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VE4BB

HF Communications

By Adam, VE4SN

Date: Monday, November 12, 2012
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Dakota Collegiate - *See you there!*
661 Dakota Street (At Beliveau Rd.)

Other Important Dates...

Newscaster: Deadline November 28, 2012

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates
December 10, 2012 -
Annual Christmas Party
January 14, 2013 -
TBA

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

ARES: Tuesday, November 20, 2012
Sir Wm Stephenson Library
765 Keewatin Street
Using Social Media for Emergency
Public Information

Other Spring Flea Market, April 14, 2013
Book Your Table Today!

WARC Executive for 2012-2013...

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The President's CQ

By Garth, VE4GWB

Hello everyone. Congratulations to the new hams that have graduated over the last two courses. We now have 19 new callsigns over the airwaves so listen for the new calls to be popping up.

I hear the ones that did not pass the test plan to re-write or enter BSC 3. Good luck to you as well. A big thank you to David VE4DAR and his team of instructors.

3 classes over a few months bringing in so many new hams to the hobby has not been scene in Winnipeg for a while.

Next month is the annual WARC Christmas get together which will be in the Cafeteria of Dakota Collegiate. So mark it on your calendar and feel free to bring along a guest... your YL/XYL, your harmonic or a friend.

73's for now,

Garth,
VE4GWB

"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.

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, October 15, 2012

Taken by Doug Henry, VE4TG

President called meeting to order at 1934.

Introductions-

Several visitors at meeting including a number of grads from recent short course who are waiting for their call signs as well as Allan VE4AJG's daughter. 48 in attendance.

Minutes-

Previous minutes accepted as published, Seconded: 1st VE4HK, 2nd VE4VZ

RAC Report-

Derek VE4HAY not in attendance.

Treasurer's Report-

By Bob VE4RCJ. At the end of September the banks showed us with a credit of 6682.01. However we had a cheque for 25 outstanding leaving us a true balance of 6657.01. The proposed budget for next year was presented. With respect to questions re the cost of books not matching the money received it was explained that courses were ongoing and book inventory did not balance at year end. Copy of monetary results from flea market were circulated. Raffle will start early, one of the prizes will be a radio. Insurance rate not known due to lack of information re RAC membership. Field day expenses have planned for.

Membership Report-

By Ross VE4RWG. 77 paid memberships to date and counting.

ARES Report-

By Jeff VE4MBQ. A Winnipeg ARES report was included in the Oct newsletter. October has been a way busier than expected and it's only the middle of the month! From an alert for rural wildfires, a planned exercise with the City of Winnipeg, a call-out for a Severe Winter Storm, our fundraising operation with the WARC flea market, preparation for our Annual General Meeting and preparation for an upcoming Public Service Event.

Thanks to Winnipeg ARES supporters who donated articles or their time to make our Silent Auction a success as well as those who support us by purchasing Silent Auction tickets. Ed VE4EIH and his team did a great job SUN 14 Oct!

The Winnipeg ARES Annual General Meeting is Tue 16 Oct 1900h Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Kee-watin St.

Flea Market Report-

By Dick VE4HK. Sold 20 tables, had some problems with PA system, Company from BC donated prizes, Ruth's kitchen was popular as usual and did very well revenue wise. First prize of 100\$ won by Rollie VE6SW, Second prize of 50\$ won by Peter VE4PH. Dick expressed thanks and appreciation to all the volunteers who helped. Date for next year's event is April 14th. Dick also reported that WARC has an opportunity to secure a new tower and he is looking for volunteers to assist in taking it down.

Education Report-

By David VE4DAR. The first basic course just finished with 12 students successfully passing, a better than expected result. Course was taught by six instructors. 3 of the recent grads in attendance at the meeting tonight. The 2nd basic course which is filled starts this Saturday. Thinking of a running a new course in Jan that will run 4 Saturdays.

David expressed his thanks and gratitude to the WSCRC for the use of their classrooms and facilities. David put forth a motion for a \$100 honorarium to the club as a token of appreciation for their support.

We still have 2 Basic study guides on hand and more to be ordered.

DX Report-

by Adam VE4SN. Some CW stations coming through, 10m opened up a couple of weeks ago. Made CW contacts with Saudi Arabia and also worked an Oman station on CW. Hoping for improvement in propagation.

New Advanced Course-

Peter VE4TTH indicated an interest in starting an Advanced Course next January with classes to be held on Mondays and Thursdays. The course would run a minimum of 6 weeks. Peter is looking for instructors for the course and requests that persons interested in taking the course contact him. Course fees to be determined. 6 people indicated an interest in obtaining an advanced study guide.

VE4WDR-

The UHF antenna at the VE4WDR D-STAR repeater site has been upgraded to a 4 bay di-pole increasing coverage within and surrounding Winnipeg. Thank you to Rosi VE4YYL for acquiring and donating it.

New Business-

President Garth stated that he has 30 boxes of QST magazine dating from 1930s up in storage locker. They are largely complete although some editions are missing. He's looking for volunteers to help disperse them to interested parties.

This is a computer game event coming up noon on 9th to 11th for 24 hours, Jim VE4SIG volunteered, contact Allan VE4AJG for further info.

President indicated he had received a request for support to contact the ISS station from a local science teacher. Was suggested to talk to Alan VE4YZ.

Rolf VE4VZ suggested that someone be appointed to replace Ruth, Jeff VE4MBQ suggested this be done by the executive. Agreed that the executive would take this on.

Dick VE4HK moved motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim VE4SIG

Bob VE4RCJ won 50/50 draw for the 2nd time in a row.

The evening ended following an interesting and informative presentation on Amateur Radio Satellite Communications by Andy, VE4RDO.

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

2012 Fall WARC Flea Market Report By Dick, VE4HK

The Fall WARC Flea Market was held on October 14, at Heritage Victoria Community Club, on a beautiful fall day. The event was very successful, financially and socially. From what I saw, everyone had a wonderful time at the Flea Market.

Ruth Mills VE4XYL was in charge of table sales. The room can comfortably hold thirty tables. It is unfortunate that she sold only 20. This actually worked out well, since all tables were lined up around the perimeter of the room. This allowed lots of space for people to use the middle for eyeball QSOs. All vendors seemed to do quite well, selling their wares.

All tables and chairs were set up and ready to go, in the main hall, and the foyer by 9:30. Vendor setup began at 9:45 as per schedule. It took a little longer for vendor setup, so doors opened for buyers at 10:30.

There were 197 admission tickets sold. This is up about 20 from previous Fall Flea Markets.

Prize draws began at 11:30, with Winnipeg ARES. This was followed by WARC draws. There were seven prizes from WARC. Fleetwood Digital, from Burnaby,

BC, contributed 5 prizes, in lieu of paying for their table.

Prize winners were as follows

Cloth bag	donated by Fleetwood Digital	Jeff Dovyak, VE4MBQ
Mouse pad	donated by Fleetwood Digital	Tony Duchscherer, VE4TY
T-shirt	donated by Fleetwood Digital	Brad Honke, VE4XM
\$25.00 gift certificate	donated by Fleetwood Digital	Rolf Bandlow, VE4VZ
\$25.00 gift certificate	donated by Fleetwood Digital	John van den Beuken
\$50.00 cheque	donated by WARC	Peter Haertel, VE4PH
\$100.00 cheque	donated by WARC	Rolly Wilkins, VE6SW

Congratulations to all the winners.

Thanks to Ruth Mills VE4XYL for all the hard work, and many hours she puts in annually for our Flea Markets.

She watches carefully for bargains on soft drinks, coffee, and other ingredients for her delicious food from Ruth's Kitchen. She spends many more hours preparing the food for our gustatory enjoyment.

Thanks also to the following volunteers, including those anonymous people who set up and took down the tables and chairs. Without their help, there would not be a successful Flea Market

Admission Door

Gordon Jewsbury VE4OK, Dave Stimpson VE4DJS, Patrick Harapiak VE4PTH, Judy Harapiak VE4JUD, and Roger Froebe VE4RLF,

Vendor's Door

Mariska Maguire VE4MMG and Robert Iwacha VE4RAI

Ruth's Kitchen

Diana Allen, Mariska Maguire VE4MMG, Pat Haertel VE4PEH

Bunwich preparation

Ruth Mills VE4XYL, Ruthie Maman VE4CRS, and Mariska Maguire VE4MMG

Thanks to everyone who dropped by the Flea Market on a beautiful Fall day.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 14, 2013 which is the Spring Flea Market

Dick Maguire VE4HK
Flea Market Coordinator

Winnipeg ARES

Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ ve4mbq@rac.ca

October was a busier month than expected, from pre-alerts for rural wildfires, a planned exercise with the City of Winnipeg, a call-out for Severe Winter Storms, a planned public service event and our Annual General Meeting in addition to our fundraising operation at the WARC Flea Market.

The Wildfires in SE Manitoba in early Oct were like déjà vu. Knowing the communications problems that were experienced in OCT 2011, as Acting SEC I initiated a poll of ARES Units in Manitoba to determine who was available for a minimum 3-day deployment if a municipal or provincial request came in for ARES to be deployed. Three ARES members very quickly advised that they were available for deployment: VE4s KAZ, DDW & BOZ

Later in the week VE4SIG advised that he could be available to deploy if necessary. Ultimately there were no municipal or provincial requests for ARES deployment.

Eleven Winnipeg ARES members participated in Exercise Dethroned, a Manitoba Hydro Exercise that the City of Winnipeg Participated in – as a very small part of the City Emergency Preparedness Program we were involved (ARES Exercise-103). The scenario was a natural gas leak leading to an explosion in a downtown hydro substation causing a large hydro outage downtown with many places being evacuated. We tend to support the Public Aid Sector (since Emergency Social Services folks by and large do not have two-way radio). ARES was tasked with establishing virtual Amateur Stations at the ESS Command Post, a primary Reception Centre and a secondary Reception Centre. A couple of challenges came up that we had previously not considered so it will be fun to consider mitigation strategies. At least two Winnipeg ARES members took vacation time to participate. Thanks to VE4s: SIG, DJS, JAH, ESX, HK, KAZ, BN, AJO, SE, JNF & MBQ.

The Severe Winter Storm that struck SE Manitoba in early OCT was somewhat of a mixed blessing. It seemed to put paid to the Wildfire situation but caused extensive power outages from Vita to Little Grand Rapids as well as interruption of land-line telephone in some areas and perhaps some cellular coverage too. The Manitoba Emergency Coordination Centre was opened FRI morning 05 OCT and members of the Inter-agency Emergency Preparedness Committee were summoned to staff their positions in the ECC. Fortunately I was already on a planned Vacation Day so once a family concern was addressed I was able to attend the ECC. En route a conversation with South-Central ARES DEC Gord Snarr VE4GLS demonstrated that

Gord's area was "ok" and that he did not have anyone immediately available for deployment if required (given the highway conditions we would have to depend on Amateurs in place for this, not traveling to a distant point). The VE4EMO Team was advised that the ECC had been open and that their availability over the weekend should be advised.

Telephone contact was made with ARES ECs in Pinauwa, RM of Brokenhead & RM of Springfield. Several members of the Winnipeg ARES VE4EMO Team indicated availability to staff VE4EMO if required Friday and over the Thanksgiving weekend. Ultimately Manitoba Hydro was able to restore service to the majority of affected areas earlier than expected and we did not have to staff VE4EMO over the weekend. The few hours that I spent at the ECC were a great way to re-familiarize myself with WebEOC – a refresher for the VE4EMO Team is planned later this fall. Thanks to VE4s SE, RAI, HK, MAQ, HAZ, ESX & MBQ.

Ed Horton VE4EIH and his team of VE4s GWN, YYL, SYM, SIG & CHT did a great job running the Winnipeg ARES Tables at the Fall WARC Flea Market.

The following contributed items or articles for our Silent Auction or put in sweat equity with Ed leading up to the Flea Market day:

David Rosner VE4DAR
 Dick Maguire VE4HK
 Mariska Maguire VE4MMG
 Glen Napady VE4GWN
 Rosi Napady VE4YYL
 Tom Mills VE4SE
 Ruth Mills VE4XYL
 Darcy Wilson VE4DDW
 Alan Thoren VE4YZ
 Micro High Tec (George Hill VE4GDH)
 Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation.

On behalf of Winnipeg ARES I would like to thank all those who donated their stuff or their time to making our Silent Auction a success – of course without people purchasing Silent Auction Tickets we'd be in trouble so Thank You to all of those silent supporters of Winnipeg ARES!

The winners of our seven prize lots were:

Lot 1 MPIC Gift Pack was Gord Jewsbury VE4OK
 Lot 2 Weather Radio Gift Pack Ed Evanko VE4EDE
 Lot 3 Picture Frame Pack. Glen Napady VE4GWN
 Lot 4 DVD Player Roger Froebe VE4RLF
 Lot 5 Day Planer prize pack Yves Remillard VE4DY
 Lot 6 Coffee Pack Darcy Wilson VE4DDW
 Lot 7 Cleaning Supplies Frank Albern VE4YR.

Our Annual General Meeting had a packed agenda. We started with Darcy Wilson VE4DDW giving us a presentation on the Mobile Emergency Communications group <http://www.ve4mec.ca>, went into the Business Meeting where the 2011-12 Financial Statement and 2012-13 Budget were approved. Our officers were returned by acclamation:

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

Rounding out the Winnipeg ARES Leadership Team for 2012-13 are:

AEC	Glen Napady VE4GWN
AEC	Norm Coull VE4EH
PIO	Jim Sutton VE4SIG
Web-Master	Kent Haase VE4KEH
Fund-Raising Chair	Ed Horton VE4EIH.

In the past year Winnipeg ARES has been involved with:

Alerts, Call-Outs, Exercises or Tests	6
Public Service Events	6
Education Meetings	10

Not a Winnipeg ARES operation but VE4s WR, AJO & CY were involved 17-19 OCT in an HF Exercise based in BS that was associated with public Safety Canada. Wayne & Ellis operated VE4PSC and Jim looked after the mobile component.

Even though this is a Winnipeg ARES report I would be remiss not to recognize John Gowron VE4ADS EC Springfield ARES and Bill Simm VE4ALW Portage la Prairie ARES for successfully completing the Manitoba EMO "Manitoba Emergency Management" Course in Beausejour in late SEP..

October wasn't even over and 31 Winnipeg ARES members & affiliates provided volunteer Amateur Communication for the WFPS Half-Marathon. Thanks to Bruce Johnson VE4KQ and Wayne Warren VE4WR for use of their repeaters for the event and thanks to WFPS for use of their Mobile Command Vehicle as the Net Control location. Thanks to our event volunteers:

Ryan Evans, VA4AJG and VE4s PGL, ESA, CHT, MMG, HK, GWN, YYL, SE, XYL, JAH, DXR, HAY, EH, KEH, GMT, ACX, STS, DJS, JNF, TRO, SYM, KAZ, SIG, EIH, DLA, CDM, AFL, GKS & MBQ.



Net Control Operators

Derek Hay, VE4HAY
& Norm Coull, VE4EH
Inside WFPS Mobile
Command Vehicle

Harm VE4HAZ ran in the Half-Marathon and sent along this link to a course video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-OJdjaiFwU&fb_source=message

Treasurer Susan VE4SYM & Web-Master Kent VE4KEH have been collaborating on implementing a system whereby Winnipeg ARES members can pay their annual dues via PayPal. Winnipeg ARES members can still renew with cash or cheque if that is what they prefer. For those who prefer to renew by PayPal please go to: <http://winnipegares.ca/membership.html>

Congratulations to Allan Grant VA4AJG, Allan completed the Winnipeg Emergency Management or "WEM" Course in mid-OCT. Welcome to new Winnipeg ARES members Ryan Evans VA4MAC and Leor Drory VE4DXR.

Our next General Meeting is TUE 20 NOV 1900h at Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street. Representatives from the City of Winnipeg Emergency Public Information Team (EPIT) will be doing a presentation "Using Social Media for Emergency Public Information".

MANITOBA ARES CANWARN PROGRAM
"REPORTABLE" WINTER WEATHER
REVISED DEC 2008, VERIFIED SEP 2012

LOW VISIBILITY (<1 KM FOR SNOW OR BLOWING SNOW, <1/2 KM FOR FOG)

FREEZING RAIN or FREEZING DRIZZLE or ICE PELLETS

SNOWFALL ACCUMULATIONS OVER 5 cm

RAIN THAT CHANGES TO SNOW or FREEZING RAIN (or Vice Versa)

Spotters are encouraged to pass along any reports of power outages or dangerous roads due to weather conditions. There will not generally* be an amateur net in operation, so phone your report in via the 1-800 number received at Spotter Training. The PUBLIC number is 1-800-239-0484

** CONSIDER Participation in:
MMWX NET 3743 kHz LSB approx 0830h local

MMWX Net Manager may collate severe winter weather reports and forward to PASPC.

*Verified with James Cummine Severe Weather Program Manager
PASPC 17 SEP 2012.*

Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ
EC Winnipeg ARES
Capital Region DEC
Manitoba ARES

WARC's Basic Short Courses

By David VE4DAR



Basic Short Course 2 -- first class

Yesterday, 15 of the original 18 enrolled in the Basic Short Course 2 wrote Industry Canada's exam. Seven passed; four with Basic plus (mark of 80 and above) giving them HF privileges from the start. Disappointment in the remainder was short-lived as they began asking about rewriting the exam. Adam VE4SN reminded all they could re-write with the next class, or by arrangement with him or another examiner.

Be cheered by the fact that WARC now has 19 new hams and more after rewrites.



**RAC President Geoff Bawden, VE4BAW,
teaching in Winnipeg**

"Attention New Hams"

Make one of your goals to obtain the ...

"WORKED ALL WINNIPEG AWARD"

**Work 25 Stations Within Winnipeg
Direct contact via "Any mode/any band"**

(Stations outside Manitoba within North America require 15 contacts and stations outside North America require 10 contacts)

Full details/rules are posted on our web site

<http://www.winnipegarc.org/awards.html>



Peter ,VE4TTH, instructing BSC 2



BSC 2 writing final exam

BSC 3 is planned for Jan 12 – Feb 2 at the Seniors. Course revisions include moving to four Saturdays and replacing the course booklet with Basic Study Guide, 8th ed. Also, there will be pre-course assignments. And some new instructors will be honing their teaching skills.

After course details have been finalized, student registration will open, and applications will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Meanwhile, listen for the new grads and help them get their Worked All Winnipeg Awards from Dick VE4HK.



Are you a
RAC member??

<http://www.rac.ca>

***RAC Bulletin 2012-062E - Allan Boyd AE3AJB
2012-10-25***

It is with great pleasure that I forward this news item concerning our Ontario North Section Manager Al Boyd VE3AJB. Al has been a huge supporter of the RAC as Ontario Section Manager for the past number of years, and it is great to see him professionally recognized for his contribution to the citizens of Ontario. Congratulations Al!

Oct 23, 2012- 12:23 PM

By: Sudbury Northern Life Staff

Manitoulin Island Ontario Provincial Police's longest-serving full-time member has been recognized with an OPP Accolade award for his dedication to the service, according to a news release.

Provincial Const. Al Boyd joined the OPP in 1981. He was assigned to the Manitoulin detachment where he has served ever since, "dedicating himself to his family, his policing career and his community," said the OPP in the news release

The Accolade award recognizes an individual whose actions and behaviours demonstrate and/or exceed commitment to the OPP and their communities; excellent and consistent performance; exceptional customer service over a sustained period; strong support for colleagues; team spirit; a commitment to professional or personal learning; sharing ideas to increase program efficiency and effectiveness; humanitarian actions that personify OPP values; exemplary efforts in assisting the public in unfortunate circumstances; and selfless personal investment off the job requiring time and effort in support of someone else that goes beyond the pursuit of personal success and recognition.

Boyd holds the position of community service officer for Manitoulin detachment, North East Region. His strong work performance and exceptional skill set, including a background in community services, media relations, crisis negotiation and amateur radio, makes him a valuable asset to the OPP and the communities he serves, said Staff Sgt. Kevin Webb, Manitoulin detachment commander.

"It was my pleasure to nominate Al for an Accolade Award" said Webb in a news release. "Since joining the OPP, he has developed his role through outstanding and significant support to his colleagues at all rank levels, both uniformed and civilian."

"Al brings an enthusiastic professionalism to the projects he is involved with and his ideas and opinions respected. On a day-to-day basis, he consistently contributes to the goals and objectives of the OPP in service to the people of Ontario"

Doug Mercer CEC VO1DTM/VO1DM
Chief Field Services Officer

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

***RAC Bulletin 2012-060E - NARED database
2012-10-09***

Work has begun on the development of a new database for ARES/EmmCom personnel. Particular attention is being placed on confidentiality, in response to concerns of amateurs across the country.

In order, to ascertain the volume which we will be required to accommodate, we are requesting that Section Managers (SM's) request their Emergency Coordinators (EC's) to provide a list of their ARES members. The only information required is a name and call sign. This information will not be placed on a database. In addition, we would like each group to provide an estimate of the net growth their organization anticipates annually.

I am requesting that responses be sent to racnared@gmail.com by November 15, 2012. Any questions can also be forwarded to the same address.

Pat Barrett – VE3RNH
NARED Manager

Doug Mercer CEC VO1DTM/VO1DM
Chief Field Services Officer

Vernon Ikeda - VE2MBS/VE2QQ
Pointe-Claire, Québec
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Contest Calendar

Extracted From

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

For November...

EANET Sprint	0800Z-1200Z, Nov 11
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, Nov 12
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Nov 14
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Nov 14 and 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 14 and 0300Z-0400Z, Nov 15
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB	2000Z-2100Z, Nov 14
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Nov 15
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Nov 16
NCCC Sprint	0215Z-0300Z, Nov 16
YO International PSK31 Contest	1600Z-2200Z, Nov 16
CQ SA SSB Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Nov 17
SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Nov 17 to 1000Z, Nov 18
LZ DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 17 to 1200Z, Nov 18
Feld Hell Sprint	1600Z-1800Z, Nov 17
All Austrian 160-Meter Contest	1600Z, Nov 17 to 0700Z, Nov 18
NA Collegiate ARC Championship, SSB	2100Z, Nov 17 to 0300Z, Nov 19
RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 17 to 0100Z, Nov 18
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	2100Z, Nov 17 to 0300Z, Nov 19
EPC PSK63 QSO Party	0000Z-2400Z, Nov 18
Homebrew and Oldtime Equipment Party	1300-1500Z, Nov 18 (40m) and 1500-1700Z, Nov 18 (80m)
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Nov 19
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Nov 21
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Nov 23
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 23
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 24 to 2400Z, Nov 25
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Nov 28
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Nov 28
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Nov 28 and 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 28 and 0300Z-0400Z, Nov 29
QRP ARCI Topband Sprint	0000Z-0600Z, Nov 29
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW	2000Z-2100Z, Nov 29
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Nov 30
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 30
ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Nov 30 to 1600Z, Dec 2

Into December...

TARA RTTY Melee	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 1
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Dec 1 to 2359Z, Dec 2
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0600Z-0629Z, Dec 1 and 0630Z-0659Z, Dec 1 and 0700Z-0729Z, Dec 1 and 0730Z-0800Z, Dec 1
TOPS Activity Contest	1600Z, Dec 1 to 1559Z, Dec 2
SARL Digital Contest	1300Z-1600Z, Dec 2
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 4
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 5
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 7
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 7
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 8 to 2359Z, Dec 9
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 9
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Dec 12
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 12
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 12 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 12 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 13

Good Luck In The Contest



The Manitoba Repeater Society operates and maintains a linked repeater system across southern Manitoba, including Winnipeg.

If you are a user of any of these repeaters, we urge you to support the group by becoming a member.

VE4MAN - Starbuck, VE4CDN - Morris,
VE4PLP - Portage, VE4MRS - Bruxelles,
VE4GIM - Gimli, VE4MIL - Milner Ridge
VE4EMB - Hadashville, VE4FAL - Falcon Lake,
VE4WPG - Winnipeg, VE4VJ - Winnipeg, VE4WRS
- Autopatch & IRLP link Winnipeg

Links to repeaters in Ontario, Brandon, Selkirk and soon to be the Dauphin & area.

info@mb-repeater-society.ca
<http://www.mb-repeater-society.ca/>
<http://www.facebook.com/ManitobaRepeaterSociety>

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amateur/amateur.html](http://www.icomcanada.com/products/amateur/amateur.html)

***From Your Newscaster Editor
Mark, VE4MAB***

A correction from October's Newscaster... VE4GKS's name was misspelled in error. Apologies to Gerry.

On the World Wide Web...

Here is a link to YouTube video by Julian, N3JF, of Special Event Station K6H from the stage of Last Man Standing on October 28, 2012

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=W7CaXZtsdEc&feature=plcp](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W7CaXZtsdEc&feature=plcp)

**WARC Hats Still Available !!!
Cost \$10.00 all inclusive. Come prepared to pick
one up at WARC meetings
while supplies last**



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 on the VE4WDR System

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)

HamNation D-Star Net Wednesday at 9:15pm

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

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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

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