Z, Oct 21 (CW/Dig)			
	to 0100Z, Oct 22 (SSB)			
	00-2000Z, Oct 22 (SSB)			
and 2200Z, Oct 22 to 0	100Z, Oct 23 (CW/Dig)			
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Oct 21			
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UK/EI DX Contest, SSB	,			
	Oct 22 to 1200Z, Oct 23			
YLRL DX/NA YL Anniversary				
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	to 0200Z, Oct 24			
Stew Perry Topband Challenge				
	Oct 22 to 1500Z, Oct 23			
North American SSB Sprint Co				
_	0000Z-0400Z, Oct 23			
Classic Exchange, CW 1300Z,	Oct 23 to 0700Z. Oct 24			
	Oct 25 to 0700Z, Oct 26			
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Oct 24			
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 24			
OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Oct 24			
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 24			
Worldwide Sideband Activity C				
	0100Z-0159Z, Oct 25			
ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Oct 25			
<b>RTTYOPS Weeksprint</b>	1700Z-1900Z, Oct 25			
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 26			
Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 26			
A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Oct 26			
CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 26			
Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Oct 26			
Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Oct 26			
CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 26			
UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Oct 26			
CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Oct 27			
CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Oct 27			
<b>RTTYOPS</b> Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Oct 27			
RSGB 80m Autumn Series, SSE	3 1900Z-2030Z, Oct 27			
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Oct 28			
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 28			
	1600-2400 local, Oct 28			
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Oct 28			
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB				
	Oct 29 to 2359Z, Oct 30			
Ham Spirit Contest, CW				
0600Z, 0	Oct 29 to 0559Z, Oct 30			
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Oct 31			
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 31			
QCX Challenge	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 31			
OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Oct 31			
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 31			
QCX Challenge	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 31			
***** Good Luck In T	he Contest *****			

# Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club Worked All Winnipeg Award



For information on the Worked All Winnipeg Award Visit...

#### http://winnipegarc.org/awards.html

# *Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club Members ....*

It's time to renew your WARC Membership!

You can do so via PayPal online at... http://winnipegarc.org/join.html

Or download a PDF Application form ... http://winnipegarc.org/warc-application.pdf

Check out WARC's "Cable Shop & Merch Mart" http://winnipegarc.org/shop.html

### The Saturday Morning Net By Dick VE4HK

The Saturday Morning Net is back !!!

Everyone is welcome to check in at 10:00 am, on VE4WPG and VE4VJ. The Net will begin with check ins, a topic of the day, and follow up with my presentation on History of Radio. In a few, when I have finished the general History of Radio, my presentations will be focused on History of Amateur Radio, especially in and around Winnipeg.

I am sure everyone will find out some fascinating facts about history of radio. Please devote a few minutes of your time to participate in the Saturday Morning Net.

Thank you Dick VE4HK

## **Confessions of a Casual Contester** Vol. 3 Issue 2 from the shack of DavidVE4DL

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.....

It's progressing – slowly at times. As usual, I have a box full of components ready to go, and in the trial fit some parts prove to be from Impedimentum Incognito and I have to scramble to order the correct item at outrageous shipping charges. Sigh.

The TGM MQ-26 Quagi is assembled, tested and tuned, ready for the roof this week. An interesting widget, it is 2 elements on all 6 bands and a quad reflector. Took me two full days to assemble and an afternoon to test and tune. Currently taking up half my patio, but I'm arranging to raise and install it this week. Once up, my nearest neighbors won't see it, and the further ones I don't care about. A glorified TV antenna in appearance. I got the last one ever to be made. The instructions were clear. Came with a bag of spares. Can't wait to use it.

I tried to work WAE SSB but it was no-go. Only heard about 7 Europeans, and none came back to my call. Next time. CQ WW DX RTTY is up next, it will be my last contest from this QTH.

The yagi is on the roof, looking every bit the large TV antenna my neighbours think it is. The rotator is suspiciously large. Still working on the wiring and cabling and the rig is still at work. I figure the boom is about 38' in the air.

CQ WW DX RTTY is done. Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning and afternoon for about 20 hrs in the chair. That's harder than it sounds. And, I'm officially retired as of Saturday evening (hurrah) so my time is my own now (such as my XYL allows.) Tripled last year's score, so I really can't complain about the sparseness of stations to work. Only 15, 20 and 40 worked for me this time. While I'm going to miss 40m, it only accounts for 18% of my Qs on the weekend. If I get better 10m and 6m in the future, I will be well compensated for my loss. Not much DX in the log, and some strange gremlins in the software this time around. They should be left behind when I disassemble and shake out all the gear in the next couple of weeks. You might still find me as a pop-up VC3Y/VE4 this week, if I'm lucky. The truck just delivered the dumpster, so clearing out the bakery is about to commence. I hope I have a new shack to report on in the next issue. Till then, get on the air and work somebody every day.

I still expect I'll be off the air from the end of September until Christmas.

But it isn't contesting. Nope. Not at all.

Well, maybe....

# D-Star and DMR in Winnipeg

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## Manitoba Repeater Society Looking for operators with direction finding abilities!

The Manitoba Repeater Society is looking for amateur radio operators with VHF/UHF beams who can assist in preliminary work of identifying interference on the repeater RF network.

Earlier in September, there was an occasion, where a stuck PTT caused a number of repeaters to be operating for hours on end. Once this was informed to the MRS tech committee, they quickly identified which repeater the stray signal came in on. And with the aid of two VHF beams, they were able to say the signal came from the Transcona area. Mobile and foot direction finding then set out to find the source.

The MRS is looking to identify Amateurs with VHF/ UHF beams to aid in initial direction-finding abilities. The technical crew would like to maintain a small contact list of operators who are willing to assist in helping with this cause from time to time. If you have a VHF/ UHF beam antenna system and would offer to assist if needed, please send your contact information to info@mb-repeater-society.ca .Someone from the Technical committee will add your information to our list.

In the same regards, the Manitoba Repeater Society is looking for operators with mobile and handheld direction-finding equipment such as, short arrow antennas, attenuators, portable Doppler antenna arrays and handhelds with signal strength meters.

If you have the some of this type of equipment, please contact the technical crew at info@mb-repeater-society.ca with your contact information and what equipment you have to assist in finding radio sources. We will maintain a list and call on you to assist if the need comes up.

Thank you

Derek VE4HAY



sues of The Newscaster or other group mailings. Please be sure to advice the WARC or MRS member-

ship chair of any changes to your e-mail address and also advise me at ve4mab@outlook.com so I can update my list.

Also you can add my address, ve4mab@outlook.com, to a "Safe Sender" list or whatever term your mail service uses to always allow mail to go through.

Because these are mass mailings if you are not receiving the issues your mail service just may be filtering "out" The Newscaster.

73

Mark VE4MAB Editor - The Newscaster 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

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**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)

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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