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VE4BB

Welcome Back

The first meeting of the year will be held

Date: September 8th, 2008
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: **Dakota Collegiate**
661 Dakota Street

Remember it's membership renewal

Other Important Dates:

WARC: Monthly Meeting dates Oct. 20 (3rd Monday),
Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, 2009, Feb. 9, Mar. 9,
Apr. 20 (3rd Monday), May 11, June 8.

WSC: 2nd Thurs. of month - Breakfast Garden City Inn

ARES: Sept 16 - ARES DEC Bill Karle VE4KZ

Other:

And now for a word from the President **By Geoff, VE4BAW**

Summer has faded but at the height of summer we have had the greatest eyeball QSOs ever. The WARC HamFest and RAC AGM was truly outstanding with delegates from BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec and Nunavut. Congratulations to the Organizing Committee and to its Chair, Derek, ve4hay. If you went to the Hamfest, you know how professional it was. Many thanks to the all the WARC Committee members that worked so hard to make it a success. We received a letter from the President of RAC, Dave Goodwin, VO1AU/VE3AAQ thanking WARC for its excellent work in making the event a success. Amateur radio raised its profile in Manitoba; the Executive Director of EMO, Chuck Sanderson and the Chief Information Officer, David Primmer from the Province were present. Vendors such as ICOM and Burnaby Radio made an appearance.

The "WARC Year" 08/09 is upon us and flush with the success of the Hamfest we still we need to turn our minds to what we are going to accomplish this year. Albert Sousa va4as, assisted by Robert Iwacha ve4rai are willing to lead on the educational issue and pick up the challenge of organizing a training program for new hams. They will need your help; volunteer early and often. Your new executive is kicking around doing a Manitoba DX expedition on the train [again!] for Spring 09.

Hope your summer went well. See you on September 8th, 7:30 PM at Dakota Collegiate. Bring your check as dues are due! It is only \$20 [a bargain].

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

WARC: Executive for 2008- 2009

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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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3.860	MN	Minnesota Net	23:00
3.747	MB	Evening Phone Net	19:00 local
3.937	ND	North Dakota Net	00:30
3.735	SK	SK Public Service Net	01:00
3.750	NWON	NW Ontario Net	01:15
3.700	AB	AB Public Service Net	01:30
3.660	MB, SK, AB	Prairie Traffic Net	01:30
3.743	MB	Mb Morning WX Net	14:30
145.450	WW	MB IRLP Net	02:00 Wednesday
147.390 +	MB	Morning Net	09:00 Local
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147.390 +	MB	MRS Net Sunday	21:00 Local

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Minutes for June 9th, 2008

Submitted by Ruthie, VE4CRS

Meeting opened at 19:30 hrs. Welcome by Geoff VE4BAW and intros.

Motion to accept minutes as printed in Newscaster by Ed VE4OAK. Seconded by David VE4DAR. **Carried.**

Standing Committees

DX

Adam VE4SN – no change. Listen for Congo, China, Isle of Man. Conditions in MB are terrible!

Hamfest

All going as planned. A work in progress! Adam VE4SN – registration forms are available at meeting. David VE4DAR – asked for donation of prizes. Ruthie VE4CRS – volunteer sign-up sheets for various activities are ready for sign up.

ARES

Jeff VE4MBQ – There are not sufficient volunteers for CANWARN. It is a volunteer crisis!!

Marathon

Jeff VE4MBQ – 65 volunteers, the bare minimum have signed up. Briefing June 10th, 1900 hrs at MB Sports Centre. Free parking in parkade. If not attending meeting please get someone to pick up briefing package and T-shirt. 4 more volunteers are needed. Please approach Jeff now!

Field Day

Geoff VE4BAW – Fort Whyte - beautiful venue within city limits. Bob VE4RCJ in charge of computers. VE4QV can help. David VE4DAR is in charge of prizes. Ruth and Sue VE4's XYL and SYM are in charge of food. Need: - coordinator, volunteers. (secretary's comment: "so what's new!!")

- ☞ no one came forward to volunteer
- ☞ suggestion to form committee to coordinate
- ☞ Bert VE4AND will have equipment near door at Senior's
- ☞ Derek VE4HAY is working on trailer
- ☞ Ruth VE4XYL – people need to show up. Food preparation is a lot of work. much FRUSTRATION
- ☞ VE4's RCJ and DAR will go out to scout area. Will also check solar power.
- ☞ suggestion for next year to identify committee early for coordinating.
- ☞ suggestion to register early for Field Day in order to know for how many people to prepare food.

Treasurer's Report – Susan VE4SYM

WARC income and expenses for 31st of May 2008.
Income: - \$1,589.05 (includes registration for Hamfest)
Expenses: - \$97.25

General Bank Balance: - \$6,448.69.
Savings Bank Balance: - \$3,095.05

Good and Welfare

- ☛ John VE4JNF – "Wish for the Cure" – took kids fishing! Radio operators were spotters in boats. It was a wonderful event!
- ☛ David VE4DAR – Thanks to Geoff VE4BAW and presented him with an IARC pin.
- ☛ Jeff VE4MBQ – Thanks to Yori VE4ACX and Ellis VE4AJQ for getting UMR repeater back on the air.

New Business

Summer events:

- ✓ July 11, 12, 13 – International Ham Fest at Peace Gardens.
- ✓ Aug 1, 2 – Camp PO7 – Lake of the Woods.
- ✓ Aug 8, 9, 10 – Winnipeg Hamfest 2008, Hilton Hotel.
- ✓ Aug 16 – MARM Hamfest, Austin, MB.
- ✓ (secretary's comment: - What a great Amateur Radio summer!!)

Elections:

Thanks to Rosi and Glen VE4's YYL and GWN for heading the nominating committee.

Standing are the following members:

Geoff VE4BAW, Susan VE4SYM, Mark VE4MAB, Albert VA4AS, Ruthie VE4CRS.

Nominated: Robert VE4RAI, Bob VE4RCJ.

Stepping down: Derek VE4HAY.

Motion to close nominations by Dick VE4HK and seconded by Jeff VE4MBQ. **Carried.**

New slate voted in by acclamation.

Winner of membership door-prize: Susan VE4SYM.


Winner of 50/50 - \$18.00: Pat VE4PLG

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WPGARES

By Jeff, VE4MBQ -Emergency Coordinator

We had two 1-person activation's for Manitoba EMO in June. Thanks to Glen Napady VE4GWN and Tom Mills VE4SE who promptly answered my on-air requests for a "ready for duty" ARES member. They were involved with monitoring government radio systems during forest fire evacuations in the north when some EMO staff were out of cell-phone coverage.

Approximately fifty-four percent of the Amateurs involved with the Manitoba Marathon were ARES members. It would be great if the forty-six percent of Amateur volunteers who aren't ARES members but are obviously interested in Public Service communications would consider getting involved with their local ARES unit. While we are always on the look-out for local Amateurs with an interest in Emergency Amateur Communications, Winnipeg ARES particularly needs more members interested in taking on-call shifts for VE4WWO during the Summer Severe Weather Season. Our current membership requirements are posted at:

<http://www.winnipegares.ca/howToJoin.htm>

We have two Public Service Events scheduled for SEP. We will be providing volunteer Amateur communications SAT 13 SEP at the SuperWalk for Parkinson's and SUN 14 SEP for the Terry Fox Run. Dick VE4HK is coordinating our operation for Parkinson's and Glen VE4GWN is coordinating our operation for Terry Fox Run. Volunteer operators are still required for both events so if you are able to assist please contact Dick or Glen.

Thanks to Rosi VE4YYL and Glen VE4GWN for doing a tremendous job in organizing our Silent Auction during the WARC Hamfest Flea Market. Elsewhere is a report from Rosi and Glen identifying donors and winners of the various prize lots.

Our next General Meeting will be TUE 16 SEP 1900h at Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street. North Eastman ARES DEC Bill Karle VE4KZ will be speaking about the recent municipal exercise in Oakbank and future direction of North Eastman ARES. Nominations for the 2008-09 Winnipeg ARES Executive will open at the conclusion of our business meeting 16 SEP and will close TUE 14 OCT (one week prior to the OCT meeting).

Amateur Radio ✨ A Community Resource

WARC Hamfest 2008 - Door Prize Committee

David VE4DAR – Chair

Starting last February, Ruth VE4XYL, Tom VE4SE, Ruthie VE4CRS, and David VE4DAR collected 113 prizes (assisted by Dick VE4HK) from 38 donors and assembled them into 59 prize lots. Every event and educational session had at least one door prize; most had two. . Winners from the WARES prize draw at the Flea Market and RAC supplied prizes at the Annual General Meeting are not listed here. Here are the major prize winners from the Hamfest 2008. Major Prize Winners are listed below

Donor	Prize	Winner	Call Sign
Rob VE4GV	\$100 Radio World Gift Cert.	Terry Bray	VE3NED
Wayne VE4WR	Vertex FTL – 2001 Transceiver	Jerry Fisher	VE4SAT
Radio World	\$100 Gift Certificate	Robin Scott Ozero	---
WARC	Weather Radio	Gerald Kocha	VA3GAK
Kenwood Canada	K2AT Handheld	Malcolm Scrimger	VA7ISS
Mac Farlane Electronics	\$250 Gift Cert. for Tryon Tower	BJ Madsen	VE5FL
Icom Canada & Micro High Tech Electronics	IC-P7A Handheld	Glen Napady	VE4GWN
Durham Radio	Elton SW Radio	David Goodwin	VO1AU
Durham Radio	\$100 Gift Certificate	Bill Nickerson	VE4DL
Burnaby Radio Communications	Alinco DM-330MV Power Supply	Ken Pulfer	VE3PU
Alinco Canada	Alinco DJ-V17 Handheld	Glen Napady	VE4GWN
Active Tech Electronics	Amprobe Digital Meter and Probe Set	Roger Froebe	VE4RLF



Are You
A Member ?

Winnipeg ARES

By Rosie, VE4YYL

As the Fundraising chair for Winnipeg ARES I wish to thank all those who purchased tickets for the successful ARES silent auction during the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club flea market on August 9th.

A big thank you goes out to the following companies and organizations for giving us donations: TD/Canada Trust, Roblin Blvd; S.I.R./Cabela's; RBC Steinbach; Janice Dankochik Executive Director Terry Fox Foundation; Shirley Lumb Executive Director Manitoba Marathon; Pat McCarthy Severe Weather program Manager PASPC Environment Canada; Randy Hull Emergency Preparedness Coordinator City of Winnipeg; Ian Clark (VE4CLK) Safeway Sargent Ave; and John (VE4JNF) Parkside Appliances.

We must also extend out gratitude to the following hams who also made donations: VE4SYM & VE4TRO; VE4APN; VE4KER & VE4KAZ; VE4XYL & VE4SE; VE4OL & his lovely wife Mary; VE4DAR; VE4CRS and VE4HK & VE4MMG.

Thank you to Jeff VE4MBQ for assisting me at the table. I also would like to give HUGE thanks Sue VE4SYM who helped me make up the baskets and manning the table during the flea market, adding to her already large list of things she had to do before, during and after the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club Hamfest. For those who are not aware she is the treasure for ARES & WARC as well as for the Hamfest. My OM Glen VE4GWN also helped me.

The winners of our silent auction were: VE4EIH, VE4KU, VA4GD, VE4DAE, VE4XM, VE4EIH (the only double winner), VE3GAK, VE4PH, VE4NCH, VE4TV, VE5FL.

High Altitude Balloon Launch

By Stefan, VE4NSA

The WinCube team launched a high altitude balloon payload June 29th at 6:00 am from Winnipeg.

The Balloon was equipped with two MicroTrack 300 (300mW), an automatic cut-down device and digital camera the payload reached an altitude of 23 km (75000 feet) and landed south of Emerson in North Dakota. The recovery teams were able to secure the payload and data and pictures are currently assessed and prepared for publication. Flight time was about 2 hours and the balloon reached maximum horizontal speeds of over 100 km/h on its way south. APRS signals were strong during the flight and contact was maintained until touchdown. More details to come soon.

News from the Net

D-Star

Are you interested in learning more about D-Star and what this exciting new digital radio mode has to offer then visit the website www.dstar.org.au -- *WIA*

ATV on the Net

The British Amateur Television Club has announced a new amateur television streaming video Web Site. It designed to bring streamed fast scan ATV to the internet and allow cross repeater operation while working from its multi screen display. The site also carries a library of ATV programs and will act as a port for other ATV events to be streamed from around the world. <http://www.batc.tv> -- *WIA*

Kenwood/JVC merger

Kenwood and JVC say that their proposed merger will be completed by this autumn. According to a joint news release the two Japanese electronics giants will combine to form JVC Kenwood Holdings. The new corporation will have its headquarters in the city of Yokohama. The new model business will focus on car electronics, home electronics, and professional wireless systems, and will also explore new product segments. In an earlier statement by Kenwood it was stated that the merger would have no impact on the company's continuing support of the amateur radio marketplace. -- *WIA*

Algerian radio hams lose privileges.

Mustapha, DL1BDF, is reporting some bad news for radio amateurs in Algeria. According to Mokthar, 7X5JF, the Algerian authorities have revoked/cancelled operating privileges (for unknown reasons) for the use of the 80 and 17 meters bands as well as VHF and UHF. -- *WIA*

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS MOVING AM BROADCAST BAND

A group made up primarily of broadcast consulting engineers has proposed that the United States AM broadcast stations be made to move to TV Channels 5 and 6. This, after their current occupants of that spectrum migrate to digital. The group, calling itself the Broadcast Maximization Committee, recommends the conversion and migration of all AM stations over an extended period of time and with digital transmissions only. It also proposes relocating the LPFM service to a portion of this spectrum. --*WIA*

RAC announces a newly revised HF Band Plan.

The HF band plan presently in use in Canada has been adopted in 1996. Since, many changes have happened in the

Amateur world and other band plans have been revised and modified. Let us only mention the changes announced by the FCC in 2007 affecting the US band plan and the revised one adopted by the IARU Region 2 countries at the Brasilia conference in September 2007. Just under two years ago, Radio Amateurs of Canada had asked Bob Nash, VE3KZ, a former First Vice President of RAC, to re-activate the HFBPC (HF Band Planning Committee) with a goal to review and modernize the Canadian HF Band Plan. Bob's committee has since worked very hard in studying and consulting all across Canada to eventually come up with a band plan proposed to the Board of Directors of Radio Amateurs of Canada. The RAC Board has adopted this plan at its July 2008 meeting and the new band plan is now on the RAC Web page at:

http://www.rac.ca/service/bandplans/hfband_e.php -- *RAC*

IARU Region 3 Directors Meet

The IARU Region 3 Directors met in Tokyo over two and a half days from 20 to 22 August 2008, hosted by Japan Amateur Radio League (JARL). With IARU Vice President Tim Ellam VE6SH participated in the meeting.

The Directors reviewed the ITU World Radiocommunication Conference that had been held in Geneva in November 2007 (WRC-07). The next WRC will be held in 2011 (WRC-11) and has agenda items that may directly and indirectly affect the amateur services. The Directors recognized the importance of ensuring that those involved in the preparation for that Conference at a regional and national level are kept fully informed.

JARL has offered to host the fifth Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Conference, GAREC-2009, in Tokyo next, to be held in conjunction with the JARL Ham Fair. The Directors believe that amateurs have a very important role to play in emergency communications and took steps to ensure that the Region participates in the GAREC-2009. The Directors again decided to urge member societies to approach their administrations to remove any national regulations that inhibited amateurs from either meeting emergency communication needs or practicing to meet such needs. The Directors congratulated the Chinese Radio Sports Association (CRSA) on the outstanding contribution of the Chinese radio amateurs in support of the humanitarian response to the tragic earthquake in May 2008.

The Directors carefully considered the report of Manohar Arasu VU2UR, the Regional Monitoring System Coordinator on relation to the broadcasts from Sound of Hope in Taiwan on amateur bands and will urge member societies to approach their administrations requesting that they object to the Taiwanese administration about these breaches of the Radio Regulations.

Contest Calendar

Aug

MI QRP Labor Day	CW	2300Z	Sep 1
ARS Spartan Sprint	CW	0100Z	Sep 2
10 meter NAC	CW/SSB/FM/Digi	1700Z	Sep 4
NCCC Sprint		0230Z	Sep 5
International G3ZQS	Straight Key	2300Z	Sep 5
All Asian DX	Phone	0000Z	Sep 6
Russian WW	RTTY	0000Z	Sep 6
NCCC Sprint		0230Z	Sep 6
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint		0400Z	Sep 6
	And	0430Z	Sep 6
	And	0500Z	Sep 6
	And	0530Z	Sep 6
RSGB Field Day	SSB	1300Z	Sep 6
AGCW	Straight Key	1300Z	Sep 6
IARU Region 1 Field Day	SSB	1300Z	Sep 6
North American Sprint	CW	0000Z	Sep 7
FISTS Straight Key Week	CW	0001Z	Sep 7
DARC 10-Meter	Digital	1100Z	Sep 7
Tennessee QSO Party		1800Z	Sep 7
QRP ARCI End Of Summer	DIGI	2000Z	Sep 7
RSGB 80m Club Sprint	SSB	1900Z	Sep 11
FISTS Get Your Feet Wet Weekend		0000Z	Sep 12
NCCC Sprint		0230Z	Sep 12
PODXS 070 Club 80m Autumn Sprint		2000L	Sep 12
G3ZQS Memorial Straight Key	CW	2300Z	Sep 12
WAE DX	SSB	0000Z	Sep 13
South Carolina QSO Party	All	1300Z	Sep 13
Swiss HTC QRP Sprint		1300Z	Sep 13
Arkansas QSO Party		1400Z	Sep 13
	And	1500Z	Sep 14
QRP Afield	All	1500Z	Sep 13
ARRL September VHF QSO Party		1800Z	Sep 13
SOC Marathon Sprint	CW	1800Z	Sep 13
North American Sprint	SSB	0000Z	Sep 14
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon		0000Z	Sep 14
SSA Månadstest nr 9	CW	1400Z	Sep 14
Arkansas QSO Party (2)	CW/PSK/SSB	1500Z	Sep 14
SSA Månadstest nr 9	SSB	1515Z	Sep 14
ARCI End of Summer Digital Sprint	DIGI	2000Z	Sep 14
MOON	CW/Digi/SSB	1800Z	Sep 17
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	CW	0030Z	Sep 18
YLRL Howdy Days		1400Z	Sep 18
NCCC Sprint		0230Z	Sep 19
ARRL EME		0000Z	Sep 20
JLRS Party	Phone	0300Z	Sep 20
ARRL 10 GHz and Up		0600L	Sep 20
Colorado QSO Party		1000Z	Sep 20
SARL VHF/UH		1000Z	Sep 20
Scandinavian Activity	CW	1200Z	Sep 20
CIS DX		1200Z	Sep 20

South Carolina QSO Party		1300Z	Sep 20
SRT HF	SSB	1300Z	Sep 20
QRP Afield		1500Z	Sep 15
Washington State Salmon Run		1600Z	Sep 20
	And	1600Z	Sep 21
QCWA Fall QSO Party		1800Z	Sep 20
Feld Hell Sprint	Hell	2000Z	Sep 20
Fall QRP Homebrewer Sprint	CW/PSK31	0000Z	Sep 22
Run for the Bacon QRP		0100Z	Sep 22
144 MHz Fall Sprint		1900L	Sep 22
SKCC Sprint		0000Z	Sep 24
RSGB 80m Club Sprint	CW	1900Z	Sep 24
BCC QSO Party		1700Z	Sep 25
NCCC Sprint		0230Z	Sep 26
CQ Worldwide DX	RTTY	0000Z	Sep 27
Scandinavian Activity	SSB	1200Z	Sep 27
Texas QSO Party		1400Z	Sep 27
	And	1400Z	Sep 28
AGCW VHF/UHF	144	1600Z	Sep 27
	432	1900Z	Sep 27
Coast to coast FISTS Clubs QSO	CW	1700Z	Sep 27
UBA ON	CW	0600Z	Sep 28
Classic Exchange (CX)	Phone	1300Z	Sep 28
CAV	CW	1800Z	Sep 28
222 MHz Fall Sprint		1900L	Sep 30

2008 Manitoba Marathon Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ

Sixty-nine Amateurs and affiliates provided Amateur Communications for the Manitoba Marathon SUN 15 JUNE.

Thanks to: VE4s: VZ, DU, BOY, FV, WJE, NCH, DAR, NQ, EIH, SBS, LYN, HQ, OAK, PJM, JBL, QB, YZ, MMG, LIT, ANF, CDP, STS, WMK, WPL, WKP, PPG, CEU, GWN, YYL, VG, KEH, SYM, TRO, HAY, HAZ, PLG, BN, ESQ, LPV, GMS, QV, EWN, RST, RCJ, AND, AJO, CZK, EH, XT, CDM, LDI, ACX, GWB, JNF, QEW, EAR, WTF, MAB, BAW, SE, XYL, GZ, DWG, MBQ;
VA4s: DON, IAM, AS; KB7REU and Sean Bawden.

Several Amateur organizations cooperate to make the Amateur component of the Manitoba Marathon a success. Thanks to: Interlake Amateur Radio Club, Manitoba Repeater Society, Pathfinders Amateur Radio Club, Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club, Winnipeg Amateur Radio Emergency Service, Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club, University of Manitoba Amateur Radio Society.



RAC VP inspects WARC Field Day Station

An unexpected visit from RAC's Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Richard French, VE3KI was part of the highlight for the 58+ operators and visitors at the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club's Field Day station at the Fort Whyte Alive Centre. This year's Field Day, was uncoordinated and thrown together at the last moment. While the site was booked a month in advance, no one from the club was stepping forward to be our coordinator. So in the last day or two before Field Day, emails starting flying among the members, asking for volunteers, and saying to be at equipment depots at certain times, at the site in time for set up & take down, etc. And like true Ham's we were able to pulled it all together with two stations on the air, with a tri-band beam, used only on 20 meters and a G5RV on 40 meters. The station operated off of solar & wind power thanks to the pre-installed equipment at Fort Whyte Alive. Only 230+ contacts were made but, the fun, education, camaraderie and the thrill of finally nailing that contact you spent 20-minutes trying to get was very much the norm for the 24 hour event. We were even able to get VE3KI on the air to make a few contacts. Thanks for stopping in. This year's Field Day was in uneventful when compared to last years near tornado while at Bird's Hill Park.

More pictures can be seen at <http://hay-family.smugmug.com/share/fJnyWNpmC9QnK> under the gallery of Field Day 2008.



To the Editor - WARC Newscaster:

I wish to commend the members of the committee that organized the 2008 WARC Hamfest and RAC AGM. I have attended a number of professional conferences over the years (and organized a few as well) - the 2008 WARC Hamfest was run at least as well as many Canadian professional conferences that I have previously participated in.

I was really impressed by the attendance of VE2s, VE3s, VE5s, VE6s and VE7s while being appalled by the support (or lack of) demonstrated by the majority of the Winnipeg Amateur community. According to "Bluebook 2008" there are just over one thousand Amateur callsigns within Winnipeg. While some may well belong to recent Silent Keys, "shut-ins", clubs and individuals holding multiple callsigns the vast majority of Amateurs in Winnipeg don't realize what they missed by staying away and almost certainly don't appreciate the work that a small group of WARC members put into making the 2008 Hamfest a success.

73,

Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ



Winnipeg Hamfest 2008

By Derek Hay - Acting Chair

Amateur Radio a Century of Innovation

The Hamfest was a big success with just over 80 people registered for the event, including 27 from outside of Manitoba and 5 from outside of Winnipeg. Making 1/3 of those attending from outside of Winnipeg.

If you did not attend, you missed a great function. And these are not my words. There was not one bad comment about the event from anyone who attended. All felt they got their moneys worth and more. The only one disappointing part was the poor attendance for the flea market. Normally Winnipeggers turn out in the 200+ range for the flea market and are all lined up at the door waiting for the doors to open. On Saturday morning when the flea market opened there were only about 40 people in line. Where was everyone? Oh well, again if you did not attend you missed out on a lot of great bargains, including a chance to personally touch & feel some of Icom's newest radios, as well as talk to the 2 Icom reps.

I want to thank everyone on the hamfest committee, VE4's DJ, HQ, JNF, HAZ, Se, XYL, HK, SYM, DAR, SN, YZ, MAB, BAW and VA4AS, and all the volunteers who stepped in to assist with door monitoring, speaker introduction, etc.... Everyone pulled it all together and were rewarded for their time at the volunteer windup following the event.

For some reason I was presented with both a Keyman Award and an Oscar award, while I truly appreciate it, It was only done with the help of the entire committee.

The following is a Critique of the Hamfest done by VE4DAR and responded to by the hamfest committee. You can see for yourself that it was a success.

Kudos:

- ☺ Great steering committee and volunteers nicely led by Derek.
- ☺ Good cooperation; everyone did their share.
- ☺ Don't recall anyone whining about their assignments or tasks.
- ☺ It's been said that we "raised the bar" ie, set a higher standard for the next Hamfest.
- ☺ We had fun; lots of socializing; chance to meet some new folks and learn something.

Next time ...

- ☺ Make a publicity plan; share it so we all know what's going on; someone in charge of just publicity. - *done*

- ☺ Press releases need to be followed up by several phone calls, not just one. - *done*
- ☺ Doo-wops: good entertainment; right tunes but too loud for our vintage.
- ☺ Dance band not right for this event: most persons didn't stay; most didn't have a partner.
- ☺ Might have done better with a straight eye ball with booze.
- ☺ Nevertheless, it was worth trying out the idea.
- ☺ Perhaps we didn't do a good enough job advertising the Flea Market as a stand-alone item as well as being part of the Hamfest.
- ☺ More might have attended if it were clearer that they could attend just the Flea Market. Perhaps?

Over all:

it was great!!! Thanks everyone.



QTX~

By Derek, VE4HAY

Did you know:

Summer would have been this busy, wow !!

We have not had this much this much eye ball contact with fellow Ham's in many years. It sure was good to see people all summer long, Marathon, Filed Day, International Hamfest, Camp 807, Winnipeg Hamfest, MARMfest. Quite the list of activities. I hope you made it out to at least one if not all of these this past summer.

So another year is coming and I need another year of articles from you the reader. SO once again I am begging, please write me something...

Attached is a letter fom RAC on our efforts on the Hamfest, and a membership form. Please fill out the form and either mail or drop off at VE4WSC, or even better, bring it to he meeting on the 8th.

See you There 73.....

Burnaby Radio Communications

Apparently was missed on the Hamfest sponsor board - an oversight. (we wrote it in later) Anyway, Bill Slaughter, the owner was in Manitoba on Holidays and attended our hamfest. He came with two quality Alinco items - a power supply and an HT, which eh kindly donated as door prizes for the Hamfest. Thank you Bill.