



# The **NEWSCASTER**

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## **Welcome Back Meet Your New Executive & Field Day Slide Show**

Date: Monday, September 8, 2014  
Time: 7:30 PM  
Place: Dakota Collegiate - Theatre *See you there!*  
661 Dakota Street (At Beliveau Rd.)

### **Other Important Dates...**

Newscaster: Deadline October 1, 2014  
WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates...  
October 21, 2014  
November 10, 2014  
December 8, 2014  
WSC: 2nd Thursday of month  
Breakfast - Garden City Inn  
ARES: Tuesday, September 16, 2014  
Sir Wm Stephenson Library  
765 Keewatin Street - Flight Aware  
Aircraft Position Reporting System  
Other: Sept. 13, 2014 - FORX Flea Market  
Oct. 19, 2014 - WARC Flea Market

### **WARC Executive for 2014-2015...**

President	David Latour	djlatour@mts.net
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Secretary	Gerry Sherman	ve4gks@shaw.ca
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Past President	Garth Blumm	ve4gwb@gmail.com

### **Greetings to the Membership By David, VE4DLA**

I have the privilege of being President of the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club for the next year and I look forward to seeing you all at our monthly meetings.

This year's executive has a few innovative ideas that we will be putting to the membership for consideration in the next couple of months, so please all come out to listen and vote on the various proposals.

We are hoping that this year we will increase our membership with new hams, returning old hams, and maybe the occasional smoked ham.

73 de VE4DLA  
David Latour

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

The Newscaster, the Official Publication of the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club, is now being sent to the membership of the Manitoba Repeater Society providing the amateur radio community up to date information on the MRS repeater system.

Visit the Manitoba Repeater Society web site at ..

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

### **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,  
May 12, 2014  
Taken by Ross VE4RWG***

President Garth VE4GWB called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM.

Introductions by members, two potential future Hams, Greg and Nick were in attendance.

***Minutes***

President asked that minutes of May meeting be accepted as read, moved by Dick VE4HK, seconded by Glen VE4GWN. Approved by show of hands.

***Treasures Report***

Bob VE4RCJ advised we began the month of May: with a balance of \$ 8977.65  
income of \$ 0.34  
leaving a balance of \$ 8977.99  
cheques cleared \$ 45.00  
cheques outstanding \$ 100.00  
actual bank balance \$ 8832.99  
PayPal balance \$ 1410.20  
Actual current balance \$ 10243.19

***Membership***

Ross VE4RWG reports that membership numbers are presently at 90.

***Flea Market***

Dick VE4HK reported that next flea market is 14 Oct 2014 at the usual location on Sturgeon Road. See Ruth VE4XYL for table rentals.

***Winnipeg ARES Report***

ARES Report by Glenn VE4GWN:  
ARES meeting scheduled for last Tuesday of month, Marathon briefing will take place tomorrow night.

***RAC Report***

By President Geoff Bawden VE4BAW:  
Have added three frequencies to ham bands over past year, Financially now in black after a decade of negative accounts, Membership now stable but needs to grow, Ham numbers are up, need to see related increase in RAC membership, Regulations for tower installations under review by IC, need to ensure hams don't get caught up in red tape aimed at cellular users,

Winnipeg is a hot spot for RAC, Every province now allows ham radio operation when mobile largely due to RAC influence,  
Question from floor re: RAC vanity plates. Response: cost would be prohibitive due to low volume, Cary VE4EA complimented RAC on presence and performance at Dayton.

***Education Report***

By Vera VA4VMM: Basic class 8 starts Sept 27 and runs for 4 Saturdays. Vera will post info on club web site.

***DX Report***

Adam VE4SN reported that conditions are terrible. Nothing but static right now. Reports of some persons having DX success but contacts are rare.

***MRS***

Dick reported that Milner Ridge repeater is now OK. VE4WRS repeater experiencing problems with IRLP as well as computer issues.

***New Business***

Discussion was held re nomination of members to club executive. Doug VE4TG and Garth VE4GWB will not reoffer. Rolf VE4VZ and Gerry VE4GKS volunteered to serve next season. Moved by Derek VE4HAY that nominations be closed. Seconded by David VE4DLA. Approved by show of hands.

Motion to adjourn general meeting by Glen VE4GWN, seconded by Dave VE4DLA.

***Presentations***

The evening concluded with a presentation and general discussion of issues related to Field Day requirements and setup.

Discussions were led by Jim VE4SIG and Cary VE4EA.

***Nostalgia Radio CJNU 93.7***

*CJNU 93.7 FM is where you'll hear the very best easy listening music that has been popular over the past eight decades!*

Visit their web site for info and their SKED at  
<http://www.cjnu.ca>

**Winnipeg ARES**  
**Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ**  
**ve4mbq@rac.ca**

Our JUN General Meeting featured de-brief discussions both for RCAF Run and the Manitoba Marathon, good discussion occurred regarding both public service events.

Overall the summer has been fairly quiet for Winnipeg ARES except for the Alert Net that was run mid-afternoon SAT 05 JUL during a Tornado Warning for Winnipeg. Our Telephone Fan-Out was activated and fourteen Winnipeg ARES members or affiliates checked-in. Fortunately there was no severe damage in Winnipeg. Thanks to Rosi VE4YYL for getting the phoning started while I was on the way to VE4WWO.

The following participated in the Alert Net:

VA4s AHG & RWT  
 VE4s YYL, HK, RDO, VD, VZ, DLA, SIG,  
 ACX, GWN, GMB, EIH, MBQ.

Our AUG General Meeting featured representatives from the WFPS Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) unit that provides EMS support to the WPS Tactical Unit – TEMS Paramedics are trained & equipped to work with police tactical officers inside the inner perimeter. Speakers were: P/SGT Shane Cooke, Medical Supervisor David Johnston and Advanced Care Paramedic Don Narine. Thanks to Randy Hull for facilitating the presentation.

ACP Don Narine  
 Gearing Up  
 (Photo Credit Garry Frankel  
 VE4VD)



MS David  
 Johnston  
 ACP Don  
 Narine P /  
 SGT Shane  
 Cooke

(Photo Credit  
 Garry Frankel  
 VE4VD)

Our next General Meeting is TUE 16 SEP, 1900h at Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street. Don Gerrard VE4DWG will be giving us a presentation on the Flight Aware Aircraft Position Reporting System.

**2014 Manitoba Marathon**  
**Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ**  
**ve4mbq@rac.ca**

The 2014 Manitoba Marathon on Fathers' Day SUN 15 JUN involved eighty-five (85) Amateur Radio operators & affiliates covering eighty-nine (89) positions and six local Amateur Radio organizations.

Organizations that allow use of systems or infrastructure or recruit Amateur volunteers were:

Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club (WARC)  
 Winnipeg ARES  
 Manitoba Repeater Society (MRS)  
 University of Manitoba Amateur Radio Society (UMARS)  
 Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club (WSCRC)  
 Pathfinders Amateur Radio Club (PARC).

Our volunteers were:

VA4s CAT, DON, VMM, MAC, JCH, IAM, AJG,  
 RWT  
 VE4s DBV, HK, PCB, QB, BOY, DAE, VZ, AFL, JDH,  
 MHZ, GLS, SE, XYL, SBS, LYN, JLO, JBL, PH, PEH,  
 MMG, ANF, JAL, RIC, PWN, TTH, YYL, NQ, HQ,  
 TSY, CEL, GZ, JAH, GWB, HAY, AJO, GIS, BN, UK,  
 MAQ, MWH, DJS, RST, AND, CZK, EH, HAZ, STS,  
 ESX, ACX, EIH, CDM, JNF, NCH, GWN, KAZ, WTF,  
 MAB, EAR, QV, SCH, SYM, TRO, DWG, ALW, RDO,  
 GKS, DLA, VB, JS, SIG, EA, MBQ  
 Ian Boughton, Mary Perchaluk, Max Perchaluk, Betty  
 Pettapiece, and Gail Lamoureux.

The 24 JUN Winnipeg ARES General Meeting was a good de-brief opportunity. Manitoba Marathon leadership was provided with the detailed ARES Report as were all of our volunteers in late JUN and the detailed report was posted on the WARC web-site:

[http://winnipegarc.org/  
 Amateur\\_Radio\\_2014\\_MB\\_Marathon\\_Report.pdf](http://winnipegarc.org/Amateur_Radio_2014_MB_Marathon_Report.pdf)

Thanks to all our Amateur Operators & affiliated volunteers!

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Mark you calendars for next year's Marathon !  
 Sunday, June 21, 2015 !!

## **Manitoba Repeater 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](mailto:info@mb-repeater-society.ca)

### **Manitoba Repeater Society - Updates** *By, Ellis VE4AJO*

First the problems we are experiencing with VE4VJ and the UHF link radios at the Richardson Building site are in the process of being resolved. What occurred was Industry Canada found we were generating spur out of our UHF band interfering with commercial customers. Of course we shut down all UHF activity as soon as we were notified. We found VE4VJ clean and are running it only connected to VE4WPG. The 3 Links ( to GIM, MIL, MAN) are disabled until we construct better band-pass duplexers for these 3 radios. Materials are on hand just time is the constraint. We are making progress.

VE4MAN power supply failed over this past Saturday (23) night Sunday morning. It may have been a storm related surge. We will service this the Saturday coming. We have a damaged link antenna at this site as well.

At VE4FAL Falcon Lake the link antennae are in bad shape and are on the replace list. Re-establishing the link to Milner Ridge repeater and Falcon Lake to Kenora is also in progress.

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For those of us who travel west Portage VE4PLP and VE4MRS are operational. If you copy CW the Portage repeater identifies as VE4PLP not No ID since repairing the Palomar Controller in July.

This has been a busy summer thus far for the Manitoba Repeater Society and will continue until freeze up.

VE4AJO  
Technical Chair  
Manitoba Repeater Society

### **Amateur Radios, Antennas, and more 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 their web site..**  
<http://www.microhightech.ca/>

### **BSC 8 On the Move** *By David VE4DAR*

WARC's Chief Instructor, Vera VA4VMM, reports, "BSC 8 is on the move..." on the move from the Winnipeg Seniors to Shaftesbury High School in Charleswood.

When planning for a fall course began, dates for renovation at the Seniors were uncertain requiring the search for another classroom.

Shaftesbury HS is a great location for the Basic Short Course. Our first course at SHS was held in February 2013. Two science teachers, Rob VE4SHS and Adrian VA4AMD, already involved in weather balloon satellite launches and the Telebridge project, encourage and assist students in becoming hams. Modern classrooms with built in digital systems have room for 30 (not 18) students. BSC students can be shown working ham stations and Telebridge. Five spaces were reserved for SHS students.

Classes run 4 Saturdays beginning September 27 at 0900 hours. Students are required to preregister and to memorize 3 items before classes begin: Canadian call sign prefixes, Q-codes, and the International Phonetic Alphabet.

**Course information can be found on WARC's website: [winnipegarc.org](http://winnipegarc.org)**



## *Manitoba Heavy Summer Rain Event*

*Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ*

*A/SEC Manitoba ARES*

*ve4mbq at rac.ca*

Heavy rainfall accompanied by strong winds in Western and Southern Manitoba impacted a number of municipalities necessitating local action, States of Local Emergency (SoLEs), and deployment of some Provincial resources in support.

- Impacts were greatest in but not limited to Western/Southwestern Manitoba where municipalities, roads (both provincial and municipal), and agricultural operations have been affected.

- A number of Provincial park campgrounds were affected by flooding.

Eventually a provincial SoLE was declared for very specific areas.

Beyond trying to maintain Situational Awareness (SA) there was no actual ARES operations at any municipal or the provincial level. The first Manitoba EMO SITREP was issued 29 JUN and the last SITREP was issued 21 JUL. As Acting SEC (and a participant of the Manitoba EMO Interagency Emergency Preparedness Committee) I received each SITREPs and shared with Manitoba ARES Executive and the VE4EMO Team (I had asked VE4EMO Team members to log into WebEOC periodically both to maintain SA and ensure that they had continued access to WebEOC).

WebEOC is the emergency management software package used in the provincial EOC and an increasing number of municipal EOCs. VE4EMO team members have personalized access allowing them to log into WebEOC in the ECC-ARES position.

ARES ECs were asked 04 JUL to poll their members over the weekend and report how many were available for deployment to other districts in case of a provincial request. Essentially only four ARES members came forward:

Andrew Johnson VE4APJ

Garry Frankel VE4VD

Kent Haase VE4KEH

Derek Hay VE4HAY.

As already mentioned, there were no municipal or provincial taskings for ARES so there were no deployments at all. One scenario that was considered was establishment of an Amateur Station as a back-up in the temporary provincial Command Post that was established in a particular community – the local ARES group indicated that while they could establish the sta-

tion if requested only 1 member was available to be on stand-by to staff in case regular communications failed and only available for about a week since inter-provincial travel was booked. Fortunately Manitoba EMO declined when I inquired as SEC if they wanted an Amateur Station established as a back-up. Andrew, Garry, Kent & Derek were advised 17 JUL that operations had begun to wind-down and that they could go back to enjoying their summer.

## *WARC Flea Market*

The WARC Flea Market is scheduled for Sunday, October 19, at our favourite location, Heritage Victoria Community Club, 950 Sturgeon Road.

Exciting news! We have a brand new team in charge of Ruth's Kitchen. They have promised out of this world, delicious coffee and muffins for our dining pleasure. Why not drop by and try them out?

Is your better half bugging you about all that stuff cluttering up your hamshack? Do you want to downsize a bit, and make a few bucks? Would you like to make a new ham happy, by selling some of those radios you really don't use any more? If the answer to all those questions is YES, YES, YES, then get hold of Ruth VE4XYL, ve4se@mymts.net, or 204-837-6915 to book your table. Tables are only \$5.00 each for members of WARC, and \$10.00 for everyone else.

Are you waiting for that QSL card from that rare DX-pedition? Adam VE4SN, the QSL Bureau Manager for Manitoba will be there with a briefcase filled with cards. Adam would appreciate if everyone stops by his booth, to pick up their cards, and to pick up cards for any of your friends who cannot be there.

Winnipeg ARES will have their always popular Silent Auction, with lots of fabulous prizes. WARC will have a table, to accept your annual dues. MRS will have a table with some goodies for sale, and test equipment to check out your ham radios. The D-STAR group will also have a table, to answer all your questions about D-STAR.

Doors open for coffee, muffins, and enjoying eyeball QSO's with all your friends at 9:30. Vendor setup begins at 9:45 am. The stampede of buyers starts at 10:30 am. Prize draws will be from 11:30 am. Everything should wrap up by noon.

Sooooo, mark your calendars, I-pads, computers, tablets, and other recording devices for Sunday, October 19, for the WARC Flea Market

Dick Maguire VE4HK  
Flea Market Coordinator



Are you a  
**RAC** member??  
<http://www.rac.ca>

*New RAC Web Site URL*  
<http://wp.rac.ca>

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***2014 RAC AGM  
Concluded***

On the heels of the 2014 Pacific Northwest DX Convention hosted by the Orca DX and Contest Club held in New Westminster BC this past week-end, the RAC AGM took place on July 27th.

Once again this year, RAC held a simulcast Webinar making it possible for anyone across the world to participate in the AGM via the convenience of their computer or smartphone. Voting capabilities through the Webinar was also made available.

RAC would like to thank everyone who helped make the AGM another successful event and in particular those involved with the logistics for the Webinar. RAC's Hounourary Legal Counsel Marcel Mongeon, VA3DDD moderated the online proceeding and we would be remiss not to thank him for his assistance. Bill Gipps, VE7ISV/VE7XS Regional Director for BC/ Yukon (and others) also provided valuable help from the actual AGM venue in New Westminster BC.

The venue was made possible by the Orca DX and Contest Club and RAC wishes to reiterate it's appreciation for this opportunity.

The proceedings can be heard through the archived Webinar recording here:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/6290409736681938946>

RAC President Geoff Bawden, VE4BAW, made the announcement that next year's AGM was being planned to be held in Saskatchewan.

Weblink:  
<http://wp.rac.ca/2014-rac-agm-concluded/>

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***The August 2014 RAC Report***

The August 2014 RAC Report is available for viewing on both the old and the new website. You must be logged in as a member to view the report on either site.

On the old website, [www.rac.ca](http://www.rac.ca), the report is in the "Members' section" pull down menu on the left.

On the new website, [www.wp.rac.ca](http://www.wp.rac.ca), once logged in, go to "publications" then "downloads".

RAC Comms

***Not Yet A RAC Member???***

Why not join today. Simply visit ...

<https://www.rac.ca/en/rac/membership/form/>

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***From Your Midwest Director  
Derek VE4HAY***

Board meeting Highlights ....

- Virtual Office - there is nothing being done in our existing office that could not be done in remote locations.
- Website Development. The contractor is working on getting the data downloaded. Redundancies have to be cleaned up.
- Good feedback on the AGM in Vancouver. Some concerns were that the information was not made available to those who were participating in the meeting on the Webinar.
- Yukon trip - People were impressed with the attendance of President Bawden. We have strong advocates in that region and should be cultivated continuously. Good positive feedback was received for the most part of the trip. A tentative date for a trip to Edmonton would be the 3rd Wednesday of September so as to participate in a BBQ there.
- Reminder that the 2015 RAC AGM will be held in Martensville just north of the Saskatoon airport.

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**WARC Field Day 2014**

VE4BB was on the air for Field Day June 28-29, 2014, on the grounds of the Canadian Mennonite University!

Call Used: VE4BB  
GOTA Station Call: VE4VZ  
ARRL/RAC Section: MB Class: 3A

Participants: 73  
Club/Group Name: Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club

Power Source(s): Generator

Power Multiplier: 2X

**Bonus Points:**

100% Emergency power	300
Media Publicity	100
Set-up in Public Place	100
Information Booth	100
NTS message to ARRL SM/SEC	100
W1AW Field Day Message	100
Satellite QSO completed	100
Natural power QSOs completed	100
Site Visit by invited elected official	100
Site Visit by invited served agency official	100
GOTA Bonus	20
Submitted via the Web	50
Educational activity	100
<b>Total Bonus Points</b>	<b>1,370</b>

**Score Summary:**

	<b>CW</b>	<b>Digital</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total QSOs	665	0	384	
Total Points	1330	0	384	1714

Claimed Score = 3,428

The idea to work with WARC and conduct a joint 2014 Field Day originated with the newly formed Contest Group, Radiosport Manitoba (RSM). Several members recalled the serious fun Field Days of past, from their youth,

WARC is known for staging an amazing Field Day complete with equipment, meals and great membership turnout. When Jim, VE4SIG was appointed Field Day chair, it ensured that the club would have an organized and efficient event much like in past years when Rolf, VE4VZ and his predecessors looked after the planning.

The Reno, NV couple, Jack (W6NF/VE4SNA) and Shelley (K7MKL) were in town and available to assist with planning, operating and equipment loans.

I shared the news of RSM's participation with Jerry, VE6TL of Calgary. Jerry is a DX Contest Teammate

with several members. He has headed the Calgary Amateur Radio Club (CARA) Field Day for the previous several years. He was impressed with the renewed enthusiasm in Winnipeg and was looking for a change.

Both Jack and Jerry's guidance and assistance before and during Field Day were wonderful. Jerry also made a well attended pre-Field Day presentation on Solar Propagation to the RSM group.

What would Field Day be without the threat of storms and rainy weather? We operated three low-power stations for most of the event period. Mother Nature didn't let us down.

During the night the tent and with it the 40m operating position got blown away. Jerry and his equipment got drenched. For the future, we should try to find a fixed shelter for each of the stations we plan to operate.

Thanks go to Dick, VE4HK and his antenna crew as well as David VE4DAR for his information booth. Leor, VE4DXR also gets recognition for bringing out a non-ham and working with her until she completed the necessary 20 QSOs for bonus points. Leor also helped us make solar QSOs.

Both WARC and RSM are grateful to Jim VE4SIG for the many hours he contributed as the 2014 Field Day chair-person. Jim's words to me afterwards were, "...next year, will be even better!...."

Thanks go to the many members who brought equipment and to Rolf VE4VZ for looking after food arrangements. I apologize to anyone I may have omitted or forgotten.

73, Cary VE4EA

A link to photos is on the WARC web site  
<http://winnipegarc.org/photos.html>

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

The VE4WDR Dashboard is on-line at ...  
<https://ve4wdr.dstargateway.org/>

The Dashboard will provide you with information as to where the repeater modules are linked to and also show the "Remote Users" (connected via dongles), and the "Last Stations" heard on the system.

The stations that show are displayed in red text are reporting their positions and the red text is a link. Clicking on the link will bring up the stations last reported location!

## Contest Calendar

Extracted From

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

For September...

G3ZQS Memorial Straight Key Contest  
2300Z, Sep 5 to 2300Z, Sep 7

Russian RTTY WW Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Sep 6

All Asian DX Contest, Phone 0000Z, Sep 6  
to 2400Z, Sep 7

CWops CW Open 0000Z-0359Z, Sep 6  
and 1200Z-1559Z, Sep 6  
and 2000Z-2359Z, Sep 6

Wake-Up! QRP Sprint 0600Z-0629Z, Sep 6  
and 0630Z-0659Z, Sep 6  
and 0700Z-0729Z, Sep 6  
and 0730Z-0800Z, Sep 6

IARU Region 1 Field Day, SSB 1300Z, Sep 6  
to 1259Z, Sep 7

AGCW Straight Key Party 1300Z-1600Z, Sep 6

RSGB SSB Field Day 1300Z, Sep 6 to 1300Z, Sep 7

Ohio State Parks on the Air 1600Z-2400Z, Sep 6

PODXS 070 Club Jay Hudak Memorial 80m Sprint  
2000 local, Sep 6 to 0200 local, Sep 7

North American Sprint, CW 0000Z-0400Z, Sep 7

DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest 1100Z-1700Z, Sep 7

Tennessee QSO Party 1800Z, Sep 7 to 0300Z, Sep 8

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Sep 10  
and 1900Z-2000Z, Sep 10  
and 0300Z-0400Z, Sep 11

RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB 1900Z-2000Z, Sep 10

QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Sep 12

NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder 0145Z-0215Z, Sep 12

WAE DX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Sep 13  
to 2359Z, Sep 14

FOC QSO Party 0000Z-2359Z, Sep 13

SARL VHF/UHF Analogue/Digital Contest  
1000Z, Sep 13 to 1000Z, Sep 14

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon 1200Z, Sep 13  
to 2400Z, Sep 14

Arkansas QSO Party 1400Z, Sep 13  
to 0200Z, Sep 14

ARRL September VHF Contest 1800Z, Sep 13  
to 0300Z, Sep 15

North American Sprint, SSB 0000Z-0400Z, Sep 14

Swiss HTC QRP Sprint 1300Z-1900Z, Sep 14

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Sep 17  
and 1900Z-2000Z, Sep 17  
and 0300Z-0400Z, Sep 18

NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Sep 18

NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder 0145Z-0215Z, Sep 19

ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest 0600 local, Sep 20  
to 2400 local, Sep 21

Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW 1200Z, Sep 20  
to 1200Z, Sep 21

SRT HF Contest SSB 1300Z, Sep 20 to 1300Z, Sep 21

QRP Afield 1500Z, Sep 20 to 0300Z, Sep 21

Washington State Salmon Run 1600Z, Sep 20  
to 2400Z, Sep 21

BARTG Sprint 75 1700Z-2100Z, Sep 21

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Sep 22

144 MHz Fall Sprint 1900 local - 2300 local, Sep 22

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Sep 24  
and 1900Z-2000Z, Sep 24  
and 0300Z-0400Z, Sep 25

RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW 1900Z-2000Z, Sep 25

NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder 0145Z-0215Z, Sep 26

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY 0000Z, Sep 27  
to 2400Z, Sep 28

Texas QSO Party 1400Z, Sep 27  
to 0200Z, Sep 28  
and 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 28

AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 1400Z-1700Z, Sep 27 (144)  
and 1700Z-1800Z, Sep 27 (432)

222 MHz Fall Sprint 1900 local - 2300 local, Sep 30

Into October ...

SARL 80m QSO Party 1700Z-2000Z, Oct 2

German Telegraphy Contest 0700Z-0959Z, Oct 3

YLRL DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest 1400Z, Oct 3  
to 0200Z, Oct 5

TARA PSK Rumble Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Oct 4

15-Meter SSTV Dash Contest 0000Z, Oct 4  
to 2359Z, Oct 5

Oceania DX Contest, Phone 0800Z, Oct 4  
to 0800Z, Oct 5

Russian WW Digital Contest 1200Z, Oct 4  
to 1159Z, Oct 5

California QSO Party 1600Z, Oct 4  
to 2159Z, Oct 5

New Jersey QSO Party 1600Z, Oct 4  
to 0359Z, Oct 5  
and 1400Z-2000Z, Oct 5

EU Autumn Sprint, SSB 1600Z-1959Z, Oct 4

ARS Spartan Sprint 0100Z-0300Z, Oct 7

432 MHz Fall Sprint 1900 local - 2300 local, Oct 8

RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 8

10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint 0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10

NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder 0145Z-0215Z, Oct 10

Makrothen RTTY Contest 0000Z, Oct 11  
to 1559Z, Oct 12

Oceania DX Contest, CW 0800Z, Oct 11  
to 0800Z, Oct 12

Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB 1200Z, Oct 11  
to 1200Z, Oct 12

EU Autumn Sprint, CW 1600Z-1959Z, Oct 11

Arizona QSO Party 1600Z, Oct 11  
to 2359Z, Oct 12

+Pennsylvania QSO Party 1600Z, Oct 11  
to 2200Z, Oct 12

FISTS Fall Sprint 1700Z-2100Z, Oct 11

North American Sprint, RTTY 0000Z-0400Z, Oct 12



## ***Extra Extra Read All About It !!***

### ***FORX Amateur Radio Club Hamfest***

September 13, 2014 8:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Heritage Village, East Grand Forks MN  
Breakfast 7:30—10:30  
Flea Market Tables \$ Free  
Call in 146.940  
VE Testing & Prizes  
Main Vendor - Radio City  
Presenters ...  
Lynn - ARRL  
Dan Fish - Radio City  
National Weather Service  
Contact Donna kc0SKD@arrl.net

### ***Spokane Hamfest & American Radio Relay League***

Washington State Convention  
September 27, 2014  
University High School  
12420 E 32nd Avenue Spokane Valley WA 99216  
(See Flyer e-mailed with the Newscaster)

### ***DOGGIE WASH***

Saturday, September 13, 2014 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
**Pet Valu on Reenders Drive**

Please take a look at the Dog Wash poster included with this Newscaster. The wonderful people at Pet Valu Reenders and Friends Fundraising for Animal Shelters are holding a dog wash, to pay expenses for a mobile veterinarian to travel to the Peguis reserve. The vet will be spaying and neutering as many dogs as she can in two days. I strongly feel this is a worthwhile cause.

This is an excellent deal to get your dog all cleaned up for fall. I've been told that most places charge about \$50.00 for dog washing. FFAS charges only \$12.00 per dog. Do you have multiple dogs in your house? Bring 3 dogs, and pay only \$10.00 each. You can get your pet's nails clipped as well, for only \$10.00 per dog.

I will be there throughout the day, washing dogs and getting soaking wet. There is no extra charge for friendly insults thrown my way.

If you have a dog, please bring it out to Pet Valu Reenders on Saturday, September 13, to support a very worthwhile cause!

Dick Maguire VE4HK - Head Dogwasher

### **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!

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

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