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VE4BB

An "On Air" 2 Meter "Social Distance" Meeting & Election Night

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 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 August 27, 2020

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates **2nd Tuesdays**
September 8, 2020 - **TBA** Welcome Back
October 13, 2020 - **AGM**

ARES: Tuesday, June 23, 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 -

Well here we are almost at the end of another season. Gotta admit, it was different! Brand new meeting location in the basement of Windsor Park United Church for a couple of months till we got flooded out. Packed in the WSC for the November meeting with the biggest attendance of the year! Awesome Christmas supper organized by Melissa and Bill Fleury VE4BEF. Finally got back to the church in January for a couple of meetings in the main sanctuary then the Corona pandemic hit! The executive had some pretty lengthy discussions whether to have online WebEx meetings or have a net type meeting. As you know we have had a couple of net meetings and they have been pretty well attended. We'll finish the year off with another net meeting on June 9, 7:30 PM on VE4WPG. Hopefully we can get back to in person meetings in September.

We'll be having the executive elections during the June 9 net meeting and there is still time for anyone to put their name forward to be on the executive. If you are not sure about this or what it would entail, you would be more than welcome to be a "director at large" where you can observe what goes on, participate in the discussions and get a feel for how things are. We especially encourage newer and younger members to come forward and be a part of the executive - after all you are the future of the club, you should have a say in it! Currently all the exiting executive members have agreed to stay on for another year so the vote at the June 9 net meeting will essentially be an acclamation vote along with any new names that come forward.

With the warm weather finally arriving everyone will be itching to get out and about, and even do some antenna work. Please be careful when working on your antennas, as this usually involves working at height. It is not worth your safety and life to take chances. Ask for help! Also any new hams who are looking to get on the air and are not quite sure what to do and need some guidance\mentorship - please send us an email and we will make sure to walk with you as you get going in this great hobby!

Till we meet again in person or on the air - 73!

John VE4VJR

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
May 12, 2020 by Drew VE4DRW

On-Air meeting via VE4WPG repeater

Net called at 7:30 PM local time, controller VE4DLA (no links up) DRW assisting

No Emergency calls noted.

Attendance (all VE4 prefix):
GCV, RXL, DVT, PKS, GKS, SGM, MBQ, BEF, JSJ,
DRW, DJS, HAZ, MAB, KGK, VJR, AHN, CKP,
CKR, HK, late or missed 7:45: TLA, AND, AMN,
AMS, DTD.

Minutes:

Published in the reporter and assumed read. MBQ accepts as read, HAZ seconds. Motion accepted.

Treasurer:

Solvent. \$6167.00 to open April. Spending nets \$ 5,990. Rainy day fund stands at \$5005.65. There are no outstanding cheques and no expenses expected. No comments made from the floor.

Membership:

105 paid or accepted as newbies. Jessie is not checked in but sent his report to the exec via email.

ARES: MBQ: We have report by email. P6 2020 WARC. Marathon Oct 11. No registrations accepted until date confirmed. Next ARES general meeting 7 PM local time May 19, online via GoToMeeting.

RAC:

No report, no check in from our representative.

DX report:

VJR: mostly CW on 40/80 vertical but 10M is open, 15 is open to South America and Caribbean. Propagation is getting better. EA: 40/30 after 11:30Z to Asia and Japan and Indonesia is also open.

New business:

nothing announced.

KGK:

Who won show and tell? First: TLA (Chris) \$30 for his CW keyer project. 2nd: KGK (Ken) Go box. \$15. Honorable mentions to DVT (Dave) for his J pole and Mark C (call sign unknown) for his IBM Clone project.

VJR:

Asked about nominees for the board: DLA replies all current directors are standing. Call made for directors by DLA but no replies. Interested parties to email info@winnipegarc.org. to nominate. Need replies by the end of the 1st week of June.

Announcements:

Hamfest cancelled. No consideration for a 2020 event but will be reviewed monthly. Field Day will not be held as a group but everyone encouraged to QTH from

their local radio shack. AND reports that Church, floors all replaced and ready to go for us as soon as permission to open up is granted.

QSO 25. Quorum, so business is official.

Adjourned at 19:48 local.

Amateur Radios, Antennas, and more ...

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Winnipeg ARES

Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ

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We welcome Vera Koladubsky VA4VMM to our membership.

2020-2021 Winnipeg ARES dues are payable in June, an e-mail reminder was sent to the membership 07 MAY reminding how to pay on-line.

Our next remote General Meeting will be TUE 23 JUN 1900h, there are no General Meetings scheduled for July or August.

The tentative date for the Manitoba Marathon is SUN 11 OCT 2020 – volunteer recruitment is paused until the date is confirmed.

Winnipeg Senior Citizens Club

The Winnipeg Seniors Centre is looking for digital copies of QST for the years 1975 & 1993 as well as all years from 2013 – present inclusive.

Please contact VE4HAY@gmail.com if you can assist the club out.

73,

Derek VE4HAY

President

Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club

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 Campaign
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
VE4RAY	Ron Hofmann
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
VE4YH	Gary Smith
VE4YR	Frank Alberni
VE4ZIM	Kevin Zimmerman

You can renew your WARC membership on-line at..

<http://winnipegarc.org/join.html>

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

Spotlight On Lee Smith VE4LS ***By David VE4DAR***

What got you interested in Amateur Radio? “My great uncle, VE3BLN, and my grandfather were hams. My dad was a CB’er, so radio was around my home. I started as a SW listener when I was 12.”



Did you take a class, study on your own, or have an Elmer? “I had help with theory and CW from VE3BVL, Stan Whiteford. I went to his ham shack, where I listened and talked on radio. I am mostly self taught.”

Build your own station or buy commercial equipment? “Both; my earliest equipment was converted WW2 surplus equipment. I used to walk back alleys looking for thrown out radios and TV’s to get parts.”

Contacts or moments that stick out in memory? “When I lived in E. K., I had a Yagi. Ten meters was really active. I made contact with a chap in a Land Rover in the Australian outback. Conditions were excellent for about 1.5 hours. Another contact was with a U. S. Navy pilot, who had been in the Battle of Midway. Later he became a PT Boat captain.” (Ask Lee for interesting details.)

What have you gotten out of Amateur Radio? “You can talk with people you would never have talked with in your normal everyday life. Friendships. I’m part of a community that looks after each other. “I need this or that”, and shortly after, you’ve got several!”

Any part of ham radio that has particularly interested

you? “HF operation and propagation. You can take the power of a light bulb, and talk to the other side of the Earth.”

Public Service? “Learned CW in Army Cadets in 1965. Served in the Army Reserve. Served as a Civil Aviation Inspector for Transport Canada. Worked in the Winnipeg Emergency Operation Centre.”

Advice for new hams? “Be curious. There’s so much to do. Don’t hesitate to try stuff.”

Future of Amateur Radio? “It will continue in total, now more than any previous time. It’s not dying, but changing. We are real innovators and will continue so. The technical aspects of ham radio enabled me to get involved in the operation of radio stations, especially CKVN, and special events radio. Later CHNR.”

Thanks, Lee. I was real interesting talking with you.

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/>

June 2020

RSGB Hope QSO Party	0830Z-1000Z, Jun 8 (SSB)	CWops Mini-CWT Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 18
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jun 9	RSGB Hope QSO Party	1300Z-1430Z, Jun 18 (RTTY)
RSGB Hope QSO Party	1000Z-1130Z, Jun 9 (CW)	RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jun 18
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jun 9	NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jun 19
NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jun 10	NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 19
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 10	RSGB Hope QSO Party	1430Z-1600Z, Jun 19 (SSB)
RSGB Hope QSO Party	1130Z-1300Z, Jun 10 (RTTY)	All Asian DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Jun 20
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 10		to 2400Z, Jun 21
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2000Z, Jun 10	Battle of Carabobo International Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Jun 20
UKEICC 80m Summer Series	1800Z-1900Z, Jun 10	Ukrainian DX Classic RTTY Contest	1200Z, Jun 20
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 10		to 1159Z, Jun 21
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 10	IARU Region 1 50/70 MHz Contest	1400Z, Jun 20
CWops Mini-CWT Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 11		to 1400Z, Jun 21
RSGB Hope QSO Party	1300Z-1430Z, Jun 11 (SSB)	Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Jun 20
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jun 11		to 1500Z, Jun 21
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jun 12	West Virginia QSO Party	1600Z, Jun 20
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 12		to 0400Z, Jun 21
RSGB Hope QSO Party	1430Z-1600Z, Jun 12 (CW)	RTTYOPS Weekend Sprint	1600Z-1959Z, Jun 20
SMIRK Contest	0000Z, Jun 13	Feld Hell Sprint	1800Z-1959Z, Jun 20
	to 2400Z, Jun 14	ARRL Kids Day	1800Z-2359Z, Jun 20
DRCG WW RTTY Contest	0000Z-0759Z, Jun 13	WAB 50 MHz Phone	0800Z-1400Z, Jun 21
	and 1600Z-2359Z, Jun 13	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	1900Z-2400Z, Jun 21
	and 0800Z-1559Z, Jun 14	RSGB Hope QSO Party	0830Z-1000Z, Jun 22 (CW)
Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB	1100Z-1300Z, Jun 13	Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jun 23
Portugal Day Contest	1200Z, Jun 13	RSGB Hope QSO Party	1000Z-1130Z, Jun 23 (FT4)
	to 1200Z, Jun 14	RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jun 23
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Jun 13 to 2400Z, Jun 14	SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jun 24
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1400Z-1700Z, Jun 13 (144)	Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 24
	and 1700Z-1800Z, Jun 13 (432)	RSGB Hope QSO Party	1130Z-1300Z, Jun 24 (SSB)
GACW WWSA CW DX Contest	1500Z, Jun 13	CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 24
	to 1500Z, Jun 14	CWops Mini-CWT Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 24
REF DDFM 6m Contest	1600Z, Jun 13	QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Jun 25
	to 1600Z, Jun 14	CWops Mini-CWT Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 25
ARRL June VHF Contest	1800Z, Jun 13	RSGB Hope QSO Party	1300Z-1430Z, Jun 25 (CW)
	to 0259Z, Jun 15	RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jun 25
RTTYOPS Weekend Sprint	1600Z-1959Z, Jun 14	RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 25
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jun 15	NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jun 26
RSGB Hope QSO Party	0830Z-1000Z, Jun 15 (FT4)	NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 26
RSGB FT4 Contest Series	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 15	RSGB Hope QSO Party	1430Z-1600Z, Jun 26 (RTTY)
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jun 16	UFT QRP Contest	0600Z-0900Z, Jun 27
RSGB Hope QSO Party	1000Z-1130Z, Jun 16 (SSB)		and 1400Z-1700Z, Jun 27
SARL Youth Sprint	1200Z-1400Z, Jun 16	His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	1200Z, Jun 27
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jun 16		to 1200Z, Jun 28
NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jun 17	Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest	1200Z, Jun 27
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 17		to 1200Z, Jun 28
RSGB Hope QSO Party	1130Z-1300Z, Jun 17 (CW)	RTTYOPS Weekend Sprint	1600Z-1959Z, Jun 27
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 17	ARRL Field Day	1800Z, Jun 27 to 2100Z, Jun 28
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 17	10-10 Int. Spirit of 76 QSO Party	0001Z, Jun 29
			to 2400Z, Jul 5
		QCX Challenge	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 29
		QCX Challenge	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 29
		Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jun 30
			0300Z-0400Z, Jun 30
		QCX Challenge	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 30
		RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jun 30

*** Good Luck In The Contest ***

Into July 2020

RAC Canada Day Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 1
CWops Mini-CWT Test	300Z-1400Z, Jul 1
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2000Z, Jul 1
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 1
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Jul 2
CWops Mini-CWT Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 2
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jul 2
NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1800Z-1900Z, Jul 2 (CW) and 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 2 (SSB) and 2000Z-2100Z, Jul 2 (FM) and 2100Z-2200Z, Jul 2 (Dig)
SKCC Sprint Europe	1900Z-2100Z, Jul 2
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jul 3
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 3
FISTS Summer Slow Speed Sprint	0000Z-0400Z, Jul 4
YBDXC 80m Contest	0900Z, Jul 4 to 0859Z, Jul 5
DL-DX RTTY Contest	1100Z, Jul 4 to 1059Z, Jul 5
Marconi Memorial HF Contest	1400Z, Jul 4 to 1400Z, Jul 5
Original QRP Contest	1500Z, Jul 4 to 1500Z, Jul 5
PODXS 070 Club 40m Firecracker Sprint	2000Z, Jul 4 to 2000Z, Jul 5
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 6
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jul 7
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Jul 7
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jul 7
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 8
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jul 8
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2000Z, Jul 8
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 8
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Jul 9
CWops Mini-CWT Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 9
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jul 9
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jul 10
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 10
FISTS Summer Unlimited Sprint	0000Z-0400Z, Jul 11
IARU HF World Championship	1200Z, Jul 11 to 1200Z, Jul 12
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Jul 11 to 2400Z, Jul 12
QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint	2000Z-2300Z, Jul 12
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jul 13
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jul 14
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jul 14
Phone Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 15
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jul 15
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 15
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 15
NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jul 16
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Jul 16
CWops Mini-CWT Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 16
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jul 16
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jul 17

*Confessions of a Casual Contester - 4
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.....

May Day weekend, I was attending a webinar for currency. As the computer I was using also runs my shack, I had the Kenwood on in the background. Every time there was a break, I turned up the volume and worked a contact in one of the FIVE state QSO parties I could hear on the air. This is a paper-log exercise, noting which contest they're in and the exchange. Then, after the webinar I put it all in to my personal log software, separating each contact into its proper QSOP tab. Three hours, a ton of information processed and 13 new contacts. It's why I like QSO parties so much. It can be done really off-hand and intermittently and still be good fun. Made a few 0ps day with a MB, used my gear, didn't lose any quality time doing other things. Win-win, in my book.

I'll take a video, maybe post it to Facebook: it's gusting 70 kph out there now, and the vertical is doing a nice imitation of a fly-rod. It's pretty limber, giving to the wind instead of resisting. The guys are weighted as well as secured at the base. It looks like the guys are loose, but when the wind stops, the antenna is perfectly upright and there is good tension in all 3 lines. I'm happy with how's it lasted the past 8 months.

A week later, I went up and replaced the ancient feed line with new coax, renewed the guys and generally spruced up the installation. One stub is bowed (the downwind one) permanently. I see no difference operating, unless the wind is blowing again. At speeds over 70 Kph, the SWR on 20m goes from 1 to 3, and returns to 1 when the wind dies away. I may try to calibrate this, see if it happens with all directions of wind. I didn't find a loose connection that would have explained this, so it may be variable distance between stub and antenna due to wind pressure.

I continue to work at remoting my station. The Kenwood software ARUA-10 still refuses to see the radio that it used to find no problem. I've installed RemoteHams RCForbes client and server software, and tested that everything sees everything else. Should be on the air with it this week (25 May) and we'll see. I don't like the UI as much as the Kenwood client, but with the support app not working, I no longer have that option. I'm thinking I'll uninstall and re-install it, maybe that will work? I hate computers. I hate particularly Win10 computers. I'm fekkinn surrounded by them.

I tried for Day of the YL this weekend, but only found one station, NR4L, on 20m. But tuning through 17m I came upon a CQ from IL of all places. Don't have IL in the log. Well, now I do. Always take time to scan the bands said to be dead. Found 4 stations in all on 17m.

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

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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