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VE4BB

WARC Christmas Supper

Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: ROYAL FORK BUFFETT !!!

1615 Regent Avenue W (This meeting only)

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

Other Important Dates:

Newscaster: Deadline January 2, 2020

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates **2nd Tuesdays**

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, December 17, 2019

Sir Wm Stephenson Library

765 Keewatin Street -

Kelly Taylor VE4XT will be speaking
about Winter Driving

Other: December 10, 2019 - WARC

Christmas Supper at Royal Fork

WARC Executive for 2019-2020...

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From The President -

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, season's greetings and happy new year to everyone and your families from WARC!

It's that time of year where everyone enters a different frame of mind (happy one I hope) and enjoy all the festivities that occur. Safe travels also to those who will be leaving town for holidays, to visit families or for respite from our winter. I also want to personally wish the season's best and thank everyone for their participation in WARC activities and for coming out to the meetings. Your attendance drives the WARC executive to find interesting speakers/topics and events to increasingly make our club relevant to the state of Amateur Radio and encourage new Hams to participate and become more involved - they are the future! Also, to the WARC executive for all the time they put in to keep the club running. Each one has their own responsibilities and it involves committing a lot of their time for a job well done.

We hope to have a good turnout for the WARC Christmas supper this coming Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 at the Royal Fork Buffet - everyone along with their significant others are welcome! A huge thank you to Melissa Fleury (Bill VE4BEF's XYL) for planning and organizing the Christmas supper! For all those that were at the 2019 Centennial Hamfest supper this past May which Melissa also organized, you know this Christmas supper will be a lot of fun. She has a knack for this sort of thing!

The Christmas supper will also be the last time you can contribute non-perishable food items for the Christmas hampers we are helping the Radio Canada SSB DX Group put together. If you are not sure what to bring you can donate cash for the hampers. Fresh food items are always purchased for the hampers just before delivery and cash is required for them.

WARC members have also been invited by Doug Kaebe of the Radio Canada SSB DX Group, to join them for their Christmas supper on Saturday December 14, 5:00 at Aalto's in the Windsor Park Inn. As with our supper, there are no tickets being sold, everyone simply pays the menu price at the restaurant.

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



Also, if anyone would like to help them deliver Christmas hampers on December 22 from noon to 3PM they would be more than happy to have you. There will be about 10 hampers to deliver. Please let me know and I will pass on the details to you. They will also have an informal gathering at the Boston Pizza on St. Anne's Road afterwards.

We've had a good first half of the WARC season so far with very interesting speakers and topics at our general meetings and are heading into the second half of the season with a variety of new topics. We have Rick Lord VE4OV giving us a technical presentation in January followed up in February by Gary Moir who will presenting to us the early history of radio in Manitoba which ties in perfectly for our Hamfest and the 150th anniversary of Manitoba joining confederation. April brings us the annual Home Brew Night and we hope to have as many hams as possible showing off their latest creations, ideas or unique gadgets found, or purchased, in their travels that they think would be of interest to the rest of us. There will be prizes! We really want to make this a night to remember so get to work everyone! There are a couple of other speakers that we are awaiting confirmation so keep your ears open for those announcements. WARC is also looking to have a couple of weekend/evening workshop type of events that are still in the planning stages so be on notice for those as well!

So, as we bid goodbye to 2019, let's learn from our mistakes, enjoy our successes, and don't forget to wrap up the year with spending some time operating in RAC's Canada Winter Contest on December 28/29 on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2M! Maybe get that Worked All Winnipeg award you've been putting off for some time now...

73, John VE4VJR
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WARC Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2019

Taken by John VE4VJR

Call to Order

- 7:35 PM. Meeting was to be held on November 12 but the church had a flooded basement so this month's meeting was postponed to November 18 and held at the WSRC.

- Reminded everyone about Christmas hamper donations.

- Christmas supper reminder.

- Fall BSC class completions.

- Thank you to everyone for spreading the word about this month's meeting location change.

- Asked everyone to keep an eye open about January meeting details incase the church is not ready.

Introductions

- 35 attendees.

Previous Minutes

- No business or new business arising from the October meeting minutes.

- Glen VE4GWN motioned to accept, David VE4DL seconded.

Treasurers Report

- David VE4DL presented.

Membership Report

- Jessy VE4JBB said we currently have 80 members.

Education Report

- Roberto VA4RLU said 18 in the Fall BSC class, 13 wrote the exam last weekend (November 16, 2019) and all passed. Grades ranged from 72% - 97%.

ARES Report

- Jeff not present but sent email informing everyone of meeting on November 19, 2019 and they will be collecting toys for the Christmas Toy Mountain.

RAC Report

- ITU conference currently being held in Egypt.

Detailed info on it can be found on RAC's web site.

DX Report

- Current DXpeditions: TX7T and H40TT.

- CQWW CW contest this coming weekend November 23 - 24, 2019.

Other Business

- 2020 Hamfest planning started.

- Melissa Fleury gave final update for the Christmas Supper on December 10, 2019, 6:30 PM at the Royal Fork Buffet.

Program

Dick McGuire VE4HK gave a presentation on 2M Etiquette.

Adjourn

- 8:45 PM

Reminded everyone, especially new hams, that if anyone needs help in getting on the air or with anything else to contact WARC and we will put them in touch with someone that can help them.

Spotlight on Henry Hessner VE4AUT By David VE4DAR

What got you interested in amateur radio? “I was always interested in listening to radio. As a youngster I had a crystal set. When I retired, I got my licence.”



Take a class or study on your own? “I took a class at Sturgeon Creek High School and got my Basic in April 2000.”

Build or buy? “I bought a 440 transceiver and R5 antenna. I built some VHF antennas.”

Contacts or moments that stick out in memory? “I contacted an American Navy pilot in flight. Of course, he didn’t give his location. Many contacted him afterwards. I also talked with a ham in Kuwait after Jim Rogan told me to get on the air and get him. Many American operators tried to drown me out, but the Kuwaiti told them to stand by until I was done.”

What have you gotten out of ham radio? “I made some new friends. I was introduced to Satellite operations.” (David’s note: Henry was instrumental in establishing and maintaining the Satellite station at VE4WSC, where he is still involved.)

Any particular interest in ham radio? “I have an overall interest: VHF, UHF, HF and now digital.”

Public Service? “Since 2000, I’ve been a member of the Seniors, where I’ve helped with public displays and open houses. I was appointed to the Honour Roll in 2004. I’m still active as a Board Member.”

Advice for new Hams? “Come to the Seniors and try out our equipment. We have all modes and types. Get on the air; be active. Check out the new ideas on the Internet.”

Future of Amateur Radio? “It will keep going and be active. New programs are always being developed. It’s a challenge for new hams to work all modes.” Thanks for this, Henry.

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Are you meeting for daytime coffee?

Why not come down to the WSC club rooms and meet there. We can offer you better coffee, and better service (self-serve - you only have yourself to blame if the service is bad) for less money. Only \$0.50 per cup. And no school kids making so much noise you can’t hear.



The club rooms are open Monday to Friday from 10:00 – 2:00
Some days even earlier and some days even later. Saturday schedule is pretty flexible depending on people attending. And work in being done to open Thursday evenings.

On behalf of the entire board of the Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club, I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas Season and the best of DX in the New Year.

Also a huge thank you to the 40 WSC members and 11 non-members who attended the Christmas party.

Extra thank you to Sue, VE4SYM for organizing and running the event. Santa should give you something special

Derek VE4HAY
President
Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club

Winnipeg ARES
Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ
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Welcome to Barb Reider VE4BRR and Jim Coussau VE4CKP our newest members.

Our Annual General Meeting was held 19 NOV. The 2018-19 Statement of Income & Expenses was approved as was the proposed 2019-20 Budget. The 2018-19 Activity Summary was distributed to the members, in short:

ALERTS, CALL-OUTS, EXERCISES & TESTS

(1)

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

(6)

EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

(8).

The 2018-19 Executive was re-elected by acclamation, congratulations to:

President Kurt Sargent Ve4GIS.

Secretary John Erwin VE4WX

Treasurer Susan Collings VE4SYM.

We are still in need of a Fundraising Chairperson. We are looking for an alternate "phoner" for one of our telephone fan-out lists.

Thanks to Winnipeg ARES members who brought new, unwrapped children's toys to support the Salvation Army Toy Mountain campaign and thanks to Dick VE4HK for taking the donations to the Salvation Army Weetamah Corps.

We are already recruiting volunteer operators for the Scouts Canada Klondike Derby 07, 08 MAR at Camp Amisk. Richard VE4KAZ is once again coordinating this event for Winnipeg ARES.

Elsewhere you will find an article on registering for the 2020 Manitoba Marathon, thanks to Mark VE4MAB for getting it set up on the WARC website.

Our next General Meeting will be TUE 17 DEC 1900h at Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street. Award-winning Automotive journalist Kelly Taylor VE4XT will be speaking about Winter Driving.

Wanted

The Winnipeg Seniors Radio club is looking for someone to help them with Windows networking. They are having issues on sharing files within the clubs internal network.

All computers are on Windows 10 and can see each other but can not share any files.

If you can help out, please the contact Club President Derek, VE4HAY@shaw.ca

CW (Morse Code)

The Winnipeg Seniors Radio Club will be hosting a CW (Morse Code) course beginning on the first Tuesday in the new year.

The course will be conducted by Drago Lambeta VE4DBV . Training sessions will be every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7:00 - 8:00 pm for 10 weeks beginning Jan 7.

Interested participants should e-mail Drago dlambeta@hotmail.com directly to register for the course.

Manitoba Marathon
Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ
ve4mbq@rac.ca

The 2020 Manitoba Marathon will be SUN 21 JUNE.

We need a completed new registration form from each Amateur Radio volunteer every year regardless of what Amateur organization they belong to. Thanks to Mark VE4MAB for having the registration portal on the WARC web-site,

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

New Amateur operators will be paired up with Amateurs experienced with the event. Amateur Radio volunteers must agree to abide by the Manitoba Marathon Code of Conduct for volunteers. Thanks to Dave VE4DJS for keeping track of the volunteer registrations.

The 2020 Amateur Radio Group Volunteer Briefing is TUE 16 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.

If you register as an Amateur Radio volunteer and cannot attend the 16 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 on another date for those assigning to the medical side.

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).

Contest Calendar

Extracted From

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

December 2019

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Dec 7 to 2400Z, Dec 8
PRO CW Contest	1600Z, Dec 7 to 1559Z, Dec 8
International Naval Contest	1600Z, Dec 7 to 1559Z, Dec 8
FT Roundup	1800Z, Dec 7 to 2359Z, Dec 8
EPC Ukraine DX Contest	2000Z, Dec 7 to 1959Z, Dec 8
QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint	2000Z-2300Z, Dec 8
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Dec 9
NAQCC CW Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Dec 11
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 11
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 11
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 11 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 11 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 12
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Dec 13
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 13
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 13
PODXS 070 Club Triple Play Low Band Sprint	0000Z, Dec 14 to 2359Z, Dec 16
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 14 to 2400Z, Dec 15
TRC Digi Contest	0600Z, Dec 14 to 1800Z, Dec 15
CQC Great Colorado Snowshoe Run	2100Z-2259Z, Dec 15
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 16
NAQCC CW Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Dec 18
QRP Fox Hunt 0	200Z-0330Z, Dec 18
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 18
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 18 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 18 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 19
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Dec 20
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 20
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 20
AGB-Party Contest	1600Z-1700Z, Dec 20
Russian 160-Meter Contest	2000Z-2400Z, Dec 20
OK DX RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 21
Feld Hell Sprint	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 21
Gedebage CW Contest	1200Z, Dec 21 to 1159Z, Dec 22
Padang DX Contest	1200Z, Dec 21 to 1159Z, Dec 22
Croatian CW Contest	1400Z, Dec 21 to 1400Z, Dec 22
ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	1800Z-2359Z, Dec 22
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Dec 25
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 25
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 25 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 25 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 26
DARC Christmas Contest	0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Dec 27
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 27
RAC Winter Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 28
Original QRP Contest	1500Z, Dec 28 to 1500Z, Dec 29

Stew Perry Topband Challenge

1500Z, Dec 28 to 1500Z, Dec 29

RAEM Contest 0000Z-1159Z, Dec 29

QCX Challenge 1300Z-1400Z, Dec 30

and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 30

and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 31

Bogor Old and New Contest 0900Z-2359Z, Dec 31

Into January 2020...

AGB New Year Snowball Contest

0000Z-0100Z, Jan 1

QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 1

Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 1

SARTG New Year RTTY Contest

0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1

AGCW Happy New Year Contest

0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jan 1

and 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 1

and 0300Z-0400Z, Jan 2

AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 1400Z-1700Z, Jan 1 (144)

and 1700Z-1800Z, Jan 1 (432)

QRP ARCI New Years Sprint 1500Z-1800Z, Jan 1

UKEICC 80m Contest 2000Z-2100Z, Jan 1

NRAU 10m Activity Contest 1800Z-1900Z, Jan 2 (CW)

and 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 2 (SSB)

and 2000Z-2100Z, Jan 2 (FM)

and 2100Z-2200Z, Jan 2 (Dig)

SKCC Sprint Europe 2000Z-2200Z, Jan 2

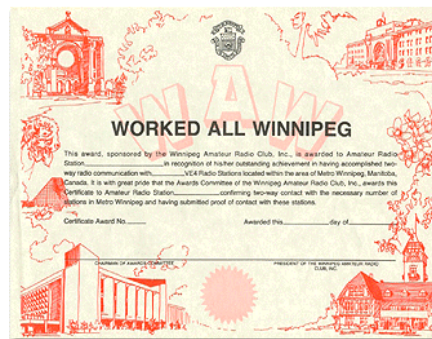
NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jan 3

QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 3

NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 3

PODXS 070 Club PSKFest 0000Z-2400Z, Jan 4

Got Your Worked All Winnipeg Award ??



Details are at <http://winnipegarc.org/awards.html>

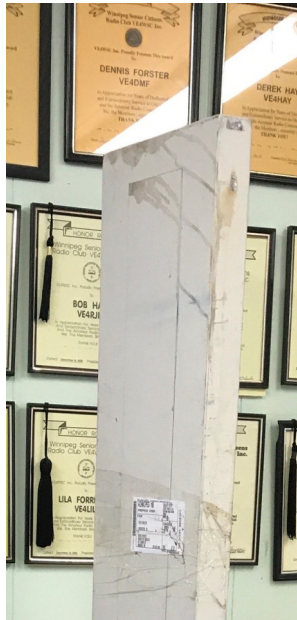
D-Tips

By Garth VE4GWB

Thanks to William, VE4VR, for all his help upgrading the D-STAR server we can now connect again to the Friday Night CanNet on VE4WDR at 8pm local. For linking to it however XRF021B has been retired. You must now connect to XRF005B with the letter O in the 8th position to link.

DMR users can also connect to this net by linking VE4DMR to Talk Group 302050 on TS2.

Free To A Good Home ...



Contact Derek VE4HAY - VE4HAY@shaw.ca

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 at <http://winnipegarc.org/Cheer.html>

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

73, John Romanec VE4VJR



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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