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Field Day Primer & Elections

Date: Monday, June 11, 2018
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Dakota Collegiate - Theatre *See You There*
661 Dakota Street (At Beliveau Road)

Other Important Dates:

Newscaster: Deadline August 29, 2018

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates
September 10, 2018 - **New Location!**
October 15, 2018 AGM

ARES: Tuesday, June 26, 2018
Sir Wm Stephenson Library
765 Keewatin Street - De-briefs for
RCAF Run and Manitoba Marathon.

Other: Marathon Briefing
Tuesday, June 12, 2018
Manitoba Marathon
Sunday, June 17, 2018
55th International Hamfest
Saturday, July 14, 2018
<http://www.ve4qk.org/ve4qk/ihf.htm>

WARC Executive for 2017-2018...

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Fallen from the President's Desk...

Elections, Moving?! and Field Day Prep.

To all members of WARC, this is a reminder that elections for executive will be held at the next general meeting of WARC. Please attend, and if you can volunteer for a position, that too would be most appreciated. The only qualifications for being on the executive are simple. You must be a member of the Human Species, a member of WARC, have a body temperature at or around 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit, be able to function without supervision, recognition, compensation, or praise, and you must have a sense of humour. If you meet these stringent qualifications, you're sure to be accepted.

Second order of business is our meeting location. If you've been to the meetings lately, you have no doubt heard the proposals, maybe voiced an opinion or helped out in some way in securing a new location for our monthly meetings. Well, after much deliberation (no exaggeration there we have been working hard on this), we have come to a conclusion. We will be moving both location and time of the meeting. The new location offers us far more amenities than the school does, such as high speed internet access, coffee, snacks if we want, a large meeting room, and a place to mill around and gather after the meeting if we so desire. There are more benefits, but I want to keep this short. The move in time will see WARC meet on the second Tuesday of the month, not the second Monday of the month. The main reason is the new location is not open late Mondays, the second reason is that occasionally Mondays fall on a long weekend. Having it on Tuesdays solves both problems.

The location of the WARC meeting place will be the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 252, also known as the South Osborne Legion, located at 426 Osborne Street.

This is across the street from the main Transit Garage for the City of Winnipeg. Details of this new location will be presented at the next meeting, just before elections. So now you have a very compelling reason to be at the next meeting. 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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They can provide 15% discount on QSL cards.

For example, the current price for an order of 400 QSL cards size: 5" x 3.5", double side, full-colour on 100lb gloss cover is \$81.99.

With your 15% discount, the total would be \$69.69 before tax (please note that prices are subject to change due to paper cost etc.). The discount is on any size and any qty of QSL card.

Be sure to present your WARC membership to receive the discount!

Finally, I need to touch on the upcoming 2018 Field Day. We plan on having it at the Rabbit Site of Camp Amisk this year, and we are looking now for a few more volunteers than last year, in order to make it a full 24hr operation. Camping is free, and we will feed you very well! We will have 2 stations operating, with at least one going 24hrs. This year we will be dedicating one station to CW and digital modes. With the primary station operating SSB. This will also see us deploy the WARC Vertical StepIR antenna. So if you would like to join in with the fun, and it truly is fun, let your name stand and join in. Field Day 2018 will be on the air from 1800 UTC Saturday June 23rd till 2059 UTC Sunday June 24th. All the gear and antennas has been secured, testing will be conducted prior to the event to ensure no glitches. So all you need to do is show up to help set up 2 antennas, and then have fun!

73

Peter Toth
WARC President

WARC Meeting Minutes May 14, 2018

Not available at publication time

Correction from May 2018 Newscaster

Derek VA4AFK was awarded the Worked All Winnipeg Award by Dick VE4HK not VE4AFK

Help Wanted

Gerry, VE4GKS, is asking - Is there anybody in the club who is a machinist, or who works for a company that does machining, or knows somebody who can fabricate a motor mounting bracket for a magnetic loop antenna?? Contact Gerry ve4gks@outlook.com

Winnipeg ARES Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ ve4mbq@rac.ca

Thanks to Don VE4DWG for updating the programming of the FT-212RH belonging to Winnipeg Police Service. Intended use is in WPS Command Unit or Support Unit (we have power points and antenna mounts in both vehicles). Thanks also to SSGT Christmas for being so responsive.

Fifteen Winnipeg ARES members and affiliates provided volunteer communications for RCAF Run SUN 27 MAY. This event was coordinated by John Erwin VE4WX. Thanks to Bruce Johnson VE4KQ for use of VE4AGA repeater. Thanks to volunteer operators: VE4s WX, HQ, RCA, MWH, DJS, GMB, DLA, DTF, VD, JON, BOY, CEM, KAZ & HK and VA4RAD.

Our Summer Severe Weather season has begun and we ought to have operators on-call for VE4WWO in the Prairie & Arctic Storm Prediction Centre 12 hrs/day through early SEP.

Our next General Meeting will be TUE 26 JUN 1900h at Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street. We will hold short de-briefs for RCAF Run and Manitoba Marathon.

Manitoba Marathon Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ ve4mbq@rac.ca

The 2018 Manitoba Marathon will be SUN 17 JUNE – this will be the 40th Anniversary!

We still need a few back-up operators, if available please contact VE4MBQ.

The Amateur Radio Group Volunteer Briefing is TUE 12 JUNE 1900h Crescentwood CC 1170 Corydon Avenue (Map 24 D2 in the Sherlock map Book). Although the briefing starts at 1900h we will begin distribution of race information, documentation, volunteer t-shirts and pre-arranged equipment loans at 1815h. Please do not attend prior to 1815h (upsets other bookings).

If you register as an Amateur Radio volunteer and cannot attend the 12 JUNE briefing please let us know in advance who will be attending to pick up your briefing materials and volunteer t-shirt. There will be an additional Medical Team briefing SAT 16 JUN at IGF for those assigned to the medical side (you'll find out 12 JUN). We need all borrowed equipment returned as soon as possible. On Race Day loaner traffic vests & HTs should be turned over to the Course Closing Vehicle as it passes by (it is manned by Amateurs).

Register on-line:

http://www.winnipegarc.org/marathon_volunteer_form.html

Contest Calendar - Summer Dates

Extracted From

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

June 2018

ARRL June VHF Contest
1800Z, Jun 9 to 0259Z, Jun 11

Cookie Crumble QRP Contest 1700Z-2200Z, Jun 10

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
0000Z-0200Z, Jun 11

NAQCC CW Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Jun 13

Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 13

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jun 13
and 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 13
and 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 14

RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW
1900Z-2030Z, Jun 13

NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jun 15

NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 15

All Asian DX Contest, CW
0000Z, Jun 16 to 2400Z, Jun 17

SMIRK Contest 0000Z, Jun 16 to 2400Z, Jun 17

ARR BPSK63 Contest 1200Z, Jun 16 to 1200Z, Jun 17

Ukrainian DX Classic RTTY Contest
1200Z, Jun 16 to 1159Z, Jun 17

IARU Region 1 50 MHz Contest
1400Z, Jun 16 to 1400Z, Jun 17

AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 1400Z-1700Z, Jun 16 (144)
and 1700Z-1800Z, Jun 16 (432)

Stew Perry Topband Challenge
1500Z, Jun 16 to 1500Z, Jun 17

West Virginia QSO Party
1600Z, Jun 16 to 0200Z, Jun 17

Feld Hell Sprint 1800Z-1959Z, Jun 16

ARRL Kids Day 1800Z-2359Z, Jun 16

WAB 50 MHz Phone 0900Z-1500Z, Jun 17

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Jun 18

Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 20

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jun 20
and 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 20
and 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 21

NAQCC CW Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Jun 21

NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jun 22

NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 22

Battle of Carabobo International Contest
0000Z, Jun 23 to 2400Z, Jun 24

UFT QRP Contest 0600Z-0900Z, Jun 23
and 1400Z-1700Z, Jun 23

His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB 1200Z, Jun 23
to 1200Z, Jun 24

Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest
1200Z, Jun 23 to 1200Z, Jun 24

ARRL Field Day 1800Z, Jun 23 to 2100Z, Jun 24

SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Jun 27

Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 27

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jun 27
and 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 27
and 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 28

RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB
1900Z-2030Z, Jun 28

NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jun 29

NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 29

Feld Hell Sprint 0000Z-2359Z, Jun 30

July 2018...

RAC Canada Day Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1

10-10 Int. Spirit of 76 QSO Party
0001Z, Jul 2 to 2400Z, Jul 8

IQRP Quarterly Marathon
0800Z, Jul 2 to 2000Z, Jul 8

RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW
1900Z-2030Z, Jul 2

ARS Spartan Sprint 0100Z-0300Z, Jul 3

Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 4

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jul 4
and 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 4
and 0300Z-0400Z, Jul 5

NRAU 10m Activity Contest
1700Z-1800Z, Jul 5 (CW)
and 1800Z-1900Z, Jul 5 (SSB)
and 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 5 (FM)
and 2000Z-2100Z, Jul 5 (Dig)

SKCC Sprint Europe 1900Z-2100Z, Jul 5

NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jul 6

NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 6

FISTS Summer Slow Speed Sprint
0000Z-0400Z, Jul 7

Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Jul 7

DL-DX RTTY Contest 1100Z, Jul 7 to 1059Z, Jul 8

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
1200Z, Jul 7 to 2400Z, Jul 8

Marconi Memorial HF Contest
1400Z, Jul 7 to 1400Z, Jul 8

Original QRP Contest 1500Z, Jul 7 to 1500Z, Jul 8

PODXS 070 Club 40m Firecracker Sprint
2000Z, Jul 7 to 2000Z, Jul 8

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
0000Z-0200Z, Jul 9

Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 11

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jul 11
and 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 11
and 0300Z-0400Z, Jul 12

RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB
1900Z-2030Z, Jul 11

NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jul 13

NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 13

FISTS Summer Unlimited Sprint
0000Z-0400Z, Jul 14

IARU HF World Championship
1200Z, Jul 14 to 1200Z, Jul 15

QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint
2000Z-2300Z, Jul 15

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Jul 16

Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 18

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jul 18
and 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 18
and 0300Z-0400Z, Jul 19

NAQCC CW Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Jul 19

NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jul 20

NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 20

Russian Radio Team Championship
0700Z-1459Z, Jul 21

Trans-Tasman Low-Bands Challenge
0800Z-1400Z, Jul 21

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 Jakarta DX Contest 40m 1000Z-2200Z, Jul 21
 DMC RTTY Contest 1200Z, Jul 21 to 1200Z, Jul 22
 Feld Hell Sprint 1200Z-1359Z, Jul 21
 North American QSO Party, RTTY
 1800Z, Jul 21 to 0559Z, Jul 22
 CQ Worldwide VHF Contest
 1800Z, Jul 21 to 2100Z, Jul 22
 SA Sprint Contest 2100Z-2259Z, Jul 21
 RSGB Low Power Contest
 0900Z-1200Z and 1300Z-1600Z, Jul 22
 CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush 2000Z-2159Z, Jul 22
 SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Jul 25
 Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 25
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jul 25
 and 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 25
 and 0300Z-0400Z, Jul 26
 RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data
 1900Z-2030Z, Jul 26
 NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jul 27
 NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 27
 RSGB IOTA Contest 1200Z, Jul 28 to 1200Z, Jul 29
 ARS Flight of the Bumblebees 1700Z-2100Z, Jul 29

August 2018

Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 1
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Aug 1
 and 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 1
 and 0300Z-0400Z, Aug 2
 NRAU 10m Activity Contest
 1700Z-1800Z, Aug 2 (CW)
 and 1800Z-1900Z, Aug 2 (SSB)
 and 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 2 (FM)
 and 2000Z-2100Z, Aug 2 (Dig)
 SKCC Sprint Europe 1900Z-2100Z, Aug 2
 NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Aug 3
 NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 3
 10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB
 0001Z, Aug 4 to 2359Z, Aug 5
 European HF Championship 1200Z-2359Z, Aug 4
 WAB 144 MHz Low Power Phone
 1400Z-1800Z, Aug 4
 ARRL 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest
 1800Z, Aug 4 to 1800Z, Aug 5
 North American QSO Party, CW
 1800Z, Aug 4 to 0559Z, Aug 5
 SARL HF Phone Contest 1400Z-1700Z, Aug 5
 ARS Spartan Sprint 0100Z-0300Z, Aug 7
 Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 8
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Aug 8
 and 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 8
 and 0300Z-0400Z, Aug 9
 NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Aug 10
 NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 10
 WAE DX Contest, CW
 0000Z, Aug 11 to 2359Z, Aug 12
 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
 1200Z, Aug 11 to 2400Z, Aug 12
 Maryland-DC QSO Party
 1600Z, Aug 11 to 0400Z, Aug 12
 MMonVHF/DUBUS 144 MHz Meteorscatter Sprint
 Contest 2200Z, Aug 11 to 2200Z, Aug 13
 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
 0000Z-0200Z, Aug 13
 NAQCC CW Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Aug 15

**WARC Monthly Meeting
 Dates & Location
 Changes September 2018**

**Second TUESDAY of each month
 Sept to June
 7:30 PM**

**At the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 252, also
 known as the South Osborne Legion, located at
 426 Osborne Street.**

Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 15
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Aug 15
 and 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 15
 and 0300Z-0400Z, Aug 16
 NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Aug 17
 NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 17
 SARTG WW RTTY Contest 0000Z-0800Z, Aug 18
 and 1600Z-2400Z, Aug 18
 and 0800Z-1600Z, Aug 19
 ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest
 0600 local, Aug 18 to 2400 local, Aug 19
 Russian District Award Contest
 0800Z, Aug 18 to 0800Z, Aug 19
 Keyman's Club of Japan Contest
 1200Z, Aug 18 to 1200Z, Aug 19
 Feld Hell Sprint 1600Z-1759Z, Aug 18
 North American QSO Party, SSB
 1800Z, Aug 18 to 0559Z, Aug 19
 CVA DX Contest, CW
 2100Z, Aug 18 to 2100Z, Aug 19
 SARL HF Digital Contest 1400Z-1700Z, Aug 19
 ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY 1800Z-2359Z, Aug 19
 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Aug 20
 SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Aug 22
 Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 22
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Aug 22
 and 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 22
 and 0300Z-0400Z, Aug 23
 NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Aug 24
 NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 24
 Hawaii QSO Party 0400Z, Aug 25 to 0400Z, Aug 26
 ALARA Contest 0600Z Aug 25 to 0559Z, Aug 26
 W/VE Islands QSO Party
 1200Z, Aug 25 to 0300Z, Aug 26
 YO DX HF Contest 1200Z, Aug 25 to 1200Z, Aug 26
 SCC RTTY Championship
 1200Z, Aug 25 to 1159Z, Aug 26
 Kansas QSO Party 1400Z, Aug 25 to 0200Z, Aug 26
 and 1400Z-2000Z, Aug 26
 Ohio QSO Party 1600Z, Aug 25 to 0400Z, Aug 26
 CVA DX Contest, SSB
 2100Z, Aug 25 to 2100Z, Aug 26
 50 MHz Fall Sprint 2300Z, Aug 25 to 0300Z, Aug 26
 SARL HF CW Contest 1400Z-1700Z, Aug 26
 Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 29
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Aug 29
 and 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 29
 and 0300Z-0400Z, Aug 30
 NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Aug 31
 NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 31

Into September 2018 ...

All Asian DX Contest, Phone 0000Z, Sep 1 to 2400Z, Sep 2
 CWOps CW Open 0000Z-0359Z, Sep 1
 and 1200Z-1559Z, Sep 1
 and 2000Z-2359Z, Sep 1
 Wake-Up! QRP Sprint 0600Z-0800Z, Sep 1
 IARU Region 1 Field Day, SSB 1300Z, Sep 1 to 1259Z, Sep 2
 AGCW Straight Key Party 1300Z-1600Z, Sep 1
 Alabama QSO Party 1500Z, Sep 1 to 0300Z, Sep 2
 MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint 2300Z, Sep 3 to 0300Z, Sep 4
 WAE DX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Sep 8 to 2359Z, Sep 9
 SARL Field Day Contest 1000Z, Sep 8 to 1000Z, Sep 9
 ARRL September VHF Contest 1800Z, Sep 8 to 0300Z, Sep 10
 North American Sprint, CW 0000Z-0400Z, Sep 9
 Swiss HTC QRP Sprint 1300Z-1900Z, Sep 9

Spotlight On: Peter Haertel VE4PT
 By David VE4DAR

Fortunately, I slowed down busy Peter Haertel VE4PT long enough to interview him after lunch with the "Thursday Group". Peter and his wife, Pat VE4PET, are part of a group that trains dogs to work with disabled persons. Recently Pat and Peter helped to put on the CLARA 50th Birthday Bash here in Winnipeg.



"I've been interested in radio since I was a kid. I was already experimenting with CB's walkie talkies and mobiles when I went to Vic (VE4VB) Grant's home. There I listened to the 80m evening nets. That got me into ham radio."

"I took two ham radio courses: Terry Walkling's in 1977, but I had a car accident and couldn't write the exam. In 1984 I took a course at WSC, where VE4AIP taught theory and Keith McCourt taught CW. I got the Basic Certificate with voice privileges on HF. Bruce Massey was my Elmer. Later, I got my Advanced Certificate."

"I didn't build my equipment. I bought commercial equipment, mostly for 2m. Later, I bought a completed HW100 from Gil VE4AG by trading a camera."

Any contacts or moments that stick out in your memory? "In 1986, while calling the Aurora Net, I made several contacts with the VE4EXPO station. More recently, after an email request, I set up a blind ham in Belfast, Ireland, on D Star by using Skype. He calls me regularly on D Star. Now his blind girlfriend is on D Star as well."

What have you gotten out of ham radio over the years? "Many friends and opportunities to learn many things. That's on-going."

Any part of ham radio that interested you particularly? "Mostly SSB contacts on VHF, UHF, HF. One of the highlights was watching Pat open the envelope bearing the QSL card from Sable Island. Her expression was priceless!"

"For public service, I've worked the Manitoba Marathon since I first got licensed. I was in the lead vehicle for the wheel chairs; later I worked on the medical vans. Now Pat and I do Mile 2."

Advice for new hams? "If something appears too daunting, don't give up. Press on!"

Future for Amateur Radio? "We are always coming up with new modes in the spectrum. We need to keep using ham radio or we may lose more frequencies on the bands."

(David's note: being visually impaired since birth hasn't slowed Peter a bit. He's a mover with good humour, not a complainer. Much to be admired.)

Amateur Radios, Antennas, and more ...

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 Contact George Hill, VE4GDH

Visit their web site..

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



Are you a
RAC member??

<http://www.rac.ca>

***RAC Annual General Meeting:
Saturday, June 16 at the Annual Red
Deer Picnic and Hamfest***

Update: Registration for the AGM Webinar is now underway and event organizers would like to know if you are planning on attending the event so that they could make arrangements for food. Please see below for more information.

The Radio Amateurs of Canada is pleased to hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Red Deer, Alberta as part of RAC's 25th Anniversary Celebration.

The AGM event will be hosted by the Central Alberta Amateur Radio Club and will be held in conjunction with the 2018 Annual Red Deer Picnic and Hamfest which is being held at the same location.

All RAC members are encouraged to attend the Annual General Meeting.

Date: Saturday, June 16.

Time: 1 pm (Mountain Daylight Time)

Place: The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Shady Nook Community Hall, Township Road 380, in Red Deer, Alberta.

Agenda items will include:

- Report of the President
- Review of the 2017 finances
- Appointment of auditors for 2018

A Question and Answer period will follow the AGM proceedings. This is your opportunity to hear what your representatives have been doing over the past year, to raise questions, and to make suggestions about how RAC is managed and where it is going in the future.

All RAC members are encouraged to attend the Annual General Meeting. If you are planning on attending the AGM and Hamfest please let us know by completing the online form at <http://www.caarc.ca/> so that the organizers can make arrangements for food.

Webinar:

If you cannot attend the meeting in person we are pleased to provide a Webinar which RAC members can attend remotely by completing the online form provided at the following link by 11 am EDT on Friday, June 15:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/586218209631892993>

Please install and test the Webinar software in advance. You will receive additional details in a registration confirmation email. The Webinar will begin at 1:00 pm Mountain Daylight Time but please log into the session at least 10 to 15 minutes in advance.

If you wish to submit a question to the RAC President for the Q&A session please send it to ve3xra@rac.ca before 6 pm EDT on Friday, June 15.

For more information about the 2018 Annual Red Deer Picnic and Hamfest please see the information below and visit their website at <http://www.caarc.ca/>.

48th Annual Red Deer Picnic and Hamfest

The Central Alberta Amateur Radio Club (CAARC) is pleased to host the RAC Annual General Meeting as part of its 48th Annual Picnic and Hamfest.

Date: Friday, June 15 to Sunday, June 17.

Place: The Hamfest will be held at the Shady Nook Community Hall, Township Road 380, in Red Deer.

Time: The Hamfest will be open to the public from 2 pm (Mountain Daylight Time) on Friday until noon on Sunday. Registration starts at 12 noon on Friday, June 15 and at 8 am on Saturday, June 16. The Annual General Meeting of Radio Amateurs of Canada will be held at 1 pm on Saturday, June 16.

Description: The 48th Annual Red Deer Amateur Radio Picnic and Hamfest will feature ARES Annual meeting, displays, vendors, tailgate fleamarket, roast baron of beef supper Saturday night, pancake breakfast Sunday morning, draws and door prizes.

Talkin: 147.150, 146.520

For more information please visit <http://www.caarc.ca> or contact Garry, VE6CIA, at ve6cia@rac.ca.

Alan Griffin

RAC MarCom Director

Not a RAC Member???

Join today.... <https://wp.rac.ca/>

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The Winnipeg Seniors Citizens Radio Club (VE4WSC) Now open Saturdays !!

The club is also open Monday – Friday from 10:00am – 2:00pm (could be earlier; could be later)

Members and Non-members (visitors & guests) are invited to come down and use the facilities and the radios. Have a coffee and talk with your fellow hams. There is free Wi-Fi, a television (local digital), North America telephone calling, a work shop with some tools and test equipment and of course HF, VHF & UHF radios waiting for an operator.

Anyone who wants to start a group project is encouraged to contact the WSC executive and schedule the event so that we are not double booking the facilities.

The current calendar of events is on the VE4WSC web site - <http://www.ve4wsc.ampr.org/>

Free parking as long as you are either behind the build or along the fence, as long as you directly behind and within the edges of the building you are ok to park. Sign in upstairs and record your plate number. Parking is also available on the street (check signs for hours).



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>

MRS Memberships Expired December 31

You Can Renew Today On-Line

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!

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 Net (Afternoon) 7055 Khz
Daily at 23:30 UTC

Aurora # 2 Net (Evening) 7055 Khz
Daily at 02:30 UTC

MB Wx Net 3743 Khz
Daily at 8:30 Local Time (CT)

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