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VE4BB

Annual Christmas Party **"Vocal Point", a Barber Shop Quartet**

Date: Monday, **December 5, 2016—First Monday**
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Dakota Collegiate - Cafeteria *See You There*
661 Dakota Street (At Beliveau Road)

Other Important Dates:

Newscaster: Deadline December 28, 2016

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates
January 9, 2017
February 13, 2017

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

ARES: Tuesday, December 20, 2016
Sir Wm Stephenson Library
765 Keewatin Street - HF E-mail and
sailing by Leor Drory VE4DXR

Other: WARC's Annual Christmas Party
December 5, 2016

WARC Executive for 2016-2017...

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Fallen from the President's Desk ...-

It's Christmas...almost.



Be on the lookout for a rather obese gentleman in his later years who wears a bright red winter coat and matching pants. He allegedly has a propensity to hang around and watch little children at all hours of the day and night. He's been seen taking notes, the nature of which no one has yet discovered. Apparently he is often seen smoking tobacco produces, and it is been reported that he does so while around little children as well. A recluse, who prefers to travel in extremely outmoded methods, which PETA has complained uses the forced labour of several wild animals often found in the far north of Canada. Contact should be avoided at all costs with this man, as he carries a large bag with him, of contents unknown.

Signed
The Grinch
VE4GRNCH

I though I would pass on a letter that was sent to me from someone who claims to be a fellow ham radio operator. Not sure of his call sign, and he is not a member, but I did oblige him, even though the contents of his letter seems a bit dubious!

The Christmas meeting will be held in the cafeteria of the Dakota Collegiate at the regular time, however the date had to be moved up to Monday December 5th, which is the first Monday of December and not our regular 2nd Monday! Continued

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

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An extra special Christmas treat will be provided for all who attend! We have booked a Barber Shop Quartet to sing a mixture of songs, that include some Christmas favourites. Snacks and pastries, Coffee and pop will be provided, and we encourage everyone including non-members to attend.

This meeting we will also have our 2nd draw for a brand new, shiny, pre-programmed, handheld radio. Complete with a hand microphone/speaker, additional high gain whip antenna, and for an added Christmas bonus, a second battery!

The draw is open to members only, sorry any non-members.

If you have not renewed your membership, maybe now would be a great time. It only costs \$20.00 per year, and the benefits you get are well worth the price.

Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah to all our fellow hams, and may the new year bring you prosperity and peace.

73
Peter Toth
VE4TTH

For Your Christmas Shopping List....

Amateur Radios, Antennas, and more ...

Winnipeg ICOM Dealer...

Micro-HighTech Communications Ltd.

2223 Henderson Hwy, East St. Paul, MB
(Just south of perimeter hwy)

Ph. (204)-783-1885 Fax (204) 779-7522
Contact George Hill, VE4GDH

Visit their web site..

<http://www.microhightech.ca/>

WARC Meeting Minutes
Taken by Gerry VE4GKS
Monday, November 20, 2016

Not available at publication time

Planning on going to Dayton??

Opening for one ham to join three other hams for a trip to Dayton Hamvention, May 17th - 22nd, 2017.
Split travel & hotel room costs 4 ways.

Contact Derek 204-666-hams ext:4216 or
ve4hay@shaw.ca

RAC Bulletin November 2016

Radio Amateurs of Canada Welcomes New Directors

Following the call for nominations for Directors of Radio Amateurs of Canada's Atlantic, Ontario North/East, Midwest and British Columbia/Yukon Regions, RAC would like to welcome the following Radio Amateurs to our Board of Directors:

- Dave Goodwin, VE9CB, was elected as the new Director for the Atlantic Region
- Allan Munnik, VA7MP/VE7RMP, was appointed as the new Director for the British Columbia/Yukon Region
- Bjarne (Bj) Madsen, VE5FX, was elected as the new Director for the Midwest Region

RAC would also like to congratulate Allan Boyd, VE3AJB, on his re-election as the Director for the Ontario North/East Region. Allan was first appointed by the RAC Board of Directors as the Director for Ontario North/East in January 2016 to fill the vacant position of RAC's newly elected President Glenn MacDonell, VE3XRA. In addition to serving as Director, Allan also serves as the Section Manager for Ontario North. For more information about Allan please visit:

<http://wp.rac.ca/new-rac-director-for-ontario-northeast>

All Directors will begin their two-year term on January 1, 2017 until December 31, 2018. Biographies of each of the new Directors have been provided below.

RAC would also like to welcome James Hay, VE2VE, as Deputy Director for the Quebec Region. James previously served as RAC Special Advisor, Technical and Administrative Services and was responsible for RAC's information technology infrastructure. He is also the Secretary-Treasurer of the Montreal Amateur Radio Club (VE2ARC).

Our constitution places a limit of three terms for Directors. I'd like to thank the three departing Directors – Bill Gipps, VE7ISV/VE7XS (Director of the British Columbia/Yukon Region), Derek Hay, VE4HAY (Director of the Midwest Region) and Ev Price, VO1DK (Director of the Atlantic Region) – who completed their third term as Directors at the end of 2016.

Their hard work in the important role of Director and their contributions on various assignments throughout their terms made major contributions to Radio Amateurs of Canada. I am sure they will continue to contribute to Amateur Radio in Canada in the future.

Glenn MacDonell,
VE3XRA

RAC President and Chair

Spotlight on Adam Romanchuk VE4SN **By David VE4DAR**

As I interviewed Adam Romanchuk VE4SN in his very neat hamshack, there was much to see: a progression of equipment from then to now; photos of various events; interesting gifts and souvenirs from travel; and awards and certificates garnered through 60 years in amateur radio.



What got you interested in amateur radio? “My friend, Eddie, took me to meet Mike Pura VE4MP. Mike showed us a small homemade transmitter and a receiver. After he demonstrated a QSO in CW, I asked, “Where was he?” “Philadelphia” was the answer. “WOW! I want to do that!”

“Eddie and I studied with Mike as our Elmer. The DOT examiner gave us 10 written questions; asked 5 verbals. We had to demonstrate 10 wpm in CW. I got my ticket on April 25, 1956.”

Did you build or buy equipment? “Following instructions in a book, I built my first transmitter with parts donated by other hams and parts I bought, including two 807 tubes. My first receiver cost \$17.00.”

Any memorable moments? “My first contact in CW was my buddy, Eddie. Since later contacts were mostly Americans and Canadians, I was surprised by my first DX contact from Scotland. That’s when I became a DX-er. I picked up the Russian Sputnik in CW. I have many Russian contacts.”

What have you gotten out of Amateur Radio? “DXCC Honor Roll, membership in the Winnipeg DX Club. I’ve learned a lot by talking with hams around the world. It has given me lots of pleasure and a wall full of awards and certificates.”

Any particular interest? “DX. I have contacted all the countries except North Korea. I’ve worked many DX-peditions. I got Heard Island off the Antarctic coast three times! That’s the farthest point on Earth.”

Public Service? “I’ve examined and passed 200+ hams.

I was the first President of WARC and served as President of the Seniors Club. I worked at many Manitoba Marathons, canoe and snowshoe races, and floods.”

“I made a phone patch for a clergyman in Bolivia to speak with his sister in Winnipeg. They hadn’t spoken in 15 years. It lasted one hour! Another phone patch was for a soldier in Afghanistan to talk with his wife in Vancouver at Christmas.”

Advice for new hams? “Explore our hobby; don’t get stuck in 2m FM. Extend yourself into CW and HF. Try for contacts around the world. You can learn lots from others. Ham radio made the world for me a small place.”

Future of ham radio? “It’s growing and becoming more involved in new formats. Ham radio is advancing for the better. As it advances technically, it will be the most fantastic hobby.” Thanks for this, Adam. May you have many more years of enjoyment.

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*

Manitoba Repeater Society **By Derek VE4HAY**

The Manitoba Repeater Society is making plans for linking the various repeaters across southern Manitoba via an IP based linking system. The intended system will allow for direct dial/access from one repeater to another, or to a group of repeaters or to all repeaters in the system via a Voice over Internet Protocol VoIP system.

If you are a "C" programmer, and know how to write threaded application code for Linux, and have a desire to help us out, please have a look at these web sites and their open source that is available.

<http://ohnosec.org/drupal/> - Asterisk/app_rpt

<https://allstarlink.org/index.html> - Allstar Link Network

<http://www.hamstack.com/index.html> - Sierra Radio system controller

http://www.hamstack.com/s200_linux.html - Sierra commserver boards

If you are still willing to help out your fellow Amateur Radio operator and to help build the future of linked repeaters in Manitoba, please contact

Derek VE4HAY@shaw.ca
or call 204-666-hams ext 4216

Contest Calendar

Extracted From

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

For December ...

ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 6
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 7
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 7
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 7 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 7 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 8
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Dec 9
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 9
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 9
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 10 to 2400Z, Dec 11
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Dec 10 to 2400Z, Dec 11
International Naval Contest	1600Z, Dec 10 to 1559Z, Dec 11
AWA Bruce Kelley 1929 QSO Party	2300Z, Dec 10 to 2300Z, Dec 11 and 2300Z, Dec 17 to 2300Z, Dec 18
CQC Great Colorado Snowshoe Run	2100Z-2259Z, Dec 11
NAQCC CW Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Dec 14
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 14
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 14
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 14 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 14 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 15
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Dec 16
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 16
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 16
Russian 160-Meter Contest	2000Z, Dec 16 to 2400Z, Dec 17
AGB-Party Contest	2100Z-2400Z, Dec 16
OK DX RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 17
RAC Winter Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 17
Feld Hell Sprint	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 17
Croatian CW Contest	1400Z, Dec 17 to 1400Z, Dec 18
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 17 to 1500Z, Dec 18
ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	1800Z-2359Z, Dec 18
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 19
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 21
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 21
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 21 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 21 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 22
NAQCC CW Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Dec 22
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Dec 23
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 23
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 23
RAEM Contest	0000Z-1159Z, Dec 25
DARC Christmas Contest	0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Dec 28
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 28
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 28
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 28 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 28

and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 29
0145Z-0215Z, Dec 30
0200Z-0330Z, Dec 30
0230Z-0300Z, Dec 30

NCCC RTTY Sprint
QRP Fox Hunt
NCCC Sprint

Into January 2017...

AGB New Year Snowball Contest
0300Z-0100Z, Jan 1
SARTG New Year RTTY Contest
0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1
AGCW Happy New Year Contest
0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest
1400Z-1700Z, Jan 1 (144)
and 1700Z-1800Z, Jan 1 (432)

Good Luck In The Contest

Winnipeg ARES
Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ
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Thirty-five (35) Winnipeg ARES members and affiliates provided volunteer communications for Santa Claus Parade SAT 12 NOV using our UHF repeater VE4ARC (UHF).

De-brief notes have been shared with ARES volunteers and the Parade Executive Director. Our volunteer operators were:

VE4s CD, HK, JAH, TRO, GWN, MWH, TTH, CLK, GMB, DWG, DTF, DBV, PCB, KAZ, JFK, WX, KEH, GIS, RCA, PRP, LIT, SBS, ANF, TSY, GWB, CDM, SIG, FDM, RAI, MBQ, VA4s DON, PNO, RWT and Zachary Courchene.

Once again a number of Winnipeg ARES members dropped off new, unwrapped toys at our NOV Annual General Meeting for the Salvation Army Toy Mountain Campaign. Thanks to Tom VE4SE for delivering the donations. Our Annual General Meeting saw approval of the 2015-16 Financial Statement and approval of the 2016-17 Budget. The 2015-16 Executive members were re-elected by acclamation. Kurt Sargent VE4GIS volunteered for the Vice-President position.

Our 2015-16 Activity Summary showed:

ALERTS, CALL-OUTS, EXERCISES & TESTS (6)
PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS (7)
EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS (12)

Our next General Meeting will be TUE 20 DEC 1900h Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street. Leor Drory VE4DXR is scheduled to present on HF E-mail and his adventures sailing on Lake Winnipeg.



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

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

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

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

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

Manitoba Repeater Society memberships *expire* on Dec 31, 2016. There are several ways to pay on our website using PayPal <http://www.mbrepeatersociety.ca>

Membership Manitoba Repeater Society
C/O VE4WSC
598 St. Mary's Road
Winnipeg MB R2M 3L5

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<http://www.cjnu.ca>

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 and Dick's "Swap & 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!

**Newbie Net 147.390 Mhz+
Saturdays at 10:00 am**

This net is intended to give students and neophyte hams a chance to learn more about our hobby and to practice their on-air skills.

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 Local Time (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 Local Time (CT)**

ARES Manitoba Monthly Readiness Net

4TH Sunday of each month

4:00 PM - 4:10 PM -7,075 Khz

4:10 PM - 4:20PM -3,675 Khz LSB 5,375 USB

Manitoba IRLP Nodes - Use reflector 9003

Winnipeg VE4WSC (Node 1809) Pinawa VE4PIN

(Node 1981), Flin Flon VE5ROD (Node 1750),

DARC Swan River VE4SRR (Node 1700)

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