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#### Wiring Your Ham Shack By Jim VE4SIG

Date: Monday, October 20, 2014

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Dakota Collegiate - Theatre See you there!

661 Dakota Street (At Beliveau Rd.)

#### Other Important Dates...

Newscaster: Deadline October 29, 2014

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates...

> November 10, 2014 December 8, 2014 January 12, 2015

WSC: 2nd Thursday of month

Breakfast - Garden City Inn

**ARES:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street -

WFPS Chaplain Mark Young speaking on Critical Incident Stress

Other: Oct. 19, 2014 - WARC Flea Market

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

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#### Are You Wanted?

Haven't got a call sign? Disorganized? Careless? Sloppy looking? Low achiever? Poor communicator? Hard to get along with?

Then, avoid disappointment. This article is not for vou.

Having done a great job as Chief Instructor, Vera VA4VMM, needs to retire due to the demands of full-time work. So, if you're an energetic, organized ham, who's interested in bringing people into our hobby, then WARC might want you.

WARC is looking for one or two hams to be Chief Instructors (CI's) for the next Basic Short Courses. CI's set the course date, reserve a classroom, arrange the course schedule, assign instructors, recruit the students, and manage the course. Also, Chief Instructors represent our hobby to prospective new amateur radio operators.

You don't have to be an instructor. The next course won't be until the Spring 2015.

If this interests you, please contact David: VE4DAR@RAC.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.

Editors Note: The Minutes from the September 2014 WARC meeting not available at publication time.

To increase public awareness and respect for Amateur radio; to provide education Our Vision and support in all aspects of the hobby to our members in a social atmosphere

#### WARC Flea Market

The leaves are rapidly falling from the trees. People are booking their favourite restaurants for Thanksgiving dinner. Geese are gathering at Fort Whyte. Its getting dark earlier and earlier every day. All sure signs of fall. Another sure sign of fall is our WARC Fall Flea Market!

The Flea Market will be on Sunday, October 19, at Heritage Victoria Community Club Inc. 950 Sturgeon Road. Plan to be there at 9:30 am to enjoy exciting conversations with your buddies, sip delicious coffee and much world class muffins from the triumvirate of chefs in Ruth's Kitchen.

We are fortunate to have Gary VA4RWT and Vera VA4VMM brewing coffee, and Gary VE4GJB looking after Ruth's Kitchen.

Be prepared for the stampede of excited hams, when doors open for buying at 10:30 am.

Is your basement or garage packed with amateur radio "stuff" you haven't used for years? Has you spouse threatened "either that junque goes, or you go!!!"? Would you like to pass on equipment you never use anymore to a brand new ham? Then, why not call Ruth VE4XYL and book a table? For the low, low price of \$5.00 for WARC members or \$10.00 for non-members, you too can rent a table, and make a few bucks. Ruth can be reached on VE4WPG or ve4se@mymts.net or 204-837-6915.

Admission at the door is only \$5.00 per person. We request that you bring exact change, preferably a \$5.00 bill, to speed up the admission process.

Prize draws will commence at 11:30, with the WARES Silent Auction draws, followed by the WARC admission door draws. Everything should wrap up by noon.

While you are at the Flea Market, be sure to visit Adam VE4SN to collect all your QSL cards. Drop by the Winnipeg ARES table to buy a bunch of tickets for their Silent Auction. Keep going to the Manitoba Repeater Society table. Bring your HF, VHF, or UHF, along with the manual, to be tested. Next, head over to the WARC table, to pay your 2014-2015 dues. Finally, get to the DSTAR table, for information about digital radio.

Contact Dick VE4HK on VE4WPG repeater, ve4hk@rac.ca or 204-256-3143 for information or to volunteer your help during the Flea Market

#### Portage Amateur Radio Club By, Art VE4ARD

The Portage Amateur Radio Club met on September 14 to bid farewell to long serving club President, VE4ALW - Bill Simm.

Bill's only western relative, his mother, died recently and Bill is moving to Nova Scotia to join other relatives.

For over five years, VE4ALW, has been the club's president and motivator, doing dedicated service and providing technical help.

Bill was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation on a mahogany plaque by VE4ARD - Art. VE4DMC -Derek presented Bill with an antique code key donated by VE4CP- Bud.



A new executive was elected with VE4DMC - Derek as chairman and VA4MTC -Michael as co-chair. VE4ARD - Art, was elected as club treasurer and VA4BRD - Wayne was elected to be our MRS representative and repeater maintainer.

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VE4ARD - Art

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/

# 3 Winnipeg ARES Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ ve4mbq@rac.ca

We had ARES members on-call twelve hours/day for 16 weeks from a week before Victoria Day until Labour Day to operate VE4WWO in the Prairie & Arctic Storm Prediction Centre (PASPC). Typically the same ARES member is on call in one week blocks, either daytime or evening although in a couple of cases they arranged for a relief late in the week. Most volunteer Net Controllers volunteered for more than a one week block. This past summer saw only four (4) Severe Weather nets controlled by VE4WWO, ranging from one hour duration to four hours duration. There were eleven (11) Station Visits (familiarization, equipment adjustment/service, etc) including six hour coverage on Fathers' Day during the Manitoba Marathon.

Thanks to the seventeen CANWARN Net Controllers for 2014:

VA4AJG & VE4s HK, JS, VD, AJO, ALW, CDM, DLA, DXR, DWG, GKS, HAZ, JAH, JNF LDI, STL and MBQ.

Seventeen (17) Winnipeg ARES members & affiliates provided volunteer Amateur Radio communications for the Parkinson's SuperWalk SAT 06 SEP. Event organizer Howard Koks said "It's great having your team at the event and as our set of eyes on the course. We certainly hope you will join us again next year!" Thanks to Dick VE4HK for Coordinating the ARES component again.

The ARES volunteers were: VA4s AJG, RWT, VMM VE4s DAR, MMG, CDM, TTH, CHT, PH, PEH, KAZ, DJS, SE, GKS, GMB & HK and Jeffrey Kazuk.

ARES Volunteers at 2014 Parkinson's SuperWalk



Photo Credit David Rosner VE4DAR

Our SEP General Meeting featured Don Gerrard VE4DWG presenting on Flight Aware, an aircraft position reporting/tracking system and ADS-B tracking.



VE4DWG at 16 SEP General Meeting Photo Credit Jeff VE4MBQ

We are still looking for volunteer operators for Santa Claus Parade SAT 15 NOV 1400-1800h, requirements are being able to be outside for six hours and able to walk from Portage & Memorial to The Forks. Volunteer Briefing likely TUE 04 NOV 1900h, location TBA. If interested please contact VE4MBQ.

Our next General Meeting is TUE 21 OCT, 1900h at Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street. WFPS Chaplain Mark Young will be speaking about Critical Incident Stress. Nominations for the 2014-15 Winnipeg ARES Inc. Executive will open at the conclusion of the OCT General Meeting and close MON 10 NOV – if interested please contact VE4MBQ.

#### Listen For VE4EAR on DXpedition!!

Ed VE4EAR, will be travelling to Timor Leste (4W) as part of a small radio DXpedition. Plans call for operation on all HF bands, 80/40/30/20/17/15/12/10 using SSB,CW, and RTTY. Operation is scheduled to commence on October 19 and end on October 27. Ed will be listening for VE4's specifically on the following schedule

Band	<b>GMT</b>	Local
80m	1200z	0700
40m	1230	0730
30m	1130	0630
20m	1530	1030
17m	1630	1130
15m	1730	1230
12m	2200	1700
10m	2230	1730

Ed will be using either 4W/k7CO or possibly 4W/VE4EAR. Look for the team to be active during the CQWW SSB contest. More Information can be found

here: http://www.nielsen.net/4w/

# Manitoba Repeater Society - Updates By, Ellis VE4AJO

Your Repeater Society has an on going problem with the UHF radios at the Richardson building site causing interference with commercial radios. Whether this is our problem or is generated by a combination of signals remains moot but if our radios are on the spurs occur. Another attempt will be made to restore service this coming Sunday morning. So look for the return of at least VE4VJ Sunday.

The IRLP system is in use most days and sounds good although there are some horrible signals heard. We received e-mails concerning interference from node 1066 on reflector 9600 is of concern and any reports from users would be helpful.

VE4MAN has a Sierra controller installed and is working great. Activity is very low on this repeater and it would be good to hear some use being made of this machine.

The repeaters at Milner Ridge and Falcon Lake and the link in between has been serviced and has worked well this summer. The duplexer was replaced at VE4MIL and VE4FAL link to Kenora is in the process of replacement with a high power unit. The VHF repeater itself will be replaced soon.

On the west side Starbuck Portage and Bruxelles are working well. Our trip to VE4MRS before too much snow will see the restoration of the link into Brandon

Our major effort is to get the Link system restored and VE4VJ back in service.

There are 133 members in the Manitoba Repeater Society which is up a bit over last year and more members would be great.

If you use any of the repeaters your support would be appreciated.

Ellis VE4AJO Technical Chair Manitoba Repeater Society

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To Join or Renew your Manitoba Repeater Society membership visit ...

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

You can even use PayPal!!



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.

#### D-Star's "D-Tip" Of The Month By, Garth VE4GWB

More than just a tip! Your chance for answers to your questions about what this D-Star stuff is all about.

The Winnipeg Digital Repeater Group will have a table at the upcoming WARC Flea Market!

Stop by for a visit, check out our demo that will be linked to a popular D-Star Reflector, ask questions and learn about the VE4WDR D-Star repeater system.

We will also have several Nifty EZ Guide to D-STAR 3rd edition's for sale.

#### 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

#### 2014 Parkinson Superwalk Final Report

Approximately 500 walkers participated in the 2014 Parkinson's SuperWalk, on September 6. The course was the same as for the last few years, beginning and ending at the French Cultural Centre. Participants left the FCM, walked south on Des Meurons, turned right at Langevin, headed to Tache, turned right on Tache to Provencher, then east, to return to the FCM. It was announced that Parkinson Society raised over \$100,000.

Sixteen amateurs and one soon-to-be amateur provided radio communications for this event. The event began at 10:00 am, and finished about 11:15 am. The weather was excellent, temperature about 15, with light winds. One of my volunteer amateurs backed out the day before the walk, for family reasons. I promoted my spare operator to cover his position, and called upon Allan VE4AJG to act as our spare. Each of our volunteers received a Parkinson's T-shirt for identification..

Coordinator/Bike 1

**VE4DAR David Net Control** VE4MMG Mariska **Net Control** VE4CDM Bike 2 Craig VE4TTH Peter Alyssa's Shadow with Alyssa Curt Medic's Shadow with medic VE4CHT VA4RWT Gary Course 1 corner Des Meurons and Rue de la Cathedrale VA4VMM Vera Course 1 corner Des Meurons and Rue de la Cathedrale VE4PH Peter Water 1 corner Rue de la Cathedrale and Langevin VE4PEH Pat Water 1 corner Rue de la Cathedrale and Langevin VE4KAZ Richard Course 2 corner Rue de la Cathedrale and Tache **Jeffrey** Course 2 corner Rue de la Cathedrale and Tache

corner Tache and Provencher
VE4GKS Gerry Course 4
Corner Langevin and Provencher
VE4GMB Greg Course 4
Corner Langevin and Provencher

corner Tache and Provencher

Tom

**David Course 3** 

VA4AJG Allan Spare

VE4HK

VE4DJS

VE4SE

Dick

We encountered a few problems before and during the walk. In other years, power to the block heater outlets has been turned on. Not this year. I plugged the WARES mobile into the battery pack. It would not function properly, so we used VE4DAR's mobile in his vehicle. That worked fairly well. (I found out afterwards that the WARES mobile is programmed for high power, 70 watts). Also, there was occasional feedback

Course 3

type squeal obliterating some transmissions on VE4ARC. This has happened in the past. I will speak to VE4ACX about the problem. I stationed our amateurs in the same positions as past years..

Our most important duty was to watch for any walkers having difficulty. A number of participants suffer from Parkinson's. If a situation arose, our amateurs were to notify Alissa's Shadow, and the St. John Ambulance Shadow for a decision on what to do. Once again, we encountered no problems. Our second duty was to bicycle the course, over and over, to ensure no walkers were left on the course, and to relay information about the location of the last walkers. Everyone was to relay any problems to Alyssa's Shadow for resolution.

Thank you to each WARES volunteer for your assistance.

Dick Maguire VE4HK Parkinson's SuperWalk Coordinator

# The Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club - VE4WSC

Just got word from the City that the basement and first floor replacements are to start happening next week. We have been told to vacate the premises by October 6. The work could take upwards to 5 months.

The club won't die - just have its events and meetings elsewhere.

Gil Frederick, President.



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



#### Contest Calendar

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

#### For October...

**UBA ON Contest, CW** 0600Z-0900Z, Oct 12 NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Oct 15 **CWops Mini-CWT Test** 1300Z-1400Z, Oct 15 and 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 15 and 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 16 0230Z-0300Z, Oct 17 NCCC Sprint 10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW 0001Z, Oct 18 to 2359Z, Oct 19 0600 local - 1300 local, Oct 18 Microwave Fall Sprint New York QSO Party 1400Z, Oct 18 to 0200Z, Oct 19 **Worked All Germany Contest** 1500Z, Oct 18 to 1459Z, Oct 19 **Stew Perry Topband Challenge** 1500Z, Oct 18 to 1500Z, Oct 19 South Dakota QSO Party 1800Z, Oct 18 to 1800Z, Oct 19 Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW 0000Z-0200Z, Oct 19 0600Z-1000Z, Oct 19 **UBA ON Contest, 2m** Illinois OSO Party 1700Z, Oct 19 to 0100Z, Oct 20 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Oct 20 ARRL School Club Roundup 1300Z, Oct 20 to 2359Z, Oct 24 **CWops Mini-CWT Test** 1300Z-1400Z, Oct 22 and 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 22 and 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 23 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 23 RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Oct 24 CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Oct 25 to 2400Z, Oct 26 **CWops Mini-CWT Test** 1300Z-1400Z, Oct 29 and 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 29 and 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 30 NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Oct 31

#### Into November...

**Ukrainian DX Contest** 1200Z, Nov 1 to 1200Z, Nov 2 ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW 2100Z, Nov 1 to 0300Z, Nov 3 **High Speed Club CW Contest** 0900Z-1100Z, Nov 2 and 1500Z-1700Z, Nov 2 **DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest** 1100Z-1700Z, Nov 2 **ARS Spartan Sprint** 0200Z-0400Z, Nov 4 NRAU 10m Activity Contest 1800Z-1900Z, Nov 6 (CW) and 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 6 (SSB) and 2100Z-2200Z, Nov 6 (Dig)



Radio Amateurs of Canada proposal on international 60M allocation accepted by Industry Canada

Radio Amateurs of Canada is pleased to pass on the news that the CPC (the IC consultative committee that IC uses to determine its position on WRC matters) has accepted the RAC proposal on WRC 15 Agenda Item 1.4 (to establish a 60m allocation for amateurs on secondary basis). This proposal will be tabled at the CITEL (ITU R2 countries minus Cuba) meetings in Merida, Mexico next month to be considered as the CITEL position going in to WRC15. In short it proposes two 25 KHz band segments for amateurs: 5 330 - 5 355 kHz and 5 405 - 5 430 kHz. Amateur access would be on a non-interfering, listen before transmit (secondary) basis, a standard operating approach already in force for several other amateur allocations (e.g. 440MHz).

This is only possible because of the last two plus years of work by Bryan Rawlings, VE3QN, the RAC representative on these domestic committees and as a Canadian and IARU delegate at ITU meetings. His role and the hours of work (essentially an unpaid job) attending many, many formal and informal meetings with our regulator and with interested parties in Canada and internationally are a key factor in gaining formal Canadian government support. We are very fortunate to have his talents and willingness to sacrifice his on-theair time for all of us. I'd also wish to acknowledge the strong support of Industry Canada at these Working Parties, other committees and at the ITU preparatory meetings.

Although this is very good news, the process is still ongoing. The decision will be made next year at WRC15. However, presenting a firm proposal from Canada with specific frequencies for support by the ITU R2 countries at CITEL is a giant step toward a favourable outcome at WRC15.

George Gorsline, VE3YV International Affairs Officer Radio Amateurs of/du Canada

and 2000Z-2100Z, Nov 6 (FM) | New RAC Web Site URL ... and 2100Z-2200Z, Nov 6 (Dig) | http://wp.rac.ca

#### Basic Short Course 8 Begins at SHS By David VE4DAR

On Saturday, September 27, Basic Short Course 8 began at Shaftesbury High School in Charleswood. The move from the Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club was necessary because of renovations occurring there. Among the advantages of moving to SHS are modern, electronics-enabled classrooms, which can accommodate up to 30 students. Another plus is having the new Telebridge Station next door. Several SHS students are taking this course to operate the station.



Chief Instructor, Vera VA4VMM and Gary VA4RWT were present to ensure all was in order. Paul VE4AMS began the class by giving an overview of the course and an introduction to our hobby. After taking the stu-



dents on a tour of the Telebridge Station, Adrian VA4AMD dug into Ohm's Law and basic electronics. Paul VE4AMS teaching BSC 8 at Shaftesbury

For me it was very pleasant seeing four of my former students managing and teaching WARC's 8th short course with a class of 26 students.



Who said Amateur Radio was a dying hobby?

#### 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"

The 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
to Flin Flon/Swan River/Pinawa, VE4SIX/
DARC repeater, VE4TPN/VHF Thompson.

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#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

(Please note: membership year is 1 September to 31 August).

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