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Election Night 2023

Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023

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

Windsor Park United Church

1062 Autumnwood Dr (at Cottonwood Rd.)

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Other Important Dates:

News caster: Deadline August 31, 2023

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates **2nd Tuesdays**
Sept 12, 2023 - "Welcome Back"

ARES: Tuesday, June 20, 2023
General Meeting -
"Marathon De-Brief"

Field Day: June 24 - 25, 2023

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

WARC Executive for 2022-2023...

President	Drew Kwartel	drewk.ve4drw@gmail.com
Vice-Pres.	VACANT	
Treasurer	Dave Terrick	ve4dvt@gmail.com
Secretary	John Romanec	ve4vjr@gmail.com
	(Interim secretary)	
Membership	Cary Rubenfeld	VE4EA
Education	Drago Lambeta	VE4DBV
Director	Geoff Bawden	VE4BAW
Director	Jerry Volkers	VE4GCV
Past President	John Romanec	ve4vjr@gmail.com
Public Information Officer....	Vacant	

The final Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club (WARC) meeting for the season will be Tuesday, June 13 at 7:30 pm.

This will be an in-person meeting at Windsor Park United Church, 1062 Autumnwood Dr (at Cottonwood Rd.).

One of the requirements of WARC is to have an active functioning board, "... with people who care and want to move the club forward..."

Without this, we can't continue to exist. Sitting back and watching, not participating is not an option.

At the June meeting, we will hold elections for all club executive positions. Please, put your name forward and consider committing a few hours a month to help your club exist and plan for our future.

The choice is yours.

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*

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
May 9, 2023

Call to order
7:34

Introductions, guests, new members, etc...
26 in attendance.

Minutes from previous WARC General meeting
- Approval of April 11, 2023 General meeting minutes as posted in Newscaster.

- Dick VE4HK motioned to accept, Drew VE4DRW seconded, all in favour.

Treasurer's report

- Dave Terrick VE4DVT - as posted in the Newscaster
- Drew VE4DRW motioned to accept, Dick VE4HK seconded, all in favour.

Education Report

- Drago Lambeta
- Drago was not present but informed John VE4IM that there are 13 students in the class and classes started last Saturday May 6.

Membership report

- Jerry Volkers VE4GCV
- 92 members to date.

RAC Report

- Ed Richardson VE4EAR
- RAC General Conference is coming up on August 18 weekend in Halifax in case anyone interested in going.
- RAC is preparing proposal for call sign changes to present to ISED in response to call sign shortages in VE2 and VE3.
- RAC is financially sound.
- Cary reminded new hams in attendance that they are entitled to 1 year free RAC membership.
- Geoff informed all that ISED is reviewing the exams and how they are done. Apparently there have been long standing errors and discrepancies that have never been addressed.

ARES Report

- Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ
- Jeff not present but passed on notes to Drew:
- ARES information is current as per the latest Newscaster.
- Next ARES meeting is Tuesday May 16 and is online only.
- Still need volunteers for the MB Marathon on June 18.

DX Report

- Ed Richardson VE4EAR
- Although all bands are open, conditions went down in past 2 - 3 weeks as opposed to how good they were prior to that for a month or two.
- Good dxpeditions went through in the past few

months and the dxpedition season is winding down now.

Previous Business

- This year's summer ARRL Field Day will be held in cooperation with WSC, at WSC.

- WARC general elections will be held at the June 13 meeting. We need people to step up and support WARC by helping decide its future by being on the WARC executive.

- CPQP coming up on May 13.

New business

- Scott Campbell VA4SMC has volunteered to be both the WARC liaison for ARRL Field Day in conjunction with WSC, and the WARC Flea Market Co-ordinator.

Break

Program

- Ed Richardson VE4EAR - "6M Operating Essentials" and "Canadian Prairie QSO Party (CPQP) Information Session".

Adjourn

9:47

Field Day 2023

June 24 1:00pm - June 25 1:00pm - 24 hours

The Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club in partnership with the WSC is pleased to announce the co-hosting of the 2023 Field Day event at the newly renovated WSC clubhouse. All amateurs are invited to come by and join the fun. Bring along any friends to find out what Amateur Radio is all about as we participate in the ARRL Field Day. We will have multiple operating stations running in different bands and modes including voice, CW, and some digital modes like FT8 on HF, as well as a VHF/UHF satellite and terrestrial operations.

Are you a new radio operator? Do you find operating HF daunting? Would you like to see what these new digital modes are all about? Field Day, while a contest promoting emergency preparedness, is also a fun event. Come out to Field Day and see what it is all about or bring your own Field Day setup and try it. Sit with experienced operators, who will guide you along the process of making that first HF contact. Show you how to log entries in a contest and what information to exchange. Learn the difference between hunting or running.

Or come out for the social aspect. Enjoy a day of fellowship with your fellow radio operators. There will be a BBQ, beverages, and snacks for all who want to venture out for a fun-filled event that will surely be a hit throughout the day and night. Perhaps even some pizza later into the evening for those operators who stick it out.

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Field Day operations this year will be mainly held inside so there will be no fear of foul weather or flying annoyances. As a bonus and if the weather is good, we will have an outdoor station on the front driveway to make contacts and to show the public what Amateur radio is all about.

Of course, we are always looking for volunteers, but more importantly, we need operators that would like to be involved in the event. The plan is to run, in combinations, 3 stations at a time, including an IC-7700 for Phone & CW, an IC-7300 for digital modes, a Flex internet connected radio - phone or digital, WARC's IC-7300 as a public use demo station phone or CW and a satellite station. Then as a contest within a contest, we will be operating on VHF /UHF simplex and activating the Worked all Winnipeg Award.

If this sounds like something that interests you, please feel free to contact WSC ve4wsc@gmail.com and we will be sure you get some airtime. Preferred operating times will be set on a first to sign up basis. Viewable only - Schedule located on the WSC web site <http://ve4wsc.ampr.org> in the club documents/all documents area. If the idea of a contest is a little frightening to you, and you do not run a radio, then maybe assisting with the logging is for you. Loggers are always needed. Then perhaps, we can get you on the air later in the day.

Book this 24-hour period into your calendar now, so you will have no excuse not to come out and have fun with radio!! We are looking forward to seeing you there. Remember when all else fails... Amateur Radio!

Manitoba Marathon

Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ
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The 2023 Manitoba Marathon will be SUN 18 JUNE. We still need lots of help, on-course and back-up operators both.

If you can help please contact me directly and register via the WARC website:

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.

If you register as an Amateur Radio volunteer and cannot attend the 16 JUNE briefing please let us know in advance who will be attending to pick up your briefing materials and volunteer t-shirt.

Winnipeg ARES
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Our next in-person General meeting will be a de-brief of the Manitoba Marathon 1900h TUE 20 JUN at Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street.

We won't meet in JUL or AUG. Our first in-person fall meeting will be TUE 19 SEP 1900h at Sir Wm Stephenson Library.

WARC's Basic Course May 2023 ***By David VE4DAR***

I thank WARC'S Chief Instructor, Drago Lambeta VE4DBV, for providing this information about the Basic Course now running Saturdays at the WSC clubrooms. The course began on April 29 with 14 students. It runs until June 24.



Kudos to these volunteer instructors donating family time to our hobby: Derek VE4HAY, Paul VE4AMS, Cary VE4EA, Nolan VE4NOL, Jim VE4SIG, Geoffrey VE4AE, John VE4VJR, Drew VE4DRW, and Drago.

The photos show a portion of the class in WSC's newly decorated modern classroom, and WARC President Drew instructing. Nolan and Drago are showing new grad Keenan VE4YYZ how to use some equipment.



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Good luck to the students on their final exam. See you on the air.

Spotlight on Calvin Winter VE4AJ By David VE4DAR

“I got interested in Ham Radio at about 7 yrs as I looked for ways to take apart every radio in our house. In fact I remodeled a dresser in my room to put in a speaker. I drilled holes for hearing the radio, and mounted the old tube radio on top. It sounded good for a mono radio. I also got quite a shock from touching the chassis, which had direct wire connections to tube sockets! Then I noticed a rather large odd shaped antenna on a crank up antenna at one of our neighbours in Wildwood Park. It was made in Transcona. One day I knocked; we talked; and he showed me his ham radio and the autopatch equipment. He got me on the air and I was interested. Unfortunately it wasn't until 1978 that I was licenced.”



“When I was about 17 I started flying lessons and got my private pilots licence. I enjoyed talking on the VHF radio. During grade 12 I really didn't know what to do next, but there was a radio course at Red River Community Collage that I enrolled in. My Class 2 radio licence allowed me to work commercially as a radio operator for Transport Canada Flight Service Stations (FSS). I found out to that to work for Transport Canada as a FSS radio operator you had to work in North-

ern Canada first, then all over. So I decided not to and decided to become a commercial pilot. I got my first pilot's job and went North.”

“My flying job took me to Flin Flon, where I met several ham radio operators through the Flin Flon repeater, and had many, many interesting days and nights. Eventually one of the local hams sold me his Kenwood TS820S, remote VFO 820 and Kenwood remote manual tuner (AT230), and I still them have today. I experimented with putting a VHF radio and antenna in a Cessna 185 and talking back to the other operators via the Flin Flon Repeater. but I never did build my own station.”

“I don't have any specific contacts that I remember although while working with Transport Canada as an Aviation Inspector another Inspector (Lee – VE4LS) and I would use the aircraft's HF radio system and place CQ, CQ, CQ, Aeronautical mobile calls. Immediately after, we would get quite a few replies.”

What have you gotten out of ham radio? “Meeting lots of people, helping out along with friends and having fun comes to mind.”

Any particular interest? “As a ham radio operator I was able to copy and send 35 words per minute on a straight key but that was a very long time ago. I am trying to get back into CW.”

Any public service? “As a public servant I helped ensure that aviation in Canada was safe for the flying public. I was also directly involved with the floods in Manitoba to ensure aviation safety. During the Fort McMurry forest fires, I was directly involved to ensure the airspace around the Fort McMurray air-port was used only for fire fighting aircraft and support. Regarding Ham Radio, my work schedule as a commercial pilot and Aviation Inspector prevented me from helping much.”

Any advice to new hams? “Have fun and get on the air; don't be afraid of the microphone. You can start out on the Saturday Morning Net with other new hams.”

What's the future of amateur radio? “I believe Digital Radio and Hotspots are the future, but we also need to ensure our new hams get on the radio.”

Calvin, thanks for this very interesting story.

David.



Confessions of a Casual Contester Vol. 3 Issue 9 from the shack of David VE4DLA

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.....

May has been a slow month for me, doing some casual DX on the remote, staring at the yagi on my patio and waiting to hear from the bucket-truck guy. In the meantime I've been slowly rearranging the shack. I added an MFJ-1263 mic/radio switch to the setup. I can now switch between boom-mic/spkr and headset at the touch of a button, instead of unscrewing/re-screwing the connectors. Very convenient.

The box was a used one from KWARC swapshop, and it was missing some of the jumpers (it had enough to do the job, but not all the original number.) I contacted MFJ customer service to ask if I could buy a bag of jumpers, and lo and behold, a bag of jumpers appears a week later, free and gratis. This is great customer service in my humble opinion. Especially as it was sent FedEx international. They could have mailed it in a standard envelope easily.

I also swapped out the Kenwood SP-930 speaker for a Heathkit SB-600 unit. The original was a bit hit and miss, even after re-capping it. Modern cheepshit components are not a good match for the originals. I'm also a believer in bigger speakers are better speakers (within limits. I wouldn't hook up my brother's Voice of the Theatre units to a ham radio.)

I moved the rotator controller up from beside the radio to the shelf above (also the home of the mic switch, speaker and monitor.) I rewired and simplified the key and paddles, shortened the cable run for the WinKeyer and shortened some of the ground straps to the busbar. I changed the position of the keyboard shelf to be a more comfortable distance to the monitor. The computer is still the ancient rescue unit I've had all along.

One project hanging fire is adapting my MC-60 mic to the Heil boom. The Kenwood mic is 8-pin, not XLR so I can't adapt the cable I have. I'll save it for future XLR mics I might acquire, or even for the Goldline mic I currently have. I have not found any pre-made, 2m straight, 8pin mic cables. They all seem to be coiled. My usual "mic" cable around the shack is not adequate, but my local supply doesn't stock the heavier stuff Heil uses. Any suggestions would be welcome....

CQ WPX is this weekend. If the remote radio at the Club is available, I'll be on from time to time. It's a busy weekend at home, and I'm on course all next week - that needs preparation, too. I'll do what I can in the in-between spaces.

ARRL Field Day and RAC Canada Day contests are up

next, praying to have my own shack operational by then.

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

Contest Calendar

Extracted From

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

June 2023

Kentucky QSO Party	1300Z, June 3 to 0100Z, Jun 4
UKSMG Summer Contest	1300Z, Jun 3 to 1300Z, Jun 4
RSGB National Field Day	1500Z, Jun 3 to 1500Z, Jun 4
IARU Region 1 Field Day, CW	1500Z, Jun 3 to 1459Z, Jun 4
ARRL Inter. Digital Contest	1800Z, Jun 3 to 2400Z, Jun 4
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jun 5
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 5
OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Jun 5
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 5
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 5
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jun 6
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Jun 6
ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 6
Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 7
A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Jun 7
CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 7
Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Jun 7
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2100Z, Jun 7
Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Jun 7
CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 7
CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 8
CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Jun 8
EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 8
NCCC FT4 Sprint	0100Z-0130Z, Jun 9
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jun 9
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 9
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Jun 9
VK Shires Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jun 10
Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB	1100Z-1300Z, Jun 10
Portugal Day Contest	1200Z, Jun 10 to 1200Z, Jun 11
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Jun 10 to 2400Z, Jun 11
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1400Z-1700Z, Jun 10 (144) and 1700Z-1800Z, Jun 10 (432)
GACW WWSA CW DX Contest	1500Z, Jun 10 to 1500Z, Jun 11
REF DDFM 6m Contest	1600Z, Jun 10 to 1600Z, Jun 11
ARRL June VHF Contest	1800Z, Jun 10 to 0259Z, Jun 12
Cookie Crumble QRP Contest	1700Z-2200Z, Jun 11
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jun 12
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jun 12
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 12
OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Jun 12

Contest Calendar continued...

ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 12
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jun 13
ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 13
NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jun 14
Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 14
A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Jun 14
CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 14
Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Jun 14
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2100Z, Jun 14
Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Jun 14
CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 14
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 14
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	0000Z-0100Z, Jun 15 and 0200Z-0300Z, Jun 16
CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 15
CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Jun 15
NTC QSO Party	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 15
NCCC FT4 Sprint	0100Z-0130Z, Jun 16
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jun 16
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 16
SARL Youth QSO Party	1200Z-1300Z, Jun 16
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Jun 16
SMIRK Contest	0000Z, Jun 17 to 2400Z, Jun 18
Pajajaran Bogor DX Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jun 17
All Asian DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Jun 17 to 2400Z, Jun 18
IARU Region 1 50 MHz Contest	1400Z, Jun 17 to 1400Z, Jun 18
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Jun 17 to 1500Z, Jun 18
West Virginia QSO Party	1600Z, Jun 17 to 0400Z, Jun 18
ARRL Kids Day	1800Z-2359Z, Jun 17
Feld Hell Sprint	1800Z-1959Z, Jun 17
WAB 50 MHz Phone	0800Z-1400Z, Jun 18
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	2300Z, Jun 18 to 0100Z, Jun 19
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jun 19
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 19
OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Jun 19
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 19
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jun 20
ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 20
NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jun 21
Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 21
A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Jun 21
CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 21
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2100Z, Jun 21
Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Jun 21
Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Jun 21
CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 21
CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 22
CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Jun 22
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 22
NCCC FT4 Sprint	0100Z-0130Z, Jun 23
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jun 23
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 23

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K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Jun 23
UFT QRP Contest	0600Z-0900Z, Jun 24 and 1400Z-1700Z, Jun 24
Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest	1200Z, Jun 24 to 1200Z, Jun 25
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	1200Z, Jun 24 to 1200Z, Jun 25
ARRL Field Day	1800Z, Jun 24 to 2100Z, Jun 25
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jun 26
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 26
QCX Challenge	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 26
OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Jun 26
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 26
QCX Challenge	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 26
RSGB FT4 Contest	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 26
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jun 27
ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 27
QCX Challenge	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 27
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jun 28
Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 28
A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Jun 28
CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jun 28
Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Jun 28
Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Jun 28
CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jun 28
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Jun 29
CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jun 29
CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Jun 29
NCCC FT4 Sprint	0100Z-0130Z, Jun 30
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jun 30
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 30
K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Jun 30
July 2023	
RAC Canada Day Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1
Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1
NZART Memorial Contest	0800Z-1100Z, Jul 1 and 0800Z-1100Z, Jul 2
DL-DX RTTY Contest	1100Z, Jul 1 to 1059Z, Jul 2
Marconi Memorial HF Contest	1400Z, Jul 1 to 1400Z, Jul 2
Original QRP Contest	1500Z, Jul 1 to 1500Z, Jul 2
K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jul 3
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jul 3
OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Jul 3
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 3
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 3

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ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Jul 4	OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Jul 17
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest		ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 17
	0100Z-0159Z, Jul 4	RSGB FT4 Contest	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 17
ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 4	Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jul 18
Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 5	ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 18
A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Jul 5	Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 19
CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jul 5	A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Jul 19
Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Jul 5	CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jul 19
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2100Z, Jul 5	Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Jul 19
Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Jul 5	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2100Z, Jul 19
CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 5	Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Jul 19
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	0000Z-0100Z, Jul 6	CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 19
	and 0200Z-0300Z, Jul 7	Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	0000Z-0100Z, Jul 20
			and 0200Z-0300Z, Jul 21
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Jul 6	NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jul 20
CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 6	QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Jul 20
CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Jul 6	CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 20
NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1700Z-1800Z, Jul 6 (CW)	CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Jul 20
	and 1800Z-1900Z, Jul 6 (SSB)	NTC QSO Party	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 20
	and 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 6 (FM)	NCCC FT4 Sprint	0100Z-0130Z, Jul 21
	and 2000Z-2100Z, Jul 6 (Dig)	NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jul 21
SKCC Sprint Europe	2000Z-2200Z, Jul 6	NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 21
NCCC FT4 Sprint	0100Z-0130Z, Jul 7	KIUSN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Jul 21
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jul 7	Maidenhead Mayhem Contest	
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 7		0000Z, Jul 22 to 2359Z, Jul 30
KIUSN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Jul 7	ARAM 50 MHz Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jul 22
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Jul 8 to 2400Z, Jul 9	YOTA Contest	1000Z-2159Z, Jul 22
IARU HF World Championship		KIUSN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jul 24
	1200Z, Jul 8 to 1200Z, Jul 9	ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jul 24
PODXS 070 Club 40m Firecracker Sprint		OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Jul 24
	2000Z, Jul 8 to 2000Z, Jul 9	ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 24
QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint		Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Jul 25
	2000Z-2300Z, Jul 9	ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 25
KIUSN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jul 10	SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jul 26
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CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 12	KIUSN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Jul 28
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Jul 12	Feld Hell Sprint	0000Z-2359Z, Jul 29
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Jul 13	MARAC US Counties QSO Party	
CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Jul 13		0000Z, Jul 29 to 2400Z, Jul 30
CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Jul 13	RSGB IOTA Contest	1200Z, Jul 29 to 1200Z, Jul 30
EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 13	WAB 144 MHz Low Power Phone	1400Z-1800Z, Jul 29
NCCC FT4 Sprint	0100Z-0130Z, Jul 14	ARS Flight of the Bumblebees	1700Z-2100Z, Jul 30
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jul 14	KIUSN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jul 31
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 14	QCX Challenge	1300Z-1400Z, Jul 31
KIUSN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Jul 14	ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jul 31
Russian Radio Team Championship	0700Z-1459Z, Jul 15	OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Jul 31
Trans-Tasman Low-Bands Challenge	0800Z-1400Z, Jul 15	QCX Challenge	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 31
Feld Hell Sprint	1200Z-1359Z, Jul 15	ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Jul 31
IARU Region 1 70 MHz Contest		QCX Challenge	0300Z-0400Z, Aug 1
	1400Z, Jul 15 to 1400Z, Jul 16	ZL Sprint	0800Z-0829Z (CW), Aug 1
North American QSO Party, RTTY			and 0830Z-0859Z (SSB), Aug 1
	1800Z, Jul 15 to 0559Z, Jul 16	QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Aug 3
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	1800Z, Jul 15 to 2100Z, Jul 16	Batavia FT8 Contest	0000Z, Aug 5 to 2359Z, Aug 6
RSGB International Low Power Contest		10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB	
	0900Z-1200Z and 1300Z-1600Z, Jul 16		0001Z, Aug 5 to 2359Z, Aug 6
CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush	2000Z-2159Z, Jul 16	European HF Championship	1200Z-2359Z, Aug 5
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest			
	2300Z, Jul 16 to 0100Z, Jul 17		
KIUSN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Jul 17		
ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jul 17		

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Contest calendar continued...

August 2023

North American QSO Party, CW 1800Z, Aug 5
to 0600Z, Aug 6

ARRL 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest
1800Z, Aug 5 to 1800Z, Aug 6

SARL HF Phone Contest 1300Z-1630Z, Aug 6

ARS Spartan Sprint 0100Z-0300Z, Aug 8

ZL Sprint 0800Z-0829Z (CW), Aug 8
and 0830Z-0859Z (SSB), Aug 8

QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Aug 10

EACW Meeting 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 10

WAE DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Aug 12 to 2359Z, Aug 13

SARL Youth QSO Party 1200Z-1300Z, Aug 12

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
1200Z, Aug 12 to 2359Z, Aug 13

Kentucky State Parks on the Air 1400Z-2200Z, Aug 12

Maryland-DC QSO Party 1400Z, Aug 12 to 0400Z, Aug 13

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
0000Z-0200Z, Aug 14

ZL Sprint 0800Z-0829Z (CW), Aug 15
and 0830Z-0859Z (SSB), Aug 15

QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Aug 17

NTC QSO Party 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 17

SARTG WW RTTY Contest
0000Z, Aug 19 to 1600Z, Aug 20

ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest 0600 local, Aug 19
to 2400 local, Aug 20

North American QSO Party, SSB 1800Z, Aug 19
to 0600Z, Aug 20

CVA DX Contest, CW 2100Z, Aug 19 to 2100Z, Aug 20

NJQRP Skeeter Hunt 1700Z-2100Z, Aug 20

ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY 1800Z-2359Z, Aug 20

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 2300Z, Aug 20
to 0100Z, Aug 21

ZL Sprint 0800Z-0829Z (CW), Aug 22
and 0830Z-0859Z (SSB), Aug 22

SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Aug 23

QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Aug 24

Hawaii QSO Party 0400Z, Aug 26 to 0400Z, Aug 28

ALARA Contest 0600Z, Aug 26 to 0559Z, Aug 27

W/VE Islands QSO Party 1200Z, Aug 26 to 0300Z, Aug 27

World Wide Digi DX Contest 1200Z, Aug 26 to 1200Z, Aug 27

YO DX HF Contest 1200Z, Aug 26 to 1200Z, Aug 27

Kansas QSO Party 1400Z, Aug 26 to 2000Z, Aug 27

Ohio QSO Party 1600Z, Aug 26 to 0400Z, Aug 27

CVA DX Contest, SSB 2100Z, Aug 26 to 2100Z, Aug 27

SARL HF CW Contest 1400Z-1600Z, Aug 27

ZL Sprint 0800Z-0829Z (CW), Aug 29
and 0830Z-0859Z (SSB), Aug 29

QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Aug 31

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 -WJA

September 2023

All Asian DX Contest, Phone 0000Z, Sep 2 to 2400Z, Sep 3

CWOps CW Open 0000Z-2359Z, Sep 2

Wake-Up! QRP Sprint 0600Z-0800Z, Sep 2

SARL Field Day Contest 0800Z, Sep 2 to 1000Z, Sep 3

Colorado QSO Party 1300Z, Sep 2 to 0400Z, Sep 3

AGCW Straight Key Party 1300Z-1600Z, Sep 2

PODXS 070 Club Jay Hudak Memorial 80m Sprint
2000Z, Sep 2 to 1959Z, Sep 3

Tennessee QSO Party 1800Z, Sep 3 to 0300Z, Sep 4

MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint 2300Z, Sep 4
to 0300Z, Sep 5

*** Good Luck In The Contest ***



Winnipeg Amateurs Radio Club Worked All Winnipeg Award

The Worked All Winnipeg Award is sponsored by the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club Inc.

It is awarded to an Amateur Radio Operator to recognize his/her outstanding achievement in having accomplished two way communications with the required number of VE4/VA4 radio stations located within the City of Winnipeg.

The award is a truly beautiful certificate, on parchment paper stock. It features drawings along the borders, which shows many of the attractions of the City of Winnipeg, along with our provincial emblem.

For Rules ...

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

SSB Nets

144.240 SSB Monday at 8pm local

432.100 SSB Wednesday at 8pm

1296.100 SSB Friday at 8 pm

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