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VE4BB

"2M Etiquette" by Dick VE4HK

Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Windsor Park United Church

1062 Autumnwood Dr (at Cottonwood Rd.)

Find it on Google Maps - [Click Here](#)

Other Important Dates:

Newscaster: Deadline November 28, 2019

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates **2nd Tuesdays**
December 10, 2019 - Christmas Supper
January 14, 2020 - TBA
February 11, 2020 - TBA
March 10, 2020 - TBA
April 14, 2020 - TBA
May 12, 2020 - TBA
June 9, 2020 - TBA

ARES: Tuesday, November 19, 2019
Sir Wm Stephenson Library
765 Keewatin Street -
Annual General Meeting

Other: December 10, 2019 - WARC
Christmas Supper at Royal Fork

WARC Executive for 2019-2020...

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From The President -

Well winter is surely approaching but not necessarily slowly. Not sure how many of you had antenna work to do this past summer that you procrastinated on but I will admit to being one. Hopefully the weather will perk up enough to keep my fingers attached to my hands long enough to get my work done.

At the October WARC General meeting Ron Place VE4PL gave a very touching presentation about someone us newer Hams have no knowledge of - Jim Watt VE4VJ. That call sign should be familiar to most of you, it is the call of the UHF repeater on the Richardson building in remembrance of him.

To recap a bit, Jim had cerebral palsy yet managed to get his Amateur Radio license at a time when CW was a requirement! Not only that, but he had a number of ham related inventions under his belt, a positive attitude and a friend to many. Unfortunately he died tragically at the age of 58 when his wheelchair rolled into the Assiniboine River. What is interesting is the impact he left on Hams to this day. He touched other Hams such as Ron such that Ron felt compelled to present his story for the rest of us so that Jim would not be forgotten. Hearing about someone like Jim should make each of us think - is the impact we have on our families, friends, co-workers such that they will be remembering us in a kind light years later? For many it can be a sobering thought.

This reminds me of a sermon I once heard from a minister by the name of Tony Campolo. He was talking about research project that interviewed 100 people who were over 100 years of age to see if there was anything in common they shared that contributed to their longevity. One of the questions they asked of these people is if they wished they would have done anything differently in their lives, or had any regrets. Curiously most of them had 3 regrets in common - they wished they would have spent more time in reflection, they wished they would have taken more chances, and something Jim Watt succeeded in doing - they wished they would have done something that they would be remembered by.

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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

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With Remembrance Day approaching I would also like all of us to take the time to reflect on all the soldiers who gave their lives in one way or another for our freedom in the past wars. With their sacrifices we are fortunate to live peacefully here. But we also run the risk of forgetting about their sacrifices and what they meant for us. Please pass their history on to the younger generations so our peace will live on.

Christmas is also rapidly approaching and I would like to remind everyone to make sure to bring non-perishable food items to the November 12 general meeting and to the Christmas supper on December 10 at the Royal Fork. We will be teaming up with the Radio Canada SSB Group to help them with putting together Christmas hampers for the less fortunate to help make the Christmas season a little brighter for them.

73, John VE4VJR

*WARC Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2019
Taken by Gerry VE4GKS*

Meeting opened 00:39 UTC

Greetings from Adam 'SN & Sylvia

Fox Hunt – 5 hunters

Collecting for the DX Club Xmas hamper

Introductions as usual

Treasurer's report \$13,401 (actual after O/S cheques) in bank, + \$1748 net in PayPal.

VE4DLA presented the year's budget.

Membership – 61 members

Education – 14 registered for basic short course this fall

No ARES or RAC report

50/50 \$14.00 to VE4GZ Jim

Following a coffee break Ron VE4PL gave a presentation on VE4VJ.

Every general meeting from her on in up till, and including, the Christmas supper, we will be collecting food items which will be passed on to the DX club, contributing to the Christmas hampers they put together each year for those in need.

Here is the list of non perishable foods The Radio Canada DX Group puts into the hampers we provide to the families we do the Cheer Board hampers for. This year the RC DX Group is doing 8 hampers for sure but will do more provided we get enough food donations and sell enough of our raffle tickets to make the cash needed for the perishable foods we supply with the hampers. At our DX Group supper last night we had our annual early bird raffle draws and 40 prizes were given out. Garth VE4GWB I think and David Latour VE4DLA were among the winners.

I am listing the food items and how many of each we normally put in each of the hampers, If we collect more than needed we divide the extras up among the hampers as best we can or we will put together more hampers if we have enough with the extra items.

soup 10oz cans 10 per hamper
soup noodles ramen type 2 per hamper
canned pasta 2 per hamper
sardines/tomato sauce 3 per hamper
baked beans cans 3 per hamper
canned meat/wieners 4 per hamper
poutine sauce 1 per hamper
crackers box 2 per hamper
scalloped/mashed potatoes box 2 per hamper
macaroni with cheese KD or generic box 12 per hamper
uncle bens rice 2 per hamper
white rice 900g 1 per hamper
sidekicks pkg 2 per hamper
pasta/noodles 900g 2 per hamper
spaghetti noodles 1lb 2 per hamper
spaghetti sauce cans 4 per hamper
sugar 2lbs 1 per hamper
peanut butter 1kg 02 per hamper
pancake mix box 1 per hamper
pancake syrup bottle 1 per hamper
coffee can 1 per hamper
tea box 1 per hamper
instant oatmeal box 2 per hamper
apple juice 1l 12 per hamper
apple sauce jar 1 per hamper
vegetables canned 4 per hamper
cookies box 2 per hamper
candy canes box 1 per hamper
xmas candy bag 1 per hamper
juicy chews box 1 per hamper
chewy/dip bars (granola) box 2 per hamper
jelly powder box (jello or generic) 4 per hamper
instant pudding box 4 per hamper
flour bag 1 per hamper
cake mix box 4 per hamper
canned fruit 3 per hamper
cereal box 2 per hamper
tuna can 4 per hamper
salmon can 3 per hamper
jam jar 2 per hamper
pop 2L 2 per hamper
pickles jar 1 per hamper
chips bag 2 per hamper
cranberry sauce can 1 per hamper
gravy pkg 2 per hamper

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The proceeds of our annual licensed raffle are used to purchase the following perishable foods for the hampers:

frozen vegetables bag 2 per hamper
 frozen fries bag 1 per hamper
 mandarin oranges box 1 per hamper
 potatoes 10lb bag 1 per hamper
 bacon 1lb 1 per hamper
 eggs dozen 1 per hamper
 milk 4L 1 per hamper
 ham 1 per hamper
 turkey (not chicken) 1 per hamper
 bread loaf 1 per hamper
 buns pkg 1 per hamper

I will have Radio Canada DX Group raffle tickets available at the next WARC meeting. The tickets are 3 for \$5 and the draw will be at Aalto's at the Windsor Park Inn on December 14 2019. The main prize will be \$250 meat order or an 11M SSB radio. There will also be many other prizes awarded as well.

Thanks

Drew Kwartel VE4DRW
 V.P. Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club

Winnipeg ARES
Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ
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Welcome to Jerry Volkers VE4GCV our newest member.

The Winnipeg ARES Annual General Meeting is TUE 19 NOV 1900h at Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street.

Winnipeg ARES will once again be supporting the Salvation Army Toy Mountain Campaign. Members able to assist should bring a new, unwrapped children's toy to the NOV Annual General Meeting.

A Winter Driving Offer ***From Scott VE4SGM***

As I have done in past years, I will be out during inclement weather for the purpose of assisting other drivers. I am monitoring VE4WPG, 146.520 and CB Channel 8. During our last winter surprise, I went out to pull a fellow amateur out of the ditch. It was a big, fairly slow, drive to get from Fort Rouge to the 59er on HWY #59 so I was glad to hear from him that another 4x4 had stopped and pulled him out. I got one on 59 anyway so it wasn't a total loss. I sure appreciate him calling me to tell me he was out though.

No guarantees but I pulled a fair few people last year and we are supposed to get more snow this year. I will do my best to get you back on the road.

73,

Scott VE4SGM

Wanted

The Winnipeg Seniors Radio Club needs help with Windows networking. If anyone is proficient in networking Win-10 computers together on a shared network, and in particular setting up a network shared drive, please contact Derek VE4HAY at ve4hay@shaw.ca. We had this working but recent updates to Win-10 has somehow broken the connection.

Walter VE4VB's Garage Sale

Walter VE4VB became a Silent Key on October 6. His family asked a group of local hams to clean out all his ham radio equipment, and sell it, so they could list the house for sale. We met at Walter's house Friday evening October 25 to load everything. It took 4 trucks to cart away everything.

Bob VE4STS was able to secure the games room in his apartment for the sale. We set up everything Friday evening. Six banquet size tables jammed with goodies. The sale began at 10:00 am Saturday morning, October 26. We planned to stay open until 4:00pm, but we were completely sold out by noon.

The plan was to give all the proceeds to the family. Walter's son and daughter made a very generous donation to Manitoba Repeater Society, to thank us for all our efforts.

Thanks to all the volunteers who loaded up and moved everything from Walter's QTH to Bob's QTH. Thanks to everyone who helped sell everything on Saturday. Thanks to Gilbert, the janitor at Bob VE4STS's apartment for allowing us to use the game room.

Thanks to the following hams for all their assistance Dick VE4HK, Richard VE4ESX, Derek VE4HAY, Bill VE4AAZ, Bob VE4STS, Gerry VE4GCV, Ian VE4CLK, John VE4JON, Calvin VE4AJ, Dave VE4DJS, Dan VE4DRK

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Dick VE4HK

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Contest Calendar

Extracted From

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

November 2019

PODXS 070 Club Triple Play Low Band Sprint	0000Z, Nov 9 to 2359Z, Nov 11
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
SARL VHF/UHF Analogue Contest	1000Z, Nov 9 to 1000Z, Nov 10
OK/OM DX Contest, CW	1200Z, Nov 9 to 1200Z, Nov 10
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Nov 9 to 2400Z, Nov 10
CQ-WE Contest	1900Z-2300Z, Nov 9 (CW/Digital) and 0100Z-0500Z, Nov 10 (Phone) and 1900Z-2300Z, Nov 10 (Phone) and 0100Z-0500Z, Nov 11 (CW/Digital)
AWA Bruce Kelley 1929 QSO Party	2300Z, Nov 9 to 2300Z, Nov 10 and 2300Z, Nov 16 to 2300Z, Nov 17
North American SSB Sprint Contest	0000Z-0400Z, Nov 10
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Nov 11
RSGB 80m Autumn Series, Data	2000Z-2130Z, Nov 11
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Nov 13
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 13
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Nov 13 and 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 13 and 0300Z-0400Z, Nov 14
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Nov 15
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Nov 15
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 15
YO International PSK31 Contest	1600Z-2200Z, Nov 15
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Nov 16 to 2359Z, Nov 17
SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Nov 16 to 1000Z, Nov 17
LZ DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 16 to 1200Z, Nov 17
All Austrian 160-Meter Contest	1600Z-2359Z, Nov 16
REF 160-Meter Contest	1700Z, Nov 16 to 0100Z, Nov 17
Feld Hell Sprint	1900Z-2059Z, Nov 16
RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest	1900Z-2300Z, Nov 16
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	2100Z, Nov 16 to 0300Z, Nov 18
Homebrew and Oldtime Equipment Party	1300-1500Z, Nov 17 (40m) and 1500-1700Z, Nov 17 (80m)
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Nov 18
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Nov 20
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 20
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Nov 20 and 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 20 and 0300Z-0400Z, Nov 21

Save the date for the WARC Hamfest

WARC's Hamfest will be held again next year!

Sunday, May 31, 2020
At Dakota CC

The WARC Exec is looking for people who want to be a part of the Hamfest planning. Please let the executive know if you are interested.

RSGB 80m Autumn Series, SSB	2000Z-2130Z, Nov 20
NAQCC CW Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Nov 21
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Nov 22
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Nov 22
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 22
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 23 to 2400Z, Nov 24
QCX Challenge	1300Z-1400Z, Nov 25 and 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 25 and 0300Z-0400Z, Nov 26
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Nov 27
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 27
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Nov 27 and 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 27 and 0300Z-0400Z, Nov 28
UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Nov 27
RSGB 80m Autumn Series, CW	2000Z-2130Z, Nov 28
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Nov 29
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 29
Russian WW MultiMode Contest	1200Z, Nov 30 to 1159Z, Dec 1

Into December 2019 ...

ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 3
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 4
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 4
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 4 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 4 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 5
QRP ARCI Topband Sprint	0000Z-0300Z, Dec 5
NRAU 10m Activity Contes	1800Z-1900Z, Dec 5 (CW) and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 5 (SSB) and 2000Z-2100Z, Dec 5 (FM) and 2100Z-2200Z, Dec 5 (Dig)
SKCC Sprint Europe	2000Z-2200Z, Dec 5



Are you a
RAC member??

<http://www.rac.ca>

Spotlight On Jim Griffiths VE4GZ

By David VE4DAR

What got you interested in amateur radio? “My father-in-law, Jim Griffith VE4ACN, a ham in Brandon, introduced me to ham radio. When I visited him we would go into his ham shack and talk to the world.”



“I took a class at Minto Armoury with Tom VE4AKI as one of the instructors. Among my class were Pat VE4PLG and Gord VE4GLS. My Elmer was Jim VE4ACN.”

Build or buy? “I bought used commercial equipment and built some 2m antennas.”

Contacts or moments that stick out in memory? “My first contact was with VE4ACN on 2m while driving to Brandon. Then by HF to Arizona in the winters. Some DX. During the late 70’s and early 80’s signals were much better than now. HF was open. Thus, I was inspired.”

What have you gotten out of ham radio over the years? “Good friends. Opportunities to work the Manitoba Marathon. A nice way to spend an afternoon, even if you just listened. HF has interested me the most.”

Public service? “Manitoba Marathons. Member of ARES.”

Advice for new hams: “Be active. Get on the air. Be sure to get on HF, the core of Amateur Radio. Join and support organizations such as WARC, RAC, ARES, and MRS.”

Future of Amateur Radio? “It will continue; not disappear. It will become more computer oriented.”
Thanks for this, Jim.

Christmas Supper

WARC would like to bring the local Amateur Radio community together by inviting all the local radio clubs for a Christmas supper on ..

Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 PM
At the Royal Fork Buffet
1615 Regent Ave. (Kildonan Crossing Centre).

This will be a casual event and the cost is the listed price at The Royal Fork (currently for adults is \$20.99, seniors is \$18.90) - you pay at the restaurant, no tickets are being sold for this event.

Also, WARC is partnering with the Radio Canada SSB DX Group of Manitoba to help them assemble a number of Christmas hampers for the less fortunate here in Winnipeg. With this in mind we are asking that everyone please bring a non-perishable food item to put towards this cause. A list of requested items is on page 3.

Please extend this invitation to all your members including their spouses/significant others.

73, John Romanec VE4VJR
President, WARC



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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 on December 31

You Can Renew Today On-Line

Hello fellow MRS members !!

Many of you have used the Fall Flea Market to renew your MRS memberships but this year that was not an option.

Your memberships expire on December 31, 2019
(Unless you have already renewed)

To check your status go to <http://www.mb-repeater-society.ca/> and check your status on current members. Renewals can be made using PayPal (Please include your callsign) on the website, mailing a check to the above mailing address or just dropping a cheque off at the WSC. 598 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg MB R2M 3L5

Good news is that the rates have not risen and they are:

\$40.00 Annual Membership
\$20.00 Family Membership
\$10.00 discount for RAC Members

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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 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)**

Dues go to Maintaining and Improving the system

Thank You, and I look forward to you keeping me busy

73
Pete Haertel VE4PH
MRS Membership Chair