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VE4BB

Summer Event Primer

Come on out and learn about all the great events planned this summer, Marathon Field Day, Hamfest, etc...

Elections

Date: June 9th, 2008
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: **Dakota Collegiate**
661 Dakota Street

Other Important Dates:

WARC:

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

ARES: June 7 Canwarn training

Other: June 5 Marathon Volunteer Orientation & BBQ
5:00 to 7:00 at Norwood Community Centre
June 10 Amateur Marathon Briefing,
7:00 PM Sports Federation Building

June 15 Marathon

Jul 11-13 45th International Hamfest

Aug. 3-4 Camp 807 - Kenora

Aug. 8-10 Winnipeg Hamfest & RAC AGM

Aug 16 MARMfest - 14th annual

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Program Chair By Derek, VE4HAY



Last month, Geoff, VE4BAW talked to us about how to beat the poor band conditions by going digital. It seems that the only way to get a signal out of our province is to use one of the various modes of Digital transmissions. It is really simple on how to do this. Thank you Geoff for the eye opener for more than a few of us.

This month we will have a run down of the various summer events in radio land. i.e. Marathon, Field day, Winnipeg Hamfest, MARMfest, International Hamfest, Camp 807, etc... And of course the year end elections. Come on out and learn how to participate in any of these events. Don't miss out on any of the radio fun.

Volunteers - Hamfest 2008

We are now looking for Volunteers to help out with the running of the Hamfest. We need people in all areas for the event, trade-show door people, Session coordinators, RAC AGM door monitors, Dinner & Dance - door monitors, etc... Please contact anyone on the following committees if you want to help out.

Accommodations/hospitality - Derek, VE4HAY

Communication - Mark, VE4MAB & Alan VE4YZ

Finance - Sue, VE4SYM

Registration - Roger, VE4RLF & Adam, VE4SN

Program - VE4HAY-

Entertainment - Rob, VE4RRB

Flea Market - Dick, VE4HK, Tom, VE4SE, Ruth, VE4XYL

Door Prizes - David VE4DAR

Media - Geoff VE4BAW

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.

Freq	Prov/State	Net	UTC
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
147.390 +	MB	MRS Net Thursday	21:00 Local
147.390 +	MB	MRS Net Sunday	21:00 Local

Minutes for May 12th, 2008
Submitted by Geoff, VE4BAW

Previous Minutes in the Newscaster – Motion to accept the April 14, 2008, minutes by Glen, VE4GWN and 2nd by Gord, VE4GF.

Business arising from the minutes –

Glen, VE4GWN & Rosie, VE4YYL have volunteered to be this year’s nominating committee for our June elections and are awaiting a list of names and numbers. Geoff thanked Derek for his service as Programs Chair and advised that Derek will be stepping down this year. Those wishing to run for a position on the executive are to contact Rosie or John, VE4QV.

DX –

Adam, VE4SN, gave an update of DX commenting it sounds like a pan of bacon across the band. Adam also has Hamfest registration forms reminding everyone that August is not too far away and after June 15 it will cost you more.

RAC –

Derek, VE4HAY, advised that RAC is sending a letter to the minister responsible for Industry Canada regarding the Foundation Licence. RAC will be putting something in the letter about antennas suggesting that amateurs have the right erect and antenna up to 15 meters height. Also the action committee regarding antenna height in Winnipeg has finished a draft which has been sent to city hall planners to look at. Amateurs have been singled out from others in industry who put up towards. The city regulations were originally 13 meters and the committee is asking for 18 meters. The committee is waiting for the city to make their move and pending a public review are hoping to get it passed before summer.

Hamfest 2008 –

Derek reminded everyone that Adam, VE4SN, has Hamfest registration forms. The program is ¾ confirmed with 4 more slots to fill. An e-mail will go out and posted in the Newscaster and the Hamfest website describing what is going on. It will be a fun filled weekend of socializing with entertainment on the Saturday, food and a flea market, all for \$ 130. ICOM Canada will be presenting their D-Star radios

MARATHON –

Geoff, VE4BAW, advises that Jeff, VE4MBQ is the volunteer roster coordinator, John, VE4JNF, is tracking down all the vehicles, Albert, VA4AS, is doing the desktop publishing, Don, VE4DGW, is doing the database, and Derek, VE4HAY, will be working the hospitality net with Norm, VE4EH, working the medical net. So far over 50

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volunteers have registered and Geoff has registration forms for those wishing to help out this year. The Pathfinders have 12 volunteers for us. June 5 is the Volunteer Orientation and BBQ from 1700-1900 at the Norwood Community Centre, with June 10 being the amateur briefing at the Sports Federation Building. No questions.

Field Day –

Geoff, VE4BAW, is looking for someone to pull it all together. Ruthie and Sue have already got the food, tables and chairs planned – Geoff spoke looking for someone to pull it together. Ruth and Sue had already got the food planned. Bob Jacobs, VE4RCJ, said he will help out.

ARES –

Jeff Dovyak, VE4MBQ, Deadline to register for CANWARN Spotter Training is Friday, May 16. Spotter Training session Saturday, June 7 0930-1230 at Union Station, 123 Main Street. Group lunch to follow. Amateurs DO NOT need to be ARES members to be CANWARN Spotters.

CANWARN

We are having a great deal of difficulty getting enough ARES members to volunteer as on-call CANWARN Net Controllers during the daytime. CANWARN Net Controllers must be ARES members. CANWARN Net Controllers operate VE4WWO in the Prairie & Arctic Storm Prediction Centre located in Union Station during the summer severe WX (if we have the volunteers). We have been running CANWARN and operating VE4WWO since 1998 and this is really the first season that volunteer recruitment has been so difficult/ Government Security Clearance is required – cost is paid by Environment Canada. We can do one-on-one training for interested amateurs.

ARES is considering deploying WPGARES Boler Trailer to WARC Field Day if we can get enough ARES volunteers to staff it. I has 2m capability.

Treasurer –

Sue, VE4SYM, our bank balance if \$ 6526.94. Income for the last month was \$ 15 from 50/50 draw and \$ 30 for memberships. Expenses were for cups and home brew night prizes.

Good & Welfare –

- ✓ Geoff received a WARC cap donated by Phyllis, widow of VE4WF, to be drawn for.
- ✓ VE4MBQ, advises that ARES now has a few new TH 215 and TH 255 and alkaline battery cases for them.

- ✓ Derek, VE4HAY, handed out copies of the TCA to non RAC members.

New Business -

Geoff asked for nominations for Derek, VE4HAY, to be voted as Ham Of The Year at the International Hamfest this summer.

Motion to adjourn by George, VE4RHG. Derek won \$ 19 in the 50/50 draw.

WPGARES

By Jeff, VE4MBQ -Emergency Coordinator

Ian Brownlee VA4IAM and Victor Griffiths VE4VG were scheduled to attend the Winnipeg Emergency Management or WEM Course 12-14 MAY.

Gerry Roehr from the Civil Air Search and Rescue Association (CASARA) was scheduled to be the guest speaker at our May meeting (which was just after press time for this article).

ARES volunteers are still required to take on-call shifts for the CANWARN station VE4WWO in Prairie and Arctic Storm Prediction Centre. **We need people to be on-call for daytime operations** 0930-1730h and evening operations 1730-2130h daily from 12 MAY thru 12 SEP. At press time fifteen Amateurs were scheduled to attend CANWARN Spotter Training SAT 7 JUN. These Amateurs represented Pinawa, Interlake and Winnipeg regions.


Our next General Meeting will be TUE 24 JUNE 1900h at Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin St. We will not be meeting in July but will have a General Meeting in AUG – tune into the MRS Nets 14 & 17 AUG for details.

**DIAMOND
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Contest Calendar

June

AGCW QRP/QRP Party	CW	1300Z	May 1
Kids Roundup	Phone	2200Z	Jun 1
RSGB 80m Club Championship	Data	1900Z	Jun 2
ARS Spartan Sprint	CW	0100Z	Jun 3
NCCC Sprint Ladder		0230Z	Jun 6
10 meter NAC	CW/SSB/FM/Digi	1700Z	Jun 5
Digital Pentathlon		1800Z	Jun 6
Open Season Ten Meter PSK	BPSK31		Jun 7
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint 0400Z	Jun 7		
	And	0430Z	Jun 7
	And	0500Z	Jun 7
	And	0530Z	Jun 7
DigiFest		0400Z	Jun 7
	And	2000Z	Jun 7
	And	1200Z	Jun 8
SEANET		1200Z	Jun 7
UKSMG Summer		1200Z	Jun 7
RSGB National Field Day		1500Z	Jun 7
IARU Region 1 Field Day	CW	1500Z	Jun 7
Alabama QSO Party		1600Z	Jun 7
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon		0000Z	Jun 8
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint		0030Z	Jun 11
RSGB 80m Club Championship	CW	1900Z	Jun 11
NCCC Sprint Ladder		0230Z	Jun 13
Digital Pentathlon		1800Z	Jun 13
ANARTS WW	RTTY	0000Z	Jun 14
Portugal Day		0000Z	Jun 14
Asia-Pacific Sprint	SSB	1100Z	Jun 14
GACW WWSA CW DX	CW	1500Z	Jun 14
REF DDFM 6m		1600Z	Jun 14
West Virginia QSO Party		1600Z	Jun 14
Kid's Day	SSB	1800Z	Jun 14
ARRL June VHF QSO Party		1800Z	Jun 14
DIE	CW/SSB/RTTY	0600Z	Jun 15
SSA Månadstest nr 6	SSB	1400Z	Jun 15
SSA Månadstest nr 6	CW	1515Z	Jun 15
Run for the Bacon QRP		0100Z	Jun 16
SARL Youth for Amateur Radio		0700Z	Jun 16
MOON	CW/Digi/SSB	1800Z	Jun 18
RSGB 80m Club Championship	SSB	1900Z	Jun 19
NCCC Sprint Ladder		0230Z	Jun 20
Digital Pentathlon		1800Z	Jun 20
All Asian DX	CW	0000Z	Jun 21
SMIRK		0000Z	Jun 21
SCAG Straight Key Day (SKD)	CW	2100Z	Jun 21
Feld Hell Sprint		1000Z	Jun 21
	And	2200Z	Jun 21
AGCW VHF/UHF	144	1600Z	Jun 21
	432	1900Z	Jun 21
Kid's Day		1800Z	Jun 21
SKCC Sprint		0000Z	Jun 25

BCC QSO Party		1700Z	Jun 25
Digital Pentathlon		1800Z	Jun 27
Ukrainian DX	DIGI	1200Z	Jun 28
His Maj. King of Spain	SSB	1200Z	Jun 28
Marconi Memorial HF		1400Z	Jun 28
ARRL Field Day		1800Z	Jun 28
ARCI Milliwatt Field Day		1800Z	Jun 28

July

1	0000	RAC Canada Day Contest	CW/Phone
3	1700	10 meter NAC	CW/SSB/FM/Digi
4	1800	Digital Pentathlon (5)	THROB
4	2300	MI-QRP Club July 4th CW Sprint	CW
5	0000	Venezuelan Indep. Day Contest	CW/SSB
5	1100	DL-DX RTTY Contest	RTTY/PSK31/PSK63
5	1500	Original QRP Contest Summer	CW
6	1100	DARC 10 m Digital Contest "Corona"	DIGI
6	2000	QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint	CW
8	0100	ARS Spartan Sprint	CW
12	0000	FISTS Summer Sprint	CW
12	1200	IARU HF World Championship	CW/SSB
13	0000	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	CW
13	1400	SSA Månadstest nr 7	CW
14	1515	SSA Månadstest nr 7	SSB
16	1800	MOON Contest	CW/Digi/SSB
17	0030	NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	CW
19	0200	Feld-Hell Club Sprint (1)	Feld-Hell
19	1000	Feld-Hell Club Sprint (2)	Feld-Hell
19	1200	DMC RTTY Contest	RTTY
19	1800	CQ World-Wide VHF Contest	All
19	1800	Feld-Hell Club Sprint (3)	Feld-Hell
19	1800	North American QSO Party	RTTY
20	0900	RSGB Low Power Field Day (1)	CW
20	1300	RSGB Low Power Field Day (2)	CW
20	2000	The Great Colorado Gold Rush	CW
21	0100	Run For The Bacon QRP Contest	CW
23	0000	SKCC Sprint	CW
26	1200	IOTA SWL Contest	CW/SSB
26	1200	RSGB IOTA Contest	CW/SSB

Aug

2	0000	TARA Grid Dip	PSK/RTTY
2	0001	10-10 Int. Summer QSO Party	Phone
2	0001	National Lighthouse-Lightship Weekend	All
2	0700	AM-test	AM
2	1200	European HF Championship	CW/SSB
2	1800	North American QSO Party	CW
3	1300	SARL HF Contest	SSB
4	0100	milliWatt Run For The Bacon	CW
5	0100	ARS Spartan Sprint	CW
7	1700	10 meter NAC	CW/SSB/FM/Digi
9	0000	Worked All Europe DX-Contest	CW
9	1600	Maryland-DC QSO Party (1)	All
10	0000	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	CW

10	1600	Maryland-DC QSO Party (2)	All
13	0030	NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	CW
16	0000	SARTG WW RTTY Contest (1)	RTTY
16	1200	Keymen's Club of Japan (KCJ) Contest	CW
16	1400	Feld-Hell Club Sprint	Feld-Hell
16	1400	RDA Contest	CW/SSB
16	1500	QRP ARCI Silent Key Memorial Sprint	CW
16	1600	SARTG WW RTTY Contest (2)	RTTY
16	1800	North American QSO Party	SSB
16	2000	New Jersey QSO Party (1)	CW/SSB
17	0700	SSA Portabeltest Höstomg.	CW/SSB
17	0800	SARTG WW RTTY Contest (3)	RTTY
17	1300	New Jersey QSO Party (2)	CW/SSB
17	1400	SSA Månadstest nr 8	SSB
17	1515	SSA Månadstest nr 8	CW
18	0100	Run For The Bacon QRP Contest	CW
20	1800	MOON Contest	CW/Digi/SSB
23	0700	Hawaii QSO Party	All
27	0000	SKCC Sprint	CW
30	0600	ALARA Contest	CW/SSB
30	1200	SCC RTTY Championship	RTTY
30	1200	YO DX HF Contest	CW/SSB
30	1600	Ohio QSO Party	CW/SSB
31	1400	SARL HF Contest	CW

Field Day in Israel David VE4DAR

While trying to learn some Hebrew in Tel Aviv, I decided to experience what local hams do, so I joined the Israel Amateur Radio Club. One has to become a citizen or be resident for at least a year to get an Israeli call sign. I'll stick with the Internet for now, but I thought it would be fun to check out IARC Field Day. So, here's a brief account.

Ziv 4X1UK gave me a ride to the Spring Festival (Field Day) on May 3. We drove about 25 minutes to the Ilanot Forest near Netanya, north from Tel-Aviv on the coast. Arriving about 0930 I saw folks setting up flags, club banner and booths, a few stations, family picnic tables and BBQ's. The Israeli flags were to celebrate Israel's 60th Anniversary of Independence on May 8. No "Ruth's Kitchen" here, so folks do their own BBQ's, grouped by families, friends or even towns. Many Russian speakers immigrated to Israel when the Former Soviet Union (FSU) collapsed. Among that group were enthusiastic radio amateurs who now were able to communicate more widely. It was my good fortune to meet Michael's father, Serge Safonov 4X1IM. (You may remember we helped to get his son, Michael, settled when he immigrated to Winnipeg.) When I told Serge I was from Winnipeg, he sat me down and we shared some food, wine and stories. As I wandered the site discovering the local culture, I came to appreciate the hospitality of the Israeli-Russian-speaking hams!



At a rugged looking SUV with several antennas, emergency lights and what looked like a fire department logo, I met Moshe 4Z4DX. Through a translator I learned that Moshe works with communications and is Chief of his station near the West Bank. I hope to trade fire department shoulder flashes with him for Winnipeg's Fire Museum.

Then I noticed an AMSAT tea shirt! I introduced myself to Shamai 4Z1WS. He is trying to get kids interested in our hobby so I told him about the Win Cube Project. I referred him to Stephan and the Satellite group at the Winnipeg Seniors Radio Club.

I just talked with Ruthie CRS and Bob JBR on Skype, so I know it's not warm enough to garden yet. However, here it's t-shirt weather with no rain until winter. That's why there were no tents at Field Day for operating stations. Also, Spring Festival appears to be a "9 - 5" one-day event with everyone doing their own thing regarding stations. Hams were recognized for their work, and achievers in the Holy Land Contest got their trophies made of Shure mikes. All in all, it was a friendly, fun day. Shalom from Israel!



News from the Net

Successful launch for SEEDS satellite

Still on the subject of space, the SEEDS satellite was one of a number of microsats successfully launched on 28th April. Several amateurs have successfully received SSTV pictures from the bird, which transmits on 437.485 MHz. As well as SSTV, the satellite sends telemetry in Morse code, 1200 baud FM AFSK packet radio and speech via its Digitalker module. --RSGB

Users at risk of losing their memories

Only 15% of the survey respondents said they backed up their files at least weekly. And, while 34% admitted to backing up "occasionally", an alarming 44% admitted to not backing up "nearly as often as they should" or "rarely or never" backing up their files. However, 95% keep files on their home PCs or laptops that they don't want to lose. The respondents identified the most common information they didn't want to lose as follows:

- Digital photos (83%);
- Personal files such as a resume (67%);
- Personal information (54%);
- Music (48%);

For backing up personal information, gizmo recommends using an External Hard Disk drive, or a Network Attached Storage unit, which are readily available and very affordable. Make sure you create both incremental and complete (archival) backups of your work and personal information on a regular basis. Incremental backups are a fantastic way to quickly backup your files as they only copy the files that have changed since the last backups. Most external hard disks offer software to automate incremental backups. --WIA

_ed's note - Costco sells network attached storage devices 2 terabytes for about 250.00 That works out to 1/100 of a cent per MB of storage. For that price, you can not afford not to back up.

Beijing to launch Amateur Radio satellite ?

There is speculation that Beijing may launch an Amateur Radio satellite prior to the 2008 Olympics. A report on the www.73club.com website indicates plans for an Amateur Radio satellite carrying a 145 to 435 MHz FM transponder to be launched in time for the Olympic games. --WIA

What have you done to "promote amateur radio this week"

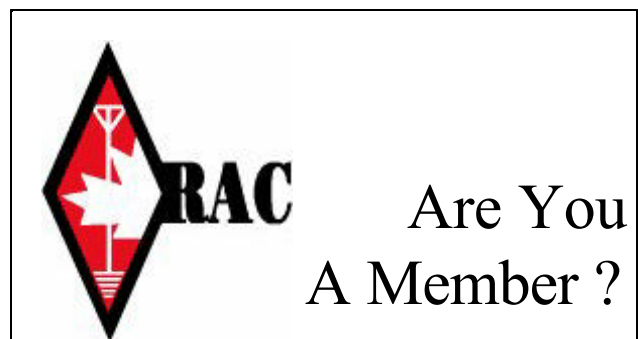
That line we credit to an old News stalwart, Peter Parker with using in his old VK1 and VK3 casts many years ago and it still stands true --WIA

New chair for RAC's VHF/UHF Bandplanning

RAC President Dave Goodwin VO1AU/VE3AAQ has named Gabor Horvath VE7DXG of Duncan, BC as Chair of RAC's VHF/UHF Bandplanning Committee. The Committee's role is to make recommendations to the RAC Board on how Amateur spectrum between 30MHz and 2GHz is divided among the various modes and techniques employed by Canadian Radio Amateurs. Gabor is looking for volunteers to serve on the committee, and the begin the process of reviewing and updating the current band plans. Please contact Gabor at VE7DXG@rac.c The Committee is not responsible for assigning frequency pairs to particular repeaters - that is the work of local repeater coordinators. Gabor succeeds Graham Ide VE3BYT of Ottawa ON, who resigned as Chair of the committee in 2007. RAC is very grateful to Graham for his many years of service to Canadian Amateurs. --RAC

RAC Bulletin #2008-13: Erroneous E-mail Sparks Petition - RAC Confirms IC's Responsibilities

On 18 May 2008, a petition began circulating on the Internet that quotes an unsigned e-mail from the Toronto District Office of Industry Canada (IC) stating that Industry Canada is no longer the regulatory body overseeing the amateur radio service, and that amateur radio is self-policing. Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) contacted IC on 20 May, the first working day after the petition began. IC have confirmed that its contents are incorrect. IC clearly affirmed they are the regulatory authority for Amateur Radio in Canada. The originator of the petition, Eddie Pereira VA3EDP, has since received a message from the acting Director of IC's Toronto District Office confirming that the original unsigned e-mail was sent in error. Eddie will be meeting an IC official in the near future to discuss a spectrum management issue that was the cause of his initial inquiry with IC. RAC asks all Canadian Amateurs to contact RAC first if they have specific concerns about IC's willingness or ability to supervise the Amateur Radio Service. RAC is here to serve the interests of all Canadian Amateurs and we will do our best to ensure IC listens to our concerns. -- RAC



The Manitoba Marathon 30th Anniversary

By J. Dovyak VE4MBQ

Approximately 150 people attended a reception at Government House THURS 22 MAY to honor celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Manitoba Marathon and recognize long-serving Manitoba Marathon volunteers. Each long-serving volunteer that was present received from His Honor Lt Governor John Harvard and the Manitoba Marathon Foundation Chairman Mr Robin Kearsy a framed, numbered Manitoba Marathon print from Manitoba artist D.E. Brucki. Essentially volunteers were called up in various groups; long-time board members; course officials, station captains, stadium volunteers, etc. It was interesting and a unique touch that the Amateur radio folks that were being recognized were called up by call-sign!

The Amateur Radio community has been involved with the Manitoba Marathon since the inaugural Marathon in 1979. The oldest written Marathon Amateur Radio Report that could be located dates back to the 1981 Manitoba Marathon, written by Dick Maguire VE4HK. Apparently Amateur Radio was used mainly for course timing the first year or two and then got more involved with Hospitality Stations and Medical Vehicles as years went by.

The following long-serving Amateurs were recognized among the 100 or so long-serving Marathon volunteers:

Ellis Seddon VE4AJO
 Ed Richardson VE4EAR
 Dick Maguire VE4HK
 Tom Mills VE4SE
 Kelly Taylor VE4XT
 Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ*

[For those of you saying "Wait a minute, MBQ was only licenced in the 1990s" you are correct. However, I ran in 1979 and volunteered on the medical side every year after that until I became a licenced Amateur and of course kept on volunteering].



Marathon Radio Group Chair and WARC President Geoff Bawden VE4BAW is flanked by long-serving Amateur volunteers at the 30th Anniversary Marathon Reception at Government House. L-R: VE4s EAR, HK, MBQ, BAW, SE and XT Missing: Ellis Seddon VE4AJO

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"Gentlemen...tonight we will begin the Malicious Interference Net with a round of anonymous whistling, followed by free style profanity. Remember...no call signs!"

Winnipeg Hamfest 2008

By Derek Hay - Acting Chair

Amateur Radio a Century of Innovation

Yes, The Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club will be hosting a Hamfest August 8th - 10th at the Hilton Suites Hotel.

The planning for this has been going on for over a year already, with meetings for those on the committee being held more frequently as the event draws nearer. The price for HAMFEST2008 has been held to the absolute minimum and is a bargain, considering what you will get for it.

Early bird pricing is \$130.00 before June 15th, after this date the price is \$150.00 per person. But what do you get for your money. You will receive, a Lunch on Saturday, a sit down dinner on Saturday night along with local entertainers - Jimmy & the Doo Wops, who will really get the place up and dancing. The following day you will be treated to a Sunday morning breakfast.

While the price for all of this including taxes and tips is close to the ticket price alone, you will receive so much more. Your VIP package will also include access to the Fleamarket on the Saturday morning, along with a trade show that will run during the flea market and continue into the afternoon. Here you will see Icom and some of their gear. Be able to speak directly to Icom personnel and ask those all important questions you have about their products. Icom is not the only commercial vendor in the trade show, the Cdn Forces will have a display area, along with MB Emergency Measures Organization. We are still working on bringing in a satellite communication company and other commercial vendors. So buy your bargain items in the early morning and see the commercial booths in both the morning & afternoon.

But wait that is not all ... What would a great hamfest be without some education. We will have 3 tracks of concurrent informational/educational sessions happening during the afternoon, as well as again the next morning. The three tracks will be an Operating Track, a Technical Track and a Ends of the Spectrum Track. The Sunday afternoon will be mostly session on ARES. Check the web site listed below for more information on the program line up.

We are still not done... during the Sunday breakfast, we are planning to have a discussion panel on "The Past, Present & Future of amateur radio. This promised to be very enlightening.

As if the above was not enough value... For those HAM's who are also RAC members, Radio Amateurs of Canada will be having their 2008 Annual General Meeting

in conjunction with HAMFEST2008. Come out and speak with the new RAC president, meet other officials of RAC, participate in the open forum, and learn about your national organization during the AGM.

And finally.... we will be hosting a hospitality room on the Friday & Saturday evenings for those who will be staying in the hotel (remember no drinking & driving).

Ohhh... Did I mention the door prizes ? Yes, we have door prizes as well.

You enjoy the hobby of being an Amateur Radio Operator, now HAMFEST2008 will provide you a social atmosphere where you can eyeball your fellow HAM's, share ideas, learn, be informed, pick up a few bargains and have a great time in the process.

Check out our website

<http://www.mts.net/~warc/hamfest/>

for all the information you will need on HAMFEST 2008. Remember to register early to save yourself some money. But most of all just remember to register. You will not want to miss this event. Additional and separate from the main VIP package are banquet tickets which can be purchased for your YL, XYL or OM as the case may be. you could also bring them along for the entire event as companion passes are at a reduced price. Or be like a few of the local HAM's and book a room for the weekend and enjoy yourself for the weekend with your YL, XYL or OM and all the out of town HAM's. it's your hobby - enjoy it.

The True Spirit of Amateur Radio

By Tedd - VE4VID/VA4TV

As I sit here in what in what will be my new shack, (in time) I am truly blessed. I am sitting in a patio chair, (one of two chairs in our new home). My PC is standing on the keyboard box to keep it off the floor for ventilation; my monitor sits on a blanket chest, the keyboard rests on my knees, I have no internet and music plays through an ICOM SP-7 station speaker. No, we are not finished moving yet and it will be weeks or maybe months before I will have a shack / shared office, for Sheila and I completed.

It is not often enough that we share the wonderful unselfish deeds of those about us. While we might not publish those kindnesses very often I hope that we each take time on occasion to reflect from time to time and that we follow the example of others and be a blessing to someone

we meet. That is exactly what I have been doing today. This fall many things have happened, and in very quick succession. GOD has blessed us every way that we turn. Just a few over them years, I thought I would share with you:

- ☺ In September of 1991, Martin VE4MPH invited me to a WARC meeting and introduced me to Tom VE4AKI. That night I signed up for the basic course Tom was teaching. That started me down the road to this wonderful hobby.

When is the last time we invited someone to a club meeting?

- ☺ Over the years, I cannot count the number of times I have received assistance from amateurs who I did not then or now even remember who they are. A helpful hint or suggestion, parts dropped in my mailbox and at times volunteers showing up to give of their valuable time. In most cases, these surprise helpers came to my aid when the situation was not desperate but I sure thought so at the time.

Do you remember the time someone did something like this for you? Have you done it for someone else?

- ☺ Think of those times when we had a nagging problem that just defied our ability to think of a practical solution. We happen to mention it at a club meeting, the Arches, or on a repeater and guess what? Someone will usually come up with a solution to our problem and off we go to try it. Usually more than one solution emerges as possible answers to our problem. Sometimes a dispute will erupt and a friendly and lively discussion ensues, again with several ways to resolve the problem. These of course are commonly referred to as spirited discussions in keeping with our provinces new "Spirited Energy" theme.

To all of you who share your knowledge and experience we thank you.

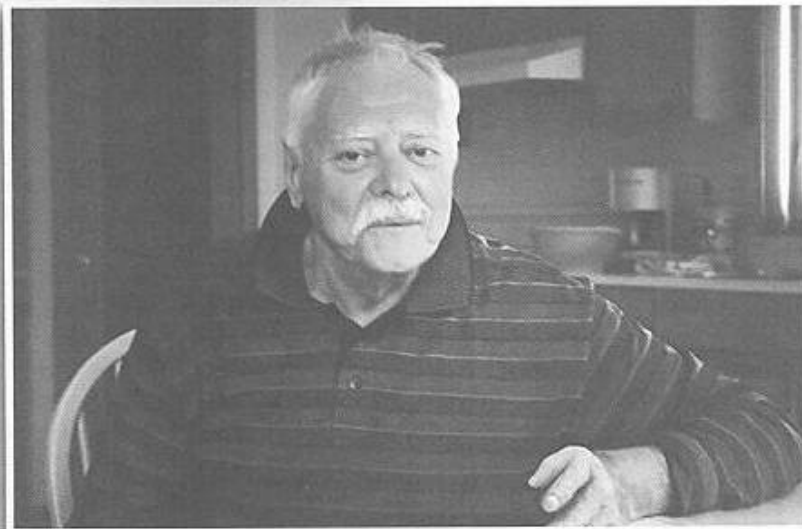
- ☺ We now come to those who respond to a plea for assistance in a giant way. This brings to mind antenna work for me and the number who have given their time and energy to assist with erecting towers, antenna's and such projects that so many of us are not able to do. I will not even try to name you, as for sure I will forget someone. To you who climb towers, trees etc to repair or place antenna's we recognize that it is not the safe way to spend a Saturday, Sunday or evening. Your sacrifices to assist getting an antenna or structure up and running we so greatly appreciated.

Take a bow for you truly are lifesavers.

- ☺ Last but by no means least, is those who learn of a massive undertaking that you are taking part in and they show up and say, "Put me to work" or "how can I help". You saved us again when there was no one to turn to in our family circles. It is especially touching when a couple or family does such a kindness. For such Amateurs there should be a family of the year award. I think we would see the same families receiving the award numerous times. Thank you each one who gives so freely of your time and energy. We appreciate you and thank GOD for bringing your Assistance to our home.

VE4MX - SK

AMSAT notes with sadness the passing of Fred Zeltins, VE4MX, AMSAT member number 32722. Fred was a long time member of AMSAT and generously bequeathed \$1000 to AMSAT from his estate. Fred will be missed and AMSAT offers our most sincere condolences to Fred's family and friends.



Well I have just covered a few instances where amateurs have shown themselves to be such great people. My goal has been to encourage all of us to think of the way we interact, work together and serve each other as we enjoy this great hobby. It would not enjoy the place in my heart it does if it were not for the people all about us. Thank you each one.

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

June .. the month for lovers, the Marathon and Field Day. This year is the 30th anniversary of the Marathon and the 30th time that radio amateurs have worked hard to support the Marathon. There are over 65 amateurs ready to have fun and help out this year. On the occasion of the 30th year of the Manitoba Marathon Lieutenant Governor, His Honour John Harvard held a special evening presentation to honour Marathon volunteers that has served for over thirty years. I was pleased to be asked to attend to join in honouring the radio amateurs. There is an article by Jeff, VE4MBQ in the Newscaster. There is still room for volunteers and so if you want some fun and be part of the 30th event fill out a registration form and send it to myself at ve4baw@rac.ca. June 5th at 5:00 PM at Norwood Community Centre is the annual Marathon BBQ. June 12th 7:00 PM, Sports Federation Building is the amateur radio briefing.

June is also the month that has Field Day. This June 28th join us at Ft. Whyte Centre for Field Day. There is a lake, a field and cabins. Very civilized. Help is wanted Bob Jacobs [ve4rcj], is doing the LAN and logging software. Ruth and Sue are working on the food. We still need help in organizing this fun activity. Step up and help!

Derek is working hard to get his trailer in shape for the Marathon and Field Day. Give him a call and offer to help [maybe you can get a beer out of it!].

I know that you all are planning to be at the Hamfest in August and so I won't remind you here.

June is election month for WARC. Come and throw the rascals out! Nominate yourself and take control of your club.

QTX~
By Derek, VE4HAY

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