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Radio Sport Contesting By, Manitoba DX Group Rob, VE4GV and Ed VE4EAR

Date: Monday, May 12, 2014

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Dakota Collegiate - Theatre See you there!

661 Dakota Street (At Beliveau Rd.)

Other Important Dates...

Newscaster: Deadline May 28, 2014

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates...

June 9, 2014 Elections &

Field Day Primer

September 8, 2014 - Welcome Back

WSC: 2nd Thursday of month

Breakfast - Garden City Inn

ARES: Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street - Briefing for

CanWarn Net Controllers

Marathon: June 10, 2014 - Volunteer Briefing

June 15, 2014 - Manitoba Marathon

Other: June 28 & 29, 2014 - Field Day

July 12, 2014 - 51st Int. Hamfest July 25 to 27, 2014 - RAC AGM Aug. 15 & 16, 2014 - MARM Hamfest

WARC Executive for 2013-2014...

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The President's CO, By Garth, VE4GWB

Hello everyone, thanks to everyone who brought in projects for home brew night last month. It is always nice to see the members build and showcase their projects.

This month the Manitoba DX group will be giving us a presentation on contesting, or radio sport as it has been called. Particularly on Field Day which is only 58 days away (at time of writing) If you have never participated in a contest before come out and see what they have to say.

Next month it will be election time. Please consider stepping up and joining the executive for the 2014-15 year. See you at the May meeting.

From Your Editor, Mark VE4MAB

Your monthly (Sept to June) Newscaster has been promoting all things "Ham Radio" in Winnipeg and surrounding area through the articles submitted by and with thanks to the many contributions from WARC members, as well as the many from submissions from WSC, ARES, MRS, SHARP and more!

We invite you to take advantage of this monthly venue for promoting your group's activities to the Winnipeg amateur radio community. Submit your articles, events, photos etc to...

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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

Our Vision

2 WARC Meeting Minutes, March 10, 2014 Taken by Doug VE4TG

President Garth VE4GWB called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

Introductions by members, two new grads from recent Basic course in attendance; Don who has applied for VE4DFM callsign and Heather who has applied for VE4RRN.

Minutes

President moved that minutes of March meeting be accepted as read, moved by Glen VE4GWN seconded by Kevin VE4AHN. Approved by show of hands.

There were two typos in the minutes; Vera's call sign should be VA4VMM and Glen VE4GWN's name is spelled with a single "n".

Treasures Report

Bob VE4RCJ advised we began the month of March with a balance of \$ 7,662.15, interest earned in the amount of \$ 0.23 with debits of \$ 826.09 giving a bank statement balance of \$ 7336.06. Our PayPal balance at end of March was \$ 1373.69 and when combined with the bank account left us with a cash balance of \$ 8709.75.

Membership

Nothing to report

Flea Market

Dick VE4HK reported that everything went well with 195 tickets sold, down somewhat due to Wx and possibly the increase in admission charge may have had some effect. Robins Donuts of Waverly donated 48 muffins.

All tables sold. Durham Radio, Radio World and Fleetwood Digital supported event by contributing prizes and info materials. Prize winners are shown on WARC web site.

The next flea market will be held on Sunday Oct 19 2014. The raffle for the ICOM Radio or \$ 500 cash was won by Chris VA3ECO who took the cash.

Dick expressed thanks to the volunteers who helped make the event a success with all their hard work. Club earnings from the event will be conveyed at next month's meeting.

Programs for May and June Meetings

May program will feature DX Group talking about Field Day and Field Day Primer activities. The June meeting will be Elections for the Club Executive.

Winnipeg ARES Report

Glen VE4GWN reported that volunteer operators are still required for Manitoba Marathon to be held on Sunday 14 June, please register on-line through WARC or Winnipeg ARES web sites. The on-line registration form may have been corrupt in some instances, persons who registered on-line and did not receive an acknowledgement are asked to please re-register.

The ARES meeting to be held tomorrow night 15 April 2014 will feature a presentation by Tiffiny Taylor from CoCoRaHS who will be talking about the volunteer precipitation measuring network.

RAC Report

No one present

Education Report

Vera VA4VMM reported statistics from the most recent Basic Ham Course (6). From an initial cadre of 18 students, 15 wrote the exam and 13 successfully passed. There will be another class starting in the fall; registration for this class is already at the half way point.

DX Report

Rolf VE4VZ reported that propagation on HF bands fell off dramatically last week with especially high noise levels on 10m and 15m. Activity on other bands was nothing spectacular.

Field Day

The event is booked at Manitoba Mennonite University again. Jim VE4SIG will spearhead organizing for the event with assistance from Rolf VE4VZ. Additional volunteers are sought to aid in the preparations.

Specifically volunteers with trailers are required to help move tower, antennas and other miscellaneous gear to field day site from the Prairie Mobile storage facility on Dugald Road.

In addition volunteers still required to organize food for field day supper.

New Business

Nothing put forward. Motion to adjourn general meeting by Glen VE4GWN.

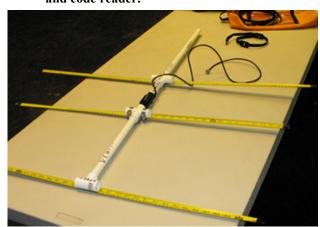
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Contact George Hill, VE4GDH
Visit their web site..
http://www.microhightech.ca/

Home Brew Projects

The evening concluded with a presentation of Home Brew projects as follows:

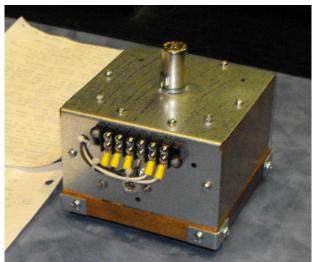
1. Gerry VE4GKS - presented a light-weight hand held 2m Yagi antenna featuring lengths of measuring tape as driven elements, a 2m roll up JPole antenna and a multi-function board with keyer and code reader.





2. Robin VE4OI – displayed a 2.5 watt QRP CW transmitter (aka Baby Rat) for VHF and UHF bands utilizing a multi tap coil and Colpitts oscillator.





3. Jim VE4SIG – offered up a tri-filar transformer for use with an HF long wire antenna.





4. David VE4DLA – finished off with a multivoltage power supply converted from a PC unit with 12V, 5V and optional 3V output. The unit will deliver 25 amps 12V. He also displayed a



smoke dispersal 5V fan fabricated from parts salvaged from a defunct PC.



WARC Spring Flea Market By Dick VE4HK

The WARC Spring Flea Market was held April 13, at Heritage Victoria Community Club. It has been held there for many years. Ticket sales were 195, which is down somewhat from previous Spring Flea Markets. I attribute the decline to cold weather and icy streets, along with raising the admission charge from \$3.00 per person to \$5.00.

Everything went very well this year. The PA system sounded perfect throughout the building, when tested. That was unusual, since most years it takes considerable tweaking to get it working properly. All tables and chairs were set up on time, vendors filled their tables on time, and the buying frenzy began on time.

A major change was that Ruth Mills VE4XYL and Tom Mills VE4SE retired from making bunwiches, muffins and coffee for the Flea Market. David Latour VE4DLA took over making coffee. I was able to get 48 muffins donated by Robins on Waverley and Clarence. A group of hams goes to that restaurant every weekday for a long coffee break. Ruth VE4XYL recommended getting only 48 muffins.

VE4XYL sold all 30 tables. All vendors seemed to sell most of what they brought with them. The buyers I spoke with seemed satisfied with their purchases.

Robert VE4RCJ collected and counted all the cash at the Vendor Door and Admission door. This saved me considerable headaches. According to my figures, WARC took in over \$1200.00 at this Flea Market.

Durham Radio, Fleetwood Digital, and Radioworld all supported our Flea Market, by providing brochures

and special flyers. There was a great deal of activity around their table. Each company also donated great prizes for the prize draws.

Thank you to all the volunteers who set up the tables, looked after the Admission Door and Vendor Door, took down the tables afterwards, and especially to David VE4DLA who brewed all the coffee and sold all our donated muffins.

We are urgently looking for volunteers to look after Ruth's Kitchen for future Flea Markets. The successful applicant will be responsible for purchasing coffee, brewing the coffee early in the morning, and selling coffee and muffins during the event. Contact Dick VE4HK, if you are willing to assist with this very important part of the Flea Market.

Mark your BlackBerries, I-pods, calendars, or stone tablets for Sunday, October 19, for the Fall Flea Market.

Dick Maguire VE4HK - Flea Market Coordinator

Door Volunteers Spring 2014 Flea Market

Admission Door

9:30 am-10:00 am VE4DJS Dave Stimpson

VA4AJG Allan Grant

10:00 am-10:30 am VE4PTH Patrick Harapiak

VE4JUD Judy Harapiak

10:30 am -11:00 am VE4DJS Dave Stimpson 11:00 am-11:30 am VE4SE Tom Mills

Vendor Door

9:45 am-10:30 am VE4MMG Mariska Maguire

VE4OAK Ed Oakes

Ruth's Kitchen VE4DLA David Latour

| # | <i>Prize</i> | Donated by | Winner | Callsign |
|----|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------|
| 1 | CJNU coffee cup and pen | CJNU/VE4YU | Ian Clark | VE4CLK |
| 2 | CJNU coffee cup and pen | CJNU/VE4YU | Max Shumila (son of) | VE4RIC |
| 3 | Icom baseball hat | Radioworld | Glen Grant | VE4AIO |
| 4 | Kenwood baseball hat | Radioworld | Lorenza Schultz | VE4JLO |
| 5 | Yaesu world map | Radioworld | Kevin Munson | VE4MR |
| 6 | Yaesu mouse pad | Radioworld | Leor Drory | VE4DXR |
| 7 | Yaesu mouse pad | Radioworld | Sunday Satiada | VE4SBS |
| 8 | Yaesu log book | Radioworld | Genaro Navarette | VE4MCG |
| 9 | Icom T-shirt | Radioworld | Jim Sutton | VE4SIG |
| 10 | Kenwood water bottle | Radioworld | Gerry Sherman | VE4GKS |
| 11 | 2013-14 Repeater Directory | Durham Radio | Doug Henry | VE4TG |
| 12 | 2013-14 Repeater Directory | Durham Radio | Werner Schwager | VE4UA |
| 13 | 2013-14 Repeater Directory | Durham Radio | Robin Oziro | VE4IO |
| 14 | \$50.00 gift certificate | Durham Radio | Walter Turchyn | VE4TUR |
| 15 | UV5R Baofeng VHF/UHF handy | Fleetwood Digital | David Rosner | VE4DAR |
| 16 | \$100.00 gift certificate | Radioworld | Ken Fry | VE4KEF |
| 17 | \$50.00 | WARC | Betty Andrews | VE4BTY |
| 18 | \$100.00 | WARC | Walter Lipinsky | VE4AKW |

Winnipeg ARES Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ ve4mbq at rac.ca

On behalf of the Winnipeg ARES Executive and members I would like to thank the sponsors who contributed generously to making our Silent Auction at the WARC Flea Market very successful. Thanks to: Donors

> **Darcy Wilson VE4DDW Gerald Sherman VE4GKS** Susan Collings VE4SYM **Ruth Mills VE4XYL** Glen Napady VE4GWN Roswitha Napady VE4YYL **David Rosner VE4DAR** Richard Kazuk VE4KAZ Manitoba Hydro (Janet Rak & Richard Hollands) **City of Winnipeg Emergency Preparedness** Program (Randy Hull) Manitoba Disaster Management Conference (Randy Hull) Manitoba Marathon (Shirley Lumb) RCAF 17 Wing / RCAF Run **Canad Inns Destination Centre HSC** (Chrissy Bohemier)



While we couldn't run a Silent Auction without sponsors donating items we also couldn't run a Silent Auction without someone obtaining & organizing the donations and getting the lots set-up – thanks to Craig **VE4CDM** for Coordinating that operation and to some dedicated volunteers staffing the Winnipeg ARES Table, thanks to Craig VE4CDM, Susan VE4SYM, Garry VE4RWT and Glen VE4GWN. Congratulations to those who won the prize lots:

| winners | | | | |
|---------|--------|---------------------------|--|--|
| Lot 1 | 989766 | Garth Blumm VE4GWB | | |
| Lot 2 | 989513 | Dick Maguire VE4HK | | |
| Lot 3 | 989293 | Rick Jones VE4AV | | |
| Lot 4 | 990995 | Wayne VA4PRD | | |
| Lot 5 | 989407 | Hans Osted VE4HFO | | |
| Lot 6 | 989575 | Drew Evans. | | |
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Tiffiny Taylor from CoCoRaHS did a presentation on CoCoRaHS at our APR General Meeting such that she signed up several ARES members on the spot to be Co-CoRaHS weather observers and answered questions for a number of existing CoCoRaHS observers.

Thanks to Manitoba Council of Scouts Canada for providing Winnipeg ARES Inc. with a recent honorarium.

Our next General Meeting is TUE 20 MAY 1900h Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street. Topic will be a briefing for 2014 CANWARN Net Controllers.

Winnipeg ARES Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ ve4mbq at rac.ca

The 2014 Manitoba Marathon will be SUN 15 JUNE. For on-line volunteer registration please go to http:// winnipegarc.org/marathon.html

The 2014 Amateur Radio Group Volunteer Briefing is TUE 10 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 tshirts and pre-arranged equipment loans at 1815h. If you can't attend send someone in your place and let me know in advance who is attending for you.

As of 26 APR we still need 15 volunteers.

Amateur Operators already registered as volunteers for 2014 Manitoba Marathon include:

VA4s CAT, DON, JCH, IAM, MAC, RWT VE4s AJO, ALW, AND, ANF, BN, BOY, CDM, CEL, CEU, CZK, DAE, DJS, DWG, EAR, EH, EIH, ESX, GIS, GKS, GLS, GWB, GWN, GZ, HAY, HAZ, HAH, HK, HQ, JAH, JBL, JDH, JNF, JLO, JS, LDI, LIT, LYN, MAB, MBQ, MHZ, MMG, MWH, NCH, NQ, PH, PEH, PPG, PWN, QB, QV, RDO, RIC, TST, SBS, SE, SCH, STL, STS, SYM, TRO, TTH, TSY, UK, VZ, WTF, XYL, YYL

If you believe that you have volunteered but don't see your call-sign listed please contact me asap.

The 2014 Manitoba Marathon will be SUN 15 JUNE.

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2014 CANWARN Spotter Training Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ A/SEC Manitoba ARES ve4mbq@rac.ca



Over thirty people participated in 2014 CANWARN Spotter Training in Morris Manitoba SAT 22 MAR. South-Central ARES DEC Gord Snarr VE4GLS was able to arrange for use of the private dining room at a local restaurant – after a self-paid group lunch we got on with the four and a half hour training session lead by Environment Canada Warning Preparedness Meteorologist Natalie Hasell VE4NAT.

Spotters from five out of nine CANWARN districts participated and we picked up eight new Spotters. In case the reader is wondering why we do Spotter Training in March our experience has been that when scheduling Spotter Training for April and/or early May we are often pre-empted by Flood Operations. Being that many ARES members seem to be Type "A" personalities it was no surprise that many arrived in Morris well over an hour early – we managed to find a local spot that had just opened up and had coffee on.



The participants in our 2014 Spotter Training session were:

WPM Natalie Hasell VE4NAT, Tiffiny Taylor & Lynda Tityk from CoCoRaHS VA4s BRD, CQD, MAC, RWT, AJG, VE4S GLS, MHZ, ALW, DWG, DDW, NQ, RIC, TRO, SYM, YYL, GWN, ADS, CY, KU, STS, GLS, DXR, VD, TTH, STL, DJS, HK, DPR, RDO and MBQ.

Natalic covered:
Reporting
Safety
Thunderstorm Basics
Definitions & Statistics
What to Watch For
Myths.



(WPM Natalie Hasell VE4NAT Photo Credit Garry Frankel VE4VD)



I addressed Net Protocols or how to use a 2m transceiver to get a report to ARS VE4WWO, the Amateurs Station in the Prairie & Arctic Storm Prediction Centre in Winnipeg. Thanks to ARES PIO Jim

Sutton VE4SIG for once again producing laminated Wallet Cards with the 1-800 number that Environment Canada doesn't seem able to supply anymore. A public version of my presentation is available at winnipegares.ca

(A/SEC Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ Photo Credit Garry Frankel VE4VD)

Tiffiny Taylor from the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) gave a very brief presentation on what CoCoRaHS is all about and reminded us that in Manitoba ARES



members can get a CoCoRaHS Rain Gauge at no cost. Tiffiny will be presenting on CoCoRaHS at the 15 APR Winnipeg ARES General Meeting.

(Tiffiny Taylor MB CoCoRaHS Coordinator Photo Credit Garry Frankel VE4VD)

Thanks to ARES PIO Jim Sutton VE4SIG there were two radio interviews about CANWARN done FRI 21MAR, Radio Noon on CBC Radio with Marilyn Maki and the All News Drive on CJOB with Brett Megarry.

Manitole Repeates Society

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.

Remember to Renew for 2014 (Memberships expired December 31)

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

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

Great Job, Vera! By David VE4DAR

After several months spent organizing and shepherding her instructors and students through Basic Short Course 7, Vera can now relax and take pride in their accomplishments.



Eighteen students started the course. Of the 15 students who wrote the Basic Exam, 13 passed with 8 getting the Basic with Honours level.

We all thank Vera and Gary, their instructors and Adam for doing such a great job. We look forward to hearing the new grads on the air.





Adam VE4SN (Right) monitors Basic exam

Watch for the next course (BSC 8) in the Fall.

D-Star's "D-Tip" Of The Month By, Mark VE4MAB

Unlike using an analog repeater there is no audile "squelch tail" when you unkey using a D-Star repeater and you may wonder if the repeater is receiving your signal.

Should you wish to hear how your signal is being retransmitted by the D-Star system you can perform an "Echo Test".

In the UR field program UR:VE4WDR E (Repeater call sign with the E in the 8th space) and transmit your test. Your voice will be transmitted back to you. Be sure to reset your rig to UR:CQCQCQ afterwards



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Contest Calendar

Extracted From

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

For May...

EUCW Fraternizing CW QSO Party to 2000Z, May 10 to 2000Z, May 11 CQ-M International DX Contest 1200Z, May 10 to 1159Z, May 11 VOLTA WW RTTY Contest 1200Z, May 10 to 1200Z, May 11

FISTS Spring Sprint 1700Z-2100Z, May 10 His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW 1200Z, May 17 to 1200Z, May 18

EU PSK DX Contest 1200Z, May 17

to 1200Z, May 18
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW
0000Z, May 24
to 2400Z, May 25
Baltic Contest
2100Z, May 24

2100Z, May 24 to 0200Z, May 25

MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint 2300Z, May 25

to 0300Z, May 26

Into June...

10-10 Int. Open Season PSK Contest

VK Shires Contest

Wake-Up! QRP Sprint
SEANET Contest

Maritimes QSO Party

0001Z, Jun 7
to 2359Z, Jun 8
0600Z, Jun 7
to 0600Z, Jun 7
to 1200Z, Jun 7
to 1200Z, Jun 8
1200Z, Jun 7
to 0300Z, Jun 8

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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!

Friendly Manitoba IRLP Net Net - 145.450 Mhz - (Node # 1066) On - The Great Lakes Reflector #9611 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 using 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) Ozark Mtn. D-Star Net - Sundays at 8:00 pm On "DPlus" Reflector 1 (REF001CL) More nets http://www.dstarinfo.com/nets.aspx

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, Interlake, VE4FFR Flin Flon, IRLP Reflector 9003
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