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VE4BB

"Home Brew Night"

Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Time: 7:30 PM An ***"In-Person"*** Meeting

Windsor Park United Church
1062 Autumnwood Dr (at Cottonwood Rd.)
Find it on Google Maps - [Click Here](#)

Other Important Dates:

News caster: Deadline April 27, 2023

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates **2nd Tuesdays**
May 9, 2023 - "6M Operating essentials and Canadian Prairie QSO Party (CPQP) Information session"

ARES: Tuesday, April 18, 2023
General Meeting - "IN PERSON" at Sir Wm Stephenson Library
765 Keewatin Street
Topic will be Call-Outs and Equipment which was originally scheduled for FEB

Check your WARC Membership Status at ...
<http://winnipegarc.org/join.html>

WARC Executive for 2022-2023...

President	Drew Kwartel	drewk.ve4drw@gmail.com
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	(Interim secretary)	

Membership	Cary Rubenfeld	VE4EA
Education	Drago Lambeta	VE4DBV
Director	Geoff Bawden	VE4BAW
Director	Jerry Volkens	VE4GCV
Past President	John Romanec	ve4vjr@gmail.com
Public Information Officer....	Vacant	

WARC's April 11, 2023, Meeting is... "Home Brew Night"

If you have a project in mind, on the go, completed or have seen an interesting item, idea, presentation, etc - basically anything ham related we'd like to hear about it!

Presentations can be 1 minute or 15 mins - whatever you need.

There will be a prize for the most notable presentation.

Manitoba Repeater Society

Annual General Meeting & Elections
Wednesday - April 26, 2023
7:00pm - 10:00pm
Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre
26 Molgat Avenue
Find it on Google Maps
<https://goo.gl/maps/hvx2GMwxMn6yzYg7>

All members are invited to attend.
Discussion of financial reports, membership status, repeater status and election of officers for the following year. Watch your email for copies of the documents.

Help us Celebrate at the MRS AGM

Did you know Manitoba Repeater Society is 53 years old this year?

We missed celebrating the 50th anniversary due to Covid.

Come out to the AGM where we will mark the occasion with some door prizes for those paid members attending in person. One of those door prizes will contain a hidden bonus of \$53!

Following the formal part of the meeting there will be cake and time for socializing. It's a good time to have an "eyeball" with someone you may not have seen in a while.

Lord Derek Hay

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 General Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2023

Call to order
7:41

Introductions, guests, new members, etc...
27 attendees including 2 newly arrived guests who are now WARC members from Ukraine – Nadia UR5BKR and Vadym UR5BIU

Minutes from previous WARC General meeting
- Approval of February 14, 2023 General meeting minutes as posted in Newscaster.

Treasurer's report

- Dave Terrick VE4DVT
- February was another quiet month for the club finances so this month's report will be presented in summary form only, as work on the formal statements is ongoing. We sold one basic study guide and received one membership renewal for a total of \$70. We earned \$13.21 in interest income. We spent \$47.08 for QSL cards and coffee for the winter field day. The current ACU balances are \$6,627.26 for the reserve fund, \$5,626.90 in the current account, and \$3,048.87 in the PayPal account. Total cash is \$15,303.03.

Education Report

- Drago Lambeta not present but a 10 week Basic Licensing course will be starting in April.

Membership report

- Jerry Volkers VE4GCV – 81 paid and free members to date.

RAC Report

- Ed Richardson VE4EAR not present but sent his report ahead of time. RAC news of interest is that RAC is working on a proposal to revise ISED's call sign policy and more details are to follow.

ARES Report

- Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ presented the following points of interest:

- In person meeting next Tuesday March 21.
- Special speaker will give presentation on "How to prevent panic on the air".
- Looking for 85 volunteers for the Manitoba Marathon.

DX Report

- Jessy Blanchette VE4JBB, Dan Kaiser VE4DRK, Yori Tsuji VE4ACX, John Romanec VE4IM offered the following observations:
- 10, 12, 15, 17, 20m all open, even 6m, conditions are excellent even to very late hours.
- Over the pole is strong.
- EU strong in the mornings and Asia strong in the evenings. Contacts into India, far east (Mongolia, 'Stan countries) reported.
- Last few days for the FT8WW dxpedition to Crozet Island - 3rd most desired DX entity after North Korea and Bouvet Island! Several VE4 hams have logged

QSOs with FT8WW.

Previous Business

- This year's summer ARRL Field Day will be held in cooperation with WSC, at WSC. WARC would like to hear from anyone interested to be on the Field Day committee with a WSC rep.

- Flea Market Co-ordinator required to plan for next flea market hopefully in fall 2023.

- We require a Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President.

- CPQP coming up on May 13.

- WARC Pizza Party update.

- Over 60 attendees!
- Was a great success with everyone being able to get together, chat, reminisce, meet new people.
- Plans to hold another such event will be discussed.

New business

OSCAR Award – Presented to Sue Collins VE4SYM... congratulations Sue!!

Program

- Jessy Blanchette VE4JBB presentation - 3D Printing for the Radio Amateur.

- Door prize draw for physically present WARC members – Pofung UV5RIC Dual Band Handheld Transceiver won by WARC's newest member Nadia Tyshko UR5BKR (shown at right with Vadym Tyshko UR5BIU)



- 50\50 draw won by Michelle Kaiser VE4DKC - \$11.

Adjourn

9:26

WARC Announcements

1) May 13 is the 2nd annual CPQP - Canadian Prairie QSO Party. More information at <https://cpqp.ve6hams.ca/>

2) WARC needs:

- Secretary
- Vice President
- Field Day representative to work with WSC for the upcoming Field Day on June 24
- Flea Market coordinator

WARC Get Together - March 4, 2023

There has been suggestions that WARC membership needed an excuse to get together socially. Yes, we have had Christmas suppers, Field Days, meetings...but not a plain old get together where everyone could just hang out and chat, renew acquaintances, meet new people, etc. without any other tasks hanging over our heads that needed to be done. But where could we host such an event? Lo and behold WSC stepped up and offered up the Old Fire Hall and it was the perfect venue as WSC at the same time got to show off the renovations they have been diligently making.



With over 60 people attending, hams and non-hams alike, we all got a chance to get together over LOTS of food and meet new friends, reacquaint with old ones and just hang out with each other without any expectations! Some new and experienced hams even got a chance to put in some time in the chair in the WSC radio room with ARRL DX SSB contest taking place the same weekend. One thing learned is not to order so much food! With the general ham population being, shall we say, "older, I found out that they do not eat as much pizza as my kids' soccer teams did!



We are hoping to host another such event so please stay tuned to the nets, 2M chatter, WARC website, Facebook, etc. to find out when that happens!

73, John VE4IM

Planning meeting held January 17, 2023

It is optimal that planning meetings be held well in advance of the actual activity cycle (which for WARC is the calendar year) but events precluded that for 2023 and a special session was held January 17.

The outcomes were a mixture of strategic and tactical decisions. It is proposed by the facilitator that the next planning session be held in October for 2024. This reported is an abbreviated version of the report submitted to and accepted by the executive.

Present at the meeting were VE4DRW, VE4DVT, VE4DBV, VE4IM, VE4MAB, VE4DL (first part of meeting), VE4HAY (second half of meeting). The meeting was facilitated by VE4AE.

It was confirmed that WARC faced what all service groups were facing and faced even before CoVID which is to say a falling membership. It was also confirmed that WARC also suffered from a lack of volunteers to undertake activities and fill executive positions. This, incidentally, is also common across all service organizations.

Decision: WARC supports enhanced cooperation among and between clubs to maximize value to members and minimize redundancy. **Decision:** WARC to continue to publicize for volunteers. **Decision:** WARC has as a priority in 2023 to increase membership.

The general role of the club was confirmed: "WARC is a general interest ARC with the goals of educating ham radio operators and the general public on both the technology of radio and related sciences and the value of ham radio to society." Specific goals for 2023 are to increase membership numbers, increase the number of hams and increase the number of social events sponsored by WARC. WARC will continue the cable shop, the lending program and the merchandise program.

Certain key activities were reaffirmed: the monthly meetings were judged to of high value to the members but their emphasis should be on the educational aspects of the program and not the business aspects. Few drive across town because they are looking for another meeting. Field Days (Winter and Summer) have been well attended and will be continued, a coordinator(s) is required for the Summer Field Day. The Summer field day will be held at and with the partnership of WSC. A flea market is to be held in the fall of 2023 but a Hamfest will not be held - a coordinator is required for the flea market. The Basic Certification course is to be held nominally starting April 29 and continuing for 10 weeks. More instructors are required. WARC social activities are well intended and these opportunities are to be increased. A party at WSC is to be held in the first quarter of 2023 (done: 60+ in attendance). The value of the Newscaster was reaffirmed. It was noted that the publisher VE4MAB does not edit nor write the articles and articles must meet the publishers due date or they will miss that edition.

WSC presentation: WSC President VE4HAY welcomed a close relationship with WARC and offered assistance of WSC in increasing value to WARC members and increase use of WSC facilities.

WSC liaison: VE4AE to continue on WARC board and function as board member and liaison with WSC.

Geoff, VE4AE

Comments and questions can be directed to VE4AE@MYRAC.CA.

Please indicate "Planning Session in the Subject line."

Spotlight on Gary Smith VE4YH

By David VE4DAR

What got you interested in amateur radio? “I’ve always been interested in electronics and building, from tube equipment while in junior high school to the new technologies today.”

“I took a class to get my Basic license with Wayne Warren VE4WR in 1989. I upgraded to CW and Advanced in the early 1990’s at the Winnipeg Seniors Club VE4WSC. Adam VE4SN and Ed VE4YU taught me the code and theory.”



“My first HF radio was a basket case, Tempo One. I usually bought used equipment that needed repairs, but now I like the modern radios.”

“My first HF contact on the Tempo One was with an Italian station. I don’t remember the call. Another was an Astronaut on 2M.”

What have you gotten out of ham radio over the years? “I’ve met many very interesting people and made many new friends.”

Any part of ham radio that interested you particularly? “I like trying new modes and working on equipment.”

Any advice for new hams? “Upgrade your license and get on HF. It really doesn’t take much of a station to work lots of new hams all over the world. If you stay on your handi talkie, most people lose interest. Always try some new modes. Get involved in the local clubs.”

What do you see as the future for Amateur Radio? “New digital modes are very popular and even if you love them or hate them, it does get people on the air and using ham radio. May rare DX stations are using these modes and with low power and a wire antenna you are able to work them.”

Many thanks for doing this, Gary, while you were on holidays down South. David.

Confessions of a Casual Contester *Vol. 3 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.....

Time has a way of fleeing by unseen. Saw the Theory of Everything this week, kinda reminded me to get on with things. Like this article!

I’ve been playing with Senior’s Flex6400 from the comfort of my home. Not very intuitive, but Paul Reisdorf appears to have infinite patience. I may test that. The radio actually works quite well, but has a lot of surprises for the standard-rig-op. I can get contacts on it, I can even work it split, both CW and SSB, but I’ve been unable to integrate my logger/control software or my digital apps. Nothing works the way the manuals and forums say they work, alas. Keep beavering away, I shall overcome. In the meantime, a little left-hand leg-erdemain and the acceptance of a slower rate allows casual operation in phone contesting. For CW, I’ll have to overcome the software challenges first.

The very best thing about the Flex is that the auto gain control actually does cap the volume to my phones, so the KW+ stations no longer cause my head to explode. I wish my Kenwood would do that.

I have been playing with new connectors for my rotor control cable. I was right that the PowerPole crimper die is the right size/style to crimp the open pins for the Deutch connectors I bought, and the male connector (female pins) is already on the rotator pigtail. The female connector (male pins) will have to be crimped at rooftop. Lots of coax-seal tape on hand, but the connector pair is waterproof to roadworthy standard, so I’m not actually worried it will let me down in service. I acquired a single chain-link fence top pole, which I will bisect this week to replace the too-small mast originally installed. I have checked that the yagi is not actually frozen into the snowbank it is resting on in my backyard.

It was a surprising weekend for DX during WPX SSB. Worked new entities Indonesia, Morocco and Serbia. Heard clearly but couldn’t work Korea, Turkey and South Africa. No Northern Europe. England, Eire and Scotland, no Wales. Aruba, Barbados and Bonaire. Very few VEs. 113 QSOs in 13 hours. Lots of usual suspects heard but not worked.

I’m also enjoying the digital world of DMR via my handhelds. I have them both working as they should on a single repeater. The next challenge will be adding more repeaters in my local area so I have coverage throughout southern Manitoba. Who said old hams can’t learn new tricks? Not me!

The XYL and I are exploring new things we can do together in retirement, so it’s not all ham radio in the basement and dolls in the sunroom. Some interesting common interests are surfacing. And the spring will bring spackle and paint season to our house, once the Red recedes.

But it isn't contesting. Nope. Not at all. Well, maybe.... yes it is!

Winnipeg ARES
Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ
ve4mbq@rac.ca

It was great to see long-time Amateur Radio volunteer (and previous Winnipeg ARES Treasurer) Susan Collins VE4SYM recognized at the March WARC meeting by being presented with the Outstanding Service Concerning Amateur Radio (OSCAR) Award by WARC President Drew VE4DRW.



Our MAR General Meeting featured Gerry Desjardins who gave us a presentation on Panic on the Air.

Thanks to Richard Kazuk for coordinating the Wpg ARES operation for Scouts Canada Klondike Derby at Camp Amisk 04, 05 MAR. Volunteer operators were:

VE4s KAZ, GWB, CLK, TRO, KIZ, JFK, GWN, CKP, PXL, FTS, JAH, STG,
 VA4SMC and special guest operator VE3CKP.



“Dawson City” at Camp Amisk
 Photo Credit Richard Kazuk VE4KAZ

CANWARN Spotter Training will be held SAT 15 APR 0930-1330h at Fraserwood Hall on PR 231 just east of PTH 7. A self-paid group lunch is pending. Please register with Jeff VE4MBQ by 08 APR if attending. We have plenty of Spotters in Winnipeg, we need Spotters in the country-side. We typically have only one Spotter training session per year, usually in the spring – this is it! Talk-in will be on 146.52 MHz.

Our APR General Meeting will be held in-person 1900h TUE 18 APR at Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street. Topic will be Call-Outs and Equipment which was originally scheduled for FEB but was pre-empted by technical difficulties.

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Manitoba Marathon
Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ
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The 2023 Manitoba Marathon will be SUN 18 JUNE. We currently need at least eighty-five (85) volunteers, so far we have about thirty (30). New Amateur operators will be paired up with Amateurs experienced with the event.

Please register via the registration portal on the WARC web-site...

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

The 2023 Amateur Radio Group Volunteer Briefing is TUE 13 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.

Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club

The Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club is looking for Duty Officers and Net Controllers.

If interested please contact Calvin VE4AJ at ve4aj@myrac.ca

Plumber Wanted

The Winnipeg Senior Citizens radio Club is looking for an amateur radio operator who is also a plumber. We need guidance on our next phase of our refurbishment which involves replacing the porcelain in our bathrooms. Before we start this part of the project, we want to make sure we are not going down a deep rabbit hole. If you can assist or provide some guidance, please contact the club at ve4wsc@gmail.com.

Thank you
 73 Derek VE4HAY

Contest Calendar

Extracted From

<https://www.contestcalendar.com/>

April 2023

QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party 0000Z-0600Z, Apr 8
 JIDX CW Contest 0700Z, Apr 8 to 1300Z, Apr 9
 DIG QSO Party, CW 1200Z-1700Z, Apr 8 (20m-10m)
 and 0700Z-0900Z, Apr 9 (80m)
 and 0900Z-1100Z, Apr 9 (40m)
 IG-RY World Wide RTTY Contest
 1200Z, Apr 8 to 1800Z, Apr 9
 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
 1200Z, Apr 8 to 2400Z, Apr 9
 OK/OM DX Contest, SSB
 1200Z, Apr 8 to 1200Z, Apr 9
 New Mexico QSO Party
 1400Z, Apr 8 to 0200Z, Apr 9
 Georgia QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 8 to 0359Z, Apr 9
 and 1400Z-2359Z, Apr 9
 Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest
 2100Z, Apr 8 to 2059Z, Apr 9
 WAB 3.5/7/14 MHz Data Modes 1000Z-1400Z, Apr 9
 and 1700Z-2100Z, Apr 9
 Hungarian Straight Key Contest 1500Z-1600Z, Apr 9
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Apr 10
 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
 0000Z-0200Z, Apr 10
 ICWC Medium Speed Test 1300Z-1400Z, Apr 10
 DARC Easter Contest 1500Z-1730Z, Apr 10
 OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Apr 10
 ICWC Medium Speed Test 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 10
 144 MHz Spring Sprint 1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 10
 Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
 0100Z-0159Z, Apr 11
 ICWC Medium Speed Test 0300Z-0400Z, Apr 11
 ZL Sprint 0800Z-0829Z (CW), Apr 11
 and 0830Z-0859Z (SSB), Apr 11
 NAQCC CW Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Apr 12
 Phone Weekly Test 0230Z-0300Z, Apr 12
 A1Club AWT 1200Z-1300Z, Apr 12
 CWops Test 1300Z-1400Z, Apr 12
 Mini-Test 40 1700Z-1759Z, Apr 12
 VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest 1700Z-2100Z, Apr 12
 Mini-Test 80 1800Z-1859Z, Apr 12
 CWops Test 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 12
 CWops Test 0300Z-0400Z, Apr 13
 CWops Test 0700Z-0800Z, Apr 13
 EACW Meeting 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 13
 NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Apr 14
 NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Apr 14
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Apr 14
 Holyland DX Contest 2100Z, Apr 14 to 2059Z, Apr 15
 ES Open HF Championship Cancelled for 2023
 Worked All Provinces of China DX Contest
 0600Z, Apr 15 to 0559Z, Apr 16
 YU DX Contest 0700Z, Apr 15 to 0659Z, Apr 16
 Dutch PACCdigi Contest 0700Z to 1900Z, Apr 15
 CQMM DX Contest 0900Z, Apr 15 to 2359Z, Apr 16
 Nebraska QSO Party 1300Z, Apr 15 to 0100Z, Apr 16
 and 1300Z-2200Z, Apr 16
 Texas State Parks on the Air
 1400Z, Apr 15 to 0200Z, Apr 16

and 1400Z-2000Z, Apr 16
 Michigan QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 15 to 0400Z, Apr 16
 EA-QRP CW Contest 1700Z-1800Z, Apr 15 (10m)
 and 1800Z-1900Z, Apr 15 (15m)
 and 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 15 (20m)
 and 2000Z-2100Z, Apr 15 (40m)
 and 2100Z-2300Z, Apr 15 (80m)
 and 0700Z-0900Z, Apr 16 (40m)
 and 0900Z-1000Z, Apr 16 (20m)
 and 1000Z-1100Z, Apr 16 (15m)
 and 1100Z-1200Z, Apr 16 (10m)
 North Dakota QSO Party
 1800Z, Apr 15 to 1800Z, Apr 16
 Ontario QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 15 to 0500Z, Apr 16
 and 1200Z-1800Z, Apr 16
 Feld Hell Sprint 1800Z-2159Z, Apr 15
 Quebec QSO Party 1200Z-2000Z, Apr 16
 ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB 1800Z-2359Z, Apr 16
 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
 2300Z, Apr 16 to 0100Z, Apr 17
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Apr 17
 ICWC Medium Speed Test 1300Z-1400Z, Apr 17
 OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Apr 17
 ICWC Medium Speed Test 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 17
 Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
 0100Z-0159Z, Apr 18
 ICWC Medium Speed Test 0300Z-0400Z, Apr 18
 ZL Sprint 0800Z-0829Z (CW), Apr 18
 and 0830Z-0859Z (SSB), Apr 18
 222 MHz Spring Sprint 1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 18
 Phone Weekly Test 0230Z-0300Z, Apr 19
 A1Club AWT 1200Z-1300Z, Apr 19
 CWops Test 1300Z-1400Z, Apr 19
 VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest 1700Z-2100Z, Apr 19
 Mini-Test 40 1700Z-1759Z, Apr 19
 Mini-Test 80 1800Z-1859Z, Apr 19
 CWops Test 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 19
 RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB
 1900Z-2030Z, Apr 19
 Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest
 0000Z-0100Z, Apr 20
 and 0200Z-0300Z, Apr 21
 CWops Test 0300Z-0400Z, Apr 20
 CWops Test 0700Z-0800Z, Apr 20
 NTC QSO Party 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 20
 NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Apr 21
 NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Apr 21
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Apr 21
 YOTA Contest 0800Z-1959Z, Apr 22
 QRP to the Field 0800-1800 local, Apr 22
 SP DX RTTY Contest 1200Z, Apr 22 to 1200Z, Apr 23
 North American SSB Sprint Contest
 0000Z-0400Z, Apr 23
 International Vintage Contest HF 0700Z-1100Z, Apr 23
 and 1500Z-1900Z, Apr 23
 UA1DZ Memorial Cup 1300Z-1859Z, Apr 23
 BARTG Sprint 75 1700Z-2059Z, Apr 23
 K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Apr 24
 ANZAC Day Contest 1200Z, Apr 24 to 1159Z, Apr 25
 ICWC Medium Speed Test 1300Z-1400Z, Apr 24
 QCX Challenge 1300Z-1400Z, Apr 24
 OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Apr 24
 RSGB FT4 Contest 1900Z-2030Z, Apr 24

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Contest Calendar Continued

ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Apr 24
QCX Challenge	1900Z-2000Z, Apr 24
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	
	0100Z-0159Z, Apr 25
ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Apr 25
QCX Challenge	0300Z-0400Z, Apr 25
ZL Sprint	0800Z-0829Z (CW), Apr 25
	and 0830Z-0859Z (SSB), Apr 25
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Apr 26
Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Apr 26
A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Apr 26
CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Apr 26
Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Apr 26
Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Apr 26
CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Apr 26
432 MHz Spring Sprint	
	1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 26
UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Apr 26
CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Apr 27
CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Apr 27
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	
	1900Z-2030Z, Apr 27
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Apr 28
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Apr 28
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Apr 28
10-10 Int. Spring Contest, Digital	
	0001Z, Apr 29 to 2359Z, Apr 30
UK/EI DX Contest, CW	
	1200Z, Apr 29 to 1200Z, Apr 30
Helvetia Contest	1300Z, Apr 29 to 1259Z, Apr 30
Florida QSO Party	1600Z, Apr 29 to 0159Z, Apr 30
	and 1200Z-2159Z, Apr 30

**** Good Luck In The Contest ****

Get Your "Worked All Winnipeg" Award



For details visit - <http://winnipegarc.org/awards.html>

Hamvention 2023

Arranging a group drive to Hamvention

<https://hamvention.org/>

Can take 3 additional people comfortably. Split driving & entrance costs 4 ways.

Leaving Winnipeg Thursday May 18 returning Monday May 22 (note: this is the May long weekend).

If you have never been to hamvention you need to go at least once. If you are thinking of buying a radio, you can pre-order and pick up on site from major dealers. Save shipping & import brokerage costs.

If interested or for more details contact

VE4HAY@gmail.com.

Lord Derek Hay



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E-Mail Steve
at Steve@microhightech.ca



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>

MRS Memberships Expired on December 31

Manitoba Repeater Society Members

If you haven't already done so....

It's time to renew your **MRS Membership!**

You can do so via PayPal online at...

http://mb-repeater-society.ca/?page_id=144

Or download the Application form ...

<http://mb-repeater-society.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/mrs-app.pdf>

Check Your MRS Membership Status??

[Click Here](#)

Check out WARC's "Cable Shop & Merch Mart"

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

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 Saturday Morning Net 147.390 Mhz+
Saturdays at 10:00 am**

A Net for all Hams to participate and learn about Ham radio and get on the air! PLUS a presentation of The History of Amateur Radio by Dick VE4HK

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)

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>

**The following Nets are on the WDRG DMR
repeater system:**

TransCanada D-Star Net

Fridays @ 20:00 local, Timeslot 2,
Talkgroup 302050

SkyHub

Wednesdays @ 20:00 local, Timeslot 2,
Talkgroup 310847

HF Nets

**MB Evening Phone Net - 3747 Khz
Daily at 7:00 PM Local Time (CT)**

**Aurora Net (Afternoon) 7.100 Mhz
Daily at 2300 UTC**

**Aurora # 2 Net (Evening) 7.100 Mhz
Sunday at 9:30 CST**

MB Wx Net 3743 Khz

Daily at 8:30 Local Time (CT)

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