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VE4BB

Grounding *By Ed, VE4EAR*

Time: 7:30 PM (Annual General Meeting)
Date: Monday, October 21, 2013
(3rd Monday due to Thanksgiving)
Place: Dakota Collegiate - theatre *See you there!*
661 Dakota Street (At Beliveau Rd.)

Other Important Dates...

Newscaster: Deadline November 30, 2013

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates...
November 18, 2013 Yachting and
Ham Radio
By Leor VE4DXR
December 9 2013 Annual WARC
Christmas Party
January 13, 2014 Amelia Earhart
By Bob VE4RCJ

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

ARES: Tuesday, October 15, 2013
Sir Wm Stephenson Library
765 Keewatin Street
ARES Volunteer Briefing for the
WFPS Half Marathon

Other: October 20, 2013 - Fall Flea Market

WARC Executive for 2013-2014...

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The President's CQ *By Garth, VE4GWB*

Hello everyone. Welcome back to single digit temperatures. Especially the minus ones we will see soon. So get those antennas and other outdoor projects completed.

A reminder that both this month and November the regular meeting will be held on the third Monday of the month due to the second Monday being Thanksgiving and Remembrance Day.

Good luck to all the students in the basic class on the go at the seniors club. And thank you to all the instructors and David, VE4DAR and Roger VE4RLF for leading them again.

At this point David is seeking one or two new Chief instructors for future classes. If interested you may contact him at ve4dar@rac.ca

Thank you and see you at the WARC table at the flea market.

Garth VE4GWB

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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,
September 9, 2013
Taken by Doug, VE4TG***

President Garth VE4GWB called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM then introduced the members of the executive.

Introductions by members, 41 signed in, two guests.

Previous Minutes

Jeff VE4MBQ asked that minutes be amended to show that motion at last meeting re funding allocation for use of Dakota high school premises for WARC meetings show it was approved by a show of hands. Motion that amended minutes be accepted moved by David VE4DAR and seconded by VE4RA. Show of hands approved.

Treasures Report

Bob VE4RCJ advised we began the month of August with a balance of \$ 6,195.19 with an income of \$ 1,215.14 leaving a balance of \$7,410.33 at the end of August. Budget numbers for field day not yet available although 1400\$ was budgeted for the event and approximately 1200\$ was spent.

Membership Report

Numbers looking good

Programs

Topics under consideration for immediate future are: Oct-Grounding for Ham Radio Operations, Nov-Marine Radio Operations, Dec-Xmas Party, Jan-presentation on Amelia Earhart aviation comms, Presentations for balance of year to be determined.

Winnipeg ARES Report

By Jeff VE4MBQ. Our CANWARN Program ended one week early due to lack of volunteer resources (no one for on-call dayshift). Folks interested in severe weather and one weeks blocks of time available to be on call for VE4WVO 0930-1730h next summer might want to get involved with Winnipeg ARES. While CANWARN Spotters don't have to be ARES members CANWARN Net Controllers do have to be ARES members. Storm spotter Training next spring will likely be held outside Winnipeg.

Sixteen (16) Amateur Operators provided volunteer Amateur Communications for the Parkinson's Super-Walk Sat 07 Sep. Thanks to Dick VE4HK for coordinating that ARES event. There will be a report in next month's newsletter.

Next General meeting is 17 SEP.

Marathon

There is a report in the current newsletter as well as a detailed report on the WARC web-site. Eighty-three (83) Amateurs supported by five (5) non-Amateurs provided volunteer communications for the 35th Manitoba Marathon of Father's Day. Volunteer registration for the 2014 Manitoba Marathon will begin in Jan 2014.

RAC

Finance meeting next week, still waiting for a decision on 60m allocation. Question bank revisions are complete, now with Industry Canada for final approval. RAC will offer free one year pro-rated membership to newly graduated amateurs.

Education Report by David VE4DAR

A full class of 18 students starts the Basic Short Course 5 program on Saturday, September 21 at the Seniors. The class includes two women and three youth. Seven instructors, backed by another seven alternates, will provide the lessons based on the Basic Study Guide, 8th edition.

When this course concludes, Roger VE4RLF and I will be retiring from being Chief Instructors. The four persons already on an "interested list" will have to wait until two new "Chiefs" emerge to take charge and plan future courses. Roger and I want to thank all who made the Basic Short Courses so successful. Of particular note are WSCRC, WARC, and our hard working instructors. We are proud to see our graduates joining and being active in WARC, ARES, MRS, and WSCRC. 73 to All.

DX

Report by Adam VE4SN, propagation very sporadic and pathetic, some really good DX peditions but mostly on CW. Currently an expedition is operating from Mont Apollo, signals are weak here in Canada, have to patient and keep listening to make a contact. Hear a lot of activity during contests. Al VE4AJO reported hearing radio Australia late at night.

Flea Market

Dick VE4HK stated that event will take place Oct 20 on Sturgeon Rd same place as always. Doors open at 0930. There is now a small area for parking on Sturgeon Rd; however caution must be used to ensure parking is in designated area only. Tables are 5\$ for WARC members, 10\$ for non-members.

Adam VE4SN asked that members stop by to pick up their QSL cards; he now has many cards that haven't been picked up and may have to resort to throwing older cards out. Derek VE4HAY suggested that Austin museum be interested in older cards. Adam will forward a list of hams with unclaimed cards to Derek who will then send the list to local RAC members.

New Business

Reported by Derek VE4HAY that Scouts Canada (Manitoba) was approached about participating in the Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) last year and was told they have nothing or no one in place for such an activity and that they are not interested. RAC on the national level is working with Scouts Canada to develop some sort of a program that can be rolled out from the top down, so that eventually the Manitoba Division will be told that the program exists and they will then use it. In the meantime it is perfectly fine to partner with a local troop and get on the air.

Gerry VE4GKS indicated that he has 700-800 feet of 75 ohm coaxial cable to give away. Those interested in obtaining some should contact Gerry.

President Garth VE4GWB raised the issue of the ARISS Telebridge project being implemented by Shaftsbury High School and mentioned that the associated antenna tower was estimated to cost in the 15,000\$ range. The question was then put to the members if there would be an interest in WARC providing a funding contribution towards the project. Jeff VE4MBQ felt that Shaftsbury should do a presentation to the club stating why they want funding. David VE4DAR made a motion that WARC Executive respond by inviting them to do presentation at one of our meetings; it was also suggested they may want to have a table at the flea market; seconded by Glen VE4GWN. Approved by show of hands.

Dick VE4HK made a motion that WARC buy a gin pole for erecting towers. Jeff VE4MBQ moved that WARC allocate up to 200\$ to the purchase a gin pole. Approved by show of hands.

Mark VE4MAB indicated that there will be a DSTAR QSO party at end of October. There have been some problems with the DSTAR repeater recently; potentially identified as a de-sensing issue. There are plans to move the repeater equipment into a new rack which is expected to alleviate the problem.

Derek VE4HAY reported that a group of hams interested in high speed digital communications is being formed. Elements of the system will consist of a high speed mesh network operating in the amateur band on 2.397 GHz or thereabouts. Members interested in participating should call Derek.

Reported by Bert VE4AND that Industry Canada did an EM field emissions survey of Seniors Club radio equipment. The results indicated emissions of 0.5% of values allowed by standards.

Motion to adjourn by Glen VE4GWN.

WARC FALL FLEA MARKET

The WARC Fall Flea Market is on Sunday, October 20, at Heritage Victoria Community Club, 950 Sturgeon Road.

Doors open for coffee and delicious home made muffins from Ruth's Kitchen, at 9:30 am. Vendor setup is from 9:45 to 10:30. Buying begins at 10:30.

Prize draws start at 11:30 am

All tables have been sold, so there will be tons of neat stuff to buy. The Flea Market will be a good opportunity for new hams to buy a handheld or mobile transceiver. There will be something for everyone to add to their hamshack. The Flea Market is also a good opportunity for newcomers to talk with long time hams.

WARC will have a table where members can pay their dues for 2013-14.

Are you wondering about D-STAR? The local D-STAR group will be there, and will be happy to fill you in on D-STAR.

Be sure to stop by the Winnipeg ARES table to purchase tickets on the always popular Silent Auction. After visiting the ARES Silent Auction, the next table features Manitoba Repeater Society. People can pre-pay their 2014 MRS dues, and have HF, VHF and UHF radios tested out. Be sure to bring along the manual.

Adam VE4SN, the QSL Bureau Manager, will be there, with a huge stack of QSL cards. Ask him if he has any of your long awaited cards such as BS7 or FO0 or P5. (look them up!). While you are there, ask Adam for the list of cards in his briefcase. If you see cards for your friends, take them along.

Shaftsbury High School will have a table promoting the VE4ISS ARISS telebridge project and they will be accepting donations.

Bring a loonie and a toonie to pay at the door. Admission is still only \$3.00 per person

Fill your car, van or school bus with friends, and c'mon down!!

High Speed Multi Media (HSMM)

Derek Hay VE4HAY

As I mentioned at the last WARC meeting, VE4VR & I want to get a wireless amateur high speed network working in Winnipeg using the class A addresses 44.xxx.xxx.xxx assigned to amateurs world-wide. The following is where we are in the project.

A location has been secured with CJNU and with the VE4WDR D-Star group in Winnipeg on top of 55 Nassau to install a 6 sector (60 degree each sector) antenna (access point). This will get the network on the air simpler and easier than creating a Mesh network from amateur to amateur. It is hoped that this equipment will be installed Sunday afternoon.

We have secured an access point to the internet so that 44.XXX.XXX.XXX traffic can be passed directly to the internet. This is a first for anyone in Canada and one of only a few sites in the world with this ability. What does that mean? It means our simple little wireless private LAN, will have WAN capabilities. Including VPN ability (for ARES use).

We have sourced used equipment for a group buy for any hams who want to be part of the project.



William VE4VR installing an HSMM antenna on the roof at 55 Nassau Street

The Future:

- Secure access to other high buildings in Winnipeg for remote linking so that amateurs who do not have direct line of site to 55 Nassau can gain access to the network
- Open the system up for access by anyone but at the same time set up security so that only amateurs can gain access. Using secure industry standard protocols, with amateur callsign tracking.
- Create a wireless link to the Internet connection point of presence.(POP)
- Experiment with networking on amateur bands and the network for various things
- i/p linking of voice repeaters – with radio backup
- i/p based cameras around the city (CanWarn access)
- Email server
- Web site access
- File transfers within the LAN only
- Point to point microwave links
- Beyond the city limits
- Broadcasting WARC meetings to amateurs who can not make the meetings or the public
- The possibilities are almost endless.

If you are interested in the project, please stop by the table at the flea market to discuss and to purchase some of the equipment (low-power) we have now or join us for the group buy of higher power equipment..

Info will be posted at <http://hsmm.ve4wdr.org>

Derek

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

Want to know which D-Star reflectors are active right now?? You can browse the various DPlus and Free Star reflector web pages to get a sense of where all the action is!

For example visit <http://ref001.dstargateway.org/> to see which D-Star systems are linked to the Reflector, the remote users and also see all the "Last Heard" stations using that reflector!

A list of DPlus Reflectors is at ...
<http://www.dstarinfo.com/reflectors.aspx>

A list of Free Star Reflectors is at...
<http://www.va3uv.com/index.htm>

And of course to see the activity on the VE4WDR D-Star system in Winnipeg visit...
<https://ve4wdr.dstargateway.org/>

<http://www.ve4wdr.org>

Winnipeg ARES
Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ
 ve4mbq@rac.ca

Our CANWARN Net Control operation wrapped up a week early SUN 01 SEP due to lack of volunteer resources. Over sixteen weeks of on-call operations, thirteen ARES volunteers ran 12 Severe Weather Nets between 13 MAY and 01 SEP. Nets ranged 1.5 to 7 hours duration (average 3.7 hrs). VE4MAN was utilized for 23 hours. We greatly benefitted from four new volunteer Net Controllers. Volunteers who took at least 1 one week shift were:

VA4AJG and VE4s ALW, AJO, GKS, HK, GWN, DWG, CDM, LDI, STL, HAZ, JAH, MBQ.

The annual Parkinson SuperWalk was held on 07 SEP, centered at the French Cultural Centre, on the corner of Provencher and Des Meurons. The walk began at 1000h, with all entrants back just before 1100h. It was fortunate the event ended when it did, since there was a serious crash on Provencher, right on the route, shortly after 1100h, which tied up the street for several hours. Our volunteers did not encounter any problems during the event. All marshals and water stations were in place. Everything went very smoothly.

Thanks the 16 volunteer operators:

Jeffrey Kazuk,
 VA4IAM, VE4s HK, DAR, MMG, CDM,
 JAH, CHT, GWN, YYL, STS, KAZ, DJS, SE,
 GKS and VD.

Special thanks to:

Dick VE4HK for Coordinating this event
 John VE4JAH for transporting the ARES Boiler trailer
 Rhonda Dovyak for laundering the loaner vests.



Winnipeg ARES Volunteers at Parkinson SuperWalk
 Photo Credit Garry Frankel VE4VD

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.

*Renew early for 2014 at
 WARC's Fall Flea Market*

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>

Additional information on the Parkinsons event and more of Garry Frankel's photos can be seen at:

http://www.winnipegares.ca/archives/2013_Parkinson.html

Diane Perry VE4LDI gave us a very comprehensive presentation on the history of St John Ambulance and current operations and volunteer qualifications at our SEP General Meeting. Welcome to our newest member Jack Peters VA4PNO.

We will be providing volunteer Amateur Communications at the WFPS Half Marathon SAT 19 OCT. Our OCT General Meeting will be dedicated to the ARES Volunteer Briefing for the WFPS Half Marathon TUE 15 OCT 1900h Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street. Our Annual General Meeting has been put over to NOV.

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*From your RAC Midwest Director
Derek Hay, VE4HAY*

Regional Webinars

We have scheduled a webinar for all members of Radio Amateurs of Canada (this mean you) for Wednesday evening October 23. This webinar will allow you as a member to talk to various RAC executive including the President.

To voice any concerns you may have and to ask any questions of RAC. Make suggestion on the future direction of RAC and what you want out of the organization. A separate email will go out to everyone explaining how to register and join the webinar.

All you need is a computer with a good internet connection, a speaker to hear the audio and a microphone to ask questions, or a keyboard to type your question. A headset and microphone are best for audio purposes (to avoid feedback and background noise). You can also call in via telephone, but it is not toll free, so the internet is the preferred method of connecting.

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NEWS RELEASE

International Amateur Radio Union 25 September 2013

For immediate release

The Administrative Council (AC) of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) held its annual meeting on 21 and 22 September 2013 in Cancun, Mexico. The AC is responsible for the policy and management of the IARU and consists of the three IARU international officers and two representatives from each of the three IARU regional organizations.

Here is a summary of the discussions and actions:

1. The consultative process was completed for the elec-

tion of IARU President and Vice President for the 2014-2019 terms of office. The Secretary was instructed to present to the member-societies, in a Calendar to be issued no later than 9 December 2013, proposals by the International Secretariat with the concurrence by the Administrative Council that Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA, be elected for a five-year term as IARU President and Ole Garpestad, LA2RR be elected for a five-year term as IARU Vice President.

2. The Council discussed the issue of some member-societies failing to represent all of the amateurs in their country. For example, some do not participate in their regional organization activities, some do not pay their regional dues, some are unwilling to handle non-member QSL cards even on a cost-recovery basis and some even fail to respond to inquiries from their regional organizations. In many of these countries, there are other non-IARU member-societies. The Administrative Council is studying ways to work with the non-IARU societies to ensure that the interests of all the amateurs are represented in those countries where the IARU member-society fails to do so. Possible solutions to the situation include establishing communications with the non-IARU societies to allow input from the country's amateur community on IARU and amateur related issues or by recommending the use of QSL bureaus that will service all the amateurs within a particular country.

3. The IARU positions for WRC-15 agenda items and future WRC agenda items were reviewed and the strategy for achieving IARU objectives at WRC-15 was discussed.

4. The Council reviewed and updated the IARU Spectrum Requirements Document. The document is available on the IARU web site.

5. The Future Spectrum Committee presented its final report. The committee report detailed current amateur usage of bands above 148 MHz. The Council approved a plan to have one person in each region to serve as a contact person in spectrum matters.

6. The President reported on the IARU acceptance of an ITU invitation to participate in the ITU Spectrum Management Training Program (SMTP) and accepted an appointment on the founding board of advisers for the ITU-D Smart Sustainable Development Model (SSDM).

7. IARU participation in World Telecom 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand was reviewed. IARU will have a booth at the event to promote amateur radio. More information about the Telecom can be found at <http://www.world2013.itu.int>

8.⁷ The Council reviewed and refined a draft paper on emergency communications strategy.

9. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) meetings at which IARU representation will be required for the coming year were identified, and plans for representation at these meetings were reviewed.

10. The Michael J. Owen VK3KI Award was awarded to David Wardlaw, VK3ADW and Wojciech Nietyksza SP5FM. Both of these individuals have made contributions of time, effort and expertise to the IARU for many years. The award was created by the Administrative Council to recognize an individual or individuals that best exemplify the dedication and hard work of IARU volunteers.

10. The theme ?Amateur Radio: Your Gateway to Wireless Communications? was adopted for the next World Amateur Radio Day, April 18, 2014.

11. Ken Garg, W3JK was added to the list of IARU Expert Consultants.

12. The budget for 2014-2016 as presented by the IS was reviewed and adopted. The budget is based upon anticipated financial contributions from the three regional organizations to defray a portion of the expenses, in accordance with previously adopted policy.

13. Reports of the IARU international coordinators and advisers were received. They are International Beacon Project Coordinator Peter Jennings, AB6WM/VE3SUN; Satellite Adviser Hans van de Groenendaal, ZS6AKV; EMC Adviser Christian Verholt, OZ8CY; International Coordinator for Emergency Communications Hans Zimmermann, F5VKP/HB9AQS; and EMC Coordinator Thilo Kootz, DL9KCE. The Council reappointed each of the coordinators and advisers to a new three-year term.

Attending the Cancun meeting were IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA; Vice President Ole Garpestad, LA2RR; Secretary Rod Stafford, W6ROD; regional representatives Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, Dennis Green, ZS4BS, Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AM, Ramon Santoyo, XE1KK, Gopal Madhavan, VU2GMN, Geoff Atkinson, VK3TL; and recording

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secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ. Also in attendance as observers were Jay Bellows, K0QB representing the IARU International Secretariat and Jose Arturo Molina, YS1MS as Region 2 observer.

The next scheduled in-person meeting of the AC will be held in the vicinity of Varna, Bulgaria, in September 2014 in conjunction with the IARU Region 1 Conference.

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Education Report By David VE4DAR

See the smiling faces? They are students in WARC's Basic Short Course, which began Saturday, September 21 at the Seniors. Nineteen are attending classes and one is studying at home. Let's hope their smiles persist after their final exam on October 19. Then we will have graduated more than 70 new hams.



If you would like to help with this successful endeavor, check out the nearby article called "Help!"

Contest Calendar

Extracted From

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

For October...

NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder	0130Z-0200Z, Oct 11
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 11
Makrothen RTTY Contest	0000Z, Oct 12 to 1559Z, Oct 13
Microwave Fall Sprint	0700 local - 1300 local, Oct 12
Oceania DX Contest, CW	0800Z, Oct 12 to 0800Z, Oct 13
Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB	1200Z, Oct 12 to 1200Z, Oct 13
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Oct 12 to 2400Z, Oct 13
EU Autumn Sprint, CW	1600Z-1959Z, Oct 12
Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 12 to 2200Z, Oct 13
Arizona QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 12 to 2359Z, Oct 13
FISTS Fall Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 12
PODXS 070 Club 160m Great Pumpkin Sprint	2000 local, Oct 12 to 0200 local, Oct 13
North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Oct 13
UBA ON Contest, CW	0600Z-0900Z, Oct 13
Araucaria VHF Contest	0000Z, Oct 19 to 1600Z, Oct 20
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW	0001Z, Oct 19 to 2359Z, Oct 20
New York QSO Party	1400Z, Oct 19 to 0200Z, Oct 20
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Oct 19 to 1500Z, Oct 20
Worked All Germany Contest	1500Z, Oct 19 to 1459Z, Oct 20
Feld Hell Sprint	2000Z-2200Z, Oct 19
Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 20
UBA ON Contest, 2m	0600Z-1000Z, Oct 20
Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 20 to 0100Z, Oct 21
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 21
ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Oct 21 to 2359Z, Oct 25
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, Oct 21
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 23
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 24
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Oct 26 to 2359Z, Oct 27
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 26 to 2400Z, Oct 27

Into November...

Ukrainian DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 2 to 1200Z, Nov 3
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 2 to 0300Z, Nov 4
High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z-1100Z, Nov 3 and 1500Z-1700Z, Nov 3
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Nov 3
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Nov 5
NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1800Z-1900Z, Nov 7 (CW) and 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 7 (SSB) and 2000Z-2100Z, Nov 7 (FM) and 2100Z-2200Z, Nov 7 (Dig)
WAE DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Nov 9 to 2359Z, Nov 10
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, Digital	0001Z, Nov 9 to 2359Z, Nov 10
JIDX Phone Contest	0700Z, Nov 9 to 1300Z, Nov 10
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Nov 9 to 2400Z, Nov 10
OK/OM DX Contest, CW	1200Z, Nov 9 to 1200Z, Nov 10
Kentucky QSO Party	1400Z, Nov 9 to 0200Z, Nov 10
CQ-WE Contest	1900Z, Nov 9 to 0500Z, Nov 11
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, Nov 13
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB	2000Z-2100Z, Nov 13

Good Luck In The Contest

“Help!”

By David VE4DAR

“Help!” That’s the desperate call from potential students waiting for the next WARC Basic Short Course. All that’s missing is one or two Chief Instructors to take charge of an already designed course. You don’t have to be an instructor yourself, or even expert in our hobby. Just make sure things run smoothly, like...

Like, set the course dates; reserve the classroom; assign the instructors from a ready list; ask WARC to order the textbooks; advertise the course; register students; arrange for WARC’s digital projector; and attend the first class.

Roger and I are retiring as Chief Instructors at the end of the current course. However, we are willing to share our knowledge and experience. Find a buddy and take up the challenge!

***News from the Winnipeg Senior Citizens
Radio Club VE4WSC Inc.
Submitted by Bert Andrews, President***

A few events are coming soon and we'll give info about each.

We are having our October Board meeting on Wednesday the 23rd at 10:00 at the Club. This is an important meeting and we ask all board members to please attend so we have a quorum. Following the meeting, we will have a potluck luncheon, being convened by Harsha, VE4SAI. Refreshments will be supplied.

On November 14, being the regular monthly breakfast date, we will have a General Meeting following the breakfast, to start about 10 a.m. This is a very important meeting because we elect the new Board for 2014; also appoint the Auditor(s) for the 2013 financial records and also for the 2014 records. We will also have tickets for the Tuesday, December 3rd Christmas Party.

In regards our annual Christmas Dinner at Alto's-Polo Park, we have a private room holding only 50, so first 50 tickets sold will have a seat in this room. However, outside the room in the main restaurant dining section are seats for any overflow – meaning that all interested can come out and join us and mingle with those in the private room. The dinner is a buffet turkey dinner.

Tickets are \$15.00 for club members and their spouses or significant partners; \$18.00 for friends and guests. All tickets have a chance for any door prizes we may have. If you can't get to the club to buy a ticket(s), you may mail a cheque to the ticket accountant, Gil Frederick, VE4AG, at 212-135 Sinawik Bay, Winnipeg R3J 4A2. Tickets will be mailed to you, or you can request a hold at the door, on the party day.

If you have any questions, please contact Bert, VE4AND or Gil, VE4AG.

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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

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)

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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