



# The **NEWSCASTER**

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## Elections, Year-End review, Eye-Ball QSO's & Summer HAM activities

Date: June 14th, 2004

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Sturgeon Creek Regional Secondary School

### Other Important Dates:

WARC June 20 - Manitoba Marathon  
June 26, 27 - Field Day

WSC: 2nd Thurs. of month - Breakfast - Garden City Inn  
June 19th - 21st Birthday party @ Clubhouse  
Aug. 26 - Picnic in St. Vital Park

ARES: June 29 - ARES Message Handling.  
August 17 - TBA  
September 19 - Terry Fox Run  
September 21 - General Meeting  
September 26 - Parkinson Super Walk

Other: July 9 - 11 International Hamfest  
August 21 - MARMfest 10

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### Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club

By Adam, VE4SN,  
Past-President.



There's only one good thing that can be said about the month of May.... thank goodness that it is gone!! My once-a-week Seniors golf group had two cancelled games in May and I remember last year we went through the entire Spring and Summer without a single cancellation. It's going to be a short summer, that's for sure. Anyway, enough of this morose thinking and on to more pleasant things.

Our Basic Class for next September already has ten persons signed on for the course. Space is limited so if anyone knows of someone who wants to take the Radio Amateur Basic Course next Fall, have them call Sandy VE4SZ at 633-2877 or me at 339-3316 as soon as possible.

I missed last month's report so that there are two monthly breakfasts to tell about.

The April event on the 8th entertained 26 members and guests and Norm Roll, VE4EO was the happy winner of the free breakfast. The May 13th breakfast gathering happened shortly after the return of winter (remember the snow?) and only 21 hardy souls turned up for this one. Actually 23 if we count Ed's (VE4YU) grandchildren. Dick Higgins (VE4RHG) was the lucky winner of the freebie vittles. Let's hope for

### WARC: Executive for 2004

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good weather in June and maybe a whole lot more folks will show up for a good breakfast and some good socializing with fellow hams!

As most of you know, our Club is heavily involved with CFARS. The weekend of May 28, 29 and 30 saw one of the semi annual events known as the CFARS Spring Emergency Exercise. This exercise involves all the major emergency organizations across the country. The use of all modes including digital comes into play during communications with the various stations. Our Club station (CIW-510) was ably operated by Ed Henderson, VE4YU, Gil Frederick, VE4AG and George Moody, VE4GOM. Well done guys!

On behalf of all the members of our Club, I would like to welcome our newest member, Brian Rand, VE4CAN. May your association with The Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club be a happy one for many years to come and may it add to the enjoyment of your chosen hobby, ham radio. Good luck Brian.

Finally, on a social note, the Executive Board is planning another birthday party for the Club, our 21st! It is to be held at the same location as was the 20th party, the ground floor offices of the Winnipeg Retirees Association, 600 St. Marys road. We are looking at Saturday, June 19th to coincide with the street party put on by the St. Vital Biz Committee. The time of our party will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. As before, we are looking at good food and drinks, entertainment and great eyeballing with folks we don't get to see too often. The invite will be open to all members, spouses, partners, friends of WSCRC.

Just keep an ear and eye open for possible changes and updates. For information, call the Club at 233-3122.



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## **Minutes for W.A.R.C. May 10h, 2004**

### **Submitted by Glen, VE4GWN & Bob VE4ZAP**

The meeting started at 19:30 hours. The intros were done, with 48 members and one guest, in attendance. The previous minutes were accepted by Dick, VE4HK and Eric VE4EWN. They were voted and approved.

#### ***Business arising***

John reported that there will be a brief meeting between WARC and MRS about the IRLP node. Tom VE4SE asked about the costs. Glen reported that calls are being made, members will be kept advised of the ongoing process.

#### ***Treasures report***

red reported the previous months income was 4 renewals for \$60.00. 50/50 draw for \$21.00 Giving a total of \$81.00. The expenses were postage \$41.95. Field day park registration \$119.75. The prize at \$22.00 Timbits and milk \$10.70, and 5 home brew prizes at \$100.00. Total expenses for April was \$295.19 The total, bank balance is \$6388.17.

#### ***Programing***

Glen informed everyone that the nights program would be Ed VE4YU and Adam VE4SN, and they will be doing digital communications. June is to be the elections. Glen told John, was the nominating chair. Glen asked that everyone come to the meeting as a corm is needed.

#### ***Flea Market***

Glen relayed a report from Bob VE4ZAP, who was unable to make it for the meeting, due to work. Bob thanked all for helping out at the Flea market. Especial Ruth VE4XYL, who has provided the food for 10 years. Bob also thanked all the vendors, and those who attended. Bob was curious as to who might like cheese cake for the fall Flea Market.

#### ***RAC.***

Adam VE4SN Nothing to report. TCA is looking for pictures of Canwarn and ARES activities, with a story for submissions.

#### ***DX Sleuths***

Adam also reported that the conditions are up and down. The contests are still going on, wished everyone luck.

#### ***ARES***

Dick VE4HK passed on that the next meeting is 18 May. At the William Stevenson Library, at 1900hrs. Wayne

VE4WR reported that Manitoba Hydro has donated 9 repeaters. 1 is going to Petersfield, 1 for the Cargil Bldg., 1 as

a replacement for EDU. Did not get were the fourth was going. 3-4 repeaters are going to be placed in operational readiness for use were required. Wayne was asked about linking. This is to be done by moths end.

**Field Day**

Nothing to report, further announcements are coming. Rob VE4RCJ did talk to Wayne, and all is going well.

**Good and Welfare**

Wayne asked about a silent key roll for the NEWSCASTER. John said that he and Derek will discuss this at a later time.

**Marathon**

Pat. Reported that 5 or 6 more Hams are needed for the marathon This is a good event to get out to. It is a good way to practice radio procedures. There is to be a test net on the hospitality frequency on the 17 June at 2330 hrs.

**Ajournment**

Dick VE4HK motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Derek VE4HAY second. The meeting ended at 1952 hours. The winner of the 50/50 was John, he won \$25.00 The winner of the membership prize, a multi meter was Ed. VE4OAK.

**WPGARES**

**Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ**

CANWARN Spotter Training on SAT 08 MAY went very well with representation from six CANWARN Regions (Selkirk, East Selkirk, Interlake, Pinawa, Dauphin and Winnipeg) with 38 Amateurs operators in attendance. Participants were VE4s: WF, ESX, EIH, DWG, AND, EWN, IJL, EHS, LK, MMG, HGD, MED, FJG, HLO, GMS, QK, ADS, SE, MAQ, YYL, GWN, HK, UN, NME, ALW, AEY, LAY, AJR, UK, SCK, JAW, QE, PN, TN, TG, JNF, MBQ and VA4AA.

Our May General Meeting featured the 2004 CANWARN Net Controller's Meeting instead of Dick Maguire's Message Handling presentation due to the severe weather around the time originally scheduled for the Net Controller's meeting. We have already had two CANWARN Activations (TUE 11MAY for "Winter" Severe Wx and WED 19 MAY for Funnel Cloud warnings in several regions) - thanks to Richard Sheridan VE4ESX the on-call Net Controller for VE4WWO for the first three weeks of our "season" and the many Spotters that provided reports. Jay Anderson advised us that the reports from 11MAY were most helpful to the Severe Weather Forecasters in determining the rain/freezing rain/snow boundary. In 2003 our first Summer Activation was not until 16JUN. Thanks to Art Friesen VE4AJF for donating an MFJ-1720C packet TNC.

The next WPGARES General Meeting is TUE 29JUNE (please note this is a departure from our usual 3rd Tuesday of the month) 1900h at Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street. Dick Maguire VE4HK will be giving a presentation on ARES Message Handling. Winnipeg ARES 2004-05 dues of \$20 are due in June. For people planning to drop their membership please notify MBQ ASAP so that the telephone fan-out and the membership roster can be kept up to date.

We are not planning to meet in July. The August meeting will be TUE 17 AUG, speaker/topic TBA. We are looking for volunteer operators for 4 or 5 sites of the Terry Fox Run SUN 19SEP, briefing likely TUE 14SEP location TBA. Richard VE4ESX is coordinating the ARES component of the Parkinson Super Walk in St Vital Park SUN 26 SEP - that briefing will be at the WPGARES General Meeting on TUE 21SEP. To volunteer for Terry Fox contact Jeff VE4MBQ, to volunteer for Parkinson Walk contact Richard VE4ESX via e-mail: ve4esx@rac.ca

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## From the Planning Chair: Glen, VE4GWN



As I sit here at the computer, gazing out through the window upon the beautiful clean snow covering the lawn, I realize two things:

1. IT'S MAY 12th, the lawn should be GREEN, and
2. This is my last article as a member of the WARC board of directors!

Before I go any farther, let me thank Ed VE4YU and his helper Adam VE4SN for the most enjoyable presentation/demonstration during the May meeting. Doing the show, as a power point presentation seemed to keep everyone focused on the screen, and saved Ed's voice. I never realized how easy it is to get set up for Digital HF. I hope to try some of this out as soon as I have time (that should be sometimes in the next 20 years). For those of you who didn't get the URL for the software that Ed and Adam used it is:

[www.mixw.net](http://www.mixw.net). Here are some links that Ed sent to me by e-mail:

<http://www.qsl.net/wm2u/interface.html>

<http://www.muenster.de/~welp/sb.htm>

<http://www.qsl.net/kb5xg>

[http://www.waypoint.com/users/~discobay/amateur\\_radio.htm](http://www.waypoint.com/users/~discobay/amateur_radio.htm)

June 14th is the next WARC meeting. We will be having elections and an extended coffee. I keep getting requests about a meeting just to chew the fat, and I have been trying to do this each June. We may also be talking about Field Day and the Marathon if required.

John VE4OL offered to be the nominating committee, I don't know how it's going as I write this, but if you wish to make a nomination please contact John soon. A ham I know came up to me after the May meeting and said that they would like to be on the board of directors, but have only been licensed for a few years, and feels they don't have the experience. I responded with something like this- "I received my licence in April 1999, and was voted onto the board June 2000 with my 3 years starting that September". I count that being 17 months as an amateur. I also have never held an office in a club or origination before. Here is what you need to be on the board:

- ☛ Be a member in good standing
- ☛ Be willing to put in 2-4 hours a month (this is in addition to the monthly meeting)
- ☛ Be willing to have fun and learn!

Remember this is not MY club, it isn't YOUR club it is OUR club and it is up to all of us to keep it going. Just being a member isn't always enough! If you can, you should serve on the Board of Directors (some of you have and some have served more than one term). If you can't make that commitment maybe you can give or suggest a presentation.

Over the last three years we had 3 September 'meet and greet' meetings, 3 Christmas parties, 3 'home brew nights', and 3 June elections/extended coffee meetings. Here is a list of the rest:

- ① How To Get The Most Out Of Your Handheld By Dan, VE4SYG;
- ① The History Behind The VE4VJ Repeater By Ron, VE4PL;
- ① Making a Home Page By Mark, VE4MAB;
- ① Motivational Presentation By Louis, VE4PLJ;
- ① VE4SVV Summerside, PEI Trip By Bob, VE4MAQ and some of the Sun Valley Ventures;
- ① Canwarn What is it & how you can take part By Jeff, VE4MBQ;
- ① Propagation What is it and how to make it work for you By Adam, VE4SN;
- ① Microwave (24 GHz) and Moon Bounce (EME) By Barry, VE4MA;
- ① Winnipeg Police Crime Prevention Unit;
- ① My 40 years on 50 MHz By Bruce, VE4KQ;
- ① Field Trip: Manitoba Electrical Museum;
- ① Propagation explained? By Adam, VE4SN;
- ① Amateur Radio HF Operations - "in a Nutshell" By Barrett VE4ABA;
- ① "Eznec" Computer-aided Antenna Analysis Program By Rick VE4OV;
- ① E/H Antenna: See why some think this is the Antenna of the future By Willard VE4WJE (<http://www.members.shaw.ca/w.elliott/antenna.html>);
- ① Railroad DXpedition. By David VE4DAR
- ① ([http://www.ve4.net/warc/RR\\_DXpedition](http://www.ve4.net/warc/RR_DXpedition) and [http://www.ve4.net/warc/RR\\_DXpedition/photos/VE4TJR/index.htm](http://www.ve4.net/warc/RR_DXpedition/photos/VE4TJR/index.htm));
- ① How to work DX, 144 MHz and above By Bruce VE4KQ; and
- ① Digital Communications By Ed VE4YU with Adam VE4SN.

I think I have listed all of the meetings, and hope they are in order. Once again I wish to thank those who gave the presentations. As you can see, some presenters have their names up there more than once. I received an e-mail from a fellow ham in VE7 land, he became a program chair and asked me how I come up with ideas for my meetings. I told him to

talk to members in his club because as you can see members have given most of the presentations, some approached me and offered to do the presentations, some were suggested, and the rest, I just looked for someone who was doing something I wanted to learn about.

Now it's time to thank all of the members who have come out to the meetings. It was for you not me that all of the presenters put in such hard work. Without members a club is just a dream. Membership is important.

Currently I'm a member of four clubs, and have four reasons:

- ↵ RAC. It's our only voice to the government, and to fight industry (plus the outgoing QSL bureau);
- ↵ MRS. I use the repeaters and feel I should support them;
- ↵ WARC. Partly for the learning experiences, and partly for the social aspect; and
- ↵ ARES. This is the first radio club I joined. It gives me a chance to give something back for the use of the radio spectrum, and give something to community

## Call for Blue Book Updates

The Manitoba Blue Book - a publication which lists all Amateur Radio operators in Manitoba, by Call Sign, Name & Location is preparing for another printing and is asking for any updates you may have. The book is only as good as its contents. If your information is not correct or you know of another hams information that is not correct, please submit it to [ve4ub@ve4sss.ca](mailto:ve4ub@ve4sss.ca)

We are also in dire need of advertisers to help offset the cost of printing. We no longer can count on getting the printing donated. Anyone wishing to advertise in the Blue Book should submit their ad copy in electronic form to [ve4ub@ve4sss.ca](mailto:ve4ub@ve4sss.ca)

Any clubs wishing to raise money by selling the blue book should contact Bill directly to discuss the requirements.

All proceeds from the sales of the Blue Book stay in Manitoba and help fund Amateur Radio projects

# Field Day 2004

**June 26th and June 27th**

**Birds Hill Park**

**(Site #6 - Group Use Area #2).**

General Coordinator - Wayne - VE4WKL

Technical Coordinator - Bob VE4RCJ

Food Coordinator - Ruth VE4XYL

### People needed

- ↵ Publicity Coordinator (setup display table at field day and place an ad in the local newspaper)

### Equipment needed -

- ↵ One all mode, all band, solid state transceiver (Kenwood TS450 preferred).
- ↵ Three personal computers (Windows 98 or newer operating system)
- ↵ One half ton truck

With the possibility of Morse code (CW) no longer being a requirement to operate on HF, this years Field Day is the perfect opportunity for a **Basic ticketed amateur radio** operator to come out and operate HF. Get your feet wet, and learn all about this area of the hobby. Try out different radios. Compare brands and features. Learn all about HF so that when the time comes you will be prepared to take the plunge. Come see what all the fuss is about.

If you are interested in participating in Field Day, please get in touch with Wayne so that he can schedule you a time slot to operate. Remember that we need operators for the whole 24 hour period. So for you night owl, remember this is when you will get the longest operating times.

Please note that volunteers are needed to help setup and take down. Please try to be there for these times as well. Remember that Field Day is not just the operating - It also includes the friendship and the work of setup & take down.

Anyone wishing to set up accommodations on the site should contact VE4WKL - 224-1449 after 11 am or e-mail [wldman@hotmail.com](mailto:wldman@hotmail.com)

## News from the Net

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### ***RAC to install Spam filters on Email server***

Since RAC started offering this service several years ago no attempt has been made to try to determine if any piece of forwarded e-mail was spam. We felt that spam filtering should be a personal choice and under your own control – either in your own machine, or at your Internet Service Provider, where you could choose the keywords or blocked sources. Recently the RAC server has been blacklisted by some ISPs for relaying spam. To prevent ongoing occurrences we regretfully have no choice but to install a spam filter on all e-mail passing through the RAC server. This is the type of filtering used for some time now by Internet Service Providers for filtering all e-mail passing through their servers. What we plan to install does not provide for personal selection of keywords, or the blocking of specific senders. To give you some notice of this, we plan to make the change on June 15, 2004. -- RAC

### ***Operate in Greece with CEPT***

Foreign radio amateurs, as visitors in Greece, from CEPT countries or from countries with reciprocity (U.S.A., Canada, Cyprus, Switzerland and Australia) can use the special prefix J42004 from 1 Aug 2004 until 15 November 2004 without any license from Greek Authorities. -- *Qnews Wireless Institute of Australia - Queensland*

### ***Smart Radio coming***

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has initiated a formal proceeding intended to solicit comments on the use and applications for cognitive radio systems. So-called "smart radios" have the capability to adapt their use of the spectrum, a smart radio system could sense their RF environment and use this information to determine the optimal frequencies and transmit power to use, while avoiding harmful interference. Because of this operational flexibility, smart radios help promote the most efficient use of valuable spectrum. Through a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued late last year, the Commission is seeking comments on ways in which it can encourage and remove regulatory impediments to continued development and deployment of smart radio technologies. -- *Qnews Wireless Institute of Australia - Queensland*

### ***Iceland Drops Morse Requirement***

Sveinbjörn Jónsson, TF8VE, has reported that on the 19th of April 2004 the Icelandic PTI dropped the requirements of Morse test for all radio-amateur licenses in Iceland. In the new rule-statements from the PTI, there are

now only two ham license classes in Iceland: General (G) and Novice (N). The No-Code Tech licenses are now upgradeable to General Class. -- *No-Code international*

### ***Sweden Drops Morse Requirement***

Effective 20 April 2004 Sweden has also dropped the Morse code requirement. See

<http://www.ssa.se/index.php?varID=81>

-- *No-Code international*

### ***France Joins the No-code Test "Club"***

Jean-Marc LeClere, FIDFR, has reported that France has also dropped the Morse test requirement, effective 30 March 2004. The official announcement (in French) is available here. This change grants CEPT Class 2 operators HF privileges. -- *No-Code international*

### ***Austria Drops Morse Test for HF Access***

According to a report from our Austrian National Chapter, on February 26th, 0:00 Local Time (Feb, 25th 23:00 UTC), new regulations are in effect in Austria, eliminating the Morse test requirement. The Morse code requirement for HF bands licence was dropped with the new regulations and grants CEPT Class 2 licensees full HF privileges. There are only two licence classes now: the full licence and the beginners' licence. However, free-will additional code tests are still offered. More information -GERMAN ONLY- is available at <http://www.oe3owa.at.tf> (this is a private page, not official, HAM-Regulations-Collection for OE) -- *No-Code international*

### ***QRP Canada has own site***

QRP-Canada web site moved and improved 2004-05-07

After several years of operation on donated space on the RAC server, the QRP-Canada web site has moved. At the same time, Jim Theissen VA3KV has taken over from Ken VE3PU as webmaster, freeing up more of Ken's time to work on IARU matters. The following was contained in a message from Bruce Rattray VE5QRP, on the QRP-Can reflector. "It's with extreme pleasure that I announce that the NEW QRP-CANADA Web site is on line and 'open for business'!!...Jim, VA3KV, our new webmaster has done an exemplary job of creating the new look and making lots of information available...go to <http://www.qrp-canada.com> and have a look at the web site of "The small list with the big heart.". (Thanks to Bruce Rattray VE5QRP, and QRP-Canada)-- RAC

### ***Spectran V2 Build 212***

Spectran is a program to do real time or deferred spectral analysis / waterfall display, in addition to real time audio filtering (band pass, denoising, band reject and CW peaking)

of audio signals, using the PC sound card to digitize the input analog signal, or taking as input a WAV file. Its characteristics are well suited to dig weak signals buried into noise, thanks to a selectable bin size down to 21 millihertz. On the opposite site, it can visualize normal CW signals, resolving individual dots and dashes (with a reasonably fast PC). Alberto di Bene, I2PHD, informs that there is a new version of the famous software available for download at [www.weaksignals.com](http://www.weaksignals.com). -- *South African Radio League*

### **ACA to review short-wave bands**

The Australian Communications Authority (ACA) is to review the use by Australian licensees of some high frequency (HF) short-wave radio bands. The review affects certain bands between 4 and 10 MHz and will establish the need for spectrum by current licensees in these bands, and whether there is unused spectrum that could be allocated to broadcasters. The WIA is also considering the possibility that this review gives it an opportunity to seek a new amateur allocation around 5MHz. -*WIA Victoria*

### **ONE NATION - ONE WIA - ONE HELLUVA GOOD MOVE!**

At the Teleconference held this afternoon (16th) to complete the business of the WIA Federal AGM commenced in Brisbane in April it was decided on a vote of 6 For and 1 Against to agree to the Special motion Moved VK1 Seconded VK4 :- "Resolved to adopt the Constitution tabled at this meeting and initialed by the Chairman for identification and substitution for the Memorandum and Articles of Association." This clears the way to take the necessary legal steps to formally create the new National WIA as soon as possible and the demise of the current Federal system based on State Divisions. The spirit of the meeting emphasised that previous personal differences over the issues no longer matter and the important step is to bring all amateurs behind the National WIA. --*Qnews WIA Queensland*

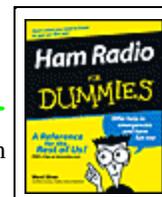
### **The Athens 2004 Olympic Games award**

This award is issued to radio amateurs or listeners who have confirmed contacts with different Greek stations for the period of 15th of May to the 30th of September 2004. Special prefixes J4, SX and SY will count for 10 points, SV prefixes count for 5 points, R.A.A.G.'s club station SZ1SV or SX1O count for 50 points. Club station SZ1SV or SX1O can be worked on more than one band to give an extra 50 points per band. The Award is given for contacts made on CW, SSB, RTTY, or Mixed Mode. The Award includes three categories, Gold for stations collecting 500 points or more, Silver for 350 points and Bronze for 250 points. -- *IRISH RADIO TRANSMITTERS SOCIETY*

### **RAC President delivers Amateur Radio Admin Course**

In response to an invitation from the administration of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Fred Johnson, ZL2AMJ, representing International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Region 3, and Daniel Lamoureux, VE2KA, representing the IARU International Secretariat, visited Iran to present a three-day Amateur Radio Administration Course April 26-28. -- *Qnews - Queensland*

### **Book Report. By Ed. Horton VE4EIH**



I was able to get to get a copy of Ham Radio for Dummies written by Ward Silver.

I found this book to be very informative. At first I thought it would lean more towards on how the American hams get their first license. Well. It does sort of. But this was only for how the American licensing system works for American Hams. Ward Silver should know since he is a fellow ham. His call sign is N0AX. He does mention RAC. The author mentions CFARS as well This book benefits both Canadian Hams and American Hams at the same time.

I found the book was written in a very easy to understand manner. Something I liked. It gives a person who is trying to figure out amateur radio, a bit of information. This is enough to get their interest up. It was full of hints that all people getting into this hobby can use. This goes from how to deal with pre-test jitters, to how to set up a ham shack. Amateur radio operators are the same both here in Canada and America. So the knowledge one gets benefits can be very beneficial.

The book covers the different frequencies that are out there, and proper radio etiquette. It is a good reference even for those who are already Hams. There is various links to web site were a person can go to find antenna information and information on masts as well.

So to conclude, would I recommend this book? Yes. There is something in it for every one.

Marathon Communication Meeting  
June 15th 2004 on the 2nd floor of the  
Manitoba Sports Federation Building  
200 Main St at 7 P.M.

## Calendar

### June

|                                   |                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| SSA 10 m Aktivitetstest CW/SSB/FM | 1700Z             | Jun 3  |
| Major Six Club                    | 2300Z             | Jun 4  |
| VK/Trans-Tasman 80m               | CW 0800Z          | Jun 5  |
| IARU Region 1 Field Day           | CW 1500Z          | Jun 5  |
| RSGB National Field Day           | 1500Z             | Jun 5  |
| QRP TAC Sprint                    | 1800Z             | Jun 5  |
| RSGB 80m Club Championship        | Data 2000Z        | Jun 7  |
| ARS Spartan Sprint                | 0100Z             | Jun 8  |
| ANARTS WW                         | RTTY 0000Z        | Jun 12 |
| Portugal Day DX                   | SSB 0000Z         | Jun 12 |
| WW South America                  | CW 0000Z          | Jun 12 |
| Asia-Pacific Summer Sprint        | SSB 1100Z         | Jun 12 |
| West Virginia QSO Party           | CW/SSB 1600Z      | Jun 12 |
| DDFM 50 MHz                       | CW/SSB 1600Z      | Jun 12 |
| ARRL June VHF QSO Party           | 1800Z             | Jun 12 |
| SSA Månadstest nr 6               | SSB 1400Z         | Jun 13 |
| SSA Månadstest nr 6               | CW 1515Z          | Jun 13 |
| SARL Kid's Day                    | 0700Z             | Jun 16 |
| RSGB 80m Club Championship        | CW 2000Z          | Jun 16 |
| All Asian DX                      | CW 0000Z          | Jun 19 |
| SMIRK                             | 0000Z             | Jun 19 |
| West Virginia QSO Party           | 1600Z             | Jun 19 |
| AGCW VHF/UHF                      | 1600Z             | Jun 19 |
| Quebec QSO Party                  | 1700Z             | Jun 19 |
| Kid's Day                         | 1800Z             | Jun 19 |
| DIE                               | CW/SSB/RTTY 0600Z | Jun 20 |
| RSGB 80m Club Championship        | SSB 2000Z         | Jun 24 |
| UK DX                             | CW 1400Z          | Jun 25 |
| SCAG Straight Key Day (SKD)       | CW 0600Z          | Jun 26 |
| SP QRP                            | CW 1200Z          | Jun 26 |
| Marconi Memorial HF               | 1400Z             | Jun 26 |
| ARRL Field Day                    | 1800Z             | Jun 26 |
| ARCI Milliwatt Field Day          | 1800Z             | Jun 26 |
| His Maj. King of Spain            | SSB 1800Z         | Jun 26 |

### July, 2004

|                             |              |        |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------|
| RAC Canada Day              | 0000Z        | Jul 1  |
| Venezuelan Ind. Day         | SSB/CW 0000Z | Jul 3  |
| DL-DX RTTY                  | 1100Z        | Jul 3  |
| Original QRP                | 1500Z        | Jul 3  |
| DARC 10-Meter Digital       | 1100Z        | Jul 4  |
| MI QRP July 4th CW Sprint   | 2300Z        | Jul 4  |
| RSGB 80m Club Championship  | CW 2000Z     | Jul 5  |
| ARS Spartan Sprint          | 0100Z        | Jul 6  |
| IARU HF World Championship  | 1200Z        | Jul 10 |
| UK DX                       | RTTY 1200Z   | Jul 10 |
| FISTS Summer Sprint         | 1700Z        | Jul 10 |
| ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint | 2000Z        | Jul 11 |
| RSGB 80m Club Championship  | SSB 2000Z    | Jul 14 |

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|----------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Mid-Summer Six Club        | 2300Z        | Jul 16 |
| VK/Trans-Tasman 160m       | 0800Z        | Jul 17 |
| North American QSO Party   | RTTY 1800Z   | Jul 17 |
| CQ Worldwide VHF           | 1800Z        | Jul 17 |
| RSGB Low Power Field Day   | 0900Z        | Jul 18 |
| Pacific 160 metres         | CW/SSB 0700Z | Jul 19 |
| AGCW QRP                   | CW 1500Z     | Jul 19 |
| W/VE Islands               | CW/SSB 1500Z | Jul 19 |
| Great Colorado Gold Rush   | CW 2200Z     | Jul 20 |
| RSGB 80m Club Championship | Data 2000Z   | Jul 22 |
| Russian RTTY WW            | 0000Z        | Jul 24 |
| RSGB IOTA                  | 1200Z        | Jul 24 |
| Russian WW                 | RTTY 0000Z   | Jul 26 |
| Kentucky QSO Party         | 1600Z        | Jul 26 |
| FRACAP                     | SSB 1201Z    | Jul 27 |

### August, 2004

|                          |                |        |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------|
| RSGB RoPoCo 2            | 0700Z          | Aug 1  |
| SARL HF Phone            | 1230Z          | Aug 1  |
| ARS Spartan Sprint       | 0100Z          | Aug 3  |
| TARA Grid Dip            | 0000Z          | Aug 7  |
| 10-10 Int. Summer        | SSB 0001Z      | Aug 7  |
| European HF Championship | 1200Z          | Aug 7  |
| North American QSO Party | CW 1800Z       | Aug 7  |
| ARRL UHF                 | 1800Z          | Aug 7  |
| WAE DX                   | CW 0000Z       | Aug 14 |
| Maryland-DC QSO Party    | 1600Z          | Aug 14 |
| SARTG WW                 | And RTTY 0000Z | Aug 21 |
|                          | And 1600Z      | Aug 21 |
|                          | And 0800Z      | Aug 22 |
| ARRL 10 GHZ and Up       | 0600L          | Aug 21 |
|                          | And 0600L      | Aug 22 |
| Keyman's Club of Japan   | 1200Z          | Aug 21 |
| SEANET                   | 1200Z          | Aug 21 |
| North American QSO Party | SSB 1800Z      | Aug 21 |
| New Jersey QSO Party     | 2000Z          | Aug 21 |
|                          | And 1300Z      | Aug 22 |
| ALARA                    | 0600Z          | Aug 28 |
| TOEC WW Grid             | CW 1200Z       | Aug 28 |
| YO DX HF                 | 1200Z          | Aug 28 |
| SCC RTTY Championship    | 1200Z          | Aug 28 |
| Ohio QSO Party           | 1600Z          | Aug 28 |
| SARL HF CW               | 1230Z          | Aug 29 |



## Winnipeg ARES Silent Auction

### By Dick, VE4HK

Sunday, April 25 was a red letter day for Winnipeg ARES. The Silent Auction raised a record amount of money. We exceeded my wildest dreams! Thanks to every company and person that donated, the club had a total of 17 different lots. Plenty of good prizes. Some of the most popular included the 2 meter 5/8 mobile antenna, donated by Gerry VE4ACE, the tool box donated by Howard VE4ISP and a lemonade jug and glasses donated by Pat VE4PLG, and Safeway gift certificate, donated by Richard VE4KAZ.

#### Prize winners

|        |                  |              |
|--------|------------------|--------------|
| Lot 1  | Woody Linton     | VE3JJA       |
| Lot 10 | Howard Kowall    | VE4ISP       |
| Lot 2  | Fred Collings    | VE4TRO       |
| Lot 11 | Glen Napady      | VE4GWN       |
| Lot 3  | Ross Murdoch     | VA4RMM       |
| Lot 12 | Peter Boslovitch | VE4STK       |
| Lot 4  | Rob Boux         | VE4RRB       |
| Lot 13 | Walter Bezpalko  | VE4VB        |
| Lot 5  | Kumar Perera     | VE4WKP       |
| Lot 14 | Keith Lindstrom  | VE4FR        |
| Lot 6  | Jim Townsend     | VE4CY        |
| Lot 15 | Brenda Samchuk   | XYL of VE4SR |
| Lot 7  | Gil Restiaux     | VE4GIL       |
| Lot 16 | Doug Henry       | VE4TG        |
| Lot 8  | Gord Snarr       | VE4GLS       |
| Lot 17 | Carol Engstrom   | non ham      |
| Lot 9  | Rob Boux         | VE4RRB       |

Thank you very much to the following amateurs and companies that donated prizes. We could not have done it without their assistance. Please remember these people and patronize their businesses when possible.

Gerry Hynes VE4ACE, Richard Sheridan VE4ESX, Adam Romanchuk VE4SN, Richard Kazuk VE4KAZ, Howard Kowall VE4ISP, Pat Giesbrecht VE4PLG, Dick Maguire VE4HK, Ron Martin VE4MGR, Mariska Maguire VE4MMG, David Rosner VE4DAR, Glen Napady VE4GWN, Ruthie Maman VE4CRS, Rosi Napady VE4YYL, Greg Hemming VE4GH, Sue Collings VE4SYM, Kent Haase VE4KEH, Fred Collings VE4TRO, Gary Smith VE4YH, Jay Anderson Prairie Storm Prediction Centre (Weather Office), Standard Electrical Contractors (VE4YH), Johnston Plastics (VE4FR), Radio Amateurs of Canada (VE4SN), Applied Communications Electronics (VE4ACE), Safeway Canada (VE4KAZ)

## RAC Directors Report

### By BJ Madsen, VE5FX

#### CARAB:

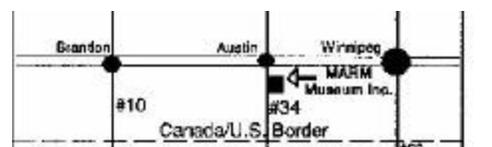
- ↩ - Industry Canada has reviewed, in depth, the RAC proposal on the Morse code issue and accompanying recommendations and now has asked for a formal, bilingual, resubmission of the proposals. Industry Canada will probably then ask, via a Gazette notice, for public input. This means that a decision will be unlikely before the end of the year. This will probably result, fairly quickly, in the deletion of the Morse code requirement, an approval for non-Advanced licensees to build and own transmitter kits (up to their license power levels) and a change in the pass marks for the exams.
- ↩ - Discussion on the four-character suffix issue has been postponed until the next CARAB meeting (in October) - Since WRC2003, Amateurs are no longer limited by the third-party traffic limitation unless notification has been received from a specific country expressing a desire to prohibit third-party traffic.
- ↩ - Accredited Examiners must be sure that they are using ONLY the exam generator currently available on the IC WEBSITE. Evidently, some examiners are still using old exams and/or using the same exam over and over.

#### RAC:

- ☞ - Three new interim directors have been selected by the Board of Directors to hold office until an election can be officially held this fall:
  - ☞ - Ed Frazer - VE7EF - replaces Dennis Livesey - VE7DK - who recently resigned.
  - ☞ - Dave Godwin - VO1AU - replaces David Nimmo - VEINN - who recently resigned.
  - ☞ - Murray Epstein - VE2AUU - replaces Daniel Lamoureux - VE2KA who is now RAC President
- ☞ A treasurer, Eric Ferguson - VE3CR - has now been appointed.
- ☞ An Honourary Legal Council has been appointed, but is unknown to me.
- ☞ The Section Manager from Quebec - Claude Paquet - VE2OCP - has resigned.
- ☞ The Section Manager from Manitoba - Derek Hay - VE4HAY will be replaced by Robert Boux - VE4RRB on July 1.

## MARMFEST - 10th Annual

August 21, 2004 Manitoba Amateur Radio Museum  
<http://www.mts.net/~holderr/marm.htm>



**VE4WKM - has friends in QRP Canada**

"Aruni VE4WKM has been selected as the latest recipient to receive a radio from the Phantom Benefactor of QRP Canada. Aruni's radio is a NorCal-20, a QRP 5W CW only rig pre assembled from a kit. The Phantom Benefactor represents a small cadre of anonymous people from QRP Canada who donate radios to young Hams who are noteworthy because of their circumstances or achievements."

**MANITOBA QSL BUREAU**  
**Adam, VE4SN, Bureau manager**

The following is a list of Manitoba hams who have three or more QSL cards in the Bureau and have given no indication of what they want done with them. These are hams whose last address placed them in the city of Winnipeg. I have only listed those with 3 cards or more as this is the least number of cards that the Bureau will mail out. There are many more who have only one or two cards on tap! Far too many to list in this publication.

Because of space restrictions, I have listed only the call sign, name, QTH, number of QSL cards in the Bureau (oldest card year in brackets) and current Bureau account. A minus sign indicates less than zero dollars. If anyone out there knows any of these folks, please ask them to get in touch with me either by mail, e-mail or phone. Adam Romanchuk VE4SN, 26 Morrison Street Winnipeg, MB R2V 3B4 Phone 339-3316 e-mail [ve4sn@rac.ca](mailto:ve4sn@rac.ca)

| CALL   | NAME                    | QSL's   | ACCT    |
|--------|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| VE4CB  | Wallace Buechler        | 3 (95)  | \$ 0.00 |
| VE4CV  | Casmir Malec            | 4 (98)  | 0.00    |
| VE4EQ  | Eric Roeder             | 3 (95)  | 0.00    |
| VE4NL  | G. Clare Nesbitt        | 4 (98)  | - 0.56  |
| VE4PM  | Michael Procak          | 5 (98)  | - 1.54  |
| VE4QI  | Michael Beauchamp       | 3 (92)  | 0.00    |
| VE4XE  | Dennis Hurt             | 4 (93)  | 0.00    |
| VE4XH  | Jessie Francisco Manalo | 4 (98)  | 0.00    |
| VE4ZU  | Mark Robert Jones       | 3 (91)  | 0.00    |
| VE4ZY  | Hellar Lylyk            | 3 (93)  | 0.00    |
| VE4ZZ  | Thomas Ross Gordon      | 6 (98)  | - 1.73  |
| VE4ABU | Allan Rowe              | 6 (03)  | 0.00    |
| VE4AKI | Charles Hardy           | 11 (99) | - 3.67  |
| VE4APG | Jeffrey Anderson        | 5 (00)  | - 1.54  |
| VE4CKC | Ken MacBain             | 3 (96)  | 0.00    |
| VE4PLD | Patti Dale              | 4 (00)  | - 0.58  |

Thank you for your indulgence in this matter and your help where possible. I have to add here that if I hear nothing from these listed hams, then I will assume that they are not interested in the Bureau's services. The cards will be placed in my "Dead Letter Box" for a period of one year and then disposed of.

**The President's Call**  
**By John, VE4QV**



June is one of the busiest and best months for Amateur Radio. Two great community events fall just one week apart, the Manitoba Marathon and Field Day 2004. Hopefully the weather will be a bit drier than what we've experienced in May! June also means the WARC elections are at the next meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Glen VE4GWN and Pat VE4PLG for their contributions to the club. This is the last chance to get together until the September meeting so please come out if you can. Your vote counts. I hope to see you there.

**International Lighthouse/lightship Weekend 2004**

This highly popular annual August event attracts hundreds of amateur radio stations at lighthouses and lightships (369 in 48 countries for the 2003 weekend) world-wide. It is organized by Mike, GM4SUC, and Kevin, VK2CE is the web-master. This year the period of the event is from 0001 UTC on Saturday 21 August until 2359 UTC on Sunday 22 August 2004.

The event is NOT a contest. It is a special event weekend when amateur radio stations are established at lighthouses or lightships.

**RAC**

**Canada Day Contest**

**July 1st, 2004**

**0000UTC-2359UTC**

160,80,40,20,15,10,6,  
and 2 metres.

CW, Phone