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VE4BB

**Program - by John VE4VJR and Jessy VE4JBB
 on a homebrew 6m antenna they built called
 "The Canadian Tire 6m Quad Antenna".**

Date: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 - ELECTION NIGHT
Time: 7:30 PM An "On-Line" Meeting
<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/treasurer523>
 In view of the current "Social Distancing"

Other Important Dates:

Newscafter: Deadline September 2, 2021

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates 2nd Tuesdays
 On-Line meetings until further notice
 September 14, 2021 - Welcome Back
 October 12, 2021 - AGM

ARES: Tuesday, June 15 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 everyone! Wow, another WARC season is almost coming to a close... It's too bad that for the second year we have had to stop any in person activities but it looks like we are starting to see a little bit of light at the end of the tunnel. Let's hope this light gets bigger and stronger so that maybe, just maybe, we can meet in person by September!

At the June meeting we will be having our "elections" to the WARC executive and it's great to see that there are one or two new faces that have expressed interest in sharing the responsibilities of moving WARC forward. Hopefully there will be more people willing to join the executive to lighten the load and bring new and fresh ideas.

Winnipeg's ham community is an interesting study with its population spread out among more than half a dozen clubs. How this came to be I really don't know as I've only been around 5 years, but this has, and will continue to present some challenges. Challenges however, are what make organizations better. You become more creative, think more, look for alternatives... as opposed to complacency.

I will no longer be President of WARC come September. I have been involved with the WARC executive since I got my license 5 years ago - first 3 years as Vice-President and the past 2 years as President. The entire executive over those years has been great, and most importantly everyone got along and worked together.

We all had the common goal of moving WARC forward, coming up with ideas to keep it interesting and relevant to the current times and do our best to keep new hams interested. This was best shown with how everyone came together to plan our first ever Hamfest in 2019 - what an event and show of co-operation!

I wish everyone a safe and fun summer and look forward to seeing everyone in person soon.

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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Minutes

WARC General Meeting May 11, 2021

May 11, 2021 WARC General Meeting
Call to Order
7:35

Introduction

30 Attendees

RAC Report

Advanced course being offered in summer, info on RAC's web site.

DX Report

- A few sunspots appearing and minor flare last week.
- 6m starting to awake.

ARES Report

- Report in this month's Newscaster.
- Representative from Ready Winnipeg will be at the next ARES meeting.

Program/Presentation

Introduction to Ham Radio Logging - David Latour VE4DL

Previous meeting's minutes

No comments.

Business

-Executive for the following year will be chosen at the next general meeting.
- Hamfest has been cancelled for this year.
- Door has not been completed shut on having either an indoor or tailgate Flea Market but is looking pretty tenuous.

Treasurer's report

As of April 30, 2021:

(Estimated):
Books
Income - 236.00
interest - 0.99
expense - 112.37
Balance - 5471.00

Rainy Day Fund 0.99 interest 6019.19
Current - cleared 105.08
deposit nil
balance 3775.34

PayPal 216.00 income
712.36 balance

total cash balance - 9794.53

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

Membership report

- Numbers are 101 (86 paid-up members and 15 free new ham memberships).
- New ham member this past month - Garth Mattson VE4GTM.

Education report

- Hoping to resume in person classes in 2022.
- WARC has Basic and Advanced books for sale.

New Business

- None

Adjourn

8:47

Winnipeg ARES

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Our General Meeting was held remotely 18 MAY. We are still looking for a Secretary for our Executive. Marc Sheridan Emergency Management Officer from the WFPS Office of Emergency Management spoke briefly about Ready Winnipeg

<https://winnipeg.ca/emergencypreparedness/be-prepared/ready-winnipeg-course.stm>

2021-22 dues are due, details have been shared with Wpg ARES members.

Our next monthly meeting is TUE 15 JUN 1900h on Zoom, hosted by Pietra VE4PXL, Wpg ARES members have been advised by e-mail.

Manitoba Marathon

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The 2021 Manitoba Marathon will be held SUN 05 SEP (not Father's Day).

To minimize impact on the city, the Marathon will just be held on the Half-Marathon course – for Full Marathon, participants will run the course twice. Not much other solid info yet on MB Marathon due to frequently changing COVID-19 precautions but please save the dates:

1900h TUE 31 AUG

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1900h WED 01 SEP

Possible virtual briefing.

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Contest Calendar

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

June 2021

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest

0100Z-0159Z, Jun 1
 QCX Challenge 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 1
 RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jun 1
 Phone Weekly Test - Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 2
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jun 2
 VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest 1700Z-2000Z, Jun 2
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 2
 Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest 0000Z-0100Z, Jun 3
 and 0200Z-0300Z, Jun 4
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 3
 RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jun 3
 NRAU 10m Activity Contest 1700Z-1800Z, Jun 3 (CW)
 and 1800Z-1900Z, Jun 3 (SSB)
 and 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 3 (FM)
 and 2000Z-2100Z, Jun 3 (Dig)
 EACW Meeting 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 3
 SKCC Sprint Europe 1900Z-2100Z, Jun 3
 PODXS 070 Club Three Day Weekend Contest
 0000Z, Jun 4 to 2359Z, Jun 6
 NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jun 4
 NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 4
 HA3NS Sprint Memorial Contest
 1900Z-1929Z, Jun 4 (40m)
 and 1930Z-1959Z, Jun 4 (80m)
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Jun 4
 10-10 Int. Open Season PSK Contest
 0000Z, Jun 5 to 2400Z, Jun 6
 PVRC Reunion
 0000Z-0200Z, Jun 5 and 0000Z-0200Z, Jun 6
 DigiFest 0400Z-1200Z, Jun 5
 and 2000Z, Jun 5 to 0400Z, Jun 6
 and 1200Z-2000Z, Jun 6
 KANHAM Contest 0600Z, Jun 5 to 0600Z, Jun 6
 Wake-Up! QRP Sprint 0600Z-0629Z, Jun 5
 and 0630Z-0659Z, Jun 5
 and 0700Z-0729Z, Jun 5
 and 0730Z-0800Z, Jun 5
 Tisza Cup CW Contest 1200Z, Jun 5 to 1159Z, Jun 6
 UKSMG Summer Contest 1300Z, Jun 5 to 1300Z, Jun 6
 Kentucky QSO Party 1400Z, Jun 5 to 0200Z, Jun 6
 RSGB National Field Day 1500Z, Jun 5 to 1500Z, Jun 6
 FULL-LRB HF Contest 1800Z, Jun 5 to 1200Z, Jun 6
 Cookie Crumble QRP Contest 1700Z-2200Z, Jun 6
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Jun 7
 RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data
 1900Z-2030Z, Jun 7
 Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
 0100Z-0159Z, Jun 8
 ARS Spartan Sprint 0100Z-0300Z, Jun 8
 RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jun 8
 NAQCC CW Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Jun 9
 Phone Weekly Test - Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 9
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jun 9
 VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest 1700Z-2000Z, Jun 9
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 9
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 10
 RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jun 10

EACW Meeting 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 10
 NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jun 11
 NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 11
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Jun 11
 VK Shires Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Jun 12
 DRCG WW RTTY Contest 0000Z-0759Z, Jun 12
 and 1600Z-2359Z, Jun 12
 and 0800Z-1559Z, Jun 13
 SMIRK Contest 0000Z, Jun 12 to 2400Z, Jun 13
 Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB 1100Z-1300Z, Jun 12
 Portugal Day Contest 1200Z, Jun 12 to 1200Z, Jun 13
 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
 1200Z, Jun 12 to 2400Z, Jun 13
 AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 1400Z-1700Z, Jun 12 (144)
 and 1700Z-1800Z, Jun 12 (432)
 GACW WWSA CW DX Contest
 1500Z, Jun 12 to 1500Z, Jun 13
 REF DDFM 6m Contest
 1600Z, Jun 12 to 1600Z, Jun 13
 ARRL June VHF Contest
 1800Z, Jun 12 to 0259Z, Jun 14
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Jun 14
 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
 0000Z-0200Z, Jun 14
 Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
 0100Z-0159Z, Jun 15
 RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jun 15
 NAQCC CW Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Jun 16
 Phone Weekly Test - Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 16
 SARL Youth Sprint 1200Z-1400Z, Jun 16
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jun 16
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 16
 RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW
 1900Z-2030Z, Jun 16
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 17
 RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jun 17
 EACW Meeting 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 17
 NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jun 18
 NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 18
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Jun 18
 All Asian DX Contest, CW
 0000Z, Jun 19 to 2400Z, Jun 20
 Battle of Carabobo International Contest
 0000Z-2400Z, Jun 19
 Ukrainian DX Classic RTTY Contest
 1200Z, Jun 19 to 1159Z, Jun 20
 IARU Region 1 50/70 MHz Contest
 1400Z, Jun 19 to 1400Z, Jun 20
 Stew Perry Topband Challenge
 1500Z, Jun 19 to 1500Z, Jun 20
 West Virginia QSO Party
 1600Z, Jun 19 to 0400Z, Jun 20
 ARRL Kids Day 1800Z-2359Z, Jun 19
 Feld Hell Sprint 1800Z-1959Z, Jun 19
 WAB 50 MHz Phone 0800Z-1400Z, Jun 20
 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
 2300Z, Jun 20 to 0100Z, Jun 21
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Jun 21
 Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
 0100Z-0159Z, Jun 22
 RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jun 22
 SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Jun 23
 Phone Weekly Test - Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 23
 CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jun 23

Contest Calendar

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CWops Mini-CWT Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 23
CWops Mini-CWT Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 24
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jun 24
EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 24
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 24
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jun 25
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 25
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Jun 25
UFT QRP Contest	0600Z-0900Z, Jun 25 and 1400Z-1700Z, Jun 26
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	1200Z, Jun 26 to 1200Z, Jun 27
Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest	1200Z, Jun 26 to 1200Z, Jun 27
ARRL Field Day	1800Z, Jun 26 to 2100Z, Jun 27
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jun 28
QCX Challenge	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 28
RSGB FT4 Contest Series	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 28
QCX Challenge	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 28
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jun 29
QCX Challenge	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 29
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jun 29
Phone Weekly Test - Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 30
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 30
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 30

July 2021...

RAC Canada Day Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1
CWops Mini-CWT Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 1
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jul 1
NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1700Z-1800Z, Jul 1 (CW) and 1800Z-1900Z, Jul 1 (SSB) and 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 1 (FM) and 2000Z-2100Z, Jul 1 (Dig)
EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 1
SKCC Sprint Europe	1900Z-2100Z, Jul 1
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jul 2
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 2
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Jul 2
DL-DX RTTY Contest	1100Z, Jul 3 to 1059Z, Jul 4
Marconi Memorial HF Contest	1400Z, Jul 3 to 1400Z, Jul 4
TA VHF/UHF Contest	1500Z, Jul 3 to 1500Z, Jul 4
Original QRP Contest	1500Z, Jul 3 to 1500Z, Jul 4
PODXS 070 Club 40m Firecracker Sprint	2000Z, Jul 3 to 2000Z, Jul 4
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jul 5
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 5
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jul 6
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Jul 6
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jul 6
Phone Weekly Test - Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 7
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jul 7
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2000Z, Jul 7
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 7
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	0000Z-0100Z, Jul 8 and 0200Z-0300Z, Jul 9

CWops Mini-CWT Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 8
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jul 8
EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 8
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jul 9
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 9
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Jul 9
IARU HF World Championship	1200Z, Jul 10 to 1200Z, Jul 11
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Jul 10 to 2400Z, Jul 11
QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint	2000Z-2300Z, Jul 11
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jul 12
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jul 12
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jul 13
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jul 13
Phone Weekly Test - Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 14
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jul 14
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2000Z, Jul 14
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 14
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 14
NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jul 15
CWops Mini-CWT Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 15
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jul 15
EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 15
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jul 16
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 16
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Jul 16
Russian Radio Team Championship	0700Z-1459Z, Jul 17
Trans-Tasman Low-Bands Challenge	0800Z-1400Z, Jul 17
YOTA Contest	1000Z-2159Z, Jul 17
Feld Hell Sprint	1200Z-1359Z, Jul 17
North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Jul 17 to 0559Z, Jul 18
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	1800Z, Jul 17 to 2100Z, Jul 18
RSGB International Low Power Contest	0900Z-1200Z and 1300Z-1600Z, Jul 18
CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush	2000Z-2159Z, Jul 18
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	2300Z, Jul 18 to 0100Z, Jul 19
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jul 19
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jul 20
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jul 20
Phone Weekly Test - Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 21
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jul 21
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 21
CWops Mini-CWT Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 22
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jul 22
EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 22
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 22
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jul 23
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 23
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Jul 23
RSGB IOTA Contest	1200Z, Jul 24 to 1200Z, Jul 25
ARS Flight of the Bumblebees	1700Z-2100Z, Jul 25

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Contest Calendar

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K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jul 26
QCX Challenge	1300Z-1400Z, Jul 26
RSGB FT4 Contest Series	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 26
QCX Challenge	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 26
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jul 27
QCX Challenge	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 27
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jul 27
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jul 28
Phone Weekly Test - Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 28
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jul 28
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 28
CWops Mini-CWT Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 29
RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Jul 29
EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 29
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jul 30
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 30
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Jul 30
Russian WW MultiMode Contest	1200Z, Jul 31 to 1159Z, Aug 1
Missouri QSO Party	1400Z, Jul 31 to 0400Z, Aug 1 and 1400Z-2000Z, Aug 1

August 2021...

SARL HF Phone Contest	1300Z-1630Z, Aug 1
Batavia FT8 Contest	0000Z, Aug 7 to 2359Z, Aug 8
10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB	0001Z, Aug 7 to 2359Z, Aug 8
European HF Championship	1200Z-2359Z, Aug 7
FISTS Saturday Sprint	1600Z-1800Z, Aug 7
ARRL 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest	1800Z, Aug 7 to 1800Z, Aug 8
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Aug 7 to 0559Z, Aug 8
WAE DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Aug 14 to 2359Z, Aug 15
QRP ARCI European Sprint	0800Z-1100Z, Aug 14
SARL Youth Sprint	1200Z-1300Z, Aug 14
Maryland-DC QSO Party	1400Z, Aug 14 to 0400Z, Aug 15
NJQRP Skeeter Hunt	1700Z-2100Z, Aug 15
FISTS Sunday Sprint	2100Z-2300Z, Aug 15
SARTG WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Aug 21 to 1600Z, Aug 22
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	0600 local, Aug 21 to 2400 local, Aug 22
Keyman's Club of Japan Contest	1200Z, Aug 21 to 1200Z, Aug 22

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North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Aug 21 to 0559Z, Aug 22
CVA DX Contest, CW	2100Z, Aug 21 to 2100Z, Aug 22
ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY	1800Z-2359Z, Aug 22
Hawaii QSO Party	0400Z, Aug 28 to 0400Z, Aug 30
ALARA Contest	0600Z, Aug 28 to 0559Z, Aug 29
YO DX HF Contest	1200Z, Aug 28 to 1200Z, Aug 29
World Wide Digi DX Contest	1200Z, Aug 28 to 1200Z, Aug 29
W/VE Islands QSO Party	1200Z, Aug 28 to 0300Z, Aug 29
Kansas QSO Party	1400Z, Aug 28 to 0200Z, Aug 29 and 1400Z-2000Z, Aug 29
Ohio QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 28 to 0400Z, Aug 29
CVA DX Contest, SSB	2100Z, Aug 28 to 2100Z, Aug 29
SARL HF CW Contest	400Z-1600Z, Aug 29

Into September 2021 ...

All Asian DX Contest, Phone	0000Z, Sep 4 to 2400Z, Sep 5
CWops CW Open	0000Z-2359Z, Sep 4
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0600Z-0800Z, Sep 4
Portable Operations Challenge	0800Z-1159Z, Sep 4
AGCW Straight Key Party	1300Z-1600Z, Sep 4
RSGB SSB Field Day	1300Z, Sep 4 to 1300Z, Sep 5
Portable Operations Challenge	1600Z-1959Z, Sep 4
PODXS 070 Club Jay Hudak Memorial 80m Sprint	2000Z, Sep 4 to 2000Z, Sep 5
Portable Operations Challenge	0000Z-0359Z, Sep 5
Tennessee QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 5 to 0300Z, Sep 6
MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint	2300Z, Sep 6 to 0300Z, Sep 7

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Confessions of a Casual Contester *Volume 2 Issue 1 (Last issue was #12B)* *From the shack of DavidVE4DLA*

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.....

Logs. Loggers. What images come to mind? Lumberjacks in British Columbia, leaping from tree to tree? The mighty larch? Mounties? Strangely, I find myself humming a tune..... Not so much, eh?

I know hams who don't keep logs, just as I know pilots who don't. Either one is the exception, not the rule. And like everything else in amateur radio, there are more ways to address the problem than I can count. What I can do, is take you on my own pilgrimage through the logging wastelands, and maybe you might find something you can use in your own quest.

IN THE BEGINNING, there was paper. I bought a nice spiral-bound notebook and filled in those details of a QSO that I thought important to me: name, call, date, time, frequency and such. I got about 4-5 a page and I thought it would take forever to fill a book.

Soon after I found QRZ.com, which amongst many other things holds biographical and geographical details of a large fraction of amateurs world-wide, and I thought it was a neat way to know something more about my new friends, particular bearing and distance, so I could imagine the path crackling with radio energy. That was fun, but QRZ is more than that. It's an interactive online logbook too. You can record all kinds of details, some even auto-fill, and the other party does the same, and you get pretty silver stars when they match up. I like it, I used it as my "official" log for a while. I still kept the paper log for "important" QSO and "firsts". For a time anyway.

About this time I started getting QSL cards in the mail. I liked it. But-it is sloooow. Someone pointed me at eQSL.cc, which is another on-line logger and checker. It records less detail about the QSO but provides IMMEDIATE GRATIFICATION in the form of a downloadable QSL card if it matches the other parties' entries. I now have HUNDREDS of these cards on my hard-drive. (I should back that up....) I'm still using both of these on-line loggers, but now at one remove. I check them every Friday for new QSLs. These are both excellent choices for a general personal log, and may fit your needs entirely. Yes, I use the Bureau, too.

Enter Temptation in the form of VE4EA, who promised greater CW skills, but delivered the crack of ham radio - HF contesting. (I'm not a contester - I'm not, I'm not, I'm not....) This introduced me to the other side of logging - the Contest Logger.

A Contest Logger does just that - it logs only those details that are important and necessary for scoring

points in whatever contest you're in and stores it in a form convenient for contest submissions. The most-used appears to be N1MM+, which is an app on your computer rather than an on-line service. It is pretty nifty, with an enormous number of bells and whistles to smooth your contest operations and speed up your entry afterwards. This is open-source software with a large number of contributors. This can bite unexpectedly, but the important outcome is that there is a format downloadable for just about every contest you can think of. It would take hours to describe it's operation, but suffice to say it can search for hams on the air in the contest, tune your radio to them, fill in the call sign, send your exchange and log the QSO with minimal fuss. And more.....much more. I like it. I use it. It is often the best or only choice for a contest logger. But it IS a contest logger. It is almost worthless as a general logger and the creators are constantly reminding newbies of this truth.

One consequence of using N1MM was seeing the deficiencies in QRZ and eQSL as general loggers. They work fine, but are missing some of the tinsel I got accustomed to with N1MM. So I kept looking until I found DX Lab (dxlabsuite.com) I thought I had reached Ultimo Thule. DX Lab has a module to run your radio. It has a module to record your QSO. It has one to map the QSO and show the great circle path (totally in love with this) and one to print QSL cards. It's quite comprehensive, and it's FREE. There is a lot of customization possible here, to make it what you want it to be. I used this for two years as my personal logger, then found I wasn't computer-savvy enough to really get it to sing and dance. I kept looking.

I forget who mentioned N3FJP's ACLog software, but I looked at it a few times. I ignored it because it cost money (what?) but last spring figured I'd try it for 30 days free and see what the fuss was about. About Day 14 I bought the whole package with the lifetime support and update. \$60? something like that. ACLog is really really good as a general personal logger. It is highly customizable, just like DXLab, but for me more understandable, less nerdy to work with. It also controls your rig. Any rig. It can record and send both voice and CW. It is much simpler to do these things than with any other I've talked about. But wait, there's more! It integrates seamlessly with a number of other useful radio apps like FLDigi, PSKexpress, MMTTY to name a few. I run digitally primarily with FLDigi, and when I hit 'log' it is stored locally AND sent immediately to ACL. Not enough? I have my eQSL and LoTW logins stored in ACL and all my entries go immediately to these sites. Once a week, I download all my new confirmations from LoTW. They get colour-coded in my personal log. ACL will print QSL cards and/or mailing labels. It will check for new entities in Great Lists of Such Stuff on the wide web. It is missing the mapping app. I miss the mapping app. But I can live with that. ACLog is a live app, updated regularly by the original coding team. They are highly responsive to email, and there is a great groups.io forum for support.

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RG213 Coax - \$1.30 a foot
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All items are American-made and high quality.

WARC Members can order cables by emailing cableshop@winnipegarc.org and we'll quote the price and invoice them. PayPal, EMT or cheque only.

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WARC coffee mugs - \$12

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

Confessions of a Casual Contester Continued....

Want more? ACLog has modules for contesting, too! Not as extensive as N1MM by a long stretch, but it covers a lot of the most popular ground. These apps can run stand-alone with all the radio-control and fancy toys, or run slaved to the main logger. Typically I run them stand-alone because uploading is a one-button process that can't go wrong (yet.) I find them easier to set up and use than N1MM, but they do everything necessary, including tabulating your score, formatting the submission file and uploading to the contest website. Easier than N1MM. End Commercial Here

But everyone online kept raving about Ham Radio Deluxe. Another suite vaguely similar to both DXLab and N1MM. A one-log-to-rule-them-all effort. I've tried the free trial, didn't buy the full Monty. Yes it does everything. Everything! Yes it is customizable to a large degree, but like DXLab you will need more computer savvy than I possess. Yes, it contests. (Did not try

it.) And yes, it costs money. Double ACLog, and only one year of support. Extra years for extra money.

There is one specialty log I use as well. I'm a member of Straight Key Century Club, and they have their own logger to log their own contacts, casual and contest, and track their own awards. The Loggerhead is simple to set up and use, and exports in a file usable by ACLog, so eventually all winds up there, and from there, to LoTW and eQSL. It all looks complicated, but it's a few minutes a week to keep it all coordinated. Here we have caught up to my travels through this strange landscape of ham radio logging. I have not covered much ground at all, really. There is a host of other loggers out there, for Windows, for Mac and for Linux. Venture out and try a few. Move on till you find one you like for what you want to get out of YOUR log. None are perfect, none are for everyone. Play and have fun.

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

Hello to all amateur radio operators,

We would like to invite you all to join us on discord to connect with other Canadian amateurs in learning and sharing Canadian aspects of our hobby with hams across the country. We all know there are plenty of resources out there for the USA and UK hams but we're looking to bring Canadian hams together to create a great community around sharing Canadian policies, local clubs, and practices for everyone from coast to coast to coast.

Please share this invite with your local hams and consider connecting with us on discord at

<https://discord.me/AmateurRadioCanada>

73!
Lee
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Amateur Radio Operators of Canada

VE9SKCC/

CANADA SPECIAL EVENT 

September 2021

SK CC

Straight Key Century Club

Confirming QSO with	Date	UTC	MHz	RST	MODE
	Day / Month / Year				
	Sept. 2021				

Announcing.....VE9SKCC



You enjoyed K3Y, 46,000+ QSOs said so. How about a Canadian version of K3Y that allows SKCC members to chase VE9SKCC/# across Canada? Plans are beginning to form so come September of this year it will happen. There are over 1000 Canadian members of SKCC and growing but how many VY2, VO1 and VE8 stations have you worked? SKCC offers a wonderful award, the “**Canadian Maple Award**” and the rules and information for this award can be found on the SKCC home page. Here is the list of Canadian provinces and territories:

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| VE0 - Stations at sea | VE8 - Northwest Territories |
| VA1/VE1 - Nova Scotia | VE9 - New Brunswick |
| VA2/VE2 - Quebec | VO1 - Newfoundland |
| VA3/VE3 - Ontario | VO2 - Labrador |
| VA4/VE4 - Manitoba | VY0 - Nunavut |
| VA5/VE5 - Saskatchewan | VY1 - Yukon |
| VA6/VE6 - Alberta | VY2 - Prince Edward Is. |
| VA7/VE7 - British Columbia | VY9 - Government of Canada |

It is planned that during the month of September VE9SKCC will activated across Canada on all bands similar to the K3Y program. Watch for announcements on the reflector, the SKCC homepage and here in “*The Rag Chew.*”



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>

WARC's June 8, 2021 General Meeting "ELECTION NIGHT 2021"

Thanks to the **CURRENT AND PAST EXECUTIVES** for their service to the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club!

Now it's time to elect the Executives to serve on the Board for the 2021-2022 year. When you browse the Executives list on the WARC web site you will see the many members who have spent many years serving your club. Now it's your turn!

Per the WARC By-Laws - 6 or more Board Members are elected at the June meeting and the board will then appoint President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 or more Directors at Large.

Your current executive...

1-President - John Romanec VE4VJR
2-Vice-President - Drew Kwartel VE4DRW
3-Treasurer - David Latour VE4DL
4-Secretary - **Currently Vacant**
5-Director at Large &
Membership Co-Ordinator - Jerry Volkers
6-Director at Large &
Education Co-Ordinator - Roberto Urrea VA4RUL

WARC is also seeking members to "Assist" the Treasurer, Secretary, Membership, and Education Chairs.

It's not hard, and not a lot of time each month. Consider tossing your name in the hat and take Your Turn

VHF Nets

MRS Nets

VE4WPG 147.390 Mhz + (127.3) &
VE4VJ 443.500 Mhz + (127.3)
(WPG is normally hot linked to VJ)

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)
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)
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)

running YOUR club!

To get your name on June's "Ballot" send an e-mail to info@WinnipegARC.org by June 1, 2021 !!

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