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VE4BB

Christmas Get Together

Join Us For Food & Fellowship

Date: Tuesday, December 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:

News caster: Deadline December 27 2018

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates **2nd Tuesdays**
January 8, 2019 - Ron Place VE4PL on the History of Ham Radio in Manitoba
February 12, 2019 - RAC President Glenn MacDonell on the benefits of RAC
March 12, 2019 - Rob Streimer VE4SHS on Winnipeg Schools High Altitude Balloon Program
April 9, 2019 - "Home Brew - Show & Tell"
May 19, 2019 - TBA
June 11, 2019 - TBA & Elections

ARES: Tuesday, December 18, 2018
Sir Wm Stephenson Library
765 Keewatin Street - William Franzin
VE4VR speaking on VA4WAN

Other: WARC's Centennial Flea Market
Sunday, June 2, 2019

WARC Executive for 2018-2019...

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Message From The President,

With the snow here to stay, it's that time of year where most people make that little extra effort to stay warm and spend time with the important people in life.

Basic Short Course 16 has is complete and it was an absolute pleasure to have been part of it. I had a chance to talk to all of them about radio and there were many good questions from many people who were genuinely interested in radio.

Teachers and students who wanted to improve their High Altitude Balloon projects. Several Commercial and CB radio enthusiasts looking to understand more about their radios and have access to more bands, modes and power. Some people just wanted to have a better understanding of technology in general.

Their enthusiasm inspired me to stop procrastinating and write (and pass) my advanced qualification. I'm still not sure what I'm going to do with it, but I've always wanted to design my own transmitter and a radio fox hunt sounds like it could be a lot of fun.

December's meeting is going to be a great chance to see some faces, new and old, and I'd like to encourage everybody to ask questions and talk about what they know and their adventures in amateur radio.

Everybody's got their favourite aspects of radio but the important thing is, we're all get on the air!

However you choose to spent your time over the next month, stay safe and have fun!

Sincerely, Colin Mantay, VE4CEM
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

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WARC Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2018
Taken by Gerry VE4GKS

Meeting opened at 01:29 UTC

Introductions as usual.

VE6TL gave a presentation on the sun & amateur radio via Skype.

50/50 \$13.50 to John Romanec, VE4VJR.

Dave approved October minutes.

No new business.

Treasurer's report - \$8788 spendable, plus self insurance reserve of \$4500.

Discussion on possible centennial events & possible one larger flea market next year.

Memberships are down compared to this time last year.

Looking for a possible location for future courses that can accommodate larger classes.

Looking for more examiners.

No ARES report.

VE4SN reports slow DX.

Old business – report on the flea market – netted almost \$38.00 on cable shop.

Next month is Christmas meeting – likely a casual meeting with finger snacks – same as last year.

VE4TTH moved to adjourn 03:18 UTC.

***What have you done to "promote
amateur radio this week"***

That line we credit to an old News stalwart, Peter Parker with using in his old VK1 and VK3 casts many years ago and it still stands true -WIA

Call For Volunteers, or

***Ask Not What Your Club Can Do for You - Ask
What You Can Do For Your Club***

WARC Is looking for volunteers..

1) Volunteers needed for special events in the upcoming year such as the Flea Market, Field Day and 100th Anniversary special event(s).

2) Suggestions for special speakers at the monthly meetings.

Please contact John VE4VJR at ve4vjr@gmail.com

Photos From BSC 16
Submitted by Gary VA4RWT



November 24 2018 At WSC. We have 14 new amateur operators 2 basic and 12 with honor We had one student write his exam for his advance.

Gary VA4RWT

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

December 2018

QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 5
Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 5
CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Dec 5
and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 5
and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 6
QRP ARCI Topband Sprint 0000Z-0600Z, Dec 6
NRAU 10m Activity Contest 1800Z-1900Z, Dec 6 (CW)
and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 6 (SSB)
and 2000Z-2100Z, Dec 6 (FM)
and 2100Z-2200Z, Dec 6 (Dig)
SKCC Sprint Europe 2000Z-2200Z, Dec 6
NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Dec 7
QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 7
NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 7
PODXS 070 Club Triple Play Low Band Sprint
0000Z, Dec 8 to 2359Z, Dec 10
ARRL 10-Meter Contest 0000Z, Dec 8 to 2400Z, Dec 9
TRC Digi Contest 0600Z, Dec 8 to 1800Z, Dec 9
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon 1200Z, Dec 8 to 2400Z, Dec 9
International Naval Contest 1600Z, Dec 8 to 1559Z, Dec 9
QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint
2000Z-2300Z, Dec 9
CQC Great Colorado Snowshoe Run 2100Z-2259Z, Dec 9
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
0100Z-0300Z, Dec 10
NAQCC CW Sprint 0130Z-0330Z, Dec 12
QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 12
Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 12
CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Dec 12
and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 12
and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 13
NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Dec 14
QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 14
NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 14
UN DIGI Contest 1400Z-1559Z, Dec 14
and 1600Z-1759Z, Dec 14
Russian 160-Meter Contest 2000Z-2400Z, Dec 14
OK DX RTTY Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 15
Feld Hell Sprint 0000Z-2359Z, Dec 15
Padang DX Contest 1200Z Dec 15 to 1159Z, Dec 16
Croatian CW Contest 1400Z, Dec 15 to 1400Z, Dec 16
ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW 1800Z-2359Z, Dec 16
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0200Z-0400Z, Dec 17
NAQCC CW Sprint 0130Z-0330Z, Dec 19
QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 19
Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 19
CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Dec 19
and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 19
and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 20
NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Dec 21
QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 21
NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 21

AGB-Party Contest I 600Z-1700Z, Dec 21
RAEM Contest 0000Z-1159Z, Dec 23
SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Dec 26
Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 26
DARC Christmas Contest 0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Dec 26
and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 26
and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 27
NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Dec 28
NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 28
RAC Winter Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Dec 29
Stew Perry Topband Challenge 1500Z, Dec 29 to 1500Z, Dec 30
Original QRP Contest 1500Z, Dec 29 to 1500Z, Dec 30
Bogor Old and New Contest 0900Z-2359Z, Dec 31

Good Luck In The Contest !!

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Contact George Hill, VE4GDH

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

A Winter Driving Offer From Scott VE4SGM

Hi. My name is Scott Miner, VE4SGM, and I have a Jeep!

During the snowpocalypse on Boxing Day two years ago, my Jeep and I pulled people out of the snow for about 13 hours. I have no idea how many people that was. It was nice, after being retired from the WFPS, to feel useful again. I only got about six or seven last year. Not much of a blizzard last year.

Anyway, should inclement weather conditions visit again, I will be monitoring VE4WPG and 146.520 plus CB Channel 8. If any amateur needs help, I will do what I can. I have a winch and lots of recovery gear but will say that some vehicles are almost impossible to recover without some damage. I won't touch those ones.

I might also suggest the Facebook group "204 Rescue". This is a group of offroaders that dedicate themselves to helping others when they can. I have done a couple with them and these are good people expending their time and resources for nothing more than a "Thank-you" and a smile. We are here.

Call us if we can help. Safe trips to all !

Spotlight On: Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ **By David VE4DAR**

I managed to collar busy Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ for this hurried interview one Saturday at Timmies. However, it doesn't fully reflect his achievements for public service communications and our hobby.



What got you interested in amateur radio? "Public Service Communications at the Manitoba Marathon."

"I took Rick VE4OV's course and was licensed in 1994."

Did you build your own station or buy commercial equipment? "I built my antennas and bought commercial equipment."

Any contacts or moments that stick out in memory? "Talking to Japan on 6m in the winter."

What have you gotten out of ham radio over the years? "A lot of frustration, and annoyance. However, public service communications are gratifying in seeing what amateur radio brings to an event. You can see things and situations that the average person can't access."

"I've been mostly interested in public service communications and 6m sideband for fun."

Public Service? ARES, Manitoba Marathon, walkathons, 1999 Pan Am Games, Sled Dog Races, Y2K, weather spotting. (David's add-on: Jeff has had a significant input into the success of all of these.)

Advice for new hams? "There are a lot of modes and facets; try them. There will be frustrations. Ignore the nay sayers."

Future of Amateur Radio? "I don't know. Some amateurs felt the Internet threatened amateur radio, but I can now access things I couldn't before. However, it hasn't replaced point-to-point radio."



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Thanks to Assistant Emergency Coordinator Norman Coull VE4EH for being on-call for Wpg ARES when I was in Ottawa in early NOV. Thanks to District Emergency Coordinator Gord Snarr VE4GLS for being on-call for Manitoba ARES during that same timeframe.

Thanks to all those who supported the Salvation Army Toy Mountain campaign by bringing a new, unused children's toy to our NOV meeting and thanks to Dick VE4HK for coordinating drop-off with the Weetamah Corps.

Our Annual General Meeting in November saw the consideration and approval of our 2018-19 budget, Activity Summary (1 Exercise, 6 Public Service Events & 11 Educational Meetings) and acclamation of the 2018-19 Winnipeg ARES Inc. Executive.

Thanks to outgoing President Jim Sutton VE4SIG for his work over several terms of office and a great big thank you to outgoing Secretary Dick Maguire VE4HK for his decades of service!

Our 2018-19 Executive is:

President	Kurt Sargent VE4GIS
Secretary	John Erwin VE4WX
Treasurer	Susan Collings VE4SYM.

William Franzin VE4VR is scheduled to be speak about the VA4WAN Network at our next General Meeting TUE 18 DEC 1900h at Sir William Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street.

WARC Monthly Meeting Dates & Location

**NOW—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.**



Are you a
RAC member??

<http://www.rac.ca>

Neil Carleton VE3NCE Named to the Hall of Fame

The Board of Trustees of the Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame is pleased to announce that Neil Carleton, VE3NCE, of Almonte, Ontario has been named to the Hall of Fame.

Radio Amateurs of Canada recognizes deserving Amateurs by appointments to the Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame. The Constitution for the Hall specifies that the appointment as Member of the Hall is made for “outstanding achievement and excellence of the highest degree, for serious and sustained service to Amateur Radio in Canada, or to Amateur Radio at large”.

The Trustees of the Hall have interpreted the Constitution to mean that the person has performed significant service over many years to enhance the well-being of Amateur Radio.

Amateur Radio played an important role during Neil's career as a Teacher at R. Tait McKenzie Public School in Almonte. He was a key advisor in the development of the RAC Youth Education Program which has as its objective “to provide youth and their leaders with an innovative way of learning by introducing them to the wonderful world of Amateur Radio”. The Program provides financial and personal support to Teachers in schools and Leaders in community youth groups in all regions of the country. Through his articles in The Canadian Amateur magazine, RAC members and friends learned that Amateur Radio was a great way to make classroom connections across the curriculum.

Neil was also very active with the Almonte Amateur Radio Club and his contributions included serving as their First Archivist, Membership Coordinator, Treasurer and as a Special Events Station Coordinator of the 150th anniversary of Dr. James Naismith, the inventor of basketball.

Radio Amateurs of Canada and the Board of Trustees of CARHOF sincerely congratulate Neil Carleton on his appointment to the Hall of Fame. He will be formally inducted to the Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame at an event in the near future.

A detailed account of his achievements will be presented in a future edition of The Canadian Amateur magazine.

For more information on the Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame please visit: <https://wp.rac.ca/carhof/>

Prepared by Frank Davis, VO1HP
Chair, Board of Trustees
Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame



Canadian
National Parks
ON THE AIR **2019**



Radio Amateurs of Canada is pleased to announce its support of the Canadian National Parks on the Air (CNPOTA) event which will be held next year from January 1 to December 31.

The CNPOTA Event Committee describes the event in this way:

“All Radio Amateurs worldwide will have an opportunity to operate portably from any of Canada's 48 National Parks and 171 National Historic Sites (these are ‘activators’). Amateurs around the world will be able to chase these adventurous operators in an effort to confirm the most QSOs (these are ‘chasers’).

Activity for activators and chasers will be tracked on a dedicated website and real-time leader board and other statistics will be available throughout the year. Activators and chasers will be able to compete for and collect online awards and certificates created specifically for the event.

Come join the fun and plan to visit one of Canada's beautiful Parks and Historic sites next year!”.

RAC will be assisting the organizers in promoting the event through articles in The Canadian Amateur magazine, the RAC website and in social media.

For more information about the event please visit the Canadian National Parks on the Air website at: <https://cnpota.ca/>

Alan Griffin
RAC MarCom Director

Are YOU a RAC Member??

Consider Joining RAC Today
<https://wp.rac.ca/home-2/membership-sign-up-renewal-area/>

RAC President Glenn MacDonell will be speaking at our February 12, 2019, WARC meeting on the benefits of RAC

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 Expire December 31
You Can Renew Today On-Line**

The Winnipeg Seniors Citizens Radio club (VE4WSC)

Is now open Saturdays 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

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

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)

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).

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