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The "Buddipole" By Peter VE4TTH

Date: Monday, March 11, 2013
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Dakota Collegiate (Theatre) - *See you there!*
661 Dakota Street (At Beliveau Rd.)

Other Important Dates...

Newscaster: Deadline March 27, 2013

- WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates
April 8, 2013 - Home Brew Night
May 13, 2013 - TBA
June 10, 2013 - Election & Field Day
Primer
- WSC: 2nd Thursday of month
Breakfast - Garden City Inn
- ARES: Tuesday, March 19, 2013
Sir Wm Stephenson Library
765 Keewatin Street
"Call-Outs & Equipment"
- WDRG: Saturday, March 16, 2013
D-Star Seminar—Demos and How to!
11:00am—13:00pm at WSC
- Other Spring Flea Market, April 14, 2013
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The President's CQ By Garth, VE4GWB

Hello March! We have missed you except for the 10 miles to the gallon washer fluid needed driving down the city streets. Especially if you are behind a truck like mine. I do welcome the warmer weather.

Congratulations to the 8 newly graduated advanced hams. And thank you to Peter VE4TTH and his team of instructors. To those that did not pass or complete the course keep up the study. Stay tuned for future classes.

As I type this while removing snow from in front of HSC's home lottery I remind you all that there is still time to get in on WARC's spring raffle. I have heard several 51's on the reflectors from the U.S and it will soon be released in Canada.

See you at the March meeting.

73 for now

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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,
February 11, 2013
Taken by Mark VE4MAB***

President Garth VE4GWB called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM

Introductions were made with ARES members present identifying their positions within Winnipeg ARES

Minutes

Motion to accept minutes as printed in the February Newscaster made by Glen VE4GWN and 2nd by Dick VE4HK. Show of hands approved.

Ed VE4OAK said he has not received the last issue of the Newscaster. Mark VE4MAB will make sure his e-mail is on the mailing list.

Treasures report

Bob VE4RCJ advised we began the past month with a balance of \$ 7,206.38. With an income of \$ 424.15 and expenses of \$ 1,356.78 including about \$ 700 for text books our balance is \$ 6273.75.

Membership

Ross VE4RWG our membership chair was not present. Garth VE4GWB advised we have 102 members and are awaiting memberships from the new hams. Rolf VE4VZ asked for membership form.

Programs

Program Chair Allan VA4AJG not present.
-Garth VE4GWB advised this month is a presentation on Winnipeg ARES by Jeff, VE4MBQ.
-March will be a presentation on the "Buddipole" Portable HF Antenna System - By Peter VE4TTH
-April is Home Brew Night

Winnipeg ARES

By Jeff, VE4MBQ..A comprehensive Winnipeg ARES report was included in the FEB newsletter. Our next General Meeting is TUE 19 FEB - we will be focusing on Klondike Derby, which is an all-weather event 2, 3 MAR.

A reminder that if planning to attend CANWARN Spotter Training SAT 23 MAR you must register by MON 18 MAR.

Three prize lots are still required for the ARES Silent

Auction SUN 14 APR at the WARC Flea Market. If you can assist please notify me or Glen VE4GWN.

Manitoba Marathon

Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ...We have almost 70 Amateurs already registered for the 2013 Manitoba Marathon Father's day SUN 16 JUN (so approximately 85% of necessary volunteer strength). I am waiting to hear back from 11 Marathon "veterans" as to whether or not they are returning for 2013 - so far 5 have indicated that they are returning but have yet to actually register, 6 have not been heard from yet. We need a back-up operator north of the Assiniboine River - ideally this would be someone with previous Marathon experience.

If you think that you registered on-line but did not receive an acknowledgement e-mail almost immediately it is likely that your registration did not go through.
RAC

Education report

David VE4DAR spoke on education saying this may be his last report. WARC's Basic Short Course 3 held at the Seniors Club concluded February 2 with Industry Canada's Basic Qualification Examination. Two of the 11 students who began the course, dropped out for medical reasons. Seven wrote the exam. Of the six who passed, five achieved the Basic with Honours Qualification.

The Shaftesbury High School Basic Short Course (SHS 1) consisted of seven students involved in the SHARP Project, and five adults (three from CASARA). Results on February 9 were mixed. Three of the eight who wrote IC's exam achieved the Basic with Honours Qualification. The others didn't do as well, apparently distracted by other life activities. The two adults who appeared for rewrites also need more study time. We expect more hams will emerge eventually. Let's acknowledge the work of Rob VE4SHS in this worthwhile project. Look for more connections at SHS.

Roger and I want to thank all the instructors and helpers who made these courses run smoothly and with success. We also thank the Winnipeg Senior Citizen Radio Club and Shaftesbury High School for their support and generosity. Thanks go also to the members of WARC for sponsoring Basic Qualification courses over several years.

***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

We now pass the torch to new Chief Instructors, Ryan VA4MAC and Mark VE4MWH. We wish them success with Basic Short Course 4 to be held at the Seniors Club beginning April 6. Watch for student registrations to open soon.

David presented Ryan VA4MAC with the BIG BOX and posed for Glen VE4GWN for a "Photo Op", proof that he was this time really retiring as Chief Instructor. Round of applause for David and the new Chiefs!

DX

Adam VE4SN said things improved today. He got a call at the club from members who had worked Uganda, a rare contact. Peter VE4TTH had called to say tune to 21300 which he did yet didn't hear anything.

On latest from ARRL. Luxemburg, a place in Europe not too many hams there and there is a group of operators with be in CQ worldwide WDX RTTY contest then ARRL DXCW contest. The small ones count like the Vatican and Mount Athos. Last week conditions were not that good and tuning into 10 Mhz only a buzz was heard.

Tom VE4SE asked about electronic QSLs. Adam says that is still under discussion. Adam talked with ARRL and he said it is a slow thing because e-QSLs are to easy to forge. However log book of the world is being accepted. With 2.5 million hams there is a small number, 50,000, in log book of the world.

Tom commented it is \$ 5 per card now. Adam says he used to send them out for 3 or more for 69 cents. A single packet of QSL cards sent out now is 81 cents.

Adam said he will have the QSL Bureau at the Flea Market so if you think you have any there see him there. Rosie VE4YYL suggested to announce it on the air.

Rolf VE4VZ spoke on interference on HF from commercial furnace fan speed controls. Jeff VE4MBQ advised there was an article about it in a recent issue of QST magazine. Adam VE4SN said he will ask Industry Canada about it next time he speaks with them.

Raffle Tickets

Garth VE4GWB advised WARC is selling raffle tickets and they the Icom AD51 has been released in the US so looking good for Canada soon. The tickets are \$ 5 each or 3 for \$ 10. If you want to help WARC raise funds through the raffle see Garth at the break for tickets.

Garth also advised we still have WARC hats available and they are \$ 10 each.

Field Day

Bob VE4RCJ spoke on field day. WARC is looking for someone to step forward to be the coordinator. Rolf VE4VZ said he has done it in the past and would offer guidance to a new coordinator.

Bob advised that for many years Ruth VE4XYL and Sue VE4SYM have worked very hard to prepare and provide meals at the Field Day event, however they are stepping down.

Bob has researched and found a suitable caterer, Savala's and advised they say they can provide catering selection of 2 menus to choose from. If WARC chose the cheaper meal which includes kolbassa or meatballs and gravy, perogies, cabbage rolls, coleslaw or dill pickles, rye bread & butter. This would require \$ 5 from the members and WARC would cover the balance. Also they would provide plates and cutlery.

Rolf VE4VZ suggested we find someone to take over preparing the food and several immediate NOs were loudly heard from the membership.

David VE4DAR Moved that we follow this catering plan 2nd by Dick VE4HK. Majority show of hands approved.

Jeff VE4MBQ asked where Savala's was and Bob advised they are on Victoria Avenue

David VE4DAR suggested WARC have 3 members look after Field Day.

Garth VE4GWB advised that thanks to Craig VE4CDM we are having Field Day at the Canadian Mennonite University grounds as in the past few years.

Flea Market

Dick VE4HK advised the WARC Spring Flea Market is being held on Sunday April 14 at the Heritage Victoria Community Club on Sturgeon Road. Doors open for a last change to visit Ruth's Kitchen for bunwiches and coffee at 9:30. There will be no soft drinks this year. Doors open for vendor set up at 9:45 and buying starts at 10:30. Tables are available to WARC members for \$5 and for non-members the cost is \$ 10.

ARES will be there with their silent auction. He says he knows the prizes are good as he and Mariska donated some. He also suggested if you want to donate to the auction give it to Ed VE4EIH.

MRS will also have a table with test equipment. So if you are looking to buy a radio you can have it tested. If you have a radio you want help programming be sure

If you have a radio you want help programming be sure to bring along the manual. You can also pay your MRS

Rosi VE4YYL asked Dick about D-Star and Garth advised to see the D-Star table.

Dick advised he has contacted Radio World, Durham Radio and Fleetwood to send their brochures to have spread out on a table.

Dick advised draws will take place at 11:30 and everything should wrap up by noon.

Ruth VE4XYL said we need more people cleaning out their basements as she only has 11 tables sold.

Glen VE4GWN motioned for Adjournment at 8:09 PM

Garth VE4GWB won the 50/50 prize \$ 19.00

Presentation on Winnipeg ARES by Jeff VE4MBQ followed.

It's Official !

David, VE4DAR has really retired as ... Chief Instructor.



At the February meeting David passes the torch to Ryan VA4MAC (left) who along with Mark VE4MWH will take over the Chief Instructor roles.

WARC thanks David for his years of hard work promoting the Amateur Radio hobby.
(Photo by Glen VE4GWN)

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WARC Spring Flea Market

By Dick, VE4HK

What are the three sure signs of spring in Winnipeg? The snow finally starts to melt, all dem birds reappear, and the days grow longer. The number one sign, of course, is the WARC Flea Market. The 2013 edition of the Flea Market will be April 14, at Heritage Victoria Community Centre, 950 Sturgeon Road.

This will be the final chance for all of us to delight in those delectable yummys from Ruth's Kitchen. Yes, I'm sad to say that Ruth is retiring from preparing her delicious, home made muffins, bunwiches and the best coffee this side of heaven, after this year.

Be there at 9:30 to enjoy a coffee break and eyeball QSO with all your friends. No need to stop off at Timmies, the Golden Arches or the Little Red Roof, on your way.

Do you have a basement full of transceivers, cables, connectors, and other junque that you never use any more? Would you like to make some money, and make your spouse happy? Then purchase a table, and sell it. Ruth VE4XYL is in charge of tables. The charge is only \$5.00 each for WARC members, and \$10.00 each for everyone else. Contact Ruth at ve4se@mts.net or 204-837-6915 to book your table.

Admission at the door remains unchanged at \$3.00 per person. Bring one toonie and one loonie to pay your admission, to speed up the process. Remember, we do not accept bills over \$20.00

Doors open for coffee and muffins at 9:30. Doors open for vendors at 9:45. Doors open for the buying frenzy at 10:30.

Are you a brand new member of the Ham fraternity? We expect a few commercial amateur radio businesses from BC and Ontario to rent tables, for our Spring Flea Market. They will have lots of brochures to pique our interest.

Drop by the Winnipeg ARES table to buy a mittful of tickets for the Silent Auction. Visit the Manitoba Repeater Society table, to have your handheld or mobile radio checked. Don't forget the manual! This is also an opportunity to pay your MRS dues for 2013. WARC will have a table, where everyone will have their final chance to buy tickets for the DSTAR radio, or \$500.00 raffle. The Museum at Austin will also have a table. Are you anxiously waiting for that P5 QSL card? Adam VE4SN will be there with the QSL bureau.

Winnipeg ARES will start off the prize draws at 11:30 am, with the winners from their Silent Auction. That will be followed by WARC attendance prizes. First prize will be \$100.00. Second prize \$50.00. Expect a bunch of other neat attendance prizes, as well. The winners must be on hand, to win their prize.

The Flea Market will conclude with the raffle prize draw for the ID51A Icom DSTAR handheld.

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Dick Maguire VE4HK
Flea Market Coordinator

Winnipeg ARES
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Our FEB General Meeting focused on Scouts Canada Klondike Derby as advertised. Speakers were:

- Tom Hansen... Klondike Derby Committee
- Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ... ARES Role & Equipment Required
- Glen Napady VE4GWN... Cross-Band Re-Transmit
- Richard Kazuk VE4KAZ... Equipment Required & Site Expectations
- Bob Poole VE4MAQ... ARES at Klondike Derby Photo Presentation.

There was no Business Meeting at the FEB meeting.

At press time fifteen (15) Winnipeg ARES members are preparing to provide Volunteer Amateur communications Mar 1st & 2nd at Camp Amisk for Klondike Derby.

Our next General Meeting is TUE 19 MAR 1900h at Sir Wm Stephenson Library. We will be talking about Call-Outs & Equipment.

A reminder that CANWARN Spotter Training is on World Meteorological Day SAT 23 MAR 0930-1230h in Winnipeg at the Citizenship Court Room 123 Main Street (Union Station). If planning to attend you must register with me before 18 MAR.

ARES Silent Auction...

The spring flea market is fast approaching and there is a good selection of prizes. You will like the selection that has been very greatly donated with thanks to those who have donated these prizes. A list of all the donors will be displayed at the ARES silent auction table.

Manitoba Repeater Society

Manitoba Repeater Society Inc.
Annual General Meeting
will be held...

Wednesday, April 24,
Norberry Glenlee Community Centre
26 Molgat Ave.

Doors open 7 pm & meeting will begin at 7:15 pm

Listen to the MRS 2 meter nets for further details

So while at the WARC Spring Flea market swing by the ARES silent auction tables and check out the prizes waiting to find new homes.

The ARES silent auction is one of the few ways that ARES, receives funding so we can support the community at large.

Hope to see you there.

Ed VE4EIH

Manitoba Marathon
Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ
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A few Amateur Radio operators are still needed for the Manitoba Marathon SUN 16 JUN. Approximate Duty Hours are 0600-1330h. We will assign new Amateurs with someone who has previously volunteered for the marathon at least once.

The 2013 Amateur Radio Group Volunteer Briefing is TUE 11 JUNE 1900h Norwood Community Club 87 Walmer (Map 17 C8 in the Sherlock map Book). Although the briefing starts at 1900h we will begin distribution of race information, documentation, volunteer t-shirts and pre-arranged equipment loans at 1815h. If you can't attend please send someone in your place to pick up all of your materials – and let me know who is coming instead!

Register on-line at...

<http://winnipegarc.org/marathon.html>

WSCRC Happenings
The Old Timers' Corner
 by Ed Henderson VE4YU

At the Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club's February Board meeting, two more Radio Amateurs were voted in as members of WSCRC. They are: Wayne Caplette, VE4WJC and Cameron Pope, VE4CDP. We welcome Wayne and Cameron to our club. We hope that you both will be active participants in our club and its activities. That is what makes us strong! We encourage qualified Radio Amateurs to join WSCRC

The HF bands at WSCRC have been erratic but there are good openings on CW, SSB and the digital modes.

CFARS, with a maximum of 100 Radio Amateurs admitted, is active with their regular Sunday nets. The usual number of checkins is around 40, which includes participation from the USA MARS stations. On the 3-4 March weekend, an CFARS exercise was held to test far north communications.

Ah, the good old days! Back in the 1950s, AM was the phone mode. No auto tuners and usually a separate receiver and transmitter using vacuum tubes. There is still a group of AM Radio Amateurs out there and I checked into their net a couple of weeks back on AM. Here is a photo of a 1940s or 1950s station.



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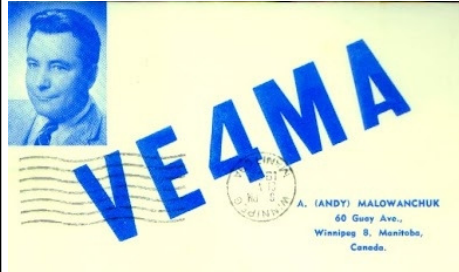
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 amateur/amateur.html](http://www.icomcanada.com/products/amateur/amateur.html)

Here are some old QSL cards: Andy Malowanchuk, VE4MA (Barry's dad), and a VE5 from 1938 when BC was in VE5 area.



Get Radio Active on HF! Its part of the enjoyment of Amateur Radio. Until next time, I hope I hear you on the air. 73!

Education.. From Your Chief Instructors
 By Ryan, VA4MAC

I would like to start this months article by thanking David VE4DAR & Roger VE4RLF for giving Mark VE4MWH and myself, the opportunity to head up the latest BSC4 course as Chief Instructors. I know we have big shoes to fill but we will do our best.

The next course will begin April 6/13 at the Seniors Centre and run for 4 consecutive full Saturdays with registration being accepted by Ryan at VA4MAC@gmail.com

So, if you know of anyone that may be interested in what will likely be the last course before the summer break or maybe you want to try to obtain your basic+ license, please encourage them to contact me ASAP. The cost for the course will be \$65 which will include 2 books and the tuition.

Mark and I appreciate the support we have received and welcome any comments or ideas anyone may have going forward.

73

Ryan Evans

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RAC Bulletin 2013-008E
Review of Amateur Radio Exam Questions
2013-02-27

As a result of its response to a Request for Proposals from Industry Canada, Radio Amateurs of Canada has been awarded a \$20,000 contract by Industry Canada to review the questions used for examinations to qualify radio amateurs in Canada. The work began on 28 January 2013 and the final product will be delivered to Industry Canada on 17 April 2013. Radio Amateurs du Quebec Inc. (RAQI) is working with RAC on the French language component.

More than 3000 questions are being reviewed: 965 questions in English and in French for the Basic qualification and 545 in English and in French for the Advanced qualification. Some current questions were revised in 2007 but many questions date from much earlier. The present work will be the first comprehensive review in more than a decade.

The objective of the review is to identify questions and answers no longer relevant as well as those requiring modifications to correct grammatical errors or improve clarity. The review should also lead to new questions on aspects of amateur radio that have changed in recent years. The curriculum for the qualifications (Basic and Advanced) is not changing so while individual questions may be changed the main areas of knowledge required for certification will not change.

Both RAC and Industry Canada have recognized for some time that a thorough review of the questions was required. Last summer a RAC bulletin invited radio amateurs to provide comments and suggestions on the current questions by the end of August. Responses highlighted some incorrect questions and pointed out several others that were vague or confusing. These comments provided a good starting point for the current review.

RAC is pleased to have RAQI working on this project. The team conducting the review has experience not only in conducting amateur radio exams but also in

designing and delivering amateur radio courses in both official languages. It is well qualified to deal with technical issues and assess clarity and grammar of the questions in both official languages.

Industry Canada is responsible for the amateur radio certification and will make the final decision changes to the questions. The project led by Radio Amateurs of Canada with the assistance of RAQI will ensure that the experience of active radio amateurs will guide recommendations to improve the questions that will be used for amateur radio certification in the future.

For more information contact Glenn MacDonell, Project Manager, Question Bank Update Project and Deputy Director Ontario North East, (ve3xra@rac.ca).

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 President and Chair RAC

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

RAC Bulletin 2013-007E
Ian MacFarquhar, VE9IM appointed as
Regulatory Affairs Officer
2013-02-26

I am pleased to announce that Mr. Ian MacFarquhar, VE9IM, has taken on the post of Regulatory Affairs Officer pending our recruitment of a new executive member to undertake that post. Mr. MacFarquhar will continue in the role of Vice President but will be assisted in that role by Mr. Doug Mercer, VO1DM. Mr. Mercer will continue in his role of Chief Field Services Officer.

Geoff Bawden VE4BAW
 President and Chair RAC

Vernon Ikeda - VE2MBS/VE2QQ
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Not already a RAC member?

Why not join today at <http://www.rac.ca> and find out about the many benefits our members enjoy across the country and the world beyond.

Contest Calendar

Extracted From

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

For March...

AWA John Rollins Memorial DX Contest	2300Z, Mar 6 to 2300Z, Mar 7 and 2300Z, Mar 9 to 2300Z, Mar 10
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Mar 8
AGCW QRP Contest	1400Z-2000Z, Mar 9
EA PSK63 Contest	1600Z, Mar 9 to 1600Z, Mar 10
Idaho QSO Party	1900Z, Mar 9 to 1900Z, Mar 10
North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Mar 10
Wisconsin QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 10 to 0100Z, Mar 11
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Mar 13
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Mar 13 and 1900Z-2000Z, Mar 13 and 0300Z-0400Z, Mar 14
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, Mar 13
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Mar 15
BARTG HF RTTY Contest	0200Z, Mar 16 to 0200Z, Mar 18
SARL VHF/UHF Analogue/Digital Contest	1000Z, Mar 16 to 1000Z, Mar 17
Russian DX Contest	1200Z, Mar 16 to 1200Z, Mar 17
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1400Z-1700Z, Mar 16 (144) and 1700Z-1800Z, Mar 16 (432)
Feld Hell Sprint	1600Z-1800Z, Mar 16
North American Sprint, SSB	0000Z-0400Z, Mar 17
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Mar 20
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Mar 21
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	2000Z-2130Z, Mar 21
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Mar 22
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Mar 27
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Mar 27 and 1900Z-2000Z, Mar 27 and 0300Z-0400Z, Mar 28
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Mar 29
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 30 to 2400Z, Mar 31

Into April...

QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Apr 3
SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Apr 4
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Apr 5
LZ Open 40m Sprint Contest	0400Z-0800Z, Apr 6

PODXS 070 Club PSK 31 Flavors Contest	1200-1800 local, Apr 6
SP DX Contest	1500Z, Apr 6 to 1500Z, Apr 7
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Apr 10 and 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 10 and 0300Z-0400Z, Apr 11
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Apr 10
JIDX CW Contest	0700Z, Apr 13 to 1300Z, Apr 14

Good Luck In The Contest

Don't forget to get your contacts for the...

"Worked All Winnipeg Award"

Details are on-line at ...

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

If you have met the requirements and have not yet submitted your logs please forward them to ASAP. Details at the above URL.



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.

Reminder. it's time to renew for 2013

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>

Winnipeg Digital Repeater Group D-Star Seminar - Demos and How To!

The Winnipeg Digital Repeater Group "VE4WDR" will be hosting a D-Star Seminar at WSC, 598 St. Mary's Road, on Saturday, March 16, 2013 from 11:00am - 3:00pm

- Introduction to D-Star
- Slide Show Tour of the VE4WDR system
- Programming your radio
- Accessing the D-Star Gateway
- Linking to DPlus repeaters and reflectors
- Linking to the FreeStar system
- Call Sign Routing
- Using the "Echo Test"
- Using the DV Dongle
- Using the DV Access Point Dongle
- Registering on the D-Star Gateway

So if you have been figuring out how to do whatever with your D-Star radio this will be the place to ask! If you don't own a D-Star radio yet, come on down for a "hands on" demonstration of ...

VE4WDR - Winnipeg's D-Star Gateway to the World!

D-Raffle continued...

WARC is once again holding a Radio Raffle to cover the cost of the club's RAC insurance and other increasing expenses.

The winner will be able to choose between the brand new Icom ID51A Handheld VHF/UHF D-STAR ready transceiver with built in GPS (Due to be released in the spring of 2013), or \$500.00 CASH. This will make the raffle appealing to both hams and non-hams alike.

Tickets are \$ 5 each or 3 for \$ 10

**Draw to be held at Noon, April 14, 2013
at the Spring Flea Market**

Tickets can be purchased from Garth VE4GWB, Mark VE4MAB, Glen VE4GWN, Dennis VE4XE, Dick VE4HK, Allan VA4AJG, and Rob VE4RCJ as you run into them at meetings or coffee breaks.

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)

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

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

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Please send your submissions/comments to the editor Mark VE4MAB, - newscaster@WinnipegARC.org