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An "On Air" 2 Meter "Social Distance" Meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: **VE4WPG Repeater! 147.390+ (tone 127.3)**

In view of the current "Social Distancing" measures you can stay "2 meters" apart and attend WARC's 2 meter "On Air" meeting on the VE4WPG repeater. (Thanks to MRS)

Other Important Dates:

Newscaster: Deadline May 28, 2020

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates **2nd Tuesdays**
June 9, 2020 - **TBA & Election Night**
September 8, 2020 - Welcome Back

ARES: Tuesday, May 19 2020
Will be an **on-line** "Remote" meeting
Winnipeg ARES members will be advised by e-mail

Other: **The WARC 2020 Hamfest, Field Day, the Manitoba Marathon, and many more have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.**

Check the WARC web site for updates

WARC Executive for 2019-2020...

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From The President -

Hi all! Here we are heading into month 3 of a new way of life as a result of the Covid-19 virus. I sincerely hope everyone is doing well and would like to remind everyone to check up on each other, your friends, family members, neighbors. We may think they have other friends or family members calling them but this is not always the case. Even if it was, it is always nice to hear from new people. Hopefully one of the silver linings of this bad time will be that we all become more caring and compassionate.

Since we are supposed to be self-isolating ourselves or at the very least keeping a very low social profile, we are probably one of the more fortunate groups of people in that we have Amateur Radio to keep in touch with others! Whether it is VHF, HF, digital, etc we can still communicate with the outside world. I really hope everyone has been more active in the past weeks because of this. If not, then dust off the radio and get on the air! Good chance for all the newly licensed Hams to get lots of practice in getting into the comfort zone of being on the air too. Thanks also to Dick VE4HK for taking the initiative and arranging the Worked all Winnipeg weekend in April. If you have managed to work the required number of stations make sure to submit you application!

Speaking of new Hams... I, and the entire WARC executive, are very surprised and thrilled about how many inquiries we still get from people who want to get their licenses. In the past month there were 3 or 4 inquiries. We still don't know what the fall BSC course will be like, or if in fact there will be one, so it was terrific to see that RAC along with the Annapolis Valley Amateur Radio Club in Nova Scotia, offered online Basic and Advanced courses. They were so popular that they maxed out the enrollment in both courses in a few hours! I am very interested to see if this is something that will be done again - I sure hope so and hats off to RAC and the Annapolis Valley Amateur Radio Club for doing this! Segueing from this, I want to thank Roberto VA4RAU for coordinating WARC's BSC courses the past number of years. Roberto himself, like most of us on the WARC executive, is a relatively new Ham, but agreed to take on this huge job.

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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Not only does he sacrifice 5 Saturdays in a row twice a year, he spends many hours contacting and lining up instructors, getting materials ready for the instructors and students, arranging the annual book order and meeting with prospective students to give them more information and the list goes on! I've often thought this is a lot of work for one person especially since Roberto has a demanding day job. Roberto has a go to list of excellent instructors, but as with Roberto, they also have personal lives, and sometimes are not able to teach during one of the BSC sessions. One way to help ease Roberto's burden is if he had a pool of Hams that he could reach into, who would be willing to be instructors. There are many different sections to the BSC course and if you feel you could be an instructor for 1, 2, 3 hours or even a whole Saturday please let Roberto know, along with the section of course material you would feel most comfortable teaching.

As we are getting near the end of the 2019\2020 season, we will be having our elections for the various executive positions during the June meeting. One of the challenges WARC has is the reliance on the same people to take on multiple jobs. We cannot expect them to do this indefinitely. There is the challenge of burn out, as well as succession planning. Ideally we would like to have "assistants" to each executive position. Thus, if the primary person is not able to fulfill their role there is someone ready to jump in and carry on with the vision of the executive. We would also like to have a dedicated team to become part of the current Field Day and Hamfest planning teams. These are WARC's two biggest events of the year with many roles in each of them. The people in the current roles are incredibly talented in what they do and would like nothing better but to pass on the "tricks of their trade" to others so that when they need a break there is someone able to step in. A lot of WARC members have been very busy in the past volunteering for WARC activities, perhaps you feel you want to "get back into it", or perhaps you are a new Ham and really want to get involved, or you are a WARC member who wants to give back to the club - please email us and let us know if you want to put your name forward for one of the executive positions or to become a member of one of the planning teams!

FOR NEW HAMS - If you want to pursue setting up an Amateur Radio station and need someone (Elmer) to guide you, whether it be with the purchase of radio equipment, building an antenna, etc - PLEASE DO NOT GIVE UP!! PLEASE CONTACT US AND WE WILL MAKE SURE TO PUT YOU IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO WILL HELP!! We are well aware that the BSC course prepares you to write the Amateur Radio exam and not necessarily in setting up a station. We want to make sure you are not left out of this great hobby!

Till we meet again -

Stay Safe and 73!

John VE4VJR

WARC Meeting Minutes *April 14, 2020 by Drew VE4DRW*

On-Air meeting via VE4WPG repeater

VE4DRW Drew at 7:31 Call for check in

7:41 Call to read minutes. Accepted as published.

June 7 Hamfest / Supper – both cancelled.

May 12 meeting- format TBD

June 9 election still pending or may be deferred to September

Summer field day no current access to park bookings or permits yet so likely cancelled.

Treasurer:

-We are solvent. \$6160.68 in the general fund in addition to rainy day fund.

-Deposits for field day and Xmas dinner being held for next year. Hamfest dinner moved to Christmas function

Membership:

102 active plus freebies for new hams.

No education report. Recent BSC was reported to be a success

ARES: Jeff VE4MBQ

See April WARC. 12 volunteers for Scouts. Mar 17 meeting cancelled. Spotter training cancelled. RCAF run cancelled. Marathon postponed. No requests from municipality or Province for emergency support. Next meeting online via GoToMeeting.

RAC report: nothing submitted

DX report: nothing submitted.

Questions:

VE4VJR: April 18 contest announcement from RAC. See website. All bands all modes. Looking for someone to operate RAC. 12:00 - 24:00 local.

VE4GWB: Garth. Thought of a normal flea market in October? No discussion so far but will be brought up at the next exec meeting.

VE4HK: Dick. Anyone have an on air sign? VE4AQU: has a box, paint the on air sign on. Ron may have it. Custom orders available. VE4AQU website

VE4PXL: Advances course: anyone in? Info is discussed.

Late or missed: 7:55

Further business:

VEDLA: Home brew night. Take a picture and put on Face book page. Prizes likely still to be offered.

VEK GK: Ken. Go box built but no Face book. Forward photos to WARC for inclusion.

Net complete at 8:00 PM. 32 check ins.

WARC Membership Update*By Jessy VE4JJB WARC Membership Chair*

For the 2019 to 2020 year the following is a current list of WARC members

Call Sign	Name
KS7Q	Parrish Andrews
VA4DJS	David Stewart
VA4EEF	Dan Flather
VA4HAM	Milan Lukes
VA4MBO	Myron Boisjoli
VA4RUL	Roberto Urrea
VA4RWT	Gary Goodman
VA4SMC	Scott Campbell
VA4WEB	Curt Fender
VA4XRY	Andrew McKay
VE1ZG	Doug Henry
VE4AAZ	William East
VE4ACX	Yorimasa Tsuji
VE4AHN	Kevin Podaima
VE4AHW	Frank Machovec
VE4AIV	Richard Lukes
VE4AJ	Calvin Winter
VE4AMS	Paul Reisdorf
VE4AND	Bert Andrews
VE4AQU	Richard Banack
VE4AUT	Henry Hessner
VE4BAW	Geoffrey Bawden
VE4BEF	Bill Fleury
VE4BN	Edwin Bethune
VE4BRT	Tim Burt
VE4CKP	Jim Coussau
VE4CKR	Kyle Crosswell
VE4CWE	Arnold Evans
VE4DAR	David Rosner
VE4DFM	Don Menzies
VE4DJS	Dave Stimpson
VE4DKC	Michele Keizer
VE4DLA	David Latour
VE4DMW	Dean Weiten
VE4DRK	Dan Keizer
VE4DRW	Drew Kwartel
VE4DTD	David Dunlop
VE4DVT	Dave Terrick
VE4EA	Cary Rubenfeld
VE4EDE	Edward Evanko
VE4EDH	Eric Hope
VE4FTX	Chargles York
VE4GAS	Grant Sesak
VE4GBA	George Anderson
VE4GCV	Gerald Volkers
VE4GHC	Gerard Campagn
VE4GMB	Greg Bilinsky
VE4GMT	Jim McKinley
VE4GWB	Garth Blumm
VE4GWN	Glen Napady
VE4GZ	Jim Griffiths
VE4HAY	Derek Hay
VE4HAZ	Harm Hazeu
VE4HK	Dick Maguire
VE4HQ	Tom Blatch

VE4JBB	Jessy Blanchette
VE4JDH	Hamish Donaldson
VE4JLB	Lance Barber
VE4JRG	Jack Glenn
VE4JS	Jan Schippers
VE4JTS	Joan Santos
VE4KEN	Ken Kang
VE4KGB	Kim Blake
VE4KGG	Ken Kennedy
VE4KON	Brian Konopski
VE4KS	Kelly Stafeckis
VE4LMK	Lee Kozak
VE4LRM	Luis Rosales
VE4LX	Tom Milan
VE4MAB	Mark Blumm
VE4MBQ	Jeff Dovyak
VE4MMB	Janice Behrens
VE4NSA	Stefan Wagener
VE4OV	Rick Lord
VE4PDX	Paul Driver
VE4PEH	Patricia Haertel
VE4PH	Peter Haertel
VE4PL	Ron Place
VE4PXL	Pietra Shirley
VE4QP	Ron Peasey
VE4RA	Rick Allan
VE4RAI	Robert Iwacha
VE4RCJ	Robert Jacobs
VE4RIC	Rick Shumila
VE4RLF	Roger Froebe
VE4RLK	Robert Keizer
VE4RTH	Bob Hirst
VE4RXL	Rod Lee
VE4SHS	Rob Striemer
VE4SS	Lawrence Kyle
VE4SYM	Susan Collings
VE4TB	Tom Adlard
VE4TLA	Chris Chatelain
VE4TML	Dave Tomlin
VE4TRO	Fred Collings
VE4TTC	Randy A. Willetts
VE4UA	Werner Schwager
VE4VJR	John Romanec
VE4WDZ	Wyatt Zacharias
VE4WMH	Wayne Harris
VE4YD	John Delaive
VE4YR	Frank Alberni
VE4ZIM	Kevin Zimmerman

Winnipeg Senior Citizens Club

Despite the province allowing some businesses to open up in stages, the board of the Winnipeg Senior Citizens Club has decided to keep the clubhouse closed for the time being, for the safety of all members. The board will revisit this question about opening in the future. If any member has any questions on the club closure, please contact any of the executive.

73,
Derek VE4HAY
President
Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club

Spotlight On Tom Haavisto VE3CX

By David VE4DAR

David's Note: Tom writes "The Sports Page: The Canadian Contest Scene" in RAC's The Canadian Amateur (affectionately known as the TCA). He's also a member of Radiosport Manitoba, so it was fitting that I interviewed him at WARC's Field Day in June, 2019.



What got you interested in amateur radio? "I've been interested in electronics since I was young. My father introduced me to a ham buddy of his when I was 15 years old."

Take a class or study on your own? "I took a class with 25 students and got my ticket in 1974. In those days you had to draw and explain 6 diagrams, and do CW at 10 wpm to pass. My teacher was VE3GHB, who was also a weatherman."

Build or buy equipment? "Began with a Knight Kit transmitter and a Heath Kit HR10 receiver. Then I had an HW101."

Memorable contacts or moments: "I visited Paul W0AIH on his farm in Falls Creek, Wisconsin. He had many, many towers, perhaps 70."

What have you got out of ham radio? "My hobby turned into a career. I took electronics in college. I made many friendships around the world. One of my achievements is the 9 band DXCC."

Any particular interest in amateur radio? "Contesting. I won the RAC Canada Day contest a few times; the RAC Winter Contest, and ARRL's DX CW contest."

Public Service? "I write for RAC's TCA. I'm a volunteer fire fighter."

Advice for New Hams? It's an amazing life-long hobby. If you get bored with one aspect of amateur radio, you can always try another."

Future of Ham Radio? "It's got a bright future. It will change. In 50 years from now, amateur radio will be quite different."

David's note: It was a pleasure meeting you, Tom. Many thanks for your insights.

The Winnipeg Seniors Radio Club is looking for ham operators who have kids or grandkids in either Guides or Scouts. The club wishes to re-establish its Guides on the Air (GOTA) and the Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) program.

Please contact VE4AES -
Mike Balshaw balshawm@mts.net to discuss.

The program used to bring into the clubhouse 2-3 troops at a time during GOTA & JOTA, where the kids would talk to other troops around the world, be demonstrated Morse code and have a try at sending their names. All that is needed is for the troop leaders to agree to participate in the event and book their time slot at the club. GOTA happens every spring and Jota every fall.

Field Day 2020—A Time To Adapt

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic and the social distancing guidelines WARC has cancelled our usual group participation in this years event.

However, that doesn't mean that you can't participate!

You can by operating from your home station using emergency power, or by setting up a portable station with a temporary antenna in your back yard.

Visit the ARRL web site at
<http://www.arrl.org/news/field-day-2020-a-time-to-adapt>



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Contest Calendar

Extracted From

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

May 2020

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint

	0000Z-0200Z, May 11
RSGB Hope QSO Party	0830Z-1000Z, May 11 (CW)
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, May 12
RSGB Hope QSO Party	1000Z-1130Z, May 12 (FT4)
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, May 12
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, May 13
RSGB Hope QSO Party	1130Z-1300Z, May 13 (SSB)
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, May 13
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1900Z-2000Z, May 13
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	1900Z-2030Z, May 13
CWops Mini-CWT Test	0300Z-0400Z, May 14
RSGB Hope QSO Party	1300Z-1430Z, May 14 (CW)
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, May 14
UKEICC 80m Summer Series	1800Z-1900Z, May 14
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, May 15
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, May 15
RSGB Hope QSO Party	1430Z-1600Z, May 15 (RTTY)
UN DX Contest	0600Z-2100Z, May 16
NZART Sangster Shield Contest	0800Z-1100Z, May 16 and 0800Z-1100Z, May 17
Portuguese Navy Day Contest	0900Z, May 16 to 1700Z, May 18
Hamvention QSO Party	1200Z-2400Z, May 16
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW	1200Z, May 16 to 1200Z, May 17
Aegean RTTY Contest	1200Z, May 16 to 1200Z, May 17
RTTYOPS Weekend Sprint	1600Z-1959Z, May 16
Feld Hell Sprint	1600Z-1759Z, May 16 and 2000Z-2159Z, May 16
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	1900Z-2400Z, May 17
RSGB FT4 Contest Series	1900Z-2030Z, May 18
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, May 19
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, May 20
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, May 20
UKEICC 80m Summer Series	1800Z-1900Z, May 20
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1900Z-2000Z, May 20
NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, May 21
CWops Mini-CWT Test	0300Z-0400Z, May 21
QRP Minimal Art Session	1600Z-2200Z, May 21
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, May 21
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, May 22
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, May 22
EU PSK DX Contest	1200Z, May 18 to 1200Z, May 19
RTTYOPS Weekend Sprint	1600Z-1959Z, May 23
Baltic Contest	2100Z, May 23 to 0200Z, May 24
Day of the YLs Contest	0001Z, May 24 to 2359Z, May 25
QRP ARCI Hootowl Sprint	0000Z-0100Z, May 25
QCX Challenge	1300Z-1400Z, May 25
QCX Challenge	1900Z-2000Z, May 25
QCX Challenge	0300Z-0400Z, May 26

RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, May 26
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, May 27
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, May 27
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, May 27
UKEICC 80m Summer Series	1800Z-1900Z, May 27
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1900Z-2000Z, May 27
CWops Mini-CWT Test	0300Z-0400Z, May 28
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, May 28
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, May 28
PODXS 070 Club Three Day Weekend Contest	0000Z, May 29 to 2359Z, May 31
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, May 29
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, May 29
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	0000Z, May 30 to 2359Z, May 31
Feld Hell Sprint	0000Z-2359Z, May 30
RTTYOPS Weekend Sprint	1600Z-1959Z, May 30

Into June 2020 ...

RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data

	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 1
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Jun 2
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jun 2
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 3
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 3
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 3
CWops Mini-CWT Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 4
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jun 4
NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1800Z-1900Z, Jun 4 (CW) and 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 4 (SSB) and 2000Z-2100Z, Jun 4 (FM) and 2100Z-2200Z, Jun 4 (Dig)
UKEICC 80m Summer Series	1800Z-1900Z, Jun 4
SKCC Sprint Europe	1900Z-2100Z, Jun 4
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jun 5
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 5
HA3NS Sprint Memorial Contest	1900Z-1929Z, Jun 5 (40m) and 1930Z-1959Z, Jun 5 (80m)
10-10 Int. Open Season PSK Contest	0000Z, Jun 6 to 2400Z, Jun 7
PVRC Reunion	0000Z-0200Z, Jun 6 and 0000Z-0200Z, Jun 7
DigiFest	0400Z-1200Z, Jun 6 and 2000Z, Jun 6 to 0400Z, Jun 7 and 1200Z-2000Z, Jun 7
VK Shires Contest	0600Z, Jun 6 to 0600Z, Jun 7
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0600Z-0629Z, Jun 6 and 0630Z-0659Z, Jun 6 and 0700Z-0729Z, Jun 6 and 0730Z-0800Z, Jun 6
SEANET Contest	1200Z, Jun 6 to 1200Z, Jun 7
UKSMG Summer Contest	1300Z, Jun 6 to 1300Z, Jun 7
Kentucky QSO Party	1400Z, June 6 to 0200Z, Jun 7
RSGB National Field Day Cancelled	
IARU Region 1 Field Day, CW	1500Z, Jun 6 to 1459Z, Jun 7
Dutch Kingdom Contest	1500Z, Jun 6 to 1500Z, Jun 7
RTTYOPS Weekend Sprint	1600Z-1959Z, Jun 6
Cookie Crumble QRP Contest	1700Z-2200Z, Jun 7

*** Good Luck In The Contest ***

Winnipeg ARES
Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ
 ve4mbq@rac.ca

At press time there have been no municipal or provincial requests for ARES communication support for Flood Operations. Four (4) Winnipeg ARES members volunteered for deployment away from Winnipeg, if required for 2020 Flood Operations. Thanks to:

Garry Frankel VE4VD
 Calvin Winter VE4AJ
 Diane Perry VE4LDI
 Pietra Shirley VEPXL.

Don Gerrard VE4DWG has been appointed Public Information Officer (PIO) for Winnipeg ARES. Thanks to previous PIO Jim Sutton VE4SIG for what he did for Winnipeg ARES.

At least sixteen Winnipeg ARES members participated in a remote General Meeting TUE 21 APR using Go To Meeting as facilitated by Kurt Sargent VE4GIS.

Environment & Climate Change Canada's Prairie & Arctic Storm Prediction Centre (PASPC) is still locked down with bare minimum essential staff and everyone else is working remotely. Usually, we have an ARES member on-call for VE4WWO in PASPC 09030-2130h daily, a week before Victoria Day until a week after Labour Day. It is not known when, or if, we will be able to access VE4WWO for this Summer Severe Weather season. For the foreseeable future Spotters will have to report via the 1-800 telephone number that they received at CANWARN Spotter Training. That telephone number is not to go out over the air or be posted to social media.

Summer reports should focus on:

- ? Any tornadic event or funnel cloud
- ? Rotating wall cloud
- ? Shelf Cloud
- ? Hail > 20mm (5 cent piece)
- ? Winds > 90 Km/h
- ? Rain > 50mm/h or > 75 mm 2-3 hrs
- ? Visibility reduced to less than ½ Km

Our next remote General Meeting will be TUE 19 MAY 1900h

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Confessions of a Casual Contester - 3
From the shack of DavidVE4DL

I am not now, nor ever have been, a Contester. I don't see myself becoming a Contester either, if one defines the term to include round-the-clock operations, intravenous fluids and diapers, and frequent relays of cold, one-hand meals. Not my thing, at all. BUT.....

It's a strange circumstance that my shack is at work, not at home. It happened because the bakery has a 150 x 65 foot flat roof, with lots of room for antennae, while my house fills completely its inner-city lot. Not even room for a hammock.

That being the case, and the current emergency orders in effect, I wanted to remote my station to home. Easy? I thought so. Thousands do it.

[The Gods laughed and laughed!]

I have a pretty modern radio, a Kenwood TS-590S, which is an SDR radio with knobs and buttons. Very computer friendly and intuitive, really. The control app from Kenwood is also excellent. In fact, I can do more with it than I can at the front panel. No problems there. The Kenwood server app is also good. But add in the Kenwood soundcard-to-radio client and the Kenwood VOIP app and all bets are off... Weeks. Several. Pass.

Imagine this; there are 3 apps at the shack to get the radio onto the internet; there are 3 apps in the remote location, to get the radio off of the internet; each app has its OWN mixer function to handle the audio; each has separate sliders for speaker and mic; each can choose from multiple arcanelly-named codecs; each is a separate thorn in my rear end.

Jessy (VE4JBB) and I got it running after a long struggle. Oh Frabjous Day, Callou Callay! NOT

Yes, I was on the air from home, but signal reports were terrible. Lots of distortion, compression, static. More days of nudging sliders around. Change mic. Change jack for mic. No improvement.

Comes the day, and Kenwood's own VOIP app decides my radio isn't there any more. (I assure you, it is, and the local client knows it.)

So. Here I am. Sitting in the shack at work, when I otta be home, trying to find signals in a geomagnetic storm. Is THIS ham radio? You bet it is.

But it isn't contesting. Nope. Not at all.

*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

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>

The Manitoba Repeater Society is looking for people with the following experience;

- A Webmaster - someone with WordPress or Drupal experience
- The MRS website is currently in WordPress, which was converted over from some old HTML2 static pages. We are looking for someone with WordPress experience, who can help to re-write the pages and then help to maintain them. Current executive can be assigned areas to maintain as well.
- A Graphic Designer
- The MRS current logo was created in Microsoft Paint. So now you know why we are looking for someone to help redesign the logo.

Technical people

- The MRS is looking for technical people who have some experience in Linux and Raspberry Pi
- The MRS is moving towards IP linking of the repeater site, where we can. And would like to standardize on using a Pi3B+ running HamVoIP or Open-repeater as the controller.

Radio Tech type with experience using a Motorola R2008 (specifically to test radios and ensure they are working) or an IFR1100 to test the radios that are programmed.

Anyone with access to a spectrum analyzer and tracking generator who could tune duplexers

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!

**The Newbie Net 147.390 Mhz+
Saturdays at 10:00 am**

A net for new hams to participate in a Net and get on the air!

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 5 (XRF005BO) **New**
Also on VE4DMR Timeslot 2 Talkgroup 302050

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 0130 UTC**

**Aurora Net (Afternoon) 7055 Khz
Daily at 2330 UTC**
**Aurora # 2 Net (Evening) 7055 Khz
Daily at 0230 UTC**

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