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IRLP # 1066 on VE4WRS 145.450-

VE4BB

Home Brew Night

Date: Monday, April 9, 2012
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Dakota Collegiate - *See you there!*
661 Dakota Street (At Beliveau Rd.)

Other Important Dates...

Newscaster: Deadline May 2, 2012

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates
May 14, 2012—TBA
June 11, 2012—Election Night

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

ARES: Tuesday, April 17, 2012
Sir Wm Stephenson Library
765 Keewatin Street
Show & Tell on ARES “GO Kits”

Other: WARC Spring Flea Market
Sunday, April 15, 2012
Heritage Victoria CC

Fishing For A Cure — June 2, 2012

WARC Executive for 2011-2012...

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The President's CQ - Garth, VE4GWB

Hello everyone. I hope you have been enjoying the nice weather we have been having but using the rainy days to complete that project for Home-brew night. Don't forget that if your project is too big, you can bring pictures and give a small presentation of it.

You have less than a month and a half till we draw for the Icom ID880H or Future Shop gift card so be sure to grab your tickets. For our VE4's that live outside Winnipeg if you wish to participate get in contact with me and we can arrange something if unable to make it to the city.

At the end of April on the 29th we plan (weather permitting) to go Fox hunting. Location to be determined so stay tuned to the nets and social media. So bring your HT's & RDF antennas if you have one out for some fun. Sorry no 22's for this type of fox.

Thank you to Jim VE4SIG, Dick VE4HK and Al VE4AJO for going down to the Richardson Building over the last week trying to troubleshoot the DSL connection that has been preventing the system from functioning. With Jim working with MTS we hope that it is back running by the time you are reading this.

73's for now,

Garth, VE4GWB

April is "Home Brew Night"

Bring along your projects for "Show & Tell"!

**If your project is TOO big to bring to the meeting,
bring along a picture!**

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,
March 12, 2012
Taken by Jim, VE4SIG**

Called to Order 1943hrs

Introductions –

We were joined by VE4WMT – a new ham Colin – who is working on getting his call sign and Sierra – daughter of VE4AJG

Minutes of Previous Meeting –

moved to be accepted by Willard and seconded by VE4HK there was no new business arising from the minutes

Treasurer –

we have \$5984.64 in the bank with outstanding debts of \$215 leaving us with a balance of \$5769.64

Membership –

we currently have 96 members

ARES –

Luke Dovyak VE4WTF from Cabela's Canada and a colleague will be doing a presentation on the SPOT Satellite Messenger at the 20 MAR Winnipeg ARES meeting.

Manitoba Marathon –

We still need at least 35 volunteer operators including three reserve or back-up operators, one each:

North of the Assiniboine River
East of the Red River
South of the Assiniboine River.

Flea market –

VE4HK reminded all it is scheduled for 15 April and VE4EIH reminded us he is looking for donations for the ARES Silent Auction

Education –

VE4DAR reported the Fort Garry Horse Cadet Corp course ends April 1st

Good & Welfare -

The MRS Annual Meeting is April 26, at Glenwood Community Club, 27 Overton St., in St. Vital 1900 hrs

Moved to adjourn by VE4HK and seconded by VE4MBQ

The rest of the evening was spent in the construction of Tape Measure Yagi antennas

WARC FLEA MARKET

The much anticipated WARC flea market is scheduled for Sunday, April 15, at heritage Victoria Community Club, 950 Sturgeon Road. That is two blocks north of Ness Avenue, on the west side of Sturgeon Road.

VE4HK's top ten list of reasons to attend the WARC Spring Flea Market ..

10. Your best chance to buy interesting junk for your shack
9. You can support Winnipeg ARES, by purchasing tickets for the silent auction
8. You can support Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club, by getting more tickets for the D-Star radio draw
7. You can have your VHF and UHF radios tested at MRS table to ensure good operation
6. You can pay your 2012 MRS dues (if you have been too busy, so far this year)
5. You can pick up outstanding QSL cards at the Manitoba QSL bureau. (you did work some DX this winter, didn't you)
4. You can win one of the prizes in the draws, beginning at 11:30
3. No number 3, VE4HK busy thinking about those muffins and bunwiches from Ruth's kitchen!
2. You can have a very enjoyable eyeball QSO with all those hams you haven't seen since the last flea market

And the number 1 reason to attend the Spring Flea Market???

1. Ruth's kitchen!!! Featuring delicious and yummy muffins, bunwiches and coffee

Pack your car with friends, fill your pockets with loonies, (the coins) and come on down to the WARC Spring Flea Market on Sunday, April 15.

For further information, contact Dick VE4HK on VE4WPG, 256-3143 or ve4hk@rac.ca
C U at the flea market!
73 Dick ve4hk

WARC's..
Tape Measure Yagi Building Party
Photos By Mark, VE4MAB

At WARC's March meeting members had a great time constructing "Tape Measure" Yagi's for use in a future "Fox Hunting" event!



The "Parts" (Tubing not shown)



Getting this Party started



Dick VE4HK and Betty VE4BTY cutting the tape measure to proper lengths needed

Plans for building your own are on-line at ...
<http://radio.jseanmcvey.com/projects/tape-measure-yagi>



Handygirl Betty at work!



John VE4JAH and Kumar VE4WKP assembling the Yagi



Travis and Gord VE4OK following the plans



Alan VE4YZ testing the final product while John VE4DJS stands by

Winnipeg ARES

Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ ve4mbq@rac.ca

Fourteen ARES members and affiliates provided approximately 120 person-hours of volunteer Amateur Radio communications support for the Scouts Canada Klondike Derby 3, 4 MAR at Camp Amisk. 410 scheduled communications were tracked in addition to approximately 100 unscheduled things that came up in addition to two dispatches for First Aid services.

Special thanks to Bob Poole VE4MAQ for picking up and returning the ARES Boler to WFPS EMSB and for coordinating the event and to Glen Napady VE4GWN for setting up cross-band access to the VHF working frequency again.

Operators were VE4s: JHJ, CDM, GWN, WTF, MBQ, KAZ, TRO, GMB, GWB, KEH, CIB, CLK, MAQ and Jeffrey Kazuk. Rob VE4RAI was on-call both days as our back-up operator.

Our March General Meeting featured a presentation on the SPOT Satellite Messenger and related devices by Luke Dovyak WTF, Optics Lead Outfitter at Cabelas. Now that Dick VE4HK and Jim VE4GZ have completed the Winnipeg Emergency Management or WEM Course, 65% of Winnipeg ARES membership have completed the WEM Course or equivalent.

Approximately twenty-eight Amateurs participated in CANWARN Spotter Training SAT 24 MAR in Selkirk MB. Thanks to ARES PIO Jim Sutton VE4SIG for sending out ARES Press Release 2012-01. See pages 9 & 10 of the MAR 2012 MRS Newsletter for more information.

We are now recruiting Amateur operators for the 2012 Air Force Run SUN 27 MAY. Last year was the first time that we were involved with that particular event. If able to get involved please contact VE4MBQ by e-mail. Last year we had 21 operators, so far we only have 9 registered volunteers.

We have recently received some equipment donations for operational use. Thanks to:

—Mrs Helen Deeley for donating the HTX-202 HT that belonged to her late husband Frank VE4DEL
 —Ray Eidse VE4HF for donating an HTX-202 HT
 —Rolf Bandlow VE4VZ for replacing the memory battery in one of our HTs.

Our next General Meeting is TUE 17 APR 1900h at Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street. We will do a roundtable “show & tell” on ARES “Go Kits”.

Don't forget to stop by the ARES table at the WARC Spring Flea Market – our fundraising operations at the spring & fall Flea Markets are our major revenue source.

The spring flea market is quickly coming up and I am the organizer of the Winnipeg ARES silent auction.

The silent auction is the major way ARES receives its funding and I am currently seeking donations or perhaps a lead or two. Also, for the big day, I will be looking for help working the silent auction table.

If you have any thing you would like to donate, have a lead for donations, and or would like to help at the flea market please contact me.

Ed, VE4EIH
edihorton@hotmail.com
 Ph. 669-4260

See you at the flea market.

Manitoba Marathon

Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ ve4mbq@rac.ca

A number of volunteer operators are still required for the Manitoba Marathon SUN 17 JUN including back-up operators living:

1. South of the Assiniboine River
2. North of the Assiniboine River
3. East of the Red River.

Certified Amateurs available for a Marathon assignment should get in touch with me sooner than later and ideally before the end of APR.

Download the Marathon Volunteer Application here..

http://www.winnipegares.ca/documents/Marathon/VE4_Volunteer-2012.doc

D-Star Mobile and Handheld

Amateur Radios are available from your local
 Winnipeg ICOM Dealer...

Micro-HighTech Communications Ltd.

197 Leila Avenue, Winnipeg, MB
 (204)-783-1885

Contact George Hill, VE4GDH
 Visit Icom on the web..

<http://www.icomcanada.com/products/amateur/amateur.html>

**WSCRC Happenings -
The Old Timers' Corner
by Ed Henderson VE4YU**



Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club, VE4WSC, held their semi annual General meeting on March 21 at Canad Inns Garden City. Although only 23 members (basically the Board & six others) attended, the meeting produced some meaningful discussion on how WSCRC can improve operations and make some acquisitions to serve Seniors and Radio Amateurs better.

As stated many times before, the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Community is very fortunate to still have WSCRC dedicated members and a well equipped club facility available to everyone. This is made possible only by donations from those dedicated members.

As we reminisce and remember all those members that are no longer with us, we have to thank them for providing the solid foundation on which WSCRC was built and still flourishes today.

We welcome the interest and participation by WARC in helping us make use of our great facilities. Of course, we are somewhat restricted by our charitable status and by City of Winnipeg's lease agreement requirements.

Watch for events coming up at WSCRC by visiting our website at mts.net/~ve4wsc.

Congratulations to the three who passed the CW exam administered by Adam VE4SN. We hope to hear you on the HF bands using your newly acquired skill.

Amateur Radio is not a passive hobby. Please make use of your operating skills and have fun actually 'communicating' on the radio bands. Field Day in June and RAC Canada Day contest 1st July are excellent opportunities to do just that. How active are you? Enter your callsign into GOOGLE and see how many references you get. Surprise!

Until next time, keep active – 73!

**Cadet Course 1 Concludes
By David, VE4DAR**

Classes concluded March 26 for the Fort Garry Horse Army Cadets who took the Introduction to Amateur Radio Course sponsored by WARC. Cadets wrote their final quiz on April 1. On April 4, those who passed (70%) received Certificates of Completion from WARC at parade in McGregor Armoury.

The purpose of the course was to interest youth in our hobby. A few Cadets expressed interest in continuing for a Basic Certificate. However, no courses are planned until a Chief Instructor emerges.

Thank you to these instructors for their generosity of time and effort:

Ruthie VE4CRS, Jim VE4CY, Bob VE4RCJ, Ed VE4EAR, Alex VE4AIM, Jim VE4SIG, Lior VE4DXR, David VE4DAR.

Look for a graduation photo next month.

***Eyeball QSO
at the Arches***

Saturdays and sometimes Sundays

**McDonald's—St. James and Ellice
0745-0930 hours**

**Start your weekend right!
Get together with your fellow hams, talk tech, and
learn from others about the latest rigs.**

On The Web ..

Check out these links to headsets submitted by Derek, VE4HAY....

<http://www.headsetusa.com/earpiece-microphone-kits/>

<http://www.headsetusa.com/2-way-radio-accessories-tactical-headsets-modular-series/>

<http://www.headsetusa.com/commander-series/>

<http://www.headsetusa.com/bluetooth-reg-for-2-way-radios-amp-sprint-nextel-phones/>

Be great for ARES use too!

Contest Calendar

Extracted From

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

For April ...

NCCC RTTY Sprint 0130Z-0200Z, Apr 6
 LZ Open 40m Sprint Contest 0400Z-0800Z, Apr 7
 QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party 1200Z, Apr 7
 to 2359Z, Apr 8
 PODXS 070 Club PSK 31 Flavors Contest
 1200-1800 local, Apr 7
 SP DX Contest 1500Z, Apr 7
 to 1500Z, Apr 8
 EA RTTY Contest 1600Z, Apr 7
 to 1600Z, Apr 8
 144 MHz Spring Sprint 1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 9
 NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint
 0030Z-0230Z, Apr 11
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Apr 11
 and 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 11
 and 0300Z-0400Z, Apr 12
 NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint 1800Z-2000Z, Apr 11
 RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB
 1900Z-2030Z, Apr 11
 NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Apr 13
 Montana QSO Party 0000Z, Apr 14
 to 2400Z, Apr 15
 JIDX CW Contest 0700Z, Apr 14
 to 1300Z, Apr 15
 New Mexico QSO Party 1400Z, Apr 14
 to 0200Z, Apr 15
 EU Spring Sprint, CW 1600Z-1959Z, Apr 14
 Georgia QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 14
 to 0359Z, Apr 15
 and 1400Z-2359Z, Apr 15
 QCWA Spring QSO Party
 1800Z, Apr 14
 to 1800Z, Apr 15
 Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest
 2100Z, Apr 14
 to 2100Z, Apr 15
 International Vintage Contest HF
 0700Z-1000Z, Apr 15
 and 1300Z-1600Z, Apr 15
 Hungarian Straight Key Contest 1500Z-1700Z, Apr 15
 ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB 1800Z-2359Z, Apr 15
 222 MHz Spring Sprint
 1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 17
 RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data
 1900Z-2030Z, Apr 19
 Holyland DX Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Apr 21
 TARA Skirmish Digital Prefix Contest
 0000Z-2400Z, Apr 21
 ES Open HF Championship 0500Z-0859Z, Apr 21
 CQ Manchester Mineira DX Contest 1200Z, Apr 21
 to 2359Z, Apr 22

Michigan QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 21
 to 0400Z, Apr 22
 EU Spring Sprint, SSB 1600Z-1959Z, Apr 21
 South Dakota QSO Party 1700Z, Apr 21
 to 1700Z, Apr 22
 Ontario QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 21
 to 1800Z, Apr 22
 Feld Hell Sprint 2000Z-2200Z, Apr 21
 YU DX Contest 2100Z, Apr 21
 to 1700Z, Apr 22
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Apr 25
 and 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 25
 and 0300Z-0400Z, Apr 26
 432 MHz Spring Sprint 1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 25
 NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Apr 27
 10-10 Int. Spring Contest, Digital 0001Z, Apr 28
 to 2359Z, Apr 29
 Nebraska QSO Party 1100Z, Apr 28
 to 1700Z, Apr 29
 SP DX RTTY Contest 1200Z, Apr 28
 to 1200Z, Apr 29
 Helvetia Contest 1300Z, Apr 28
 to 1259Z, Apr 29
 QRP to the Field 1500Z, Apr 28
 to 0300Z, Apr 29
 Florida QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 28
 to 0159Z, Apr 29
 and 1200Z-2159Z, Apr 29
 BARTG Sprint 75 1700Z-2100Z, Apr 29

Into May ...

AGCW QRP/QRP Party 1300Z-1900Z, May 1
 NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, May 4
 Araucaria VHF Contest 0000Z, May 5
 to 1600Z, May 6
 10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW 0001Z, May 5
 to 2359Z, May 6
 Microwave Spring Sprint 0600-1300 local, May 5
 ARI International DX Contest 1200Z, May 5
 to 1159Z, May 6
 7th Call Area QSO Party 1300Z, May 5
 to 0700Z, May 6
 Indiana QSO Party 1600Z, May 5
 to 0400Z, May 6
 New England QSO Party 2000Z, May 5
 to 0500Z, May 6
 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 6
 RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB
 1900Z-2030Z, May 7
 ARS Spartan Sprint 0100Z-0300Z, May 8

Good Luck In The Contest

Message from..
Manitoba Repeater Society Membership
 By Sue, VE4SYM

Can you imagine the costs and labour to maintain a 9 repeater system?

Now add in the link radios that are associated with these repeaters, often at times 2 additional radio and some sites have 3 additional radios. In total the Manitoba Repeater Society maintains 28 radios, along with power supplies, transmission cable, antennas and duplexers, not to mention the 9 controllers that make it all work.

These radios are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week for the member's use and enjoyment.

Now consider that these sites are located all across rural southern Manitoba with only 1 site located in Winnipeg. Since the volunteers that maintain these sites all currently reside in the Winnipeg area, a 2 – 6 hour roundtrip drive is required to reach these sites. Some sites have restricted access or are only accessible during the summer months. As these are commercial sites, all work must be to commercial standards which includes all climbing must be performed by qualified riggers.

So why am I bringing you all this information? Well, when you sit and listen to your 2m radio for your call-sign or you are calling someone else looking for a rag chew, or perhaps you have an urgent situation or severe weather to report, whatever it might be, I want you to think what is involved each time you key your microphone. This whole system with all the radios and other equipment is paid for and maintained by really only a small percentage of the people who are using the radios.

Yes there are many out there who are users of the repeaters but still feel justified in not contributing. Some of these people are very heavy users and can be heard every day on the radio and sometimes all day long.

After reading the above, MRS is asking for those that are not yet a current paid member for 2012, to please consider joining or bringing your membership up to date.

All membership monies are used to operate and maintain this repeater network. MRS income is 100% based on membership dues and donations. Our technical teams has donated their time, knowledge and gas to get to the sites for equipment repair and replacement.

The repeaters are there to support local communications, public service events, local or regional nets, ARES activities, and to provide friendly helpful assistance to visitors and locals alike.

Would you miss the repeaters if they were turned off tomorrow?

If so please consider completing the attached membership form and support MRS and your hobby.

There are many convenient ways to pay, Payment for membership can be made via snail mail, in person at most WARC meetings, most flea markets, and most recently via PayPal on our website.

The membership form & PayPal links are on on-line at

<http://www.mb-repeater-society.ca/membership.html>

Susan Collings VE4SYM

**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

Manitoba QSL Bureau
 By Adam, VE4SN

The Manitoba QSL Bureau received the following cards in yesterdays mailing. I have no record of any of these calls. Single letter suffix is somewhat rare and I wonder if these calls belong to a regular Manitoba amateur or amateurs who may have received them from Industry Canada for a special use...

CALL	QSO WITH	DATE	FREQ.	MODE
VE4E	DL9SUB	12/11/2011	28.1 Mhz	RTTY
VC4R	DM3KZN	10/30/2011	28 Mhz	SSB
CZ4Z	HA7PF	11/28/2010	21 Mhz	CW
CI4I	DR1A	10/25/2008	80 meter	SSB
VA4A	A4HOA	3/12/2011	21 Mhz	CW
VA4A	JA9AFS	3/10/2011	7 Mhz	CW
VA4A	JA9AFS	3/14/2011	3.5 Mhz	CW

It would be kind of nice to know who owns these QSL cards before I dispose of them in the usual manner.

Thanks

73 de Adam Romanchuk VE4SN adasyl@shaw.ca

Manitoba QSL Bureau Manager



****Special Callsign GB100MGY*
2012-03-25***

Good afternoon. We have obtained and will be operating GB100MGY callsign on all amateur bands from FORT PERCH ROCK MARINE RADIO MUSEUM NEW BRIGHTON WIRRAL U.K. Dates from 6th April until 26th April on CW and SSB.

We also have special permission to use above callsign on the 501khz-504khz band from the 12th April until 18th April and will be transmitting on 502khz cw and for those people without a 500khz band licence a cross-band qso on 3566 khz or 7066khz as propagation conditions permits.

This event is to mark the 100th anniversary of the TITANIC disaster in 1912. We are also having a special overnight operation on 14th/15th April the date Titanic was sunk, this will be concentrated mainly on the 502khz as it was the 500khz band where the Titanic made her CQD and later on the SOS distress calls/messages.

We are hoping for a POND HOP to East coast area of Canada on the 502khz band with suitable conditions at that time. Please ask your amateur radio friends in Canada to listen out for us and include our callsign in your news bulletins.

Many thanks and 73 de John Hudson M0CMW

P.S.: our websites are..
<http://www.fortperchrockmarineradiomuseum.co.uk>
And also for this event is..
<http://www.gb100mgy-fortperchrock.co.uk>.

Vernon Ikeda - VE2MBS/VE2QQ
Pointe-Claire, Québec
RAC Blog Editor/RAC E-News/Web News Bulletin Editor

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<https://www.rac.ca/store/membership-form-e.htm>

***RAC Bulletin 2012-020E -
Section Emergency Coordinator appointed for
Quebec Section 2012-03-24***

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I announce the appointment of Normand Pitre VE2NHK CEC as Section Emergency Coordinator for the Quebec Section effective immediately. Normand has shown great interest in emergency communications and ARES, and is eager to learn more. He recently earned his RAC Certified Emergency Coordinator designation, and is eager to chat with any members of the Quebec Section that might have an interest in establishing a new ARES unit.

Normand resides in Saint Zotique, QC and I would like to wish him the very best. Welcome Normand

Gilles Lariviere VA2SGL
Section Manager - Quebec

Doug Mercer VO1DTM/VO1DM CEC
Chief Field Services Officer

***[IARU-R2-News 170] Special event stations
WARD 2012
2012-03-21***

On April 18, 2012 we will celebrate the World Amateur Radio Day on the 87th Anniversary of the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union, IARU.

This year's theme for the World Amateur Radio Day is "Amateur Radio Satellites: Celebrating 50 Years in Space" in remembrance the launching of OSCAR 1 on December 12, 1961 and the launch of OSCAR 2 on June 2, 1962.

For this reason there will be several special event stations from IARU's Member Societies active on different dates during April: 6H6IARU, 3G73IARU and LZ1WARD.

If IARU's Member Societies plan to have a special event station for this reason in April let us now so we can publish the details before the end of this month. Send us an email to news@iaru-r2.org with the information.

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http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/internet/insmt-gst.nsf/en/h_sf01709e.html

IRLP Node 1066
145.450 MHz -600 KHz
(VE4WRS)

Comments or if you just want to reach us :

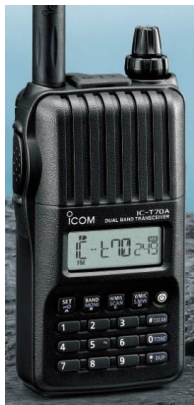
Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club
C/O VE4WSC
598 St. Mary's Road
Winnipeg, MB R2M 3L5

WDRG Table at Flea Market

The Winnipeg Digital Repeater Group would like to invite you to our table at the spring flea market.

If you are looking for information on D-STAR, programming your radio and information on our system.

Nifty Easy Guide to D-STAR books will also be available to purchase.



We will be raffling off an Icom T70 dual band HT with speaker mic. It is not D-STAR capable but still a nice little HT for VHF/UHF suitable for all amateurs!

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The draw will take place at the flea market itself and the winner will walk away with a nice addition to your belt.

For more information about D-Star in Winnipeg visit the Winnipeg Digital Repeater Group web site..

<http://www.ve4wdr.org>

VHF Nets

MRS Nets - 147.390 Mhz +

Sundays & Thursdays at 9:00 pm

This net covers Winnipeg and the MRS linked repeater system, and includes various announcements on amateur radio activities, plus Dick's "Swap and Shop"

**Seniors Morning Net 147.390 Mhz+
Weekdays at 9:00 am**

This net covers Winnipeg and hams of all ages are welcome to join in this net which is always a lot of fun!

**IRLP (Internet Radio Linking Project)
Net - 145.450 Mhz - Node # 1066
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**

This net connects you with the world using your VHF rig and using the internet as the backbone!

D-Star Nets ...New to Winnipeg on VE4WDR

UHF 444.575+ DV Port B and/or

VHF 145.490- DV Port C

TransCanada D-Star Net - Fridays at 8:00 pm

On "Free Star" Reflector 21 (XRF021BO)

Ham Nation D-Star Net - Tuesdays at 9:15 pm

On "DPlus" Reflector 14 (REF014CL)

Six Meter Net - 50.238 Mhz

Wednesdays at 9:00 pm

HF Nets

MB Evening Phone Net - 3747 Khz

Daily at 7:00 PM CT

Prairie Traffic Net (CW) 3660 Khz

Daily at 01:30 UTC

Aurora # 2 Net 7055 Khz

Daily at 02:30 UTC

MB Wx Net 3743 Khz

Daily at 8:30 AMC

ARES Manitoba Monthly Readiness Net

4TH Sunday of each month

4:00 PM to 4:20 PM -7,075 Khz

4:00 PM to 4:15 PM -3,675 Khz LSB

Also.. VE4WRS IRLP, VE4ARC/TEU, Inter-lake, VE4FFR Flin Flon, IRLP Reflector 9003 to Flin Flon/Swan River/Pinawa, VE4SIX/DARC repeater, VE4TPN/VHF Thompson.

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