



# The **NEWSCASTER**

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## **WARC—MRS Merger Meeting Your Vote Counts**

Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2023

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

### **LOCATION CHANGE**

Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre  
26 Molgat Ave, Winnipeg, MB  
(Off St. Mary's Road behind the Dairy Queen)

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

## **WARC—MRS Merger Meeting**

### **LOCATION CHANGE!**

Combined WARC - MRS Special meeting to vote on the proposed merger between WARC and MRS at

Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre - 26 Molgat Ave,  
Winnipeg, MB R2M 1X3  
Off St. Mary's Road behind the Dairy Queen.

Here is a google map link

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/Xjosz9BU66XvYkur6>

October 10th  
7:00pm

Zoom link:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87407855353?  
pwd=GvY7ljlWI0tdKAqeglbi2BQCm7joT.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87407855353?pwd=GvY7ljlWI0tdKAqeglbi2BQCm7joT.1)

You must be a member of WARC to vote! WARC's fiscal year ended July 31, 2023 so if you have not renewed your membership since August 1, 2023 you must do so to be able to vote!

Check your WARC Membership Status and Join/  
Renew at ...

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

### **Other Important Dates:**

Newscaster: Deadline November 2, 2023

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates **2nd Tuesdays**  
November 14, 2023—TBA

ARES: Tuesday, October 17, 2023  
In-Person Meeting  
Sir William Stephenson Library  
765 Keewatin Street  
General Meeting— Don Mackinnon  
VE4DJ will be doing a presentation on  
Volunteering in the 21st Century.

WARC Flea Market: October 14, 2023  
Details in this issue

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

### **WARC Executive for 2022-2023...**

President	Drew Kwartel	<a href="mailto:drewk.ve4drw@gmail.com">drewk.ve4drw@gmail.com</a>
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Membership Education	Jerry Volkers	VE4GCV
Public Information Officer....	<b>Vacant</b>	



### **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*

## <sup>2</sup> *WARC meetings at WSC- Parking*

When attending WARC meetings at WSC or for any other reason to be at WSC, parking is available normally in any stall directly behind the old firehall or against the fence, as long as it lines up with the edges of the old firehall itself. There is also parking available on the street just to the south of the old firehall or across the street from the old firehall. Just pay attention to time restrictions as on any other street parking.

The laneway to the north of the building is not the property of the old firehall, nor is the three parking stalls at the end of the laneway long the fence. Those belong to the building next door. There is to be no parking in the lot of the building to the south of the firehall.

## *WARC General Meeting Minutes September 12, 2023*

Call to order  
7:35

Introductions, guests, new members, etc...  
33 Attendees

Minutes from previous WARC General meeting  
- Approval of June 13, 2023 General meeting minutes as posted in Newscaster.

### *Treasurer's Report*

- Cary Rubenfeld  
- ACU balances as of August 1, 2023:

\$9203.88	High Rate Savings account
\$6051.01	Community Builder account

- We have transferred \$1700.00 from PayPal to ACU.

### *Education Report*

- Drago Lambeta  
- Saturday Sept 16 is the first class of the Basic course  
22. 4 Students are enrolled.

### *Membership report*

- Jerry Volkers VE4GCV  
- Membership drive is on, 14 members so far paid up.

### *RAC Report*

- Ed Richardson VE4EAR – not present.  
- Advanced licensing class is start this coming weekend for Maple Leaf members.

### *ARES Report*

- Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ  
- Manitoba Marathon organizers were happy with ARES help.  
- Had trouble finding volunteers for this past marathon. Had only 66 and needed 75 – 80. 6 spots only had 1 worker when each spot should have 2.  
- Next ARES meeting is online only on Sept 19.

### *DX Report*

- Ed Richardson, Cary Rubenfeld
- Sunspots increasing and propagation improving, hoping to return to spring levels.
- 10M is open to EU and Africa in morning and Asia in the late afternoon.
- 6M was not good this past spring\summer.
- Cary asked for a show of hands for who was interested in HF and about a third of the people put their hands up. He then asked how many were interested in getting on HF and about half of the people raised their hands.
- Cary gave a rundown of the RIB (Rig In a Box) that is being used for Expeditions.
- 340 DX entities now and rumours of a 341st one coming up.

When you have 330 DX entities you get on the Honour Roll and that takes about 30 years.

### *Flea Market Update*

- Scott Campbell VA4SMC
- Scott unable to attend but sent a report to John to relay.
- 8 tables sold so far and 5 free ones.
- Volunteer situation OK right now.
- John gave a rundown of the amenities at Dakota CC.

### *Previous Business*

- None

### *New Business*

- Preliminary WARC survey results indicated a couple of themes:
- Shorter presentations (15 – 30 mins)
- More social time.
- David Latour VE4DL, who is the regional director for the SKCC in the Canadian prairies, gave a presentation of the September Canadian SKCC special event.
- Special call - VC3Y\VEx

Break

### *Program*

- New executive introduction
- President - Drew Kwartel VE4DRW
- Vice-President - Cary Rubenfeld VE4EA
- Treasurer – Drago Lambeta VE4DBV
- Secretary - John Romanec VE4IM
- Director at Large - Geoff Bawden VE4AE
- Director at Large – Nolan Harriott VE4NOL
- Director at Large Apprentice - Evan Harriott VE4EVN

### *Plans for upcoming season*

- September 16 – Basic Class 22 begins
- September 16, 2023 – Meet & Greet
- October 14, 2023 – Flea Market
- December 12, 2023 – Christmas Supper
- January 27, 2024 – Winter Field Day
- May 11, 2024 – Canadian Prairie QSO Party
- June 22, 2024 – ARRL Field Day

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<sup>3</sup>  
**Membership drive**

- 14 members so far.

**WARC – MRS merger**

- Ongoing with more details to come.
- Merger group will fill out required legal forms and take to lawyer to verify they are good.
- Questions asked:
  - How secure is WSC in the St. Vital Museum?
  - Since it is a heritage building it is highly unlikely it will be sold and if WSC left and the city tried to get someone else in they would have to spend millions of dollars to bring it up to code.
  - What will happen with the combined money from WARC and MRS?
  - General answer is that groups will have to submit requests for their projects.
  - Why the move from the church to WSC? Stairs are an issue for some people.
  - we had 10 – 15 people per meeting at the church so for \$60 per meeting it was not worth paying that.
  - Derek would like to see WARC putting Thursday nights to use for a “Tech Night” building kits, projects, etc.

Adjourn  
8:45

**Winnipeg ARES**  
**Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ**  
**ve4mbq@myrac.ca**

Our next General Meeting TUE 17 OCT at 1900h will be an in-person meeting at Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street. Don Mackinnon VE4DJ will be doing a presentation on Volunteering in the 21st Century.

Nominations of Winnipeg ARES Inc. Officers for 2023-24 (President, Secretary and Treasurer) will open at the conclusion of the OCT General Meeting. Nominations close 1600h FRI 10 NOV 2023. Nominations must be submitted via e-mail to VE4MBQ.

Winnipeg ARES 2023-24 dues were due in June – if you haven't paid your dues please make arrangements thru our Treasurer Larry VA4LMK, va4lmk@myrac.ca

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**WARC 2023 FALL FLEA MARKET**  
**COME OUT AND MAKE SOME DEALS ON**  
**AMATEUR RADIO EQUIPMENT AND MORE**

Saturday October 14, 2023  
Dakota Community Center  
1188 Dakota St. Winnipeg, MB  
9 am to 12 pm

Vendor setup and admission sale starts at 8 am  
Flea market doors open at 9 am

Admission \$10 (paid at the door)  
Vendor tables available for \$20 each, includes 1 admission  
(purchase on the WARC website via PayPal or contact [garyve4gg@gmail.com](mailto:garyve4gg@gmail.com))  
Examiners accredited to conduct examinations for Amateur Radio Operators Certificate on site.

**GET IN ON THE WARC RAFFLE FOR A CHANCE**  
**TO WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES AND HELP**  
**SUPPORT THE CLUB.**

WARC RAFFLE tickets  
available for \$10 each or 5 for \$40

(400 tickets available - limited number of ticket packs)

1st Prize  
Icom ID-52A VHF/UHF handheld (valued at \$850.00)

2nd Prize  
\$300 GPS Central gift certificate

3rd Prize  
\$100 USD DX Engineering gift certificate

Contact John Romanec for raffle purchase information  
[ve4vjr@gmail.com](mailto:ve4vjr@gmail.com)  
Lottery License Number: LGCA 5179-RF-41449

Please note: NO advanced admission this year.

Interested in volunteering?  
Contact [winnipegarcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:winnipegarcsecretary@gmail.com)

Canteen located on site

On behalf of the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club

Thank you for being a member !!



## Contest Calendar

Extracted From

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

### October 2023

ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 3	Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Oct 11
ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Oct 3	RSGB 80m Autumn Series, Data	1900Z-2030Z, Oct 11
German Telegraphy Contest	0700Z-1000Z, Oct 3	CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 11
Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 4	CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Oct 12
A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Oct 4	CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Oct 12
CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 4	EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 12
Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Oct 4	NCCC FT4 Sprint	0100Z-0130Z, Oct 13
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 4	NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Oct 13
Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Oct 4	NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 13
CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 4	K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Oct 13
432 MHz Fall Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Oct 4	QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party	0000Z-2359Z, Oct 14
UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Oct 4	Makrothen RTTY Contest	0000Z-0800Z, Oct 14
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	0000Z-0100Z, Oct 5		and 600Z-2400Z, Oct 14
	and 0200Z-0300Z, Oct 6		and 0800Z-1600Z, Oct 15
CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Oct 5	Nevada QSO Party	0300Z, Oct 14 to 2100Z, Oct 15
CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Oct 5	Oceania DX Contest, CW	0600Z, Oct 14 to 0600Z, Oct 15
SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Oct 5	Solar Eclipse QSO Party	1200Z-2200Z, Oct 14
NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1700Z-1800Z, Oct 5 (CW)	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Oct 14 to 2400Z, Oct 15
	and 1800Z-1900Z, Oct 5 (SSB)	Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB	1200Z, Oct 14 to 1200Z, Oct 15
	and 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 5 (FM)	Arizona QSO Party	1500Z, Oct 14 to 0500Z, Oct 15
	and 2000Z-2100Z, Oct 5 (Dig)	Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 14 to 0400Z, Oct 15
SKCC Sprint Europe	1900Z-2100Z, Oct 5		and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 15
NCCC FT4 Sprint	0100Z-0130Z, Oct 6	South Dakota QSO Party	1800Z, Oct 14 to 1800Z, Oct 15
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Oct 6	PODXS 070 Club 160m Great Pumpkin Sprint	2000Z, Oct 14 to 2000Z, Oct 15
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 6	Argentina National 7 MHz Contest	2130Z-2330Z, Oct 14
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Oct 6	Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 15
Collegiate QSO Party	0000Z, Oct 7 to 2359Z, Oct 8	UBA ON Contest, 2m	0700Z-1000Z, Oct 15
Oceania DX Contest, Phone	0600Z, Oct 7 to 0600Z, Oct 8	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	2300Z, Oct 16 to 0100Z, Oct 17
TRC DX Contest	0600Z, Oct 7 to 1800Z, Oct 8	K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Oct 16
Microwave Fall Sprint	0800 local - 1400 local, Oct 7	ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 16
Russian WW Digital Contest	1200Z, Oct 7 to 1159Z, Oct 8	ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Oct 16 to 2359Z, Oct 20
IARU Region 1 UHF/Microwaves Contest	1400Z, Oct 7 to 1400Z, Oct 8	OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Oct 16
International HELL-Contest	1600Z-1800Z, Oct 7	RSGB FT4 Contest	1900Z-2030Z, Oct 16
(80m) and		ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 16
0900Z-1100Z, Oct 8 (40m)		Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Oct 17
California QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 7 to 2200Z, Oct 8	ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Oct 17
SKCC QSO Party	1800Z, Oct 7 to 1800Z, Oct 8	Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 18
UBA ON Contest, CW	0600Z-0900Z, Oct 8	A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Oct 18
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Oct 9	CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 18
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 9	Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Oct 18
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 9	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 18
OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Oct 9	Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Oct 18
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 9	AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening	1900Z-2030Z, Oct 18
10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint	0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10	CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 18
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Oct 10	Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	0000Z-0100Z, Oct 19
ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Oct 10		and 0200Z-0300Z, Oct 20
DARC RTTY Sprint	1800Z-1929Z, Oct 10	CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Oct 19
NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Oct 11	CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Oct 19
Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 11	NTC QSO Party	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 19
A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Oct 11	NCCC FT4 Sprint	0100Z-0130Z, Oct 20
CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 11	NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Oct 20
Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Oct 11		
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 11		

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NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Oct 20  
Telephone Pioneers QSO Party  
1700Z-2000Z, Oct 20 (CW/Dig)  
and 2200Z, Oct 20 to 0100Z, Oct 21 (SSB)  
and 1700-2000Z, Oct 21 (SSB)  
and 2200Z, Oct 21 to 0100Z, Oct 22 (CW/Dig)  
K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Oct 20  
YBDXPI FT8 Contest 0000Z, Oct 21 to 2359Z, Oct 22  
JARTS WW RTTY Contest  
0000Z, Oct 21 to 2400Z, Oct 22  
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW  
0001Z, Oct 21 to 2359Z, Oct 22  
YLRL DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest  
1400Z, Oct 21 to 0200Z, Oct 23  
New York QSO Party 1400Z, Oct 21 to 0200Z, Oct 22  
Stew Perry Topband Challenge  
1500Z, Oct 21 to 1500Z, Oct 22  
Worked All Germany Contest  
1500Z, Oct 21 to 1459Z, Oct 22  
Feld Hell Sprint 2000Z-2359Z, Oct 21  
Classic Exchange, Phone  
1300Z, Oct 22 to 0700Z, Oct 23  
and 1300Z, Oct 24 to 0700Z, Oct 25  
Illinois QSO Party 1700Z, Oct 22 to 0100Z, Oct 23  
K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Oct 23  
ICWC Medium Speed Test 1300Z-1400Z, Oct 23  
OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Oct 23  
ICWC Medium Speed Test 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 23  
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest  
0100Z-0159Z, Oct 24  
ICWC Medium Speed Test 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 24  
SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Oct 25  
Phone Weekly Test 0230Z-0300Z, Oct 25  
A1Club AWT 1200Z-1300Z, Oct 25  
CWops Test 1300Z-1400Z, Oct 25  
Mini-Test 40 1700Z-1759Z, Oct 25  
Mini-Test 80 1800Z-1859Z, Oct 25  
CWops Test 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 25  
UKEICC 80m Contest 2000Z-2100Z, Oct 25  
CWops Test 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 26  
CWops Test 0700Z-0800Z, Oct 26  
RSGB 80m Autumn Series, SSB 1900Z-2030Z, Oct 26  
NCCC FT4 Sprint 0100Z-0130Z, Oct 27  
NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Oct 27  
NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Oct 27  
Zombie Shuffle 1500-2400 local, Oct 27  
K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Oct 27  
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB  
0000Z, Oct 28 to 2359Z, Oct 29  
ARRL EME Contest 0000Z, Oct 28 to 2359Z, Oct 29  
Ham Spirit Contest, CW  
0600Z, Oct 28 to 0559Z, Oct 29  
Classic Exchange, CW 1300Z, Oct 29 to 0700Z, Oct 30  
and 1300Z, Oct 31 to 0700Z, Nov 1  
K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Oct 30  
ICWC Medium Speed Test 1300Z-1400Z, Oct 30  
QCX Challenge 1300Z-1400Z, Oct 30  
OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Oct 30  
ICWC Medium Speed Test 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 30  
QCX Challenge 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 30  
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest  
0100Z-0159Z, Oct 31  
ICWC Medium Speed Test 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 31

QCX Challenge 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 31

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Phone Weekly Test 0230Z-0300Z, Nov 1  
Silent Key Memorial Contest 0600Z-0859Z, Nov 1  
A1Club AWT 1200Z-1300Z, Nov 1  
CWops Test 1300Z-1400Z, Nov 1  
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest 1700Z-2100Z, Nov 1  
Mini-Test 40 1700Z-1759Z, Nov 1  
Mini-Test 80 1800Z-1859Z, Nov 1  
CWops Test 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 1  
UKEICC 80m Contest 2000Z-2100Z, Nov 1  
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest  
0000Z-0100Z, Nov 2  
and 0200Z-0300Z, Nov 3  
CWops Test 0300Z-0400Z, Nov 2  
CWops Test 0700Z-0800Z, Nov 2  
NRAU 10m Activity Contest 1800Z-1900Z, Nov 2 (CW)  
and 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 2 (SSB)  
and 2000Z-2100Z, Nov 2 (FM)  
and 2100Z-2200Z, Nov 2 (Dig)  
SKCC Sprint Europe 2000Z-2200Z, Nov 2  
NCCC FT4 Sprint 0100Z-0130Z, Nov 3  
NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Nov 3  
NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Nov 3  
K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Nov 3  
YB Banggai DX Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Nov 4  
IPARC Contest, CW 0600Z-1800Z, Nov 4  
Ukrainian DX Contest Cancelled for 2023  
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW  
2100Z, Nov 4 to 0300Z, Nov 6  
IPARC Contest, SSB 0600Z-1800Z, Nov 5  
EANET Sprint 0800Z-1200Z, Nov 5  
High Speed Club CW Contest 1400Z-1700Z, Nov 5  
K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Nov 6  
ICWC Medium Speed Test 1300Z-1400Z, Nov 6  
OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Nov 6  
ICWC Medium Speed Test 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 6  
RSGB 80m Autumn Series, Data 2000Z-2130Z, Nov 6

*Good Luck In The Contest*

*Confessions of a Casual Contester  
Vol. 4 Issue 2  
From the shack of David VE4DL*

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.....

Not much to report this issue, still not on the air at home. I've been cheating, using DMR to do my DXing. I'm having fun with it, but it's not the same thrill, and the QSOs don't go into my main log (which updates to LoTW) but to my secondary log on QRZ.com.

The Club will be running it's annual flea market this month, I have a few fleas to scratch, and I'll have the Cable Shop out for those who need.

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SKCC's Canadian Operator Event is winding down this week, ending on the 30th of September. Conditions have not been kind, most of the logs I'm getting are quite short. We got VY1 into the books, which is excellent!! Had to be a paper log, though, I think the last CME may have fried a northern computer or 3.

There are enough projects around the house to keep me busy all the way to Christmas, so I can't complain of boredom.

I'm looking forward to a new era in amateur radio clubdom here in Winnipeg, I think the amalgamation of two current entities into one will do everyone some good. I know there will be a some discussion around the new name, but I trust something everyone will like will come of it.

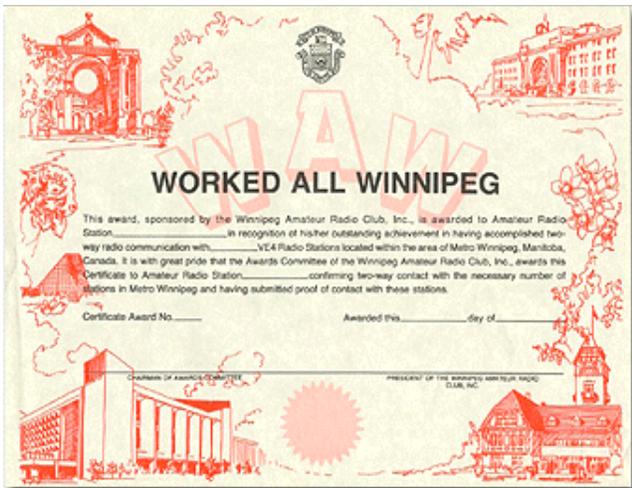
But it isn't contesting. Nope. Not at all. Well, maybe.... yes it is!

### *Worked All Winnipeg Award*

The "Worked All Winnipeg Award" is sponsored by the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club Inc.

It is awarded to an Amateur Radio Operator to recognize his/her outstanding achievement in having accomplished two way communications with the required number of VE4/VA4 radio stations located within the City of Winnipeg.

The award is a truly beautiful certificate, on parchment paper stock. It features drawings along the borders, which shows many of the attractions of the City of Winnipeg, along with our provincial emblem.



For all the details visit....

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Contact George Hill, VE4GDH  
or

E-Mail Steve  
at [Steve@microhightech.ca](mailto:Steve@microhightech.ca)

### *Spotlight on Hamish Donaldson VE4JDH*

*By David Rosner VE4DAR*

What got you interested in amateur radio? David Rosner brought Geoff Bawden, then RAC President, to a Macintosh Computer Club meeting. Geoff's talk made me interested in amateur radio.

Did you take a class; do it on your own, or did you have an Elmer? I took the shortest class ever over two and one-half Saturdays at WSC, and got licensed in 2013. David Rosner was my Elmer. I know Macs and he knows radio.

I bought commercial equipment as I am not a great technical person.

Any contacts or moments that stick out in your memory? Driving my wife crazy learning the phonetic alphabet.

What have you gotten out of ham radio over the years? A group of new friends and experiences that are great.

Any part of ham radio that interested you particularly? I would like to learn more about the tech side without leaning on someone else and bothering them with question after question.

What kind of public service have you done? I believe I have done every marathon since the exam. I try to help when I am able but the physical part is now off limits.

Any advice for new hams? Forget anything else during the ham course as there is a lot to learn in a short time. You can relax after the exam.

What do you see as the future for Amateur Radio? I hope it appeals to younger people and they get involved as the majority of us are getting on in years and none of us is immortal.





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](mailto: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 ....

Have you renewed your **MRS Membership!**

You can do so via PayPal online at...  
[http://mb-repeater-society.ca/?page\\_id=144](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??  
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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 )

**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>

**The following Nets are on the WDRG DMR repeater system:**  
**TransCanada D-Star Net**  
Fridays @ 20:00 local, Timeslot 2,  
Talkgroup 302050

**SkyHub**  
Wednesdays @ 20:00 local, Timeslot 2,  
Talkgroup 310847

### HF Nets .....

**MB Evening Phone Net - 3747 Khz**  
**Daily at 7:00 PM Local Time (CT)**  
**Aurora Net (Afternoon) 7.100 Mhz**  
**Daily at 2300 UTC**  
**Aurora # 2 Net (Evening) 7.100 Mhz**  
**Sunday at 9:30 CST**  
**MB Wx Net 3743 Khz**  
**Daily at 8:30 Local Time (CT)**

### SSB Nets .....

144.240 SSB Monday at 8pm local  
432.100 SSB Wednesday at 8pm  
1296.100 SSB Friday at 8 pm