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The Linux Operating System By Gerald, VE4GKS

Date: Monday, January 11, 2010
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Dakota Collegiate - (In the theatre)
661 Dakota Street (At Beliveau Rd.)

Other Important Dates...

Newscaster: Deadline January 27, 2010

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates
February 8, 2010

WSC: 2nd Thursday of month
Breakfast—Garden City Inn

ARES: January 19, 2010

Other: WARC Spring Flea Market
Sunday, April 18, 2010

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And now a word from the President By Mark, VE4MAB

I hope everyone had a great holiday season, and if you are like me, you're recovering from "Oh I ate too much" syndrome! Kinda like the feeling one gets after a visit to "Ruth's Kitchen"!

The holiday season tends to be when we spend more time with family and friends, and yes, that extends to our "On-Air" friends as well, filling the airwaves with cheer and wishes for a great new year. Near or far you certainly feel like you are never alone when it comes to a holiday QSO on Ham Radio!

As with the beginning of any new year, resolutions abound, which often include planning to get more organized and tidy things up a bit. I know my shack/office can certainly use it.

Well, there are only so many tidying days until our Spring Flea Market, This is a great opportunity to fulfill that resolution and turn that "Junque" into spendable cash.

As we begin 2010 there are so many aspects of amateur radio to look forward to. Such as sitting in the warmth on a -40 C day listening through the noise for that elusive DX station, or participating in events such as Field Day, the Manitoba Marathon and more!

Check the dates and mark them on you calendar so you won't miss out on all the fun. Better yet, contact the coordinators and volunteer to help out. You will find the experiences to be very rewarding. So much so that you will find you can't wait till the next one!

*Congratulations to New Ham ...
Kevin, VE4ZIM
Welcome to Amateur Radio!*

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

WARC Meeting Minutes, Dec 14, 2009

Taken by Jim, VE4SIG

The December minutes are unavailable at publication time and will be included in the next issue of The Newscaster.

WPGARES

By Jeff, VE4MBQ

Emergency Coordinator

Seven WPGARES members along with South-Central and Pinawa ARES members participated in a multi-unit operation SUN 29 NOV in support of a Manitoba Ski Patrol Search & Rescue exercise at Falcon Lake. Gord Snarr VE4GLS reported on that exercise in last month's newsletter. Richard VE4ESX and Garth VE4GWB will be doing a presentation on that exercise for our FEB General Meeting.

For the first time in many years we did not activate VE4WWO in the Prairie & Arctic Storm Prediction Centre for the NOAA SKYWARN Recognition Day – antennas are down and feedline is secured for roof repairs at Union Station.

Daren Mini, Emergency Management Officer, Manitoba Association of Native Firefighters gave us a very dynamic presentation about MANFF at our DEC General Meeting.

Our next General Meeting is TUE 19 JAN 1900h at Sir Wm Stephenson Library
765 Keewatin Street. Glen Napady VE4GWN will be giving us a presentation on monitoring Trunked Radio.

Approximately twenty of us will be enjoying the winter weather SUN 31 JAN providing Amateur Radio Communications for the Voyageur Sled Dog Classic downtown at The Forks. Please contact me directly if you wish to volunteer.

The Manitoba Marathon will be SUN 20 JUNE. An electronic sign-up sheet should be posted in the near future on the Winnipeg ARES web-site www.winnipegares.ca as well as the WARC web-site.

Manitoba Marathon

By Jeff, VE4MBQ

Manitoba Marathon organizers had a very nice "thank-you" advertisement in the 11 DEC 2009 edition of the Winnipeg Free Press. Amateur Radio organizations identified included:

ARES
MRS
Pathfinders ARC
WARC
WSCRC
UMARS.

The 2010 Manitoba Marathon will be SUN 20 JUNE. An electronic sign-up form is now posted on the Winnipeg ARES web-site www.winnipegares.ca as well as the WARC web-site www.mts.net/~warc It is greatly appreciated if the completed volunteer form is returned to me via e-mail (saves lots of re-typing). The sooner registrations are submitted the sooner we can start working on the roster. We need a completed registration form from each Amateur Radio volunteer regardless of what Amateur organization they belong to.

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We need help with desktop publishing – anyone in the Amateur community that is knowledgeable about desktop publishing and who would like to help out with the Amateur Radio manual for the Marathon is asked to contact me directly as soon as possible.

The biggest change for 2010 is the idea that the Help Desk will be situated at the new Manitoba Marathon offices in Lindenwoods (as opposed to in the press Box of Pan Am Stadium). I performed a preliminary survey at the Marathon offices 30 DEC to identify the best place to situate antennas for “Marathon” frequencies – thanks to Rosi VE4YYL and Glen VE4GWN for moving around the 2m band with me. The Marathon Radio Group will be meeting some time in JAN. A “Help Desk” meeting is apparently going to be scheduled by Marathon organizers early in 2010.



We will have to run a Help Desk exercise well in advance of the Marathon to see what refinements will be required.

***Manitoba Marathon
Volunteer form is available at***

<http://www.mts.net/~warc/VE4-Volunteer-2010.doc>

Download it, fill it out, and submit it as an attachment to Jeff, VE4MBQ at: ve4mbq@mts.net

***January's WARC Presentation
The Linux operating system
By, VE4GKS***

Gerald, VE4GKS, will give us an introduction to the Linux operating system. If you are interested in obtaining a copy to try at home, let us know your hardware, laptop, desktop, netbook, and he will bring along the appropriate number of discs ve4bb@rac.ca

**RAC/ARES
NATIONAL EMCOMM FREQUENCIES**

SSB	Frequency	Tactical
75M - LSB	3.675 MHz	Alfa
40 M - LSB	7.135 MHz	Bravo
20 M - USB	14.135 MHz	Charlie
17 M - USB	18.135 MHz	Delta
15 M - USB	21.235 MHz	Echo
10 M - USB	28.235 MHz	Foxtrot
CW	Frequency	Tactical
80 M	3.535 MHz	Golf
40 M	7.035 MHz	Hotel
20 M	14.035 MHz	India
17 M	18.075 MHz	Juliette
15 M	21.035 MHz	Kilo
10 M	28.035 MHz	Lima
Digital	Frequency	Tactical
80M	3.596 MHz	Mike
40 M	7.096 MHz	November
40 M	7.096 MHz	November
20 M	14.096 MHz	Oscar
17 M	18.096 MHz	Papa
15 M	21.096 MHz	Quebec
10 M	28.096 MHz	Romeo

<http://www.rac.ca/fieldorg/racaresfreqs.htm>

***WARC Spring Flea Market
Sunday, April 18, 2010***

The much anticipated Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club Inc. Spring Flea Market will be Sunday April 18, at Heritage Victoria Community Club.

I recommend that you mark the brand new calendars on your fridge, in your hamshack, at work, and on your BlackBerry for April 18, at 10:30 am.

Set your alarm clock for 7 am, on April 18. Don't stop at the Golden Arches, or at Timmies on the way to the Flea Market. Ruth's Kitchen will be open at 9:30, with her world famous coffee, bunwiches and home made muffins, for your dining pleasure.

Come early for exciting eyeball QSO's, and stay for all the wonderful goodies on the Flea Market tables.

Contact Ruth VE4XYL: ve4xyl@mts.net
or 837-6915 to reserve your table.

Contact Dick VE4HK: ve4hk@rac.ca
256-3143, on VE4WPG,
or in person with any questions.

Contest Calendar

Extracted From

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

AGB New Year Snowball Contest	0000Z-0100Z, Jan 1
SARTG New Year RTTY Contest	0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1
AGCW Happy New Year Contest	0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1400Z-1659Z, Jan 1
	(144) and 1700Z-1759Z, Jan 1 (432)
Original QRP Contest	1500Z, Jan 2 to 1500Z, Jan 3
ARRL RTTY Roundup	1800Z, Jan 2 to 2400Z, Jan 3
EUCW 160m Contest	2000Z-2300Z, Jan 2
	and 0400Z-0700Z, Jan 3
Kid's Day Contest	1800Z-2400Z, Jan 3
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	2000Z-2130Z, Jan 4
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Jan 5
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 8
PODXS 070 Club PSKFest	0000Z-2400Z, Jan 9
Hunting Lions in the Air Contest	0000Z, Jan 9
	to 2400Z, Jan 10
Mongolian RTTY DX Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Jan 9
MI QRP January CW Contest	1200Z, Jan 9
	to 2359Z, Jan 10
WW PMC Contest	1200Z, Jan 9
	to 1200Z, Jan 10
Midwinter Contest, CW	1400Z-2000Z, Jan 9
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Jan 9
	to 0600Z, Jan 10
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Jan 10
NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW	0630Z-0830Z, Jan 10
Midwinter Contest, Phone	0800Z-1400Z, Jan 10
NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB	0900Z-1100Z, Jan 10
DARC 10-Meter Contest	0900Z-1059Z, Jan 10
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	2000Z-2130Z, Jan 13
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 15
LZ Open Contest	0000Z-0600Z, Jan 16
Hungarian DX Contest	1200Z, Jan 16 to 1159Z, Jan 17
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Jan 16
	to 0600Z, Jan 17
Feld Hell Sprint	1600Z-1800Z, Jan 17
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Jan 18
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Jan 21
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	2000Z-2130Z, Jan 21
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 22
YL-ISSB QSO Party, SSB	0000Z, Jan 23
	to 2359Z, Jan 24
MIE 33 Contest	1100Z-1500Z, Jan 23
	and 2300Z, Jan 23 to 0300Z, Jan 24
BARTG RTTY Sprint	1200Z, Jan 23 to 1200Z, Jan 24
ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes	1900Z, Jan 23
	to 0400Z, Jan 25
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jan 27
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 29
CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	2200Z, Jan 29
	to 2159Z, Jan 31
REF Contest, CW	0600Z, Jan 30 to 1800Z, Jan 31
UBA DX Contest, SSB	1300Z, Jan 30 to 1300Z, Jan 31
SPAR Winter Field Day	1700Z, Jan 30 to 1700Z, Jan 31
Classic Exchange, CW	1400Z, Jan 31 to 0800Z, Feb 1

Good Luck In The Contest!

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WARC Christmas Party By David, VE4DAR

Despite cold weather, 35 members and guests attended WARC's December meeting and Christmas Party.



Adorned in celebratory dress and Santa hats, revelers contained themselves during the brief business meeting. Occasional outbursts, such as "Wow! That's big" and "Let's go next year," were heard from the darkened room during David's showing of his Dayton Hamvention slides.



David, VE4DAR, presenting a slide show from his visit to Dayton's "Hamvention"

Those unable to attend missed a delightful spread of munchies including homemade eggrolls prepared by Jasmine, Ruth and Sue. Yum Yum! Good fellowship was evident.



WARC President, Mark, VE4MAB, presenting David, VE4DAR, with a "Thank-You" Plaque.

Best wishes to all for a peaceful, healthy and happy Christmas and New Year.

*Special Thanks to Derek, VE4HAY,
for bringing flowers for the YLs and XYLs*

Oh My! What To Do *By David, VE4DAR*

You say your XYL is threatening to toss you and all your *junque* into the snow; or you need to downsize so you can move into a condo; or no one wants to climb your tower to replace the feed line; or clinging to the chimney while installing an antenna hurts your back; or the joy has gone out of flipping through olde 73's, QST's or CQ's; or components in today's kits are too small to see (not like the good old Heath Kits)? Oh My! What to do? It's time to ... REDUCE INVENTORY.

Let's begin with textbooks, operating and service manuals, and journals. If you want to sell them, you can try MRS's Swap and Shop. Contact Dick VE4HK to list. Another opportunity is at WARC's Flea Market on April 18, 2010. Contact Ruth VE4XYL for a table. Then there's eBay. Also, donations are appreciated by the Manitoba Amateur Radio Museum at Austin. Contact Dave VE4XN to see if you have what he wants. Finally, there are ever-hungry students searching for knowledge and freebies.

Then there's operating and test equipment, tools, towers, antennae and components. In the selling mode,

your appetizer can be a private or garage sale. For an entre try Swap and Shop a la MRS; or WARC Flea Market smorgasbord, or List on eBay. For desert there's Austin sprinkled with give-aways.

I purposely omitted the Winnipeg Senior Citizen Radio Club above since they filled a dumpster with their own purges a few years ago. Recently they out-chucked again when they had to vacate some storage areas. However, if you still think you have an item they may treasure, contact the Duty Officer before you take it there.

As I shift from RSP to RIF, and give up the notion of running 100 in 9.9 secs., I too have begun to purge. It's not without a sense of loss and a bit of mourning for grander days. Nevertheless, it's must be done. So let's suck it up, and get on with it! Happy Purging and welcome to 2010!

News From The Net

RAC Bulletin 2009 39E
Croft Taylor VE3CT Appointed to Canadian
Amateur Hall of Fame
2009-11-26

The Board of Trustees of the Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame has appointed Croft Taylor VE3CT of Kanata, Ontario, to the Hall of Fame for 2009. Croft will receive his award at a presentation to be held in Ottawa later in the spring at which time a summary of his contributions will be published.

Details will also be included in the RAC CARHOF website. Appointments to the Hall of Fame are made to recognize a radio amateur for outstanding achievement for sustained service to amateur radio in Canada or amateur radio at large.

Vernon Erle Ikeda - VE2MBS/VE2QQ
Dollard des Ormeaux, Quebec
RAC E-News/Web News Bulletin Editor
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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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From ARRL Headquarters Newington CT
December 16, 2009 To All Radio Amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB037
ARRLB037 Amateur Radio Bill Passes Senate, Moves to the House

On Monday, December 14, S 1755 -- The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009 -- passed the Senate by unanimous consent; the bill now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration. Sponsored by Senator Joe Lieberman (ID-CT), and Senator Susan Collins (R-ME), S 1755, if passed, would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to undertake a study on emergency communications.

S 1755 points out that "There is a strong Federal interest in the effective performance of Amateur Radio Service stations, and that performance must be given -- (A) support at all levels of government; and (B) protection against unreasonable regulation and impediments to the provision of the valuable communications provided by such stations."

Members of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee considered S 1755 on December 10. After it passed through Committee, it was placed on the Senate's calendar to be voted on. "We are grateful to Committee Chairman Lieberman and Ranking Member Collins for sponsoring the bill and arranging for its swift consideration and passage by the Senate," said ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ.

Similar in language to HR 2160 (also called The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009 that was introduced this past April by Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee [D-TX-18]), S1755 calls on DHS to undertake a study on the uses and capabilities of Amateur Radio Service communications in emergencies and disaster relief and then to submit a report to Congress no more than 180 days after the bill becomes law. The study shall:

- Include a review of the importance of Amateur Radio emergency communications in furtherance of homeland security missions relating to disasters, severe weather and other threats to lives and property in the United States, as well as recommendations for enhancements in the voluntary deployment of Amateur Radio licensees in disaster and emergency communications and disaster relief efforts and improved integration of Amateur Radio operators in planning and furtherance of the Department of Homeland Security initiatives.

- Identify impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications, such as the effects of unreasonable or unnecessary private land use regulations on residential antenna installations; and make recommendations regarding such impediments for consideration by other federal departments, agencies and Congress.

In conducting the study, S 1755 directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to "utilize the expertise of stakeholder entities and organizations, including the Amateur Radio, emergency response and disaster communications communities."

S 1755 makes note of the fact that Section 1 of the Joint Resolution entitled Joint Resolution to Recognize the Achievements of Radio Amateurs, and To Establish Support for Such Amateurs as National Policy -- approved October 22, 1994 (Public Law 103-408) -- included a finding that stated: "Reasonable accommodation should be made for the effective operation of Amateur Radio from residences, private vehicles and public areas, and the regulation at all levels of government should facilitate and encourage amateur radio operations as a public benefit."

The bill also pointed out that Section 1805(c) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 757(c)) directs the Regional Emergency Communications Coordinating Working Group of the Department of Homeland Security to coordinate their activities with ham and Amateur Radio operators among the 11 other emergency organizations, such as ambulance services, law enforcement and others.



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For the November issue, please send in your submissions no later than January 27, 2010 to ve4mab@gmail.com

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