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VE4BB

Dash Cams & Diverse Topics

By Peter VE4TTH

Date: Monday, October 19, 2015

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Dakota Collegiate - Theatre *See you there!*
661 Dakota Street (At Beliveau Rd.)

Other Important Dates...

News caster: Deadline October 28, 2015

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates...
November 9, 2015

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

ARES: Tuesday, October 20, 2015
Sir Wm Stephenson Library
765 Keewatin Street - Knot Tying by
Jim VE4SIG

Other: -Fall Flea Market - Sunday, October
18, 2015
-MRS Semi-Annual General Meeting-
Sunday, Oct 18, 2015 at/after WARC
Flea Market
-Fox Hunt - "Noonish" on Sunday,
November 1, 2015 Location TBA

WARC Executive for 2015-2016...

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From the President's desk ...

Autumn has arrived

With the passing of the equinox I find it is easier to be on HF, with the chance of listening to far-off places coming at more civilised hours of the day. I still haven't reached the friend in MA I have a weekly sked with, but I've talked to his neighbours in Vermont and New Hampshire. It's only a matter of time. It's probably a good time to overhaul your antennae, before it is too cold and dark.

The fall Flea Market is almost here, and with it will come a change of management. We trust Peter will prove as reliable and efficient in the future, as Dick has been up until now. Look for a new feature or two to come.

Basic Course 10 is underway with a full slate of students, and there is talk of an advanced course if we can find the spare time to organise it. Those interested should let Peter and/or Rob know, and we'll start a waiting list (actually, one exists already.) We are expecting to run Basic Course 11 in the Spring.

The executive of Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club is pleased to announce that Rob Striemer, VE4SHS has volunteered to take over Chief Instructor duties when Dan Perreux, VE4DPR steps down later this fall. Rob brings with him much experience in education to blend with his radio experiences in satellite and ISS communication.

We look forward to continued quality training and a steady influx of new-smoked hams.

73,
David Latour VE4DLA
President

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 14, 2015
Submitted by Gerry VE4GKS***

Meeting called to order 00:36 UTC

Introductions-

Parrish Andrews, AF7BA, from Great Falls, Montana is a visitor.

Introduce new executive

June Minutes-

Moved by 'HAY, second 'TTH

Business arising-

Equipment library is up & running

Treasurer's Report-

Aug 2014 \$9137 July 2015 \$9734. Club is about \$600 better this year compared to last, even after some extensive purchases (FD antenna).

Membership Report-

45 paid up members.

Programs-

Peter gave his report.

Education-

DAR reports the current basic course is running. We need a new chief instructor.

ARES report-

Jeff gave his report. A comprehensive report was in the September newsletter. Manitoba Marathon info is on the web site.

RAC-

Derek gave his report.

DX report-

Adam reports conditions are "on/off". Most sigs coming through are CW. Rolf says some European stations are strong on 20 M in the daytime.

Dick, VE4HK-

Reports several hams earned their WAW award at FD. He also reports on the upcoming flea market. The MRS semiannual meeting will follow the flea market.

New Business-

Looking for a manager for a QSO party. Also we will be working more closely with Radiosport Manitoba.

VE4TTH moved for an adjournment.

\$26.50 proceeds from the 50-50 draw.

Followed by program - Gary VE4RWT gave the FD report.

***Would You Believe? It's Number 10!
By David VE4DAR***

That's right; WARC's 10th Basic Short Course (BSC 10) began at Shaftesbury High School on Saturday, September 19 with Chief Instructor Dan Perreux VE4DPR in charge. Having struggled to get students into our previous three-month courses, we are pleased our new five-Saturday design has proved popular. Half of the current 22 students, are youth!



Ed VE4EAR INSTRUCTING

Here's a big THANK YOU to our current volunteer instructors: Paul Reisdorf, Bob Jacobs, Colin Staners, Leor Drory, Ed Richardson, Peter Toth, Don Menzies, and Rolf Bandlow; and their alternates. Having organized the last two courses, Dan has chosen to retire. Watch for Rob Streimer VE4SHS taking the reins in the New Year.



Basic Short Course 10 Students

Best wishes to all our students. We look forward to hearing you on the air after October 24.

WARC Fall Flea Market

Sunday, October 18, 2015

Hello out there in radioland! Here is the big news we've all been waiting for!!!

Yes, the WARC Fall Flea Market is almost upon us. The big day is Sunday, October 18, at ...

**Heritage Victoria Community Centre
950 Sturgeon Road, in sunny St. James**

**Admission is \$5.00 per person
Bring a \$5.00 bill, to speed up the process!**

Doors open for fun, exciting conversations, and visiting with friends, along with coffee and muffins at 9:30 am.

As I write this announcement, there are only 4 tables left to dispose of all your excess "stuff". If it is time to downsize your amateur gear, contact Ruth VE4XYL right away. She is available on VE4WPG repeater, phone 204-837-6915 or ve4se@mts.net

Tables are only \$5.00 each for WARC members, and \$10.00 for everyone else.

Be sure to buy a bunch of tickets at the Winnipeg ARES table. They will have their usual bunch of fantastic prizes in the Silent Auction. Manitoba Repeater Society will have 2 tables where members can pay their 2015-16 dues. Everyone is welcome to bring their HF, VHF or UHF transceivers to be tested. Just remember the manual! Harm VE4HAZ, our new QSL Bureau Manager will be there, with a briefcase filled with QSL cards. Drop by and pick up your cards.

Rumour has it that there will be lots of great goodies that no ham can live without. So, gather up all your friends, fill your pockets with loonies and toonies, and c'mon down to the WARC Flea Market, on October 18.

Call Dick VE4HK with any questions. My e-mail is ve4hk@rac.ca or 204-256-3143 or VE4WPG repeater

73

Dick Maguire
VE4HK
Flea Market Coordinator

Manitoba Repeater Society - Semi Annual General Meeting

The Manitoba Repeater Society Semi Annual General Meeting will be held right after the WARC Flea Market on October 18, at Heritage Victoria Community Centre.

The meeting will include the usual reports, followed by a Technical Report, which will detail everything the Technical Committee has done over a very busy summer.

Members and interested guests are welcome to ask questions at the meeting. Members can also pay their 2016 dues.

I request that if anyone wishes to present a motion at the meeting, that it be in writing. My e-mail address is ve4hk@rac.ca

All members, prospective members, and interested guests are invited to attend the Semi Annual General Meeting

Dick Maguire
VE4HK
Secretary

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.

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>

Winnipeg ARES

Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ

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Seventeen Winnipeg ARES members and affiliates provided volunteer Amateur Radio communications SAT 12 SEP for the Parkinson SuperWalk at U of M Fort Garry Campus. Thanks to Dick VE4HK for once again Coordinating the ARES component. Our volunteers were:

VE4s DAR, MMG, CDM, VD, JAH, EIH, GKS, VID, KAZ, JFK, BOY, TSY, GWN, YYL, HK
VA4s VMM, RWT.



2015 Parkinson SuperWalk ARES Volunteers
Photo Credit Garry Frankel VE4VD

Bartley Kives from The Winnipeg Free Press spoke about his experience with skin damage from excessive sun exposure (WFP on-line article 25 JUL 2015 'Don't soak up too much sun this summer') at our September General Meeting. Mr Kives was a very relaxed presenter and participated in a wide ranging Q & A session at the end of his presentation.



Bartley Kives addresses 15 SEP Wpg ARES Meeting
Photo Credit Garry Frankel VE4VD

We still need approximately five Amateurs for the Santa Claus/Grey Cup Parade SAT 28 NOV. Volunteer briefing will be TUE 17 NOV 1900h at NOV General Meeting. To volunteer for Santa Claus Parade please contact ve4mbq@rac.ca

Welcome to our newest member, Robert Poirier VE4RCA.

A reminder to Winnipeg ARES members to submit your digital photo to me before 31 OCT for our new ARES ID cards.

Our next General Meeting is TUE 20 OCT 1900h at Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street. Jim Sutton VE4SIG will be giving us a presentation on Knot Tying.

Parkinson Superwalk

By Dick VE4HK

The Parkinson Superwalk moved to its new venue at the University of Manitoba, for 2015. They outgrew their previous location, the French Cultural Centre. Last year, the Cultural Centre was very crowded. The Max Bell Centre had plenty of room. The organizers expected about 600 participants.

I requested and received permission to use VE4UMR from Wit VE4WK for our network,

I had all our volunteers meet behind the Max Bell Centre, by 8 am, to be certain of having a parking spot close by. We set up the WARES Boler trailer in the Max Bell parking lot.

David VE4DAR gave the pre-race briefing at 9:00 am. I added a few comments, then, everyone proceeded to their assigned locations. The walk began shortly after 10:00 am. I had been asked to lead the walk on my bike, which I did. I rode ahead of the lead pack, and stopped at corners, to ensure no one went astray. Once I completed the first lap, I rode the course several more times, watching for any entrants having difficulty, or going astray. Once we determined that there were no more walkers, I worked with Howard's Shadow to close down the course as I passed by each position, and allow our volunteers and Superwalk marshals to stand down.

The net was conducted as a closed, directed net. This meant that all communications must go through net control. That worked out perfectly. There was no problem with the repeater, which is located on the U of M campus.

All walkers and volunteers (Pictured in ARES report) were back at the Max Bell Centre about 11 am.

These 17 Winnipeg ARES members and associates provided volunteer amateur radio communications support for the Parkinson Superwalk, at the University of Manitoba, on Saturday, September 12, 2015

Membership Opportunities are Endless

- Are you an amateur Radio Operator?
- Are you retired or thinking about retiring?
- Are you around the age of 55?

If you answered yes to the first question and yes to at least one of the other two questions, then you are eligible to membership in the ...

Winnipeg Senior Citizen Radio Club – VE4WSC



The club has a lot to offer

- 2 complete HF radio stations (CW, SSB, Digital)
- Satellite Radio room
- VHF/UHF
- IRLP
- Connection point to the VA4WAN HamWan network
- Computer repair area
- Library or magazines
- Meeting space
- Coffee and the usual one solving of world problems that happens when a group gets together with only time on their hands.

The club is expecting to reopen in Mid-October from extensive building modifications and we want you to be there to use the various radios and enjoy our friendship. The Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club is perfect for those who have moved out of their house and into a condo or apartment. It gives you the ability to get back onto HF and play radio once more. Or perhaps you have been curious about one of the other modes or bands of operation, but don't have the equipment or expertise. Now is your chance to try it out.

Stop on by in late October and have a look around. Take a tour and then join the Club.

<http://www.mts.net/~ve4wsc/>

WARC History Follow-up...

April 2004 email from Ralph Parker VE7XF

I enjoyed VE4YU's history of Winnipeg radio clubs on the WARC website, and perhaps have a bit to add. I was VE4SX, licensed in December 1954, while I was in high school. The earliest membership certificate in the ARLM that I have is dated 25 February, 1955.

Stu Talbot was VE4SR, at least when I took code and theory classes from him in 1954. He lived a few blocks east of my parent's house on Lorette Ave.

I don't remember the Amateur Radio Bugs of Winnipeg, but I do remember Ron Adamson, VE4TA. I would have held VE4SX for a year by December 1955.

I do have a membership certificate for the Winnipeg Ragchewers Radio Association for 1957, signed by John Robinson, VE4MS (President); Richard Pobuta, VE4SP (secretary); Ronald Adamson, VE4TA (Treasurer).

I worked for a time for CJOB, where Reg Durie, VE4RD, was chief engineer.

I left Winnipeg for Edmonton in July 1961, where I traded in my VE4SX call for VE6MC. I moved to the Vancouver area in 1966, received the call VE7AXM, and a year later changed to VE7XF, which I have held ever since. As I like to spend some time in Manitoba in the summer, I obtained the call VE4AKX (about 1996), and changed to VE4KX (which I still hold) a year later. I'll be hearing some of you again this summer, but mostly on 50 mhz.

Tnx for the memories. I had the most fun of all as VE4SX, starting with a 3 tube regen rcvr and a single 6AG7 on 80m CW. One of my early QSOs was with Ron Place, VE4PL (VE4PU in those days), and I still have a close friendship with him.



73 to all,
Ralph Parker, VE7XF, VE4KX
(ex VE4SX, VE6MC, VE7AXM, VY2KX, VE4AKX, ZK1AKX)

50 years on the air in December, 2004!

Contest Calendar

Extracted From

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

For October...

Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 7
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 7 and 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 7 and 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 8
432 MHz Fall Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Oct 7
UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Oct 7
NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder	0145Z-0215Z, Oct 9
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 9
Makrothen RTTY Contest	0000Z-0759Z, Oct 10 and 1600Z-2359Z, Oct 10 and 0800Z-1559Z, Oct 11
10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint	0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10
Microwave Fall Sprint	0700 local - 1400 local, Oct 10
Oceania DX Contest, CW	0800Z, Oct 10 to 0800Z, Oct 11
QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party	1200Z, Oct 10 to 2359Z, Oct 11
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Oct 10 to 2400Z, Oct 11
Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB	1200Z, Oct 10 to 1200Z, Oct 11
Polska WW BPSK63 Contest	1400Z, Oct 10 to 1400Z, Oct 11
Arizona QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 10 to 0600Z, Oct 11 and 1400Z-2359Z, Oct 11
Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 10 to 0500Z, Oct 11 and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 11
FISTS Fall Unlimited Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 10
PODXS 070 Club 160m Great Pumpkin Sprint	2000 local, Oct 10 to 0200 local, Oct 11
UBA ON Contest, CW	0600Z-0900Z, Oct 11
NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Oct 14
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 14
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 14 and 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 14 and 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 15
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 14
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Oct 16
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 16
MCG Autumn Sprint	1500Z-1900Z, Oct 16
JARTS WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Oct 17 to 2400Z, Oct 18
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW	0001Z, Oct 17 to 2359Z, Oct 18
Iowa QSO Party	1400Z-2300Z, Oct 17
New York QSO Party	1400Z, Oct 17 to 0200Z, Oct 18
Worked All Germany Contest	1500Z, Oct 17 to 1459Z, Oct 18

Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Oct 17 to 1500Z, Oct 18
Telephone Pioneers QSO Party	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 17 (CW/Digital) and 2300Z, Oct 17 to 0300Z, Oct 18 (Phone) and 1700Z-2100Z, Oct 18 (Phone) and 2300Z, Oct 18 to 0300Z, Oct 19 (CW/Digital)
South Dakota QSO Party	1800Z, Oct 17 to 1800Z, Oct 18
Feld Hell Sprint	2000Z-2159Z, Oct 17
Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 18
UBA ON Contest, 2m	0600Z-1000Z, Oct 18
Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 18 to 0100Z, Oct 19
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 19
ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Oct 19 to 2359Z, Oct 23
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 21
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 21 and 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 21 and 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 22
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Oct 23
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 23
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 24 to 2400Z, Oct 25
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 28
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 28
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 28 and 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 28 and 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 29
UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Oct 28
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 29
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Oct 30
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 30
Feld Hell Sprint	0000Z-2359Z, Oct 31
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Oct 31 to 2359Z, Nov 1
Russian WW MultiMode Contest	1200Z, Oct 31 to 1159Z, Nov 1

Into November 2015..

High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z-1100Z, Nov 1 and 1500Z-1700Z, Nov 1
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Nov 3
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Nov 4
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 4
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Nov 4 and 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 4 and 0300Z-0400Z, Nov 5
UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Nov 4
NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1800Z-1900Z, Nov 5 (CW) and 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 5 (SSB) and 2000Z-2100Z, Nov 5 (FM) and 2100Z-2200Z, Nov 5 (Dig)

Good Luck In The Contest



MOVING!!!

Amateur Radios, Antennas, and more are available from your local Winnipeg ICOM Dealer...

Micro-HighTech Communications Ltd.

Moving to a new location on November 1

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/>

D-Star's "D-Tip" Of The Month

By Mark VE4MAB

Interested in D-Star and wanna see and hear a demo??

The Winnipeg Digital Repeater Group, VE4WDR, will have a table at WARC's Fall Flea Market on Sunday, October 18, 2015, with a D-Star radio linked to a reflector.

Time to RENEW your WARC membership!!

You can renew your WARC membership on-line at...

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

Be sure to include your RAC membership # to assist with our RAC insurance application.

Not a RAC Member??

You can join RAC today on-line...

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

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 decade

<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, 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 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 - 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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