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Annual Christmas Party ??

Date: **December 10th, 2007**
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: **Dakota Collegiate**
661 Dakota Street

Other Important Dates:

WARC: Jan. 14, 2008, Feb. 11, Mar. 10 - Electronic Tips,
Apr. 14, Home Brew, May 12,
June 9 - Marathon Field Day, Hamfest briefing

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

ARES: Dec 18th "Professor Popsicle"

Other:

WARC: Executive for 2006- 2007

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And now for a word from the President ...

By Geoff, VE4BAW

December is now here ... the last month of the year and the snow has finally come. It had to come – this is Canada after all. The first real snow slows us down and the first real cold catches us by surprise. We will adapt to the season; some will build snowmen, some will ski, others will play on snowmobiles, while others will be couch potatoes. I will probably try the latter. I have been trying the couch potato with radio posture. [Not much to hear on HF ... I might have to consider digital.] Other brave and responsible people will be helping teach young people to pass the ham exam while others will be working on the 2008 Hamfest.

In 2005 I attended the Saskatchewan 2005 Centenary Hamfest accompanied by my two sons as well as Derek Hay [ve4hay]. That Hamfest was married to the Annual RAC meeting. It was well organized, well attended and serves as a benchmark to any following Hamfest. The speakers were eloquent and from across western Canada. There were sumptuous dinners, exciting prizes and friendly people. There was also a hospitality room run by Derek Hay that brought honor to Manitobans. Many hams dropped by for a drink and a chat including Earl Smith [ve6nm], President of RAC, BJ Madsen [ve5fx], Mid-west Director, and a cast of thousands.

In August 2008 we will be hosting the RAC Annual Meeting for the very first time and a Hamfest for the first time in many years. This is a real opportunity to profile Ham radio, as well as to educate ourselves and have fun. There will be a huge effort to make this a success and a huge payoff when the successful event occurs.

Now I should point out that August of 2008 seems like a long way away but from an organizing point of view it isn't. Plan on attending .. take at least part of your vacation

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	00:00
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	Seniors Morning Net	09:00 Local
147.390 +	MB	MRS Net Thursday	21:00 Local
147.390 +	MB	MRS Net Sunday	21:00 Local

at the Hamfest. Bring the family – ham radio is for all generations.

Speaking of Fests - there is one around the corner – our annual Christmas Party. We are in a new home at Dakota Collegiate and I am sure that we are looking forward to the party. This year will be a quiet affair – coffee and donuts and friends. Now if you party animals out there can come up with contributions to make it a better party let anyone on the executive know!

I look forward to seeing you at the Party!

Program Chair
By Derek, VE4HAY



A huge thank you to outgoing RAC President Earle Smith, VE6NM for hosting a townhall meeting on Radio Amateurs of Canada. For those of who were not in attendance you missed a great meeting. See the article farther inside the newsletter.

Well, the question of the day is will the Christmas party happen or not? As of this writing, no one has stepped forward to coordinate the event. So I guess we will do it on the fly on meeting night. It's a shame that YOU the members do not seem to care about the club and its activities. Your executive does a lot of work keeping the club running. Sue is hard at work on the budget for the year, Mark works very hard to make sure that the membership records are accurate, Ruthie is diligently recording all activities for our records, Albert has jumped in to help on almost everything. And there is Geoff, who stepped in to be the President after only being a ham for about one year. He ran our famous SWOT meeting, He actively promotes HAM radio to gov't officials, remember Space Camp? And there is some much more he does, that I don not have the room here to mention it.

You will notice inside this newsletter a box looking for volunteers. This is basically the same box from last month. Please read it and volunteer for one of the positions.

So what have you done for the club lately ?

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

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Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club Hamfest August 8 - 10, 2008



Minutes for November 12, 2007 Submitted by Ruthie, VE4CRS

Meeting called to order by Geoff VE4BAW. Intros followed. 40 members attended. Geoff welcomed Sue VE4SYM, WARC's new Treasurer. Thank you Sue for stepping in.

Motion to accept minutes as printed in Newscaster by Derek VE4HAY, seconded by Glen VE4GWN. Carried.

Treasurer

Book balance for Oct. 31, 2007: - \$7285.41.

Budget for 2007-2008 will be presented at December GM.

ARES

Full report in Newscaster.

ARES GM Tuesday November 19.

MBARES doing basic emergency management training.

Marathon

Albert VA4AS will be doing booklet.

UMR (repeater) will be up and running.

Education

No leaders to carry on Red River Training.

Jeff, the teacher at Maples is organizing training of high-school students. WARC members assisting in teaching.

(secretary's comment) - Members!! Please step-up and support your club in its many diverse needs. We need members to head Education, head and sit on committees for August Ham Fest, plan a program for our Xmas party, sit on a committee for examining clubhouse option and more. Where are you??? Make a difference and support your club!

Flea Market

Dick VE4HK reported: - all tables were sold; hours of operation changed; all went well; thanks to all who helped; special thanks to Ruth VE4XYL.

Field Day

Rolf VE4VZ is looking for new coordinators.

DX

No Dxpeditions; 20m is opening up in the AM. The Russians are on CW. GOOD HUNTING!

Xmas Party

Absolutely need help in organizing the entertainment for the party. If the entertainment will be organizing, Ruth's kitchen will be offering different fare of food. If no one steps up to organize our annual Xmas party, there will be a general meet and greet with a short meeting. Coffee and tim-bits will be served. (silence)

2008 Ham Fest

* Date: - weekend of Aug. 8, 2008, also RAC AGM.

* Committee meeting on Mon. Nov. 19. Planning is in full swing.

* Looking for volunteers for sub-committees, for taking over chairs and for a variety of things.

* Looking for members who haven't done anything for the club. This is your chance to contribute and be proud.

Where are you???

Good and Welfare

David VE4DAR requested that the President of RAC, attending the meeting, address volunteering, or the lack of.. in his presentation.

Prizes

* Membership incentive prize: - WARC 2008/09 membership and 2008 Ham Fest ticket to Rick Lord.

* 50/50 draw: - Yori VE4ACX

* Special license plate donated by Tom VE4HQ: - Adam VE4SN.

* Attendance prize: - flashlight - Gord VE4GF

Thank you to Roger VE4RLF for volunteering to join the Ham Fest Committee and help out monthly with the coffee.

Presentation

by Earle Smith VE6NM, President of RAC.

RACs Financial Statements for 2006 Sobering **By Dave Hayes VE3JX, Editor of The Algoma Amateur,**

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[[from the November 2007 issue of The Algoma Amateur, newsletter of The Algoma Amateur Radio Club in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario.]

This month, we received our Nov./Dec. copy of TCA. On page 55 are RACs financial statements for the year 2006. RAC had a deficit of over \$30K; the previous year's deficit was \$7.5K. Membership revenue was about the same for both years, while advertising revenues weakened.

Costs that increased were: office, wages & benefits, rent, RABC dues, QSL bureaus, members services, CARAB, equipment leases & charges, cost of sales & royalties, bank charges, merchant fees & interest. Expenses that decreased significantly were: annual meeting, committees, executive & directors, IARU fees, magazine production, repairs & maintenance, and YEP. The "Statement of Changes in Net Assets" shows the net assets balance as going from \$43,280 down to \$13,053. Not a pretty picture.

Membership:

Bear in mind that this is for 2006. We will have to wait until next fall to see the audited financial results for this year. However, I am sure that membership numbers have not taken a dramatic upswing; I would wish they have, but reality suggests otherwise.

If anyone is of the opinion that RAC should be financially supporting this or that, whether this or that refers to valuable services such as ARES or not, these financial statements explain why RAC cant afford to do all it would want to. It does not have the resources. Why?

It all boils down to membership numbers. The ARRL recently released their membership as being more than 151K. That translates to around 25% of U.S. licensees. I have seen dissertations bemoaning the fact that it is not higher. However, the sad truth is that, if we had 25% of licensees in Canada as members of RAC, there would be a party celebration to end all celebrations!

While we don't have up-to-the-minute figures we only have those from last December the hard facts are that we don't have even 10% penetration; the figure was 4731 or 8.7%. To put it mildly, that's abysmal!

Notwithstanding, our Ontario North/East Region has the highest percentage in the country, standing at 15.9%. While that is better than the national average, it is still not up to

what it should be. Why is it that hams generally do not join RAC?

Excuses:

There are many excuses used to justify non-membership, and we've heard them all. Two recent ones are: a distrust of RACs finances; the claim that its an old boys club, meaning that just a few control the organization.

As far as finances go, the current statements tell the story. The executive and Board of Directors have very little money to play with. In fact, they have been cutting costs here, trimming there, such that there is no fat left at all. They have, for example, reduced the necessary costs for fulfilling their duties by 1/3. Funds needed by committees has cut by 1/2. RAC has professional people, such as lawyers and engineers who donate their time and expertise to RAC.

Much of Earle's traveling as RAC President, as an example, has been out of his own pocket. We have a lot of dedicated volunteers who are trying to make RAC work on a shoestring budget. There is no wastage here to speak of. In fact, RAC does not have the funds to do everything it wants to do. It all boils down to membership support, or lack thereof.

Old Boys:

Is RAC an old boys club? If you look at the ages of many of our officers and volunteers, you can see that there are many old boys. Earle, our retiring President, is in his mid-seventies, and he has many contemporaries in RAC. However, the term old boys club is used to signify a closed group maintaining secretive control of everything, barring outsiders from interfering. Is that the case with RAC?

No, it is not. My personal experience has been that, when you show a little interest in what's going on in RAC, perhaps offering a positive idea or so, each one of the executive goes into recruiting mode. They are old boys to be sure, and they're tired of carrying the load by themselves. I have had dealings with a number of RAC executive, past & present, and I have not detected any trace of a clique-ish mentality. In fact, it has been quite the opposite.

Therefore, if YOU want to be President, or VP, or a Director, or any other appointed official in RAC, you have a very good chance of fulfilling your dreams. You will have all the help you need from current members in those positions, to reach out and qualify for the job that you want. Bear in mind, there's no salary, no significant prestige, nothing, but the satisfaction that you are doing something worthwhile, benefiting the whole ham community. The

above description does not sound like a classic old boys club to me, nor should it to you.

In fact, there may be things that you may disagree with as regards to current RAC policy, or the way things are being run. What do you do? Participate. Have a share in what's going on. RAC is a democratic, volunteer organization, with the member being the most important part of it. If you don't like something, help change it. Volunteer. As the over-used saying goes: Be part of the solution; not part of the problem.

I have been offered several jobs within RAC, but I took on the DEC position since I perceived it to be the most pressing locally. However, I am like every other RAC appointee; I welcome anyone who is after my job.

RAC is a volunteer operation. All representations to Industry Canada and to the ITU, all the Field Organization, the QSL Bureaus, the TCA columnists and other authors; its all done gratis. We, as members, have to be grateful that so many have such a giving spirit. Oh, they're not perfect, but neither are we.

Support:

What can we do to show our support for amateur radio in Canada and its national organization? We can volunteer our services to whatever extent that we can. But, first and foremost, be a member. Its really \$50 well-spent. To not support RAC is to wish for its demise. Then what?

Do you want to be represented by ARRL? Will the Canadian Government really listen to a U.S. organization? Can we depend on the ARRL to fight for our unique privileges as Canadian amateurs? Or, maybe you'd like to be represented by RAQI instead? They'd love the job. However, nothing against RAQI, but it is a provincial organization, and not our province at that.

No, the only course of wisdom is to support our only national organization: the Radio Amateurs of Canada. The more we do, the more RAC will be able to do for us! -jx



Are You
A Member ?

Help Wanted - People to sit on the WARC Clubhouse committee. If you are interested, please contact any executive member

Help Wanted - a computer oriented person who knows Linux to administer the IRLP node.

Help Wanted - The Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club is looking to fill one vacant executive position. Are you interested in Amateur Radio in Winnipeg. Then we need you to sit on the executive. Please contact club president, VE4BAW

Help Wanted - we need an active, intelligent, personable leader to follow in the footsteps of Dave and Kent and provide leadership on the training new hams. Potentially we need to support the Win-Cube project which trains high school students and additionally and potentially a second class at Red River Princess Campus. It would be a shame to loose momentum on these exciting projects. You know who you are ... you leader you. Step forward and lead .. clearly there are many who will follow.

Help Wanted - Be a stalwart member of a leadership team determined to train new hams. Be a teacher, a ham professor, a raconteur of the amateur radio persuasion ... last year 11 people identified themselves as persons who would give of themselves and stepped forward to help turn young minds into hams. Let us see if we can expand that number!

Help Wanted - Volunteers to organize Christmas party

Help Wanted - someone to look after coffee service for each General meeting

Help Wanted - The Manitoba Repeater Society is looking for someone to fill a vacant seat on their executive. Interested in repeaters, have any type of technical background, then contact VE4HK

Is it not time you gave back to amateur radio for everything it has given you. One of these positions must fit your life. Come on... step forward.....

Outgoing RAC President Stops in Winnipeg

By Derek, VE4HAY

Outgoing Radio Amateurs of Canada, President Earle Smith, VE6NM made a visit to hams in Winnipeg one of his last official stops as our national leader. This stop made it official that Earle has been to every province & territory in Canada.



RAC President (center) with Assistant Directors Adam, VE4SN & Derek, VE4HAY

While in Winnipeg Earle was treated to a tour of the very well equipped Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club. Where he saw 2 HF operating rooms (one a CFARS station), satellite Ground station, Digital stations, library of magazine and a small museum of old vintage radio and gear. After a Dinner with Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club president Geoff, VE4BAW and Assistant Director Derek, VE4HAY, Earle provided almost 2 hours of town hall type presentation for the club members. After the meeting a number were asking how to join RAC.

On behalf of all HAM's in the VE4 callsign area, we want to thank Earle Smith, VE6NM for his two terms as President of Radio Amateurs of Canada, and wish him well in what he claims to be his retirement years. 73 Earle

News from the Net

ARLX007 Motorola buys Yaesu

Motorola USA has announced its intention to launch a tender offer to acquire a controlling interest in Vertex Standard Co, Ltd. Vertex Standard is the parent company of Yaesu. Motorola will own 80 percent of Vertex Standard; Tokogiken, a privately held Japanese company, controlled by current president and CEO of Vertex Standard Jun Hasegawa, will retain 20 percent, forming a joint venture. The total purchase price for 80 percent of the outstanding shares on a fully diluted basis will be approximately US \$108 million.

RAC - Elects new Executive

David Goodwin, VO1AU/VE3AAQ - President
 Guy Richard, VE2XTD/VE2QG - First Vice-President
 Daniel Lamoureux VE2KA - V/P International Affairs
 Rich Ferch, VE3KI - Vice-President Regulatory Affairs
 Norm Rashleigh, VE3LC - Vice-President Industrial Liaison
 Robert (Bob) Cooke VE3BDB - V/P Field Services
 Linda Friars, VE9GLF Corporate Secretary
 Dave Parks, VE3AV - Treasurer

AMSAT SAYS HAM RADIO GEOSAT IN PLANNING

Its called Phase 4 Lite and it will likely change the face of ham radio forever. Amateur Radio Newsline's Bruce Tennant, K6PZW, has a peek at the future of a geosynchronous ham radio satellite in Earth orbit: In satellite talk, geosynchronous means stationary in the sky. >From the standpoint of a ground station user, it means always knowing where to point an antenna. No tracking and no guesswork.

At that gathering, AMSAT President Rick Hambly, W2GPS, and Vice-President of Engineering Bob McGwier, N4HY, announced that AMSAT has been in consultation with Intelsat. This, regarding an application of an Intelsat platform carrying amateur radio satellites into geosynchronous orbit.

The Phase IV Lite Geosynchronous Payload is planned to consist of similar transponders already under development for the Phase 3 satellites. Accelerated development on the digital Advanced Communication Package is anticipated. The Intelsat geosynchronous platform would be able to provide the AMSAT Phase IV Lite payload with approximately 400 watts of DC power for 15 years.

In addition to the on-orbit payload AMSAT plans to develop an earth station attainable by the average ham so that users can immediately take advantage of the audio, digital messaging, and video services of the Phase IV bird. The Advanced Communication Package would be a

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self-contained earth station which could be sent with amateur radio communication teams or delivered to disaster areas to provide for 24 hour a day, 7 day a week and 365 days a year emergency communications. These teams would be able to point a small dish at a predictable spot in the sky and immediately begin delivering disaster communication support without depending on the vagaries of High Frequency propagation.

But that's not all. Hambly and McGwier say that the Phase IV payload could also be used to provide a Tracking and Data Relay System Satellite-like relay of ARISS communications. The current 10 minute school contact could now be expanded to hours-long contact with the International Space Station. This opens possibilities for extended student involvement with experiments aboard the space station. As the late Roy Neal, K6DUE, might have said: Truly a new world of Amateur Radio. For the Amateur Radio Newsline I'm Bruce Tennant, K6PZW, in Los Angeles. So when can we expect this new satellite to be on-orbit?, AMSAT says that engineering studies, funding studies, among other negotiations are continuing so no specific date can be set. However Bob McGwier N4HY observes that the project is far enough along that AMSAT needs to begin planning engineering work and possible construction of such a geosynchronous payload so it is ready if Intelsat says they have a ride for it. --WIA

135.7-137.8 KHz has been approved

The 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference ended on Friday 16th November. The big news for amateur radio is that a worldwide secondary allocation of 135.7-137.8 KHz has been approved. This marks the first time since allocations to radio services began that the amateur service has had an allocation below the medium wave broadcasting band. The effective date is not yet set and in any case amateurs must wait until their own administrations authorize the new allocation before they can use it. Some administrations, while not wishing to block the international allocation, have indicated a reluctance to implement it in their countries because of various interference concerns. The band is already available in the UK and several other European countries and this paves the way for many more countries to become active on LF. --RSGB

Iraq comes back on the air

It has been announced that amateurs in Iraq will shortly be back on the air. The suspension, active since 13th March, affected Iraqi nationals and visitors alike. Now Iraqi Amateur Radio Society President Diya Sayah, YI1DZ, said

that operations will be "back to normal" from Tuesday 20th November. "All Amateur Radio operators in Iraq who carry a valid Iraqi license will be able to use their radios according to regulations of IARU Region 1", he added. --RSGB

Ireland allocations at 70 MHz and 5MHz

Irish amateurs expect to be granted a general allocation at 70 MHz shortly. At the same time they will also have an experimental allocation at 5MHz. This comprises four KHz channels centred on 5,280, 5,290, 5,400 and 5,405 KHz. The facility will be available for an initial trial period of a year and individual application is required. The power allowed will be 23 dBW (200 watts) to an antenna with not more than 0dBd gain, such as a dipole. --RSGB

Spanish amateurs gain access to 7100-7200 KHz

As from 24th of November 2007 Spanish amateurs are allowed to use the band 7100-7200 KHz on a secondary basis, with a total radiated power not exceeding 24 dBW. They have also gained access to the 51-52 MHz band, so they can use 50-52 MHz with a maximum power of 100 W, except in the center of Spain where the power is limited to 10 W. --RAC

600 Metre amateur band proposed WRC in 2011

On Nov 15th, WRC-07 considered its agenda for the next conference, currently planned for 2011. The agenda contains an item to consider an amateur band around 500 KHz. The exact wording of the item is:

to consider an allocation of about 15 KHz in parts of the band 415-526.5 KHz to the amateur service on a secondary basis, taking into account the need to protect existing services;

The agenda was approved, and over the next few years, the ITU will be studying the possible impact of a small amateur band at 600 metres --RAC

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Contest Calendar

December

TARA Melee	RTTY	0000Z	Dec 1
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint		0400Z	Dec 1
	And	0430Z	Dec 1
	And	0500Z	Dec 1
	And	0530Z	Dec 1
TOPS Activity		1800Z	Dec 1
ARS Spartan Sprint		0200Z	Dec 4
10 meter NAC	CW/SSB/FM/Digi	1800Z	Dec 6
ARRL 10-Meter		0000Z	Dec 8
28 MHz SWL-Contest	CW/Phone	0000Z	Dec 8
Great Colorado Snowshoe Run	CW	0200Z	Dec 8
SKCC Sprint		0100Z	Dec 12
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	CW	0130Z	Dec 12
NA HS Meteor Scatter Gemenids	All	0000Z	Dec 13
Russian 160 Meter	CW/Phone	2100Z	Dec 14
MDXA DeathMatch	PSK	0000Z	Dec 15
OK DX	RTTY	0000Z	Dec 15
Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO	All	0001Z	Dec 15
Memory Lives Forever"	CW/SSB	0500	Dec 15
Croatian	CW	1400Z	Dec 15
SSA Månadstest nr 12	SSB	1400Z	Dec 16
SSA Månadstest nr 12	CW	1515Z	Dec 16
FeldSprint	Hell	1500Z	Dec 15
International Naval		1600Z	Dec 15
ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint		2000Z	Dec 16
Run for the Bacon QRP		0200Z	Dec 17
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon		0000Z	Dec 23
RAEM	CW	0200Z	Dec 23
SSA Jultest (1)	CW	0800Z	Dec 25
SSA Jultest (2)	CW	0800Z	Dec 26
DARC Christmas		0830Z	Dec 26
RAC Winter		0000Z	Dec 29
Original QRP		1500Z	Dec 29
Stew Perry Topband Challenge		1500Z	Dec 29

January, 2008

ARRL Straight Key Night	CW	0000z	Jan 1
SARTG New Year	RTTY	0800z	Jan 1
SCAG Straight Key DaySKD	CW	0800z	Jan 1
AGCW Happy New Year	CW	0900z	Jan 1
10 meter NAC	CW/SSB/FM/DIGI	1800z	Jan 3
ARRL RTTY Roundup	Digital	1800z	Jan 5
EUCW 160 m (1)	CW	2000z	Jan 5
EUCW 160 m (2)	CW	0400z	Jan 6
Kid's Day	SSB	1800z	Jan 6
ARS Spartan Sprint	CW	0200z	Jan 8
070 Club PSKFest	PSK-31	0000z	Jan 12
Hunting LIONS in the Air	CW/SSB	0000z	Jan 12
MI-QRP Club January CW	CW	1200z	Jan 12
Midwinter	CW	1400z	Jan 12
North American QSO Party	CW	1800z	Jan 12

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	CW	0000z	Jan 13
NRAU-Baltic	CW	0530z	Jan 13
Midwinter	SSB	0800z	Jan 13
NRAU-Baltic	SSB	0800z	Jan 13
DARC 10m-Contest	CW/SSB	0900z	Jan 13
SSA Månadstest nr 1	CW	1400z	Jan 13
SSA Månadstest nr 1	SSB	1515z	Jan 13
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	CW	0130z	Jan 17
LZ Open	CW	0400z	Jan 19
CQ UT	CW/SSB	0600z	Jan 19
Hungarian DX	CW/SSB	1200z	Jan 19
UK DX RTTY	RTTY	1200z	Jan 19
Feld-Hell Club Sprint	Feld-Hell	1500z	Jan 19
North American QSO Party	SSB	1800z	Jan 19
? Run For The Bacon QRP	CW	0200z	Jan 21
SKCC Sprint	CW	0100z	Jan 23
CQ World-Wide 160-Meter DX	CW	0000z	Jan 26
YLISSB QSO Party	SSB	0000z	Jan 26
REF	CW	0600z	Jan 26
SARL Youth for Amateur Radio	Phone	0700z	Jan 26
BARTG RTTY Sprint	RTTY	1200z	Jan 26
UBA DX	SSB	1300z	Jan 26
SPAR Winter Field Day	All	1700z	Jan 26

Flea Market Report By Dick, VE4HK

Thanks to the following volunteers who made the WARC Flea Market so successful - Al VE4AEW, Garth VE4GWB, Tom, VE4SE, Geoff VE4BAW, Mariska VE4MMG, Ed VE4OAK, John VE4OL, Luke VE4WTF, Roger VE4RLF, Albert VE4AS, Ruth VE4XYL, Ruthie VE4CRS, Aruni VE4WMK, Piyumi VE4WPL, Supun VE4WSP, Robert Woodrow, Shaun Bawden, Chris Bandlow, Michelle Bandlow, and Mary Bell

The door prize winner were -
 package of 2 smoke detectors Ruth Mills VE4XYL
 Black and Decker coffee maker Chris Bandlow
 rolling brief case anonymous
 10 million candle power spotlight Robert Woodrow
 159 piece socket and tool set
 Paula Ehn VE4MHZ



The next Flea Market will happen at the Hamfest 2008 Next August. Tables can be booked starting now !!

T'was the night before Christmas

T'was the night before Christmas, And all through
two-meters,
Not a signal was keying up any repeaters.

The antennas reached up from the tower, quite high,
To catch the weak signals That bounced from the sky.

The children, Tech-Pluses, took their HT's to bed,
And dreamed of the day they'd be Extras instead.

Mom put on her headphones, I plugged in the key,
And we tuned 40 meters for that rare ZK3.

When the meter was pegged by a signal with power.
It smoked a small diode, and, I swear, shook the tower.

Mom yanked off her phones, And with all she could muster
Logged a spot of the signal on the DX PacketCluster,

While I ran to the window And peered up at the sky,
To see what could generate RF that high.

It was way in the distance, but the moon made it gleam -
A flying sleigh, with an eight element beam,

And a little old driver who looked slightly mean.
So I thought for a moment, that it might be Wayne Green.

But no, it was Santa, the Santa of Hams.
On a mission, this Christmas to clean up the bands.

He circled the tower, then stopped in his track,
And he slid down the coax right into the shack.

While Mom and I hid behind stacks of CQ,
This Santa of hamming knew just what to do.

He cleared off the shack desk of paper and parts,
And filled out all my late QSLs for a good start.

He ran copper braid, took a steel rod and pounded
It into the earth, till the station was grounded.

He tightened loose fittings, resoldered connections,
Cranked down modulation, installed lightning protection.
He neutralized tubes in my linear amp...
(Never worked right before -- now it works like a champ).

A new low-pass filter cleaned up the TV,
He corrected the settings in my TNC.

He repaired the computer that would not compute,

And he backed up the hard drive and got it to boot.

Then, he reached really deep in the bag that he brought,
And he pulled out a big box, "A new rig?" I thought!

"A new Kenwood? An Icom? A Yaesu? For me?!"
(If he thought I'd been bad it might be QRP!)

Yes! The Ultimate Station! How could I deserve this?
Could it be all those hours that I worked Public Service?

He hooked it all up and in record time, quickly
Worked 100 countries, all down on 160.

I should have been happy, it was my call he sent,
But the cards and the postage will cost two month's rent!

He made final adjustments, and left a card by the key:
"To Gary, from Santa Claus. Seventy-Three."

Then he grabbed his HT, looked me
straight in the eye,
Punched a code on the pad, and was
gone - no good bye.

I ran back to the station, and the
pile-up was big,
But a card from St. Nick would be
worth my new rig.

Oh, too late, for his final came over
the air.
It was copied all over. It was heard
everywhere.

The Ham's Santa exclaimed what a
ham might expect,
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all,
good DX."



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WPGARES

By Jeff, VE4MBQ -Emergency Coordinator

Three WPGARES members participated in the Manitoba ARES S.E.T. SUN 28 OCT by operating VE4EOC. Thanks to VE4s SE, GWN, MBQ.

Winnipeg ARES AEC Bob Poole VE4MAQ gave us a great overview of the Scouts Canada Klondike Derby at the start of our Annual General Meeting in NOV. Ideally we need at least thirteen volunteers 0830-1630h SAT 1 MAR and SUN 2 MAR – so far we have six volunteer operators. The Business Meeting featured a review of 2006-07 expenditures, adoption of the 2007-08 budget, review of operational activities and election of 2007-08 Officers.

In the past year Winnipeg ARES was involved in:

Alerts, Exercises, Tests	10
Educational Meetings	12
Public Service Events	6

Our 2007-08 Executive was elected by acclamation:

President	Glen Napady VE4GWN
Secretary	Dick Maguire VE4HK
Treasurer	Susan Collings VE4SYM

Approximately eight CANWARN Net Controllers will be operating VE4WWO in the Prairie & Arctic Storm Prediction Centre SAT 01 DEC. Details at: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/hamradio/index.php>

Our next meeting will be TUE 18 DEC 1900h at Sir Wm Stephenson Library. Dr Gordon Giesbrecht, a.k.a. "Professor Popsicle" will be giving us a presentation on Cold Weather issues.



Hamfest 2008

By Derek, VE4HAY

The Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club members voted earlier in the year or even late last year to hold a Hamfest in 2008 in conjunction with the Radio Amateurs of Canada Annual General Meeting. Since then a committee has been struck to organize the event. We are now at the stage of producing a preliminary budget in an effort to determine the cost per person for the event. However with the running of the event there is a financial risk that WARC must be prepared to cover in the event of a total failure of the event. Which is obviously not planned for but the liability still exists. However with each package sold for the event the risk becomes less & less. So it will ultimately up to the WARC members to support the event. The Hamfest committee will present the budget to your executive to review. The executive will then present the budget to the members at the December meeting. You are encouraged to attend the December meeting to hear about this budget and to show your support for the entire Hamfest 2008 event

QTX~

By Derek, VE4HAY



Did you know:

Stefan, VE4NSA and Daniel Lamoureux (RAC) have been selected as the new Canadian Delegates to ARISS International <http://www.rac.ca/ariss/arissinf.htm>

