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VE4BB

Canadian Prairie QSO Party

By Cary VE4EA

Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Time: 7:30 PM An **"In Person"** Meeting

Windsor Park United Church,
1062 Autumnwood Dr (at Cottonwood Rd.)
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

*Double Vaccinated & signed Consent Form is required
Check WARC web site for Venue changes due to Covid
restrictions updates*

Other Important Dates:

News caster: Deadline January 27, 2022

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates **2nd Tuesdays**
February 8, 2022 - TBA
March 8, 2022 - TBA
April 12, 2022

ARES: Tuesday, January 18, 2021
General Meeting
Will be an **on-line** "Remote" meeting
Winnipeg ARES members will
be advised by e-mail

Other: Need to renew your
WARC membership??
<http://winnipegarc.org/join.html>

WARC Executive for 2021-2022...

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Public Information Officer....	Vacant	

Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club is holding a raffle to be drawn at our January 11, 2022 meeting...

1st Prize: Icom IC-705 HF - UHF Transceiver (\$1800 value)

2nd Prize: Alinco DJ-MD40T UHF FM Handheld Transceiver (\$250 value)

3rd Prize: Alinco DJ-MD5XT Dual Band DMR Handheld Transceiver (\$230 value)

4th Prize: Alinco DJ-MD5XT Dual Band DMR Handheld Transceiver (\$230 value)

5th Prize: \$100 Gift Card for Radioworld and GPS Central

6th Prize: \$100 Gift Card for Radioworld and GPS Central

Tickets are \$ 10 each - If anyone is interested in purchasing a ticket please send an email to John VE4VJR at ve4vjr@gmail.com or to info@winnipegarc.org and WARC will make sure to get one to you!

Draw Date: January 11, 2022 at 8:30 PM - During the WARC General meeting at Windsor Park United Church - 1062 Autumnwood Dr, Winnipeg

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!!!

License # LGCA 5179-RF-36551

Winnipeg ARES

Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ

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Our December General Meeting was held virtually 21 DEC. We are still looking for a Secretary from among Winnipeg ARES members.

The VE4ARS repeater is temporarily down, the transmitter site has been decommissioned. "ARS" will be back up in the new year at a new site, in the same general vicinity as the previous site.

Our next General Meeting will be TUE 18 JAN, held virtually – members will receive an e-mail with log-in information.

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

2 Contest Calendar

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

January 2021

AGB New Year Snowball Contest
0000Z-0100Z, Jan 1

SARTG New Year RTTY Contest
0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1

AGCW Happy New Year Contest
0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1

WW PMC Contest 1200Z, Jan 1 to 1200Z, Jan 2

AGCW VHF/UHF Contest
1400Z-1700Z, Jan 1 (144)
and 1700Z-1800Z, Jan 1 (432)

Original QRP Contest 1500Z, Jan 1 to 1500Z, Jan 2

ARRL Kids Day 1800Z-2359Z, Jan 1

K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Jan 3

OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Jan 3

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
0100Z-0159Z, Jan 4

ARS Spartan Sprint 0200Z-0400Z, Jan 4

RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jan 4

QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 5

Phone Weekly Test - Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 5

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jan 5

VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest 1700Z-2000Z, Jan 5

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 5

UKEICC 80m Contest 2000Z-2100Z, Jan 5

Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest
0000Z-0100Z, Jan 6
and 0200Z-0300Z, Jan 7

CWops Mini-CWT Test 0300Z-0400Z, Jan 6

CWops Mini-CWT Test 0700Z-0800Z, Jan 6

RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jan 6

NRAU 10m Activity Contest 1800Z-1900Z, Jan 6 (CW)
and 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 6 (SSB)
and 2000Z-2100Z, Jan 6 (FM)
and 2100Z-2200Z, Jan 6 (Dig)

EACW Meeting 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 6

SKCC Sprint Europe 2000Z-2200Z, Jan 6

NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jan 7

QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 7

NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 7

K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Jan 7

YB DX Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Jan 8

PODXS 070 Club PSKFest 0000Z-2400Z, Jan 8

Old New Year Contest 0500Z-0900Z, Jan 8

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
1200Z, Jan 8 to 2400Z, Jan 9

RSGB AFS Contest, CW 1300Z-1700Z, Jan 8

ARRL RTTY Roundup 1800Z, Jan 8 to 2400Z, Jan 9

EUCW 160m Contest
2000Z-2300Z, Jan 8
and 0400Z-0700Z, Jan 9

NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB 0630Z-0830Z, Jan 10

DARC 10-Meter Contest 0900Z-1059Z, Jan 9

NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW 0900Z-1100Z, Jan 9

Midwinter Contest 1000Z-1400Z, Jan 9

K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Jan 10

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
0100Z-0300Z, Jan 10

OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Jan 10

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest

0100Z-0159Z, Jan 11

RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jan 11

QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 12

Phone Weekly Test - Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 12

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jan 12

VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest 1700Z-2000Z, Jan 12

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 12

CWops Mini-CWT Test 0300Z-0400Z, Jan 13

CWops Mini-CWT Test 0700Z-0800Z, Jan 13

RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jan 13

EACW Meeting 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 13

NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jan 14

QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 14

NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 14

K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Jan 14

Malaysia DX Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Jan 15

UBA PSK63 Prefix Contest
1200Z, Jan 15 to 1200Z, Jan 16

PRO Digi Contest 1200Z, Jan 15 to 1159Z, Jan 16

Hungarian DX Contest
1200Z, Jan 15 to 1159Z, Jan 16

North American QSO Party, CW
1800Z, Jan 15 to 0559Z, Jan 16

ARRL January VHF Contest
1900Z, Jan 15 to 0359Z, Jan 17

WAB 1.8 MHz Phone 1900Z-2300Z, Jan 15

Feld Hell Sprint 2000Z, Jan 15 to 0559Z, Jan 16

RSGB AFS Contest, Data 1300Z-1700Z, Jan 16

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
2300Z, Jan 16 to 0100Z, Jan 17

K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Jan 17

OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Jan 17

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
0100Z-0159Z, Jan 18

RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jan 18

QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 19

Phone Weekly Test - Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 19

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jan 19

VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest 1700Z-2000Z, Jan 19

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 19

Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest 0000Z-0100Z, Jan 20
and 0200Z-0300Z, Jan 21

NAQCC CW Sprint 0130Z-0330Z, Jan 20

CWops Mini-CWT Test 0300Z-0400Z, Jan 20

CWops Mini-CWT Test 0700Z-0800Z, Jan 20

RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jan 20

EACW Meeting 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 20

NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jan 21

QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 21

NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 21

K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Jan 21

BARTG RTTY Sprint 1200Z, Jan 22 to 1200Z, Jan 23

RSGB AFS Contest, SSB 1300Z-1700Z, Jan 22

North American QSO Party, SSB
1800Z, Jan 22 to 0559Z, Jan 23

NA Collegiate Championship, SSB
1800Z, Jan 22 to 0559Z, Jan 23

Classic Exchange, Phone
1400Z, Jan 23 to 0800Z, Jan 24
and 1400Z, Jan 25 to 0800Z, Jan 26

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 KIUSN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Jan 24
 OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Jan 24
 Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
 0100Z-0159Z, Jan 25
 RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jan 25
 SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Jan 26
 QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 26
 Phone Weekly Test - Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 26
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jan 26
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 26
 UKEICC 80m Contest 2000Z-2100Z, Jan 26
 AWA Linc Cundall Memorial CW Contest
 2300Z, Jan 26 to 2300Z, Jan 27
 and 2300Z, Jan 29 to 2300Z, Jan 30
 NAQCC CW Sprint 0130Z-0330Z, Jan 27
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 0300Z-0400Z, Jan 27
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 0700Z-0800Z, Jan 27
 RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jan 27
 EACW Meeting 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 27
 NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jan 28
 QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 28
 NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 28
 KIUSN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Jan 28
 CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW
 2200Z, Jan 28 to 2200Z, Jan 30
 REF Contest, CW 0600Z, Jan 29 to 1800Z, Jan 30
 UBA DX Contest, SSB
 1300Z, Jan 29 to 1300Z, Jan 30
 Winter Field Day 1900Z, Jan 29 to 1900Z, Jan 30
 KIUSN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Jan 31
 QCX Challenge 1300Z-1400Z, Jan 31
 OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Jan 31
 QCX Challenge 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 31

*** Good Luck In The Contest ***

Confessions of a Casual Contester Vol. 2 Issue 6 From the shack of DavidVE4DL

I am not now, nor ever have been, a Contester. I don't see myself becoming a Contester either, if one defines the term to include round-the-clock operations, intravenous fluids and diapers, and frequent relays of cold, one-hand meals. Not my thing, at all. BUT.....

There is Contesting and there is contesting – this past weekend was the latter. Every month the Straight Key Century Club runs a relaxed contest for the straight-key operator, known as WES, on the first full weekend. Each month is a theme, and December's theme is always – well – Christmas. There are reindeer and elves and the Jolly One himself, all to be found and worked for bonus points. The pace is slow, as a lot of the ops are non-contesters and QRS fists, so high scores are not the goal, so much, as making the bonus points. In a couple of hours on 80m I picked up Blitzen and Cupid and an elf, and a handful of other hunters. Always fun. My ears may fail me, but my fist still is good.

People have commented that I have bad luck.....I say it's because I'm cheap and have lots of well-used gear in the shack. A few days ago there was a power surge in

the neighbourhood, and my old power supply (until then rock-solid and dependable,) did the flash-bang-dead routine. At least one electrolytic capacitor blew, and it seems likely the voltage regulator also. Someday I will diagnose it in more detail. In the meantime, I bought a new Kenwood PS to match my rig. Just installed it tonight. Pity there doesn't seem to be much action on 40m at the moment.

I've also been having trouble with my ancient HP keyboard, with keys not sending, or delayed a second or five, or repeating endlessly. Exit old, enter new clicky lit-up keyboard from logitech. Niiiiiiice. Reminds me of the IBM Selectric I had in my first job. Writing this blog will be more enjoyable. Fun that the spacebar has a completely different sound to the other keys. And the enter key too. Comes with it's own RFI can, so now I have a spare ferrite for some other cable. How is this germane to a contesting blog? You try logging and sending keyboard code when the keyboard is on work-to-rule! I must have sounded a complete lid in CQWW CW.

Started prepping my logger for RAC Winter Contest, all the macros refreshed, the radio audio files re-recorded. I expect to work both CW and SSB. I might even do some 2m.

And the hat-trick is the stereo plug for my paddles shorted. Re-soldered and re-connected.

Contesting is done for 2021!! I'm okay with my showing in RAC Winter even though I scored higher last year. This year I had more bands and more RAC stations in the total, very nice, including some hard-to-gets. Some surprises included very few VE3s in the headset, almost no DX stations at all and VE8RAC was S9+ in Winnipeg!

Taking a break from radio for a week was relaxing, but all the good propagation happened in the meantime. Such is my luck. It's not over yet, and better still to come for certain. Today I was listening to Namibia at S7 on 20m and McMurdo Sound at S3 or so. Neither fielded my call, alas. I have no mainland Africa at all, and no Antarctica yet.

Have to practice my CW daily now, both straight-key and paddle, as K3Y Event begins on 2 January, after Straight Key Night. I'll try to be on more than last year (wasn't much effort) and see if I can edge my way to Senator (will take some years at my rate.) Ben's Best Bent Wire it is.

But it isn't contesting. Nope. Not at all.

Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club

The Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club is looking for ... Duty Officers and for a Net controller for Saturdays.

Please contact Calvin VE4AJ at ve4aj@rac.ca for more information.

Minutes

WARC General Meeting

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

The December WARC General Meeting was held in conjunction with the annual WARC Christmas Dinner this year at Shooter's Family Golf Center and Restaurant.

The meeting was focused on enjoying a fine meal with familiar faces and allowing members and their guests to have a nice time after experiencing so much social distancing over the last year.

A good time was had by all this year, making up for the cancellation of last year's banquet.

No minutes were recorded as the Secretary was not in attendance and as mentioned the meeting was an informal get together to enjoy the season. Best wishes to all members and their loved ones in the coming new year.

Thank you for your continued support of WARC and it's vision for the Club.

Membership renewals??

It's that time of year again. Manitoba Repeater Society memberships expire on December 31, 2021

You can renew on-line at ...

http://mb-repeater-society.ca/?page_id=144

Still need to renew your Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club membership which expired on September 30, 2021?? You can renew online at ...

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

Still need to renew your Winnipeg Digital Repeater Group membership which expired July 31, 2021? You can renew online at ...

<https://ve4wdr.org/membership.html>

Salvation Army's

Toy Mountain campaign

On behalf of Winnipeg Amateur Radio Emergency Service, I would like to thank everyone who donated children's toys, cheques, and e-transfers in support of Salvation Army's Toy Mountain campaign.

Dick Maguire
VE4HK
Coordinator

VHF Nets

MRS Nets

**VE4WPG 147.390 Mhz + (127.3) &
VE4VJ 443.500 Mhz + (127.3)
(WPG is normally hot linked to VJ)**

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!

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

A net for new hams to participate in a Net and get on the air!

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 5 (XRF103BO)
Also on VE4DMR Timeslot 2 Talkgroup 302050

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 (REF091CL)
More nets <http://www.dstarinfo.com/nets.aspx>

DMR Nets on the VE4WDR System ...

Astronomy Net

Wednesday @ 20:00 local time
Time Slot 2, 31012

HF Nets

**MB Evening Phone Net - 3747 Khz
Daily at 7:00 PM Local Time (CT)**

**Prairie Traffic Net (CW) 3660 Khz
Daily at 0130 UTC**

Aurora Net (Afternoon) 7055 Khz

Daily at 2330 UTC

Aurora # 2 Net (Evening) 7055 Khz

Daily at 0230 UTC

MB Wx Net 3743 Khz

Daily at 8:30 Local Time (CT)