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VE4BB

Starting out on 6M By Ed Richardson VE4EAR/VE4VT

Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021
Time: 7:30 PM An **"On-Line"** Meeting
<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/treasurer523>
In view of the current "Social Distancing"

Other Important Dates:

Newscaster: Deadline April 1, 2021 (No Joke)

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates **2nd Tuesdays**
On-Line meetings until further notice
April 13, 2021 - Home Brew Night
May 11, 2021 - TBA
June 8, 2021 - Elections

ARES: Tuesday, March 16, 2021
Will be an **on-line** "Remote" Zoom meeting
Winnipeg ARES members will be advised by e-mail

Other: Many events are on hold due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic.

Check the WARC web site for updates

WARC Executive for 2020-2021...

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From The President -

Greetings to everyone!

Is everyone looking forward to spring as much as me? I admit that spring is my favourite season of the year. It is the time that winter releases its cold grip on us and the snow melts bringing to life the grass (albeit brown) that has been hidden the past 4 or 5 months. You also see the garden sections at stores exploding with the latest varieties of flowers and vegetables to plant and even "new and improved" fruit tree varieties. I admit I am not a gardener. That is not past-time I am carrying on from my parents. They were of the generation that had huge gardens at home and canned/pickled/froze their entire year's worth of fruit and vegetables including the wild mushrooms they picked. I remember the countless hours they both (especially my mother) put in to getting food stored for the . I admit I do feel ashamed of how I took my parents for granted after reflecting on all that they did and accomplished with what they had.

For those who are so interested - QSO party time has arrived! It's a good chance to get the states you are missing for your WAS on whatever band and mode you need them on. Unless of course it is North Dakota in which case I've convinced myself that it is a black hole for RF. We are still waiting for the sun to wake up too. It teased us mightily a couple of months ago then went back to bed. However, fear not! Centuries of record keeping indicates that it has to wake up this year!

WARC's March 9 general meeting features our very own, and newly crowned Midwest RAC Director- Ed Richardson VE4EAR. He will be speaking to us on how to get started on 6M. Ed is well versed in this topic (among many), and it is a timely presentation with 6M season just around the corner. Also, it should be of interest to both the VHF and HF crowd with 6M sort of being in "no man's" land. The fact it does not require huge antennas or any other specialized equipment makes it attractive too.

WARC's April 13 general meeting is our annual "Home Brew" night but with a twist. As with last year, we are opening this up to not just what you may have built with your own hands.

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

It can also be an interesting or unique ham related tool, software, news, curiosity, etc... Anything, as long as it is ham related, that you think others may find interesting. So start thinking about this now so we have a line up of things people want to present. There will also be a couple of Tim Horton's gift cards up for grabs as prizes!

Till we meet in person again... one day, stay safe everyone and 73!

John Romanec
VE4VJR

Minutes

WARC General Meeting February 9, 2021

Call to Order
7:34

Introduction

19 attendees

RAC Report

Ed Richardson VE4VT RAC Midwest Director informed everyone of the upcoming World Amateur Radio Day on April 18 (0000 - 2359 UTC). All RAC HF stations will be activated and GOTA events are being planned.

DX Report

Ed Richardson VE4VYT and Gary VE4YH presented - In age of Covid there is not much in the way of DXpeditions. Nothing special on HF but there are signs it is starting to open up albeit slowly. Some Asia on 15 and 17 in late afternoon have been heard as well as on 80 in the morning.

ARES Report

Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ presented that the 2021 Marathon (full and half) postponed till maybe Labour Day September 5.
Formal ARES report is in the Newscaster.

Program\Presentation

CNIB's Amateur Radio Program
Randy Nelson VE3WRN
Jason Rowe VA7UT

Previous meeting's minutes

No comments.

Business

David Latour VE4DL presented informed everyone that WARC has the following items for sale:

- Coffee cups (black and white) - \$12
- Baseball caps - \$20
- ID badges - \$10

The cable shop is available to all members for their wire and coax needs.

Treasurer's report

As per David Latour VE4DL as of January 30, 2021

Books	
Opening	\$ 6307.61
income	\$ 326.95
Expenses	\$ 382.19
Close	\$ 6252.37

Bank	
Opening	\$ 4108.48
Deposit	\$ 160.00
Transfer	\$ 1000.00
Clear	\$ 398.68
Close	\$ 4869.81
Out	\$ 1461.53

PayPal	
Opening	\$ 1040.17
Income	\$ 90.00
Fee	\$ 3.51
Transfer	\$ 1000.00
Close	\$ 126.66

Rainy Day Fund	
Carried	\$ 5515.34
Interest	\$ 0.94
Current	\$ 5516.28

Membership report

Gerry Volkers presented that we have 85 members currently, 10 of which are new hams.

Education report

Roberto Urrea VA4RUA was not present but we were informed that the Basic and Advanced books are available for \$50 and 5 Basic books and 1 Advanced have already been sold.

In-person classes are not expected to start up till spring of 2022.

New Business

David Latour VE4DL has started an on air MB CW Practice net for anyone of any CW skill level. Date and times are:

- 10M - Mondays 7:30 PM CST
- 12M - Wednesdays 7:30 PM CST

They will run for about an hour. On the afternoon of the day of each session he will post on Facebook the frequency for that evening. He will see how it goes for the month of February then decide if there is enough interest to continue.

Adjourn 9:08

Contest Calendar

Extracted From

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

March 2021

KIUSN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Mar 1	CWops Mini-CWT Test	0300Z-0400Z, Mar 11
OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Mar 1	RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Mar 11
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	2000Z-2130Z, Mar 1	NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Mar 12
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Mar 2	QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Mar 12
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Mar 2	NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Mar 12
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Mar 2	KIUSN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Mar 12
AGCW YL-CW Party	1900Z-2100Z, Mar 2	YB DX RTTY Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Mar 13
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Mar 3	SARL VHF/UHF Analogue Contest	0500Z-0700Z, Mar 13 (6m)
Phone Weekly Test - Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Mar 3	and 0700Z-0900Z, Mar 13 (2m)	and 0900Z-1100Z, Mar 13 (70cm)
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Mar 3	and 0500Z-0700Z, Mar 14 (6m)	and 0700Z-0900Z, Mar 14 (2m)
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2000Z, Mar 3	and 0900Z-1100Z, Mar 14 (70cm)	
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1900Z-2000Z, Mar 3	SARL Field Day Contest	0800Z, Mar 13 to 0800Z, Mar 14
UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Mar 3	RSGB Commonwealth	1000Z, Mar 13 to 1000Z, Mar 14
CWops Mini-CWT Test	0300Z-0400Z, Mar 4	DIG QSO Party, SSB	1200Z-1700Z, Mar 13 (20m-10m)
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Mar 4	and 0700Z-0900Z, Mar 14 (80m)	and 0900Z-1100Z, Mar 14 (40m)
NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1800Z-1900Z, Mar 4 (CW)	South America 10 Meter Contest	1200Z, Mar 13 to 1200Z, Mar 14
and 1900Z-2000Z, Mar 4 (SSB)		SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Mar 13 to 2400Z, Mar 14
and 2000Z-2100Z, Mar 4 (FM)		F9AA Cup, SSB	1200Z, Mar 13 to 1200Z, Mar 14
and 2100Z-2200Z, Mar 4 (Dig)		Oklahoma QSO Party	1400Z, Mar 13 to 0200Z, Mar 14
SKCC Sprint Europe	2000Z-2200Z, Mar 4	and 1500Z-2200Z, Mar 14	
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Mar 5	AGCW QRP Contest	1400Z-2000Z, Mar 13
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Mar 5	Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Mar 13 to 1500Z, Mar 14
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Mar 5	EA PSK63 Contest	1600Z, Mar 13 to 1600Z, Mar 14
KIUSN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Mar 5	TESLA Memorial HF CW Contest	1800Z, Mar 13 to 0559Z, Mar 14
Novice Rig Roundup	0000Z, Mar 6 to 2359Z, Mar 14	QCWA QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 13 to 1800Z, Mar 14
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 6 to 2400Z, Mar 7	Idaho QSO Party	1900Z, Mar 13 to 1900Z, Mar 14
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0600Z-0629Z, Mar 6	QRP ARCI Spring Thaw SSB Shootout	2200Z-2300Z, Mar 13
and 0630Z-0659Z, Mar 6		North American Sprint, RTTY	2300Z, Mar 13 to 0300Z, Mar 14
and 0700Z-0729Z, Mar 6		UBA Spring Contest, 2m	0700Z-1100Z, Mar 14
and 0730Z-0800Z, Mar 6		Classic Exchange, Phone	1400Z, Mar 14 to 0800Z, Mar 15
Open Ukraine RTTY Championship	1800Z-2059Z, Mar 6 (Low Band)	and 1400Z, Mar 16 to 0800Z, Mar 17	
and 2100Z-2359Z, Mar 6 (Low Band)		Wisconsin QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 14 to 0100Z, Mar 15
and 0800Z-1059Z, Mar 7 (High Band)		KIUSN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Mar 15
and 1100Z-1359Z, Mar 7 (High Band)		4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Mar 15
UBA Spring Contest, CW	0700Z-1100Z, Mar 7	OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Mar 15
NSARA Contest	1200Z-1600Z, Mar 7	Bucharest Digital Contest	1800Z-2059Z, Mar 15
and 1800Z-2200Z, Mar 7		RSGB FT4 Contest Series	2000Z-2130Z, Mar 15
SARL Hamnet 40m Simulated Emerg Contest	1200Z-1400Z, Mar 7	Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Mar 16
WAB 3.5 MHz Phone	1800Z-2200Z, Mar 7	CLARA Chatter Party	1700Z, Mar 16 to 1700Z, Mar 17
KIUSN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Mar 8	and 1700Z, Mar 20 to 1700Z, Mar 21	
OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Mar 8	RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Mar 16
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Mar 9	QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Mar 17
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Mar 9	Phone Weekly Test - Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Mar 17
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Mar 10	CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Mar 17
Phone Weekly Test - Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Mar 10	CWops Mini-CWT Test	1900Z-2000Z, Mar 17
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Mar 10	NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Mar 18
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2000Z, Mar 10	CWops Mini-CWT Test	0300Z-0400Z, Mar 18
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1900Z-2000Z, Mar 10	RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Mar 18
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	2000Z-2130Z, Mar 10		
AWA John Rollins Memorial DX Contest	2300Z, Mar 10 to 2300Z, Mar 11		
and 2300Z, Mar 13 to 2300Z, Mar 14			

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 BCC QSO Party 1930Z-2059Z, Mar 18
 QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Mar 19
 NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Mar 19
 NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Mar 19
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Mar 19
 BARTG HF RTTY Contest 0200Z, Mar 20 to 0159Z, Mar 22
 Russian DX Contest 1200Z, Mar 20 to 1200Z, Mar 21
 AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 1400Z-1700Z, Mar 20 (144) and 1700Z-1800Z, Mar 20 (432)
 Virginia QSO Party 1400Z, Mar 20 to 0400Z, Mar 21 and 1200Z-2400Z, Mar 21
 Feld Hell Sprint 2000Z-2159Z, Mar 20
 UBA Spring Contest, SSB 0700Z-1100Z, Mar 21
 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 2300Z, Mar 21 to 0100Z, Mar 22
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Mar 22
 OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Mar 22
 Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest 0100Z-0159Z, Mar 23
 RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Mar 23
 SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Mar 24
 QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Mar 24
 Phone Weekly Test - Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Mar 24
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Mar 24
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1900Z-2000Z, Mar 24
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 0300Z-0400Z, Mar 25
 RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Mar 25
 RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 25
 QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Mar 26
 NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Mar 26
 NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Mar 26
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Mar 26
 FOC QSO Party 0000Z-2359Z, Mar 27
 CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Mar 27 to 2359Z, Mar 28
 UBA Spring Contest, 6m 0600Z-1000Z, Mar 28
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Mar 29
 QCX Challenge 1300Z-1400Z, Mar 29
 OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Mar 29
 QCX Challenge 1900Z-2000Z, Mar 29
 Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest 0100Z-0159Z, Mar 30
 QCX Challenge 0300Z-0400Z, Mar 30
 RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Mar 30
 QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Mar 31
 Phone Weekly Test - Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Mar 31
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Mar 31
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1900Z-2000Z, Mar 31
 UKEICC 80m Contest 2000Z-2100Z, Mar 31

Into April 2021
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 0300Z-0400Z, Apr 1
 RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Apr 1
 SARL 80m QSO Party 1700Z-2000Z, Apr 1
 NRAU 10m Activity Contest 1800Z-1900Z, Apr 1 (CW) and 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 1 (SSB) and 2000Z-2100Z, Apr 1 (FM) and 2100Z-2200Z, Apr 1 (Dig)
 SKCC Sprint Europe 1900Z-2100Z, Apr 1
 QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Apr 2
 NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Apr 2

NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Apr 2
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Apr 2
 PODXS 070 Club PSK 31 Flavors Contest 1000Z, Apr 3 to 0400Z, Apr 4
 Florida State Parks on the Air 1400Z-2200Z, Apr 3 and 1400Z-2200Z, Apr 4
 Mississippi QSO Party 1400Z, Apr 3 to 0200Z, Apr 4
 Louisiana QSO Party 1400Z, Apr 3 to 0200Z, Apr 4
 SP DX Contest 1500Z, Apr 3 to 1500Z, Apr 4
 EA RTTY Contest 1600Z, Apr 3 to 1600Z, Apr 4
 North American SSB Sprint Contest 0000Z-0400Z, Apr 4
 DARC Easter Contest 1500Z-1730Z, Apr 4

Good Luck In The Contest



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Winnipeg ARES
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Our General Meeting was held remotely 16 FEB.

Scouts Canada Klondike Derby 2021 which is traditionally the first full weekend in March has been put off until MAYBE the end of APR or even JUN. Generally ARES staffs about six of the checkpoints that the participants pass through. This is an all-weather event that can be challenging for us both at -20 and around 0 C.

Our next monthly meeting is TUE 16 MAR 1900h on Zoom, hosted by Pietra VE4PXL, Wpg ARES members have been advised by e-mail.

Comm Academy 2021

An emergency communications & amateur radio conference to be held online.

April 10-11, 2021

Join us for our 2021 theme:

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<https://www.commacademy.org/>

Confessions of a Casual Contester #11 *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.....

Well, I lied. I did contest in January. The North American QSO Parties for CW and SSB happen in the first two weeks of the month, and I couldn't resist. I may have mentioned that QSO parties are an easy entry to the world of 'contesting', but may have failed to mention that they are the 'gateway contest' to those who are prone to addiction. Also, the NAQP is nothing like the typical state or club QSO party that go on throughout the year. No. NAQP is full-on gang-buster contesting, with occasional polite thank-yous. As usual, I did better in the earlier CW event than in the follow-on SSB contest. Keying is just faster than speaking, no way around that. Conditions were not stellar for either event, neither.

Once again, I used the N3FJP contest logger for both. Neat, simple, easy. Everything I need a logger to be. On CW, the whole exchange is canned and sent by F-key. Questions can be answered with the paddle if needed. On phone, the logger can send one of the 4 voice memories in my TS-590S, so the CQ and my callsign are recorded, and sent by F-key. Saves my voice, calling endlessly into the night. With only 4 memories, the exchange is sent by speaking live, no way to cover all the bases, else.

I may also have to re-title this blog – I joined RadioSport Manitoba this month, so officially I AM a contester now. Change is all part of life.

When I first started N1MM logging contests a couple of years ago, I was using the spotter networks to find contacts. "Running assisted" is the term. This works, certainly, and can pile up needed QSOs when the bands are busy. In the few contests of last summer I was noticing that I'd run through all the spotted stations, but there were plenty more to be heard, but not 'seen', as it were. So this year my plan is to go unassisted in all contests, and see if I get more or less QSOs than last year (very unscientific.) The technique is simple enough, and more hams do this than the other. We shall see.

No contest this weekend. Withdrawal? No, relief. I did spend some time on phone, calling CQ on 17m yesterday, netted 10 casual QSO in an hour or so. Very relaxed, no pressure. I like 17m, it is a very low-noise band with my set-up. The usual suspects were collared – mostly CA and TX with a couple of others.

I've also been working Straight Key Month as the MB special event station. I've been operating mid-day, around 21Z, on whatever band seems open at the time. This is excellent practice for handling pile-ups. Usually a few CQ calls go unanswered then the pile-up begins. Most days I don't call CQ again for an hour. I ran 15

days in the month, which is good for me. 13 mid-day, one mid-night and one pre-dawn slot. I got anywhere from 5 (midnight – all VE. Don't Canajins sleep?) to 19 (pre-dawn) QSO an hour at speeds ranging from 10-20wpm. I love my VizKey Camelback, it's so easy on the wrist. Still in business, way backlogged apparently.

Today is Winter Field Day, and as I'm not allowed out, I will not play. Good luck to all on the air.

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

WARC Cable Shop & Merch Mart **Open For Business!**

RG213 Coax - \$1.30 a foot
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Also available in the Mart:

WARC baseball caps - \$20

WARC ID badges - \$10

WARC coffee mugs - \$12

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

HAM RADIO SPACE WEATHER **NETWORK Submitted by Curt VA4WEB**

A new article just published in EOS describes how ham radio is the new frontier in space weather research (<https://eos.org/features/ham-radio-forms-a-planet-sized-space-weather-sensor-network>).

Interested? All you need is a Personal Space Weather Station (<https://hamsci.org/basic-project/personal-space-weather-station>) to join a global network of scientists studying how solar activity affects our planet. Learn more during the 2021 HamSCI Workshop (<https://hamsci.org/hamsci2021>), held virtually using Zoom on March 19th and 20th.

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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>

Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club

A reminder... The Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club is still closed due to Covid19.

Calvin - VE4AJ
Chief Duty Officer

BULLETIN

Rolf, VE4VZ, is planning to publish a new and updated "Ham Directory" similar to the old "Bluebooks" that everyone kept handy in the shack. To help him plan for this publication please provide your feedback with a quick 2 question survey...

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DX87NXJ>

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VHF Nets

**MRS Nets - 147.390 Mhz +
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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

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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 (REF091CL) **New**
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

MB Wx Net 3743 Khz
Daily at 8:30 Local Time (CT)

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