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WARC Christmas Supper

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2022

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

Shooters Family Golf Centre & Restaurant

2731 Main St., Winnipeg Doors Open 6:00pm

Dinner served 6:30pm(Supper Ticket required)

Find it on Google Maps - Click Here

Other Important Dates:

Newscaster: Deadline December 29, 2022

WARC: **Monthly Meeting Dates 2nd Tuesdays**

January 10, 2022 - General Meeting Program -"What is Digital Mobile Radio (DMR)" by Calvin Winters VE4AJ and Rob Boux VE4CA February 14, 2023 - TBA

ARES: Tuesday, December 20, 2022

> General Meeting - likely virtual Winnipeg ARES members will be

advised by e-mail

WARC Executive for 2022-2023...

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Winnipeg ARES Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ ve4mbq@rac.ca

Our NOV Annual General Meeting was held virtually TUE 15 NOV. The 2021-22 Financial Statement was approved. The 2022-23 Budget was approved. The 2022 -23 Executive for Winnipeg ARES Inc. is:

President **Kurt Sargent VE4GIS** Secretary Pietra Shirley VE4PXL

Larry Konowalchuk VA4LMK. Treasurer

On behalf of the membership a deep Thank-You to long-serving Treasurer Susan Collings VE4SYM who has "retired" from her Treasurer position.

Thanks to all Wpg ARES and other Amateur Operators who supported the Salvation Army Toy Mountain campaign. Special thanks to Dick VE4HK for collecting the donations and passing them on to Salvation Army personnel.

Our DEC General Meeting will be held TUE 20 DEC 1900h, likely virtual.

To increase public awareness and respect for Amateur radio; to provide education Our Vision and support in all aspects of the hobby to our members in a social atmosphere

WARC General Meeting Minutes November 8, 2022

Call to Order 7:37

Introductions

Guests, new members, etc...

13 in attendance

Minutes from previous WARC General meeting - Approval of October 11, 2022 General meeting minutes as posted in Newscaster.

Treasurer's report

- Dave Terrick not present.
- Cary gave a brief Treasury report:
- David Latour VE4DL passed on the Treasurer role to Dave Terrick VE4DVT who is now reviewing the finances and will have a formal report by the January 2023 executive meeting.
 - Approximately \$15,800 in bank and no debt.
- Club has some assets such as Icom 7300, some Yagis, Steppir vertical, trailer, cable shop...

Education Report

- New course format of 10 weeks of 4hr sessions Saturday mornings has started this is no longer a "Basic Short Course". Final class is Dec ember 17 and will be the exam day.
- Drago Lambeta is the course coordinator.
- There are 12 registered students, 2 of which have not showed up, and 1 licensed ham auditing the course to brush up on his knowledge.

Membership report

- Jerry Volkers VE4GCV reports that he has 60 members paid up according to his records This is in contrast to the Treasurers records showing approximately 30 members paid up. Jerry and Dave are committed to resolving this discrepancy by the January 2023 executive meeting

RAC Report

- Ed Richardson VE4EAR not present.
- Cary Rubenfeld VE4EA informed those present that Ed's term with RAC is up but he is letting his name stand for another 2 year term if no one else comes forward.

ARES Report

- Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ is not able to attend but the Winnipeg ARES report is in the November Newscaster.

DX Report

- Cary Rubenfeld informed those present:
 - 10M is open.
- CQ WW SSB contest couple of weekends ago was visited by a solar storm so conditions in our parts were not very good for DX.
- Lots of DXPeditions in the past 2 weeks and most have been workable.
 - In general DX has been excellent!

Business

- Flea Market and Field Day coordinators needed.
- We require a Secretary and Vice President.
- Christmas supper for next month's meeting Dec 13 at

Shooters Golf Family Restaurant at 6:30. Tickets are \$20 and are available from Melissa and Bill Fleury VE4BEF or by PayPal from WARC's website.

- CPQP results Cary Rubenfeld VE4EA
- Results and more information available at: https://cpqp.ve6hams.ca
 - Top 10 results below:

Rank	Call Sign	QТH	QSOs CW	QSO Phone	QSO Rejected	Multipliers	Total Score
1	VE5MX	sĸ	377	746	19	115	129145
2	VE4VT	МВ	212	503	0	115	82225
3	VE6TL	AB	271	298	5	112	63728
4	VE4EA	МВ	368	143	3	113	57743
5	VE4GV	МВ	250	231	8	92	44252
6	VE4BB	МВ	1	327	7	53	17384
7	VE6RST	АВ	172	62	o	59	13806
8	VE6CA	АВ	0	150	7	40	6000
9	VE5CPU	sĸ	6	119	1	44	5500
10	VA6BGE	AB	21	24	0	17	765

(Editors Note: These results were submitted as a graphic, not text)

- Next year's date is May 13, 2023 starting at 10AM CST for 10 hrs.
- CPQP QSO party was driven by VE4's but because so few VE4's around VE5's and VE6's were asked to join and make it a Canadian Prairie OSO Party.
- There were 258 entries for this inaugural year which was more that the Quebec QSO party that was help 2 weeks previous and where there are many more hams.

New Business

- Glenn VE4GSN informed those present that the DMR repeater system in Manitoba is expanding with the addition of Brandon now having a DMR repeater.
- Glenn also informed those present that there will be a DMR 101 session at WSC in December.
- Cary suggested that a presentation on the state of DMR in Manitoba would be a good presentation topic for a WARC general meeting. Calvin Winter's VE4AJ name was mentioned as the person to contact. John Romanec VE4IM will make inquiries.
- Winner of the SWR bridge prize for WARC members physically present at meeting was not recorded!

Program

- Garry Moir's presentation 1912 Winnipeg The New World of Wireless" was excellent! Couple interesting items he brought up were:
- -The 1st mention of the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club that he has seen was in the Winnipeg
 - Tribune on April 20, 1922.
- On the BBC's website you can find a article that also has a sound segment featuring a software program that has translated to speech the various CW signals from multiple ships coming to aid the

Titanic on the night it sunk.

Adjourn

The Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club

The WSC will be offering training session on Saturday's on their equipment in the coming weeks and months. Starting with ...

December 3rd, 1:30 PM – Satellite Operations with VE4AMS - How to work the birds, track the birds and make QSO's with the birds

January 14th, 10:00am - Flex Radio - remote operations with VE4AMS - requirements to operate remotely, software needed, how to connect and how to operate the Flex remotely.

Future sessions we hope to schedule include (as soon as we can provide a trainer)

- -Winlink how to setup a station, and send/receive messages and be prepared for emergencies.
- -HF operator training, with CW, Phone and Digital operations for both newbies and refresher for those who have not been on the air for a while.
- -Contesting, how to get into contesting and what are the exchanges needed.

If there is anyone who would like to be a trainer, please contact the club and put your name forward. ve4wsc@gmail.com

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

Contest Calendar

Extracted From

https://www.contestcalendar.com/

December 2022

December 2022	
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 7
Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 7
A1Club AWŤ	1200Z-1300Z, Dec 7
CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 7
Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Dec 7
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2100Z, Dec 7
Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Dec 7
CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Dec 7
CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Dec 8
CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Dec 8
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Dec 8
EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Dec 8
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Dec 9
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 9
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 9
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Dec 9
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	,

0000Z, Dec 10 to 2400Z, Dec 11 **PODXS 070 Club Triple Play Low Band Sprint**

0000Z, Dec 10 to 2359Z, Dec 12

Cancelled for 2022
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ICWC Medium Speed Test

RTTYOPS Weeksprint

NAQCC CW Sprint

Phone Weekly Test

QRP Fox Hunt

Continued.....

0300Z-0400Z, Dec 20

1700Z-1900Z, Dec 20

0130Z-0330Z, Dec 21 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 21

0230Z-0300Z, Dec 21

D-Star and DMR in Winnipeg

Are you looking for crystal clear communications with simple and reliable linking to other systems worldwide? Well, enjoy crystal clear digital communications on cutting edge digital technology!

Join the Winnipeg Digital Repeater Group Inc. and feel freedom of worldwide communications on crystal clear networks...

The future is digital! http://www.ve4wdr.org

A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Dec 21
CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 21
Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Dec 21
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2100Z, Dec 21
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CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Dec 21
CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Dec 22
CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Dec 22
RTTŶOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Dec 22
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Dec 23
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 23
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 23
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Dec 23
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0000Z	Dec 24 to 2359Z, Dec 31
RAEM Contest	0000Z-1159Z, Dec 25
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Dec 26
DARC Christmas Contest	0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
QCX Challenge	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 26
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 26
OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Dec 26
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Dec 26
QCX Challenge	1900Z-2000Z, Dec 26
Worldwide Sideband Activity	Contest
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·	0100Z-0159Z, Dec 27
ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Dec 27
QCX Challenge	0300Z-0400Z, Dec 27
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Dec 27
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Dec 28
ORP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 28
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CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 28
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CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Dec 29
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Dec 29
ORP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 30
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 30
YOTA Contest	1200Z-2359Z, Dec 30
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Dec 30
Bogor Old and New Contest	0900Z-2359Z, Dec 31

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

Confessions of a Casual Contester Vol. 3 Issue 3 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.

The shack is actually set up, the new 5-band Yagi is on the roof at 10-11m, the radio sends and receives, the computer talks to the radio and all associated software (this morning there was a passel of gremlins that took an hour and multiple restarts to rout,) and I made my first couple of QSOs from the new QTH. I should be happier, but in the temperature drop from 21C at raising the antenna and rotator to the roof, and the -10C operating environment earlier this month, a couple of control wires have separated at the rotator end (of course.) So I'm currently canvasing the Club for someone who can go up and twiddle eight screws for me. Sigh.

At the moment, the antenna is parked facing N (should have set it up to park facing S.) There hasn't been a wind strong enough, from the right direction, to just release the brake (this works) and let it weather-vane to a more interesting direction. For me, Europe is NE, Africa is E, South America is SE and Alaska/Asia is NW. All I see on the current bearing is Siberia and the Central Arctic. I'm hearing Greenland, and they hear me, but very faint at the edge of my antenna pattern. Estonia was loud. VY1CO is loud, and VY1AAA is inaudible. Might raise Alert if they're on the air.

Christmas is approaching, winter is settling in for a long stay, and a few of my favourite contests are on the horizon. We'll see what can be done with what I have now, and maybe Santa will send me a roof-climbing elf to empty the coal from my stocking. I'll see my fellow Club members at our Christmas Dinner in a couple of weeks' time and spend lots of quiet, restful retired time with my family over the holidays. Peace on Earth, goodwill towards all.

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

WARC's November, 2022, meeting presentation is on YouTube

If you missed Garry Moir's November presentation on "Another bite of radio history"...

The link to the YouTube video is ..

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InxrQiKKTx8

WWW Link Submitted by Derek VE4HAY

A huge digital library on amateur radio... https://blog.archive.org/2022/11/16/digital-library-of-amateur-radio-communications-surpasses-25000-items/



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

MRS Memberships Expire on December 31

Manitoba Repeater Society Members

If you haven't already done so....

It's time to renew your MRS Membership!

You can do so via PayPal online at... http://mb-repeater-society.ca/?page id=144

Or download the Application form ... http://mb-repeater-society.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/mrs-app.pdf

Check Your MRS Membership Status?? Click Here

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

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)

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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