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VE4BB

Jerry Spring VE6TL on "Setting up an Amateur Radio Station"

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021
 Time: 7:30 PM *An "In Person" Meeting*
 Windsor Park United Church,
 1062 Autumnwood Dr (at Cottonwood Rd.)
 Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Double Vaccinated is required

Other Important Dates:

Newscaster: Deadline December 2, 2021

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates **2nd Tuesdays**
 November 9, 2021 - TBA
 December 14, 2021 - Christmas Supper

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

Other: Need to renew your
 WARC membership??
<http://winnipegarc.org/join.html>

WARC Executive for 2021-2022...

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Public Information Officer...	Vacant	

For Our November General Meeting

Double vaccinated is **REQUIRED** (*Covid Restrictions update Oct 5/21*), masks are mandatory everywhere in the facility. Social distancing is recommended and the signing of a waiver form is required by everyone attending the church for the second time this year. Download the form at ...
http://www.WinnipegARC.org/Church_waiver.pdf

*The Manitoba Repeater Society will be giving
 away surplus goods at*

*Saturday, November 6th, 2021
 At Noon
 Rear compound
 Prairie Mobile Communications
 1475 Dugald Road
 Winnipeg, MB*

Winnipeg Amateur Radio Emergency Service is holding our annual Toy Mountain drive, to collect new, unwrapped toys or cheques for the Salvation Army's Toy Mountain campaign. Tom Mills VE4SE ran our campaign for many years. A few years ago, he passed the torch to me.

WARES will not be holding an in person meeting in November, due to COVID. I will be at the MacDonald's Restaurant on St. James and Ellice, each Saturday in November, from around 9:00 am until around 9:45 am, if anyone wishes to donate in person. Call on VE4WPG to ensure that I am still there.

I will also be at the Tim Horton's on Waverley and Wilkes, from about 10:00 am until 11:00 am most weekdays. Please make a kid's Christmas cheerier, by donating. Anyone who donates by cheque will receive a tax receipt.

I am awaiting information from the Salvation Army with a link to donate by e-transfer.

Thank you
 Dick Maguire VE4HK

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 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Minutes of this meeting are unavailable.

Report from the Treasurer

As of Sept 30 the Club statements were –

Rainy Day Fund opened \$6023.24, earned 0.99 and closed \$6024.23

Current Acct opened \$4338.87, deposits of \$50, no cheques cleared, closed \$4488.87

PayPal opened \$241.30, received 640.00, paid 27.14 in fees to close at \$854.16

Books opened at 4580.17, took in 690.00, paid 27.14 and closed at \$5343.03. Books balanced.

Attached are the year-end reports of the Club's financial state. In essence, we not only remain solvent, but are a couple hundred ahead of where I feared we'd be. Members continue to support their Club with their money, and we thank them.

Cable Shop is working steadily, we've had to re-stock on RG213 and some terminations. Thank you!

Merch Mart is also in stride. Don't forget to show your Club Pride with ID badges, baseball caps and nifty, attractive coffee mugs (dishwasher safe).

Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio club

The Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio club is pleased to announce that it is offering an

Advanced HAM Qualifications course

This course is for those who are already HAM radio operators and want to run higher power, operate a remotely-controlled station, obtain operating privileges when travelling overseas and set up repeaters.

The course will be held over 10 Saturdays, starting November 13 at 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The fee for attending the course is \$70 and includes the cost of the advanced Study textbook.

The course will be held at Winnipeg Seniors Radio Club at 598 St Mary's Rd 2nd Floor, Winnipeg. Your instructor will be Drago Lambeta VE4DBV.

Registration starts immediately and is limited to 8 students due to COVID restrictions.

To register, please contact Drago Lambeta drago@lambeta.net

All Students must be double vaccinated to enter the building.

Winnipeg ARES

Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ

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Our Annual General Meeting will be on-line 1900h TUE 16 NOV.

Members will be advised of the URL prior to the meeting. Nominations for 2021-22 Winnipeg ARES Officers (President, Secretary and Treasurer) close 1600h FRI 12 NOV. Nominations must be in writing to Jeff VE4MBQ, e-mail is acceptable.

Welcome to our newest members, Steven Harrison VE4FTS.

Winnipeg ARES is once again supporting the Salvation Army Toy Mountain campaign. Please get your donation of a new, unwrapped toy to Dick VE4HK before 16 NOV and he will get it to the proper Salvation Army unit again.

WARC Christmas Dinner

As previously announced, our Christmas dinner will be held on December 14, 2021. The dinner will be held at Shooters Family Golf Centre and Restaurant located at 2731 Main Street. As always you can expect some festive games and fun prizes as well as great company. Please feel free to bring your significant other or a friend to join us in our Christmas fun.

To attend, tickets will be on sale starting at November's monthly meeting. Tickets are \$20.00 each and will cover the cost of your meal, including pop or coffee. If you are not able to attend November's meeting please feel free to me by email melissa@mrsfleury.com or by phone, after 4:00 p.m., at 204-295-2552 to arrange to purchase your tickets. Ticket deadline will be Monday, December 6th to allow enough time to coordinate with venue.

Although most of us will be enjoying a traditional Turkey dinner, to try and accommodate for different dietary needs there will also be option of a vegetarian or vegan meal. At the time of your ticket purchase I will confirm what meal option works best for you.

Unfortunately, in accordance to the current Manitoba Health Orders, all people interested in attending this event must be able to show proof of vaccination and follow proper masking rules. In addition, to allow for better spacing, there will be a limited number of tickets available for this event. Please buy your tickets as soon as possible to avoid missing out.

As part of our Christmas cheer we will be collecting donations towards a hamper for the Christmas Cheer Board. A list will be available at the November meeting of items needed for the hamper to bring. Monetary donations towards purchasing items for the hamper would also be welcomed.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

73

Melissa Fleury

3 Contest Calendar

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

November 2021

QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Nov 5
NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Nov 5
NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Nov 5
K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Nov 5
IPARC Contest, CW 0500Z-1200Z, Nov 6
Ukrainian DX Contest 1200Z, Nov 6 to 1200Z, Nov 7
Two-Meter Classic Sprint 1300Z-1330Z, Nov 6
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW
2100Z, Nov 6 to 0300Z, Nov 8
IPARC Contest, SSB 0500Z-1200Z, Nov 7
EANET Sprint 0800Z-1200Z, Nov 7
High Speed Club CW Contest 1400Z-1700Z, Nov 7
K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Nov 8
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
0100Z-0159Z, Nov 9
RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Nov 9
QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Nov 10
Phone Weekly Test - Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Nov 10
CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Nov 10
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest 1700Z-2000Z, Nov 10
CWops Mini-CWT Test 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 10
RSGB 80m Autumn Series, SSB 2000Z-2130Z, Nov 10
CWops Mini-CWT Test 0300Z-0400Z, Nov 11
CWops Mini-CWT Test 0700Z-0800Z, Nov 11
RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Nov 11
EACW Meeting 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 11
QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Nov 12
NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Nov 12
NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Nov 12
K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Nov 12
Day of the YLs Contest
0000Z, Nov 13 to 2359Z, Nov 14
PODXS 070 Club Triple Play Low Band Sprint
0000Z, Nov 13 to 2359Z, Nov 15
WAE DX Contest, RTTY
0000Z, Nov 13 to 2359Z, Nov 14
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, Digital
0001Z, Nov 13 to 2359Z, Nov 14
SARL VHF/UHF Analogue Contest
0500Z-0700Z, Nov 13 (6m)
and 0700Z-0900Z, Nov 13 (2m)
and 0900Z-1100Z, Nov 13 (70cm)
and 0500Z-0700Z, Nov 14 (6m)
and 0700Z-0900Z, Nov 14 (2m)
and 0900Z-1100Z, Nov 14 (70cm)
JIDX Phone Contest
0700Z, Nov 13 to 1300Z, Nov 14
RCA Transatlantic QSO Party
1200Z, Nov 13 to 0400Z, Nov 14
OK/OM DX Contest, CW
1200Z, Nov 13 to 1200Z, Nov 14
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
1200Z, Nov 13 to 2400Z, Nov 14
FISTS Saturday Sprint 1600Z-1800Z, Nov 13
CQ-WE Contest 1900Z-2300Z, Nov 13 (CW/Digital)
and 0100Z-0500Z, Nov 14 (Phone)
and 1900Z-2300Z, Nov 14 (Phone)

and 0100Z-0500Z, Nov 15 (CW/Digital)
AWA Bruce Kelley 1929 QSO Party
2300Z, Nov 13 to 0300Z, Nov 15
and 2300Z, Nov 20 to 0300Z, Nov 22
FIRAC HF Contest 0700Z to 1700Z, Nov 14
Classic Exchange, Phone
1400Z, Nov 14 to 0800Z, Nov 15
and 1400Z, Nov 16 to 0800Z, Nov 17
K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Nov 15
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
0100Z-0300Z, Nov 15
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
0100Z-0159Z, Nov 16
1700Z-1900Z, Nov 16
RTTYOPS Weeksprint
QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Nov 17
Phone Weekly Test - Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Nov 17
CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Nov 17
CWops Mini-CWT Test 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 17
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest
0000Z-0100Z, Nov 18
and 0200Z-0300Z, Nov 19
0130Z-0330Z, Nov 18
0300Z-0400Z, Nov 18
0700Z-0800Z, Nov 18
RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Nov 18
EACW Meeting 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 18
QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Nov 19
NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Nov 19
NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Nov 19
YO International PSK31 Contest 1600Z-2200Z, Nov 19
K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Nov 19
ARRL EME Contest 0000Z, Nov 20 to 2359Z, Nov 21
SARL Field Day Contest
1000Z, Nov 20 to 1000Z, Nov 21
1200Z, Nov 20 to 1200Z, Nov 21
All Austrian 160-Meter Contest 1600Z-2359Z, Nov 20
REF 160-Meter Contest
1700Z, Nov 20 to 0100Z, Nov 21
Feld Hell Sprint 1900Z-2059Z, Nov 20
RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest 1900Z-2300Z, Nov 20
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB
2100Z, Nov 20 to 0300Z, Nov 22
Homebrew and Oldtime Equipment Party
1300-1500Z, Nov 21 (40m)
and 1500-1700Z, Nov 21 (80m)
FISTS Sunday Sprint 2100Z-2300Z, Nov 21
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
2300Z, Nov 21 to 0100Z, Nov 22
K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Nov 22
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
0100Z-0159Z, Nov 23
1700Z-1900Z, Nov 23
RTTYOPS Weeksprint
SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Nov 24
Phone Weekly Test - Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Nov 24
CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Nov 24
CWops Mini-CWT Test 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 24
UKEICC 80m Contest 2000Z-2100Z, Nov 24
CWops Mini-CWT Test 0300Z-0400Z, Nov 25
CWops Mini-CWT Test 0700Z-0800Z, Nov 25
RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Nov 25
EACW Meeting 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 25
RSGB 80m Autumn Series, CW 2000Z-2130Z, Nov 25
NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Nov 26
Continued.....

K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Nov 26
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 27 to 2400Z, Nov 28
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Nov 29
QCX Challenge	1300Z-1400Z, Nov 29
QCX Challenge	1900Z-2000Z, Nov 29
RSGB FT4 Contest Series	2000Z-2130Z, Nov 29
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Nov 30
QCX Challenge	0300Z-0400Z, Nov 30
RTTYOPS Weekspint	1700Z-1900Z, Nov 30
<i>Into December ...</i>	
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 1
Phone Weekly Test - Fray	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 1
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Dec 1
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2000Z, Dec 1
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1900Z-2000Z, Dec 1
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	0000Z-0100Z, Dec 2 and 0200Z-0300Z, Dec 3
QRP ARCI Topband Sprint	0000Z-0300Z, Dec 2
CWops Mini-CWT Test	0300Z-0400Z, Dec 2
CWops Mini-CWT Test	0700Z-0800Z, Dec 2
RTTYOPS Weekspint	1700Z-1900Z, Dec 2
NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1800Z-1900Z, Dec 2 (CW) and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 2 (SSB) and 2000Z-2100Z, Dec 2 (FM) and 2100Z-2200Z, Dec 2 (Dig)
SKCC Sprint Europe	2000Z-2200Z, Dec 2

*Confessions of a Casual Contester
Vol. 2 Issue 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.....

Haven't been doing much in October, but this week I'm gearing up for CQ WorldWide DX, SSB edition. I've updated my N3FJP logger, downloaded the latest country lists and supercheckpartial files, spruced up the macros to reflect this contest (always check if some part of the exchange, or contact rules, has been changed since last whack.) Re-recorded the wav files in my Kenwood TS590S. Don't want to be calling "CQ Field Day" when I hit the F-key. I only use two macros/ wav files for voice contesting; my callsign for S&P operation, and the CQ string for running. Everything else is live. For digital or CW contesting, most of the possibilities are programmed to keys, and only the strange/ different is hand-sent. I scandalize my Elmer, I know, hand sending CW in a contest, but I find it much faster than F12 type type type F12. The keyer is set for 27wpm to match what the computer is sending. No worries for that this weekend, though.

Tonight I came across a net on 40m, running Olivia 16/500, so I pitched in my call and said my piece. I'll probably come back regularly, as I like Olivia when the bands are noisy. Most weeks I'm also in the FeldHell 40m Net. That's fun. Just don't nod off, as nothing is

saved once it leaves the decode box. Yikes!

I have a previously-loved Vibroplex Vibrokeyer here now. What a strange little device that is. I'm used to a Bencher (don't like it) and a VibroCube (it's okay) and even a PIPAD (lots of fun) but this is just - weird - not really single lever, not really double lever, not at all iambic. I'm getting used to it, adjusting this and that each session. Starting to feel good, no longer sending it across the desk both ways. I'll get this sucker dialed in before CQWWDX CW! I'm still doing my CWAcademy exercises with it, a good way to learn its quirks.

Did a Basic Qualification exam this week on a young man who passed with honours. It's been a LONG time since I've seen someone under 30 in that chair. This is a good thing for radio, I hope he turns some of his friends/family into ham-curious seekers.

OOOOO I got an envelope this week stuffed with QSL cards from the VE9SKCC Canadian Operators Event in September. I worked 6 of the 13 possible (10 actual). Everybody is wondering, where are the ops N of 60? I also worked as one of the special event stations, and served as one of three managers, handling Canada's western call districts. I think next year will be much better, especially if we score a shorter call.....

On the workbench, several projects are coming together for deployment next month. I have an Alpha-Delta fan dipole that's I'm assembling to replace the GAP Titan on the roof, probably in 10 days time? If I can get the crew together for a Sunday afternoon antenna party. I've dug out the fiberglass pole sections I'll need, built a 1:1 RF choke to go at the feedpoint, scrounged up some pulleys to make life easier, and purchased new Dacron line to guy it all against our Prairie winds. When up, it should be about 30' above the roof (itself 13' above ground). The poles will go first and be guyed 3 ways at two levels, then the antenna raised via double -purchase blocks to the peak. This way I can service the antenna without having to lower/disassemble the mast and its guy system.

I've also chosen to run coax from the feedpoint to the base, to connect to the already-there feedline to the shack. It's only 2 years old, no need to replace the whole length. The only remaining question is, will we be hip-deep in snow, ankle deep in rain-water, or tied down against the zephyrs?

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

WARC is holding a raffle to be drawn at our January 2022 meeting...

Tickets will be \$10 each and the prizes will be as follows:

- 1 Icom IC705 HF Transceiver,
 - 1 Alinco DJ-MD40T, UHF FM digital/analog handheld Transceiver,
 - Also 2 prizes of 1 each of
 - Alinco DJ-MD5XT Dual band DMR Color LCD w/GPS Transceivers,
 - Radio World gift certificates.
- For info write to info@WinnipegARC.org

D-Star and DMR in Winnipeg !!

The Winnipeg Digital Repeater Group is conducting a membership drive! All members new and those who have renewed their memberships will have their name added to a draw for two (2) prizes.

-First Prize is an Anytone 878 UV Plus, Bluetooth Dual Band DMR portable radio.

-Second Prize is a free 1-year membership donated by the WDRG

To add to the excitement, for each additional \$25.00 donation your name will be entered again into the draw, but you must be a member.

Membership is \$25.00 for RAC members and \$35.00 for Non-RAC members

To renew your WDRG Membership or to join visit <https://ve4wdr.org/membership.html>

DMR now in Portage La Prairie !!!

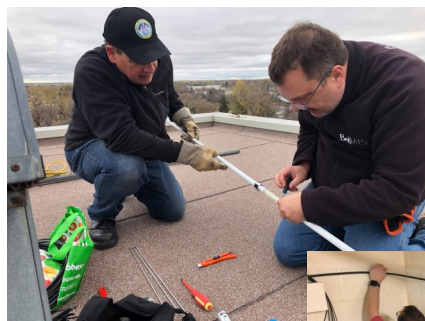
The VE4DMP a DMR repeater is on the air from downtown Portage la Prairie at 444.800+ colour code 4.

Manitoba talk group on slot 1. Slot two is open to most talk groups as needed. DMR I'd 302163.

This repeater provides coverage from Portage to just about Elie, MB. So DMR coverage is from east of Richer, well north of Selkirk, near

Morris to the south to somewhere well west of Portage.

If any one is going radio checks or has APRS turned



on via DMR, please provide us with your coverage report west of Portage. ve4wdr@gmail.com



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 (XRF103BO)
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>

DMR Nets on the VE4WDR System ...

Astronomy Net

Wednesday @ 20:00 local time
Time Slot 2, 31012

Northstar Net

Saturday @ 21:00 local time
Time Slot 2, 31273

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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