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Welcome Back

Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2018
Time: 7:30 PM *New Weekday & Location*
Place: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 252
426 Osborne Street, Winnipeg, MB
(Across from the Winnipeg Transit garage)

Other Important Dates:

Newscaster: Deadline September 27, 2018

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates **2nd Tuesdays**
October 9, 2018 AGM
November 13, 2018
December 11, 2018
January 8, 2019
February 12, 2019
March 12, 2019

ARES: Tuesday, Sept 18, 2018
Sir Wm Stephenson Library
765 Keewatin Street -
MAJ Chris Lunney presentation on
CF Domestic Operations.

Other: WARC Fall Flea Market
Sunday, October 14, 2018

WARC Executive for 2018-2019...

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Message From The President,

First off, I would like to thank our past president, Peter Toth (VE4TTH) for his hard work and dedication to the club. I have learned many things from him at both meetings and events; hopefully I've learned enough from him that I'll be able to continue on from where he left off!

Thank you Peter!

With the 2018/2019 WARC session right around the corner, how in the ionosphere did I go from getting my operator's certificate in early 2017 to President of WARC! Simple: The Sprit Of Radio!

While the Canadian band "Rush" was singing about the magic of hearing music on broadcast radio, I was overwhelmed by the spirit of amateur radio operators! My first experiences as a radio operator were volunteering for the RCAF Run and Manitoba Marathon. After taking in the weekend that was Field Day 2017, I was hooked.

To be surrounded by a group of individuals who all had the common goals of sharing knowledge, desire to learn, applying their MANY skills and willingness to volunteer their time to serve the community; along with some good camaraderie; I immediately felt welcome into the world of amateur radio.

It was with the support and encouragement of some members; reminding me of what I had accomplished in the previous year and how much fun I had; that I was able to accept the position of President. I can only hope that during my time as President I'm able to pass the same experience on to others!

According to the Manitoba Historical Society, in 1919, J. Ralph Foster was the first President of the Winnipeg Radio Club. In 1989 Mayor Bill Norrie, in honour of WARC's 70th anniversary, signed a proclamation declaring August 14th through August 20th 1989 as "Amateur Radio Week" in the City of Winnipeg. With 2019 just around the corner, this marks the 100th anniversary of the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club!

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

Going into 2019 my goal is to draw on everybody's skills and knowledge in planning some extra special events to celebrate WARC's centennial! I would like to capture the interest of potential and newly licensed amateur radio operators so we can keep the spirit of the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club going for at least another 100 years!

Sincerely,

Colin Mantay, VE4CEM
President



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**Discount for
"WARC"
members**

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!

Renewed, Refreshed, and Revitalized

Fall Harvest is just starting in some areas, and in full swing in others. That's a sign of the coming fall, and it's also a sign that WARC will be getting back to our meeting schedule. This brings me to the first and most important point everyone needs to remember.

WARC MEETING TIME AND PLACE HAS CHANGED!

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.

The date of the meeting has been moved from the second Monday of the month, to the second Tuesday of the month.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALLENDARS!

Along with a new location, and a new time, we have a new President of the club, Colin Mantay VE4CEM. With all this new stuff happening, I encourage all members to renew their commitment to WARC in any

capacity they can, and refresh your volunteer status. I know many of you have been involved for many years in various duties and events, and have taken a break for a while to refresh yourselves and relax for a while. Recharging ones batteries is needed from time to time, but if those batteries aren't exercised they grow weak and stale. So I would encourage everyone to step up and give Colin a hand, renew your commitment and in doing so revitalizing the club. It's a perfect time to do so with all the changes that have been made. Next year is the clubs 100th anniversary, and we are planning a special event, one that will vitally need a host of dedicated volunteers. So please step up and lend a hand when asked, it will be greatly needed.

Finally, in closing I have to say that my time as President has been a rewarding one, a time I will always remember fondly. So on that note, please give a warm welcome to our new president, and I bid all of you a fond farewell.

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Peter Toth
WARC Past President

Editors note—WARC Minutes for June 2018 were not available at publication time.

WARC's next basic Short Course 16 is planned for October 27, November 3, 10, and 17 with exam on November 24, 2018, is now accepting registrations!

Please pass on the link

http://www.WinnipegARC.org/basic_course.html

to your family & friends who may wish to take the course.

Please take the time to complete the survey at

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-1631>

asking the Government to put in more effort to control the airwaves.

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.**

Contest Calendar - Summer Dates

Extracted From

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

September 2018

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
SARL VHF/UHF Analogue Contest	1600Z, Sep 14 to 1000Z, Sep 16
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	0600 local, Sep 15 to 2400 local, Sep 16
SARL VHF/UHF Digital Contest	1000Z, Sep 15 to 1000Z, Sep 16
Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW	1200Z, Sep 15 to 1200Z, Sep 16
SRT HF Contest SSB	1300Z, Sep 15 to 1300Z, Sep 16
QRP Afield	1500Z, Sep 15 to 0300Z, Sep 16
Washington State Salmon Run	1600Z, Sep 15 to 2400Z, Sep 16
New Hampshire QSO Party	1600Z, Sep 15 to 2200Z, Sep 16
New Jersey QSO Party	1600Z, Sep 15 to 0359Z, Sep 16 and 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 16
North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Sep 16
BARTG Sprint 75	1700Z-2059Z, Sep 16
FOC QSO Party	0000Z-2359Z, Sep 22
UK/EI DX Contest, SSB	1200Z, Sep 22 to 1200Z, Sep 23
Maine QSO Party	1200Z, Sep 22 to 1200Z, Sep 23
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Sep 29 to 2400Z, Sep 30
Texas QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 29 to 2000Z, Sep 30

Good Luck In The Contest

Are you a member of the Royal order of the Wouff Hong?

How will you be tested?

If you can answer the above, please contact me Derek Hay ve4hay@shaw.ca as I would like to see this tradition of a challenging ceremony resurrected once again and more Amateurs admitted to the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong.

We need to do this before it is forgotten. Want to know more about the order ?? Read on

THE WOUFF-HONG

The Meaning of the Wouff-Hong

"The Wouff-Hong is amateur radio's most sacred symbol and stands for the enforcement of law and order in amateur operation."

The Radio Amateur's Handbook, 1930, page 11 Beginning in 1917, stories by an anonymous writer using the pseudonym "The Old Man", or "T.O.M." began to appear in the American Radio Relay League's (ARRL) monthly publication QST. Titled the "Rotten Radio" series, they harshly assailed and exposed the poor operating practices of the day with caustic satire and humor. It was in one of these stories, entitled "Rotten QRM", that T.O.M. blasted the gibberish he'd overheard in one particular QSO, citing as an example the words "wouff hong", which apparently was either a concocted abbreviation, or someone's poor attempt at sending.

At the time of the articles T.O.M. did not know what a Wouff-Hong was, but he later adopted it as a disciplinary object with which to both flail bad operating practices and inflict punishment on the perpetrators. It is said that in the following era he had, tongue in cheek, proposed its use as an instrument of torture and discipline, to maintain decency and order in the ham radio community.

It was early in the year 1919 that T.O.M. contributed an article to QST called "Rotten Starting", criticizing the slow progress of the United States government to allow hams to operate again after World War I. It finished with "I am sending you a specimen of a real live Wouff-Hong which came to light when we started to get our junk out of cold storage. Keep it in the editorial sanctum where you can lay your hands on it quickly in an emergency. We will soon be allowed to transmit, and then you will need it." Accompanying this article was a misshapen, wooden, wire-bound two-pronged tuning fork-like object. Yes, the Wouff-Hong.

It was in the July 1919 issue of QST that the portrait of the Wouff-Hong first appeared. At each meeting of the Leagues Board, the Wouff-Hong stood on display, to the humbled looks of the Directors."

Hiram Percy Maxim 1917

Only after his death, was it revealed to all that T.O.M. had actually been Hiram Percy Maxim, the founder and first President of the ARRL. It is said that he took the secret of the origin of the first Wouff-Hong to his grave.

73,

Derek Hay
VE4HAY

Somewhere In Time....

Spotlight On: Hillel Taylor VE4TP By David VE4DAR

I first met Hill at a WARC meeting when my late uncle, Dr. Bernie Rosner VE4EX, introduced us. It seems Bernie, Hill, Ron VE4QP, and others were ham classmates. I interviewed Hill at the Seniors' Picnic on Sept. 7, 2017.



What got you interested in amateur radio? "As a teenager I befriended a young man, who was sent from London, England to Winnipeg during the Blitz. He sold me my first crystal set. That prompted me to learn more about radio from the public library."

"As an adult, I got licensed in 1972 after taking a class at Tec Voc from John Bell VE4OL. I didn't have an Elmer."

Did you build or buy your equipment? "Before I was licensed, I built a 6L6 oscillator, but didn't transmit. I listened on 40m on our family radio. Later I bought a Yaesu FT101. My 20m beam was bought in pieces, which I reassembled and mounted on a 30 foot tower on my home. I also had a dipole.

Memorable moments or contacts? "My first contact was with Rob Kaufmann VE4GV. I also had a QSO with Christmas Island."

What have you gotten out of ham radio over the years? "I learned a lot about the world. Amateur radio is a hobby that builds friendships. Other hams give you advice. I went on vacation to Hawaii based on the planning advice I got from a ham in Los Angeles! Ham radio keeps your mind active."

Any part of ham radio that interested you particularly? "HF."

Public service? "I helped with the Manitoba Marathon."

Advice for new hams? "Talk to as many people as possible. Talk with them about your hobby. The more you discuss it, the more you will realize it's potential."

What's the future for Amateur Radio? "Organization is the key. If we don't pull together, we are going to fall apart."

RRDX Aboard The Prairie Dog Central By David VE4DAR

In 2001, I began thinking about going on a DXpedition. My interest in DXpeditions was boosted when Cal VE4XQ described his adventure to a WARC meeting. Later, I heard about some hams operating from a train in northern Ontario. But the Fall of 2002 was too late to get anything going, so I wintered in front of the TV.



My interest was renewed in the Spring of 2003, when Mike VE4KLM sent me the train article from QST. I began by testing the idea of operating from a train at a Winnipeg Seniors Radio Club breakfast. Quite a few hams expressed interest. That weekend I gathered more support from the coffee group at "The Arches". A few hams even offered to help. And the RRDx Project started to bubble.



On September 20, 2003, 117 passengers rode the Prairie Dog Central to Warren, Manitoba, had a picnic and returned to Winnipeg. During the four hour event, 12 operators had 84 QSO's covering four provinces and 21 US states. The farthest contact was made over 2500 kms by Tom VE4HQ to the Los Angeles area. Not bad considering it was from a train using a vertical during a period of poor signals. Judging from comments heard afterwards, folks had a good time, despite the cold and rain.



The RRDx Committee, all volunteers, made it all happen.

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The 2018 Manitoba Marathon went very well for us, see the separate article.

Our June meeting featured a debrief of both RCAF Run and 2018 Manitoba Marathon. A number of the concerns expressed for MB Marathon will be documented in the After-Action Report. We got a very nice letter from LCol Collins on behalf of RCAF Commander LGen Meinzingler with regard to what we do for RCAF Run.

We had a pretty good turn-out for our mid-August meeting, unfortunately our scheduled speaker was not able to attend. We got an order of Winnipeg ARES golf shirts just before our AUG meeting, these are for ARES members only and are available from Susan VE4SYM for \$40 each.

We are covering two Public Service Events in SEP, Parkinson SuperWalk SAT 14 SEP at Canadian Mennonite University being coordinated by Dick VE4HK and Wilderness Challenge SAT 29 SEP and SUN 30 SEP at Camp Amisk being coordinated by Richard VE4KAZ. If interested in either event please contact VE4HK or VE4KAZ directly.

Our next General Meeting is TUE 18 SEP 1900h at Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street. MAJ Chris Lunney is once again scheduled to give us a presentation on CF Domestic Operations.

Manitoba Marathon
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Almost ninety (90) volunteers were involved with the Amateur Radio operation at the 2018 Manitoba Marathon SUN 18 JUN! We had eighty (80) certified Amateurs and five (5) non-operators. Our 2018 volunteers were:

VE4s: PH, PEH, BOY, DAE, SGM, DTF, TSY, CEL, SBS, BHW, WDZ, TW, MHZ, GLS, JDH, KON, GCV, GS, MMD, JAL, WX, TTH, DBV, GAG, HK, BAW, VB, NQ, DJS, RIC, CEM, ANF, LIT, JBL, HQ, AAO, HAY, AJO, GIS, GZ, UK, KIZ, MWH, KAZ, SIG, EH, HAZ, STS, NJR, GWN, YYL, ACX, CDM, ESX, NCH, JNF, WTF, MAB, EAR, QV, MMG, SYM, TRO, LDI, DWG, MMW, GKS, SE, XYL, EBG, VID, JS, AFL, MBQ.

VA4s: CAT, DON, RWT, CQD, RAD
VE6LOT

Rhonda Dovyak
Jay Lubiansky
Clorisce Lameroux
Gail Lameroux
Betty Pettapiece.

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Without our dedicated volunteers all the technology and supporting organizations (which are of great assistance) would not add up to what we have been able to deliver year after year.

Our supporting organizations include:
Winnipeg ARC
Winnipeg ARES
South-Central ARES
Pathfinders ARC
Manitoba Repeater Society.

Forty-six (46) long-serving Marathon volunteers were recognized during the Chairman's Reception 16 JUN. Of that number, thirteen (13) were Amateur Radio operators.

RAC Past President Geoff Bawden VE4BAW is presented a plaque in honour of his time served on the executive.



L-R Past Midwest Director Derek Hay, VE4HAY, Past President Geoff Bawden, VE4BAW, Past Ontario North Director Bill Unger, VE3XT



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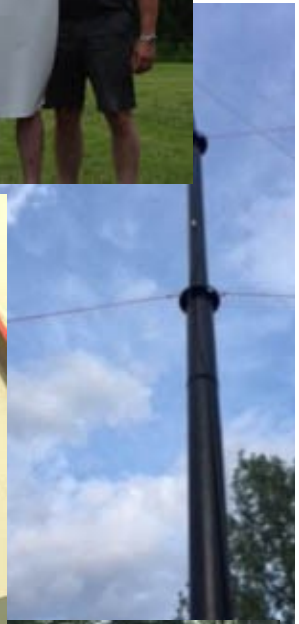
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Field Day 2018 !!

VE4BB was on the air June 28 & 29, 2018



⁷ **Manitoba Repeater Society - UPDATE**

Several members of Manitoba Repeater Society travelled to the Milner Ridge repeater site on Sunday, August 19. We were successful at putting the link to Winnipeg back in operation.

Thanks to Yori VE4ACX and Ellis VE4AJO, who tuned up the radios at Milner later that week. Yori and Al also cleaned up VE4PTG at Portage la Prairie that week.

All the repeaters and links on the system are now working well, with one exception. The link from Gimli to Milner Ridge is out of service. People in Gimli can hear Winnipeg, but we cannot hear them. The Technical Committee plans to bring the Gimli repeater to Winnipeg soon to be repaired.

Right now, except for Gimli, our system is in full operation from VE4MRS at Bruxelles to VE4FAL at Falcon Lake.

Dick VE4HK
Secretary



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.

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<http://www.mb-repeater-society.ca/>

<http://www.facebook.com/ManitobaRepeaterSociety>

MRS Memberships Expire 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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