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VE4BB

"The MRS...Where we were, where we are & where we are going"
by Derek VE4HAY

Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Time: 7:30 PM An **"On-Line"** Meeting

<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/treasurer523>

Other Important Dates:

News caster: Deadline February 24, 2022

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates **2nd Tuesdays**
March 8, 2022 - TBA
April 12, 2022 - Home Brew Night

ARES: Tuesday, February 15, 2022
General Meeting
Will be an **on-line** "Remote" 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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Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club raffle winners

Susan Collins VE4SYM won..

1st Prize: Icom IC-705 HF - UHF Transceiver (\$1800 value)

Gerald Hynes VE4ACE won ...

2nd Prize: Alinco DJ-MD40T UHF FM Handheld Transceiver (\$250 value)

Jeff Atto VE4GA won ...

3rd Prize: Alinco DJ-MD5XT Dual Band DMR Handheld Transceiver (\$230 value)

Colin Stanners VE4CST won ...

4th Prize: Alinco DJ-MD5XT Dual Band DMR Handheld Transceiver (\$230 value)

George Scott VE4GWS won ...

5th Prize: \$100 Gift Card for Radioworld and GPS Central

Paul Reisdorf VE4AMS won ...

6th Prize: \$100 Gift Card for Radioworld and GPS Central

Winnipeg ARES

Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ

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Our January General Meeting was held virtually 18 JAN. We are still looking for a Secretary from among Winnipeg ARES members.

Our next General Meeting will be TUE 15 FEB, held virtually – members will receive an e-mail with log-in information.

Saturday Morning Net

Check in to the Saturday Morning Net on VE4WPG or VE4VJ at 10:00 am, for the next presentation of The History of Amateur Radio, by Dick VE4HK

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Dick 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

2 Contest Calendar

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

February 2022

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest

0100Z-0159Z, Feb 1
QCX Challenge 0300Z-0400Z, Feb 1
RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Feb 1
QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Feb 2
Phone Weekly Test 0230Z-0300Z, Feb 2
A1Club AWT 1200Z-1300Z, Feb 2
CWops Test 1300Z-1400Z, Feb 2
Mini-Test 40 1700Z-1759Z, Feb 2
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest 1700Z-2000Z, Feb 2
Mini-Test 80 1800Z-1859Z, Feb 2
CWops Test 1900Z-2000Z, Feb 2
UKEICC 80m Contest 2000Z-2100Z, Feb 2
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest
0000Z-0100Z, Feb 3
and 0200Z-0300Z, Feb 4
CWops Test 0300Z-0400Z, Feb 3
CWops Test 0700Z-0800Z, Feb 3
RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Feb 3
NRAU 10m Activity Contest 1800Z-1900Z, Feb 3 (CW)
and 1900Z-2000Z, Feb 3 (SSB)
and 2000Z-2100Z, Feb 3 (FM)
and 2100Z-2200Z, Feb 3 (Dig)
EACW Meeting 1900Z-2000Z, Feb 3
SKCC Sprint Europe 2000Z-2200Z, Feb 3
NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Feb 4
QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Feb 4
NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Feb 4
K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Feb 4
Vermont QSO Party 0000Z, Feb 5 to 2400Z, Feb 6
10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB
0001Z, Feb 5 to 2359Z, Feb 6
EurAsia HF Championship 0600Z-1800Z, Feb 5
F9AA Cup, CW 1200Z, Feb 5 to 1200Z, Feb 6
Mexico RTTY International Contest
1200Z, Feb 5 to 2359Z, Feb 6
FYBO Winter QRP Sprint 1400Z-2400Z, Feb 5
Minnesota QSO Party 1400Z-2400Z, Feb 5
FISTS Saturday Sprint 1600Z-1800Z, Feb 5
British Columbia QSO Party
1600Z, Feb 5 to 0359Z, Feb 6
and 1600Z-2359Z, Feb 6
AGCW Straight Key Party 1600Z-1900Z, Feb 5
European Union DX Contest
1800Z, Feb 5 to 1800Z, Feb 6
North American Sprint, CW
2300Z, Feb 5 to 0300Z, Feb 6
Classic Exchange, CW 1400Z, Feb 6 to 0800Z, Feb 7
and 1400Z, Feb 8 to 0800Z, Feb 9
K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Feb 7
OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Feb 7
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB
2000Z-2130Z, Feb 7
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
0100Z-0159Z, Feb 8
ARS Spartan Sprint 0200Z-0400Z, Feb 8
RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Feb 8
NAQCC CW Sprint 0130Z-0330Z, Feb 9

QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Feb 9
Phone Weekly Test 0230Z-0300Z, Feb 9
A1Club AWT 1200Z-1300Z, Feb 9
CWops Test 1300Z-1400Z, Feb 9
Mini-Test 40 1700Z-1759Z, Feb 9
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest 1700Z-2000Z, Feb 9
Mini-Test 80 1800Z-1859Z, Feb 9
CWops Test 1900Z-2000Z, Feb 9
CWops Test 0300Z-0400Z, Feb 10
CWops Test 0700Z-0800Z, Feb 10
RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Feb 10
EACW Meeting 1900Z-2000Z, Feb 10
NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Feb 11
QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Feb 11
NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Feb 11
K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Feb 11
CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest
0000Z, Feb 12 to 2359Z, Feb 13
SARL Field Day Contest
1000Z, Feb 12 to 1000Z, Feb 13
Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW 1100Z-1300Z, Feb 12
Dutch PACC Contest 1200Z, Feb 12 to 1200Z, Feb 13
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
1200Z, Feb 12 to 2400Z, Feb 13
KCJ Topband Contest 1200Z, Feb 12 to 2359Z, Feb 13
YLRL YL-OM Contest 1400Z, Feb 12 to 0200Z, Feb 14
OMISS QSO Party 1500Z, Feb 12 to 1500Z, Feb 13
RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest 1900Z-2300Z, Feb 12
AWA Amplitude Modulation QSO Party
2300Z, Feb 12 to 2300Z, Feb 13
Balkan HF Contest 1300Z-1700Z, Feb 13
PODXS 070 Club Valentine Sprint
0000Z-2359Z, Feb 14
K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Feb 14
CQC Winter QSO Party 0100Z-0259Z, Feb 14
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
0100Z-0300Z, Feb 14
ARRL School Club Roundup
1300Z, Feb 14 to 2359Z, Feb 18
OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Feb 14
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
0100Z-0159Z, Feb 15
RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Feb 15
QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Feb 16
Phone Weekly Test 0230Z-0300Z, Feb 16
A1Club AWT 1200Z-1300Z, Feb 16
CWops Test 1300Z-1400Z, Feb 16
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest 1700Z-2000Z, Feb 16
Mini-Test 40 1700Z-1759Z, Feb 16
Mini-Test 80 1800Z-1859Z, Feb 16
AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening
1900Z-2030Z, Feb 16
CWops Test 1900Z-2000Z, Feb 16
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data
2000Z-2130Z, Feb 16
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest
0000Z-0100Z, Feb 17
and 0200Z-0300Z, Feb 18
CWops Test 0300Z-0400Z, Feb 17
CWops Test 0700Z-0800Z, Feb 17
RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Feb 17
NTC QSO Party 1900Z-2000Z, Feb 17
EACW Meeting 1900Z-2000Z, Feb 17
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 NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Feb 18
 QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Feb 18
 NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Feb 18
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Feb 18
 ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Feb 19 to 2400Z, Feb 20
 Russian PSK WW Contest 1200Z, Feb 19 to 1159Z, Feb 20
 Feld Hell Sprint 1900Z-2059Z, Feb 20
 FISTS Sunday Sprint 2100Z-2300Z, Feb 20
 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 2300Z, Feb 20 to 0100Z, Feb 21
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Feb 21
 OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Feb 21
 Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest 0100Z-0159Z, Feb 22
 RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Feb 22
 SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Feb 23
 QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Feb 23
 Phone Weekly Test 0230Z-0300Z, Feb 23
 A1Club AWT 1200Z-1300Z, Feb 23
 CWops Test 1300Z-1400Z, Feb 23
 Mini-Test 40 1700Z-1759Z, Feb 23
 Mini-Test 80 1800Z-1859Z, Feb 23
 CWops Test 1900Z-2000Z, Feb 23
 UKEICC 80m Contest 2000Z-2100Z, Feb 23
 CWops Test 0300Z-0400Z, Feb 24
 CWops Test 0700Z-0800Z, Feb 24
 RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Feb 24
 EACW Meeting 1900Z-2000Z, Feb 24
 RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW 2000Z-2130Z, Feb 24
 NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Feb 25
 QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Feb 25
 NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Feb 25
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Feb 25
 CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB 2200Z, Feb 25 to 2200Z, Feb 27
 REF Contest, SSB 0600Z, Feb 26 to 1800Z, Feb 27
 FTn DX Contest 1200Z, Feb 26 to 1200Z, Feb 27
 UBA DX Contest, CW 1300Z, Feb 26 to 1300Z, Feb 27
 South Carolina QSO Party 1500Z, Feb 26 to 0159Z, Feb 27
 NA Collegiate Championship, RTTY 1800Z, Feb 26 to 0559Z, Feb 27
 North American QSO Party, RTTY 1800Z, Feb 26 to 0559Z, Feb 27
 High Speed Club CW Contest 1400Z-1700Z, Feb 27
 North Carolina QSO Party 1500Z, Feb 27 to 0100Z, Feb 28
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Feb 28
 QCX Challenge 1300Z-1400Z, Feb 28
 OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Feb 28
 QCX Challenge 1900Z-2000Z, Feb 28
 RSGB FT4 Contest 2000Z-2130Z, Feb 28

Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club

The Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club is looking for ... Duty Officers and for a Net controller for Saturdays.

Please contact Calvin VE4AJ at ve4aj@rac.ca for more information.

Confessions of a Casual Contester Vol. 2 Issue 7 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.....

Planets aligned this past weekend for ARRL RTTY Roundup. I was able to work the whole contest uninterrupted by work. Joy! As a result, I tripled my score over last year. I like RTTY, my brain is still fully engaged in the exchange, but I don't have to listen to the crash of atmospherics for many hours. I just turn off the external speaker, and put on some nice music in the background. Now, that's civilized. The flip side is poached eggs for eyeballs Sunday night.

I run FLDigi for RTTY and the N3FJP logger. Simple, intuitive, easy. Not a single issue.

I spent some time this past year trying other digital applications, but the FLDigi is the one that plays well with my TS590S. A modern app for a modern radio. Other apps have great features, but they're all stuck in the 20th century for rig control and audio. Not interested in regressing with my 21st century radio.

Still puzzling over a fan dipole that transmits better than it receives. Maybe I should read some more books on propagation and antenna theory/practice. Upside is I was never drinking from the firehose, downside is I have a lower score than otherwise.

Remoting your radio is not a trivial task. I have a modern radio, designed with remote ops in mind. It has factory remote software that should play well, and in the beginning did so, but does no longer. The culprit is the usual suspect: MS Windows Whatever. It seems to constantly decide that one or other 3rd party app has become a dangerous trojan, and quarantines it, deletes it or otherwise deactivates it. Also, IP providers can do some voodoo they do, and all stops working. I tried RemoteHams, and that worked for a while, then stopped, and I get no answers from the support forums. I dislike forums as a lazy substitute for product support, but most of this software is written by volunteers, so what else is reasonable? What is, is. I will try yet another software answer, before prying open my wallet for the hardware solution. {cheep cheep}

Survived NAQP CW. 9 hours in the chair, maybe I'm becoming a contester, after all? (nah....)

More than doubled last year's score again, so overall it's being a good year for me. If I keep doubling for a few more years, I'll be top of the heap! No worries. I did operate assisted, so I could see where desirable stations were, but still tuned through the bands to find my contacts. I figure about 1 in 12 stations that I worked, were spotted before I found them.

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And a lot of spotted stations were inaudible at my antenna. Strictly S&P this time, I was busy enough without buying into pile-ups. I still do MorseRunner most days for pile-up practice, though. And join CWT of an occasional Wednesday.

Ooooooh, it's a trend! Doubled my score (almost) in the SSB NAQP also. Worked 90% of stations I could hear, but didn't hear most that were spotted again. I'm going to blame the low height of my antenna, until I have a better excuse....

Managed to squeak into another session of CW Academy - Intermediate, trying to get my instant recognition and head-copy back up to speed. Every time, it gets harder for me. It's a better class than last time I was in it, and this time I have about half the group offshore, which is fun. If you want to improve (or acquire) your CW skills, I can think of no better way than CW Academy. You have to commit to put in the time and effort, but it does pay off in the end. (Some of us need more time and effort than others....)

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

Manitoba Marathon

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The 2022 Manitoba Marathon will be SUN 19 JUNE. We currently need at least eighty-five (85) volunteers.

We need a completed new registration form from each Amateur Radio volunteer every year regardless of what Amateur organization they belong to. Thanks to Mark VE4MAB for having the registration portal on the WARC web-site,

http://www.winnipegarc.org/marathon_volunteer_form.html

New Amateur operators will be paired up with Amateurs experienced with the event. Amateur Radio volunteers must agree to abide by the Manitoba Marathon Code of Conduct for volunteers. Thanks to Dave VE4DJS for keeping track of the volunteer registrations.

The 2022 Amateur Radio Group Volunteer Briefing is TUE 14 JUNE 1900h Crescentwood CC 1170 Corydon Avenue (Map 24 D2 in the Sherlock Map Book). Although the briefing starts at 1900h we will begin distribution of race information, documentation, volunteer t-shirts and pre-arranged equipment loans at 1815h. If you register as an Amateur Radio volunteer and cannot attend the 14 JUNE briefing please let us know in advance who will be attending to pick up your briefing materials and volunteer t-shirt. There will be an additional Medi-

cal Team briefing on another date for those assigning to the medical side.

We need all borrowed equipment returned as soon as possible. On Race Day loaner traffic vests & HTs should be turned over to the Course Closing Vehicle as it passes by (it is manned by Amateurs).

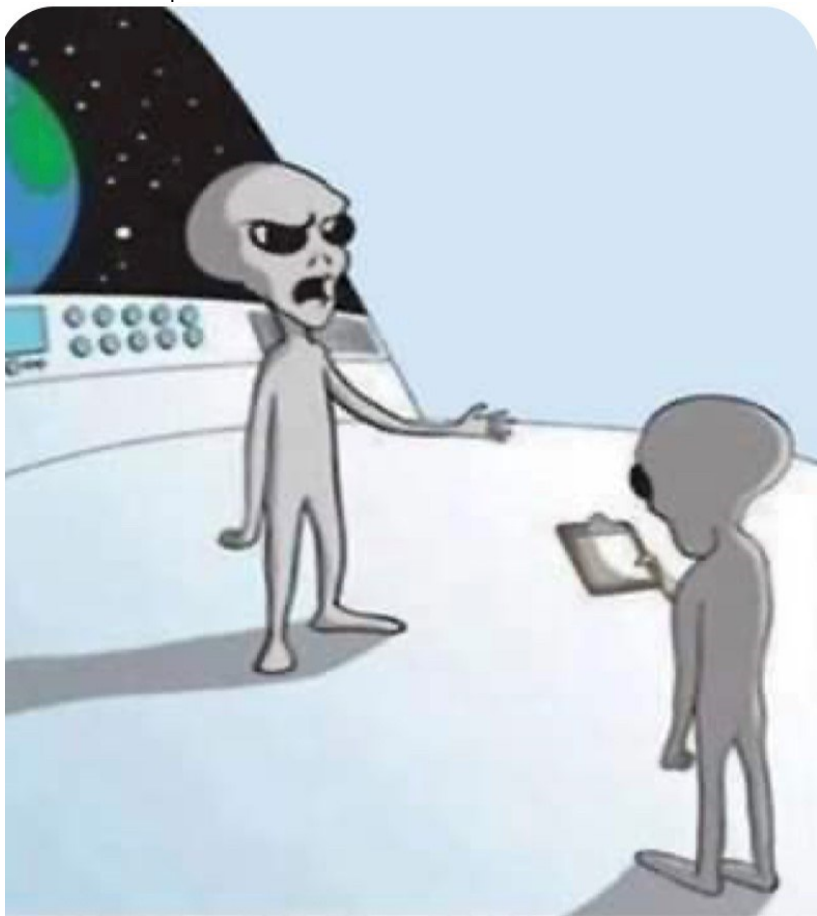
Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club's April General Meeting is ...

Home Brew Night!

As to what someone can present - it's wide open as long as it is Amateur Radio related. Some suggestions, but not limited to:

- Anything they have made,
- Purchased already made and think it would be useful for others to know about.
- Can be software.
- Interesting article.

There will be prizes!



And then he said I should "Get off his frequency because the 'Net' starts in 10 minutes!"

BridgeCom Systems is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.



Topic: Bridgecom DMR Presentation (Manitoba Repeater Society)
Time: Feb 22, 2022 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/94557184006>

Meeting ID: 945 5718 4006
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<https://www.bridgecomsystems.com/pages/almostspringgiveaway>

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

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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