



The Repeater

Summer 2004

Distributed to all Current Members

Notice of Semi-Annual Meeting

Date: August 21, 2004
Time: 2:30 PM
Place: Heritage Bldg.
MARM Fest

The agenda will include approval of the minutes of the annual general meeting, business arising, a treasurer's report, a report from our auditor, a membership report, and a technical report. These reports will be followed by new business.

Important Dates:

MRS: Thursday at 9:00 pm MRS Semi-Weekly Net
 Sunday at 1:00 pm - MRS Semi-Weekly Net

WARC:

WSC: 2nd. Thursday of each month - Breakfast

Other -

Nets: Daily 01:00 UTC MB Evening Phone net 3760 KHz
 Daily 01:30 UTC Prairie traffic Net (CW) 3660 KHz
 Daily 02:30 UTC Aurora #2 net 7055 KHz
 Daily 14:30 UTC MB Wx Net 3743 KHz
 Weekdays 9:00 Seniors morning net 147.390 MHz
 Wed. 9:00 pm Six Meter net 50.238 MHz.
 Thursday 9:00pm MRS Net 147.390 MHz +
 Sunday 9:00pm MRS Net 147.390 MHz +

Treasurers Report By Paula, VE4MHZ

The financial position of the Manitoba Repeater Society Inc. as of June 21, 2004 is as follows:

Starting Balance as of January 1, 2003		\$ 5855.31
Deposits:		
Donations	\$ 100.00	
Memberships	\$ 1515.00	
Total Deposits		\$ 1615.00
Withdrawals:		
3 MRS 2000	\$ 912.00	
Equipment maintenance	\$ 377.53	
Newsletter	\$ 330.75	
MTS (phone patch)	\$ 258.69	
Misc - Photocopying	\$ 60.08	
Donation to WSC	\$ 75.00	
Bank Service Charges	\$ 23.70	
Total Withdrawals		<u>\$ 2037.75</u>
(budget is for \$6850.00)		
Actual end balance as of June 21, 2004		<u>\$ 5432.56</u>
Self Insurance Fund	-\$ 500.00	
Total Estimated Funds Available for 2004		\$4932.56

M.R.S. Current Executive

President	Ed Richardson	VE4EAR	254-8425
V/President	Gord Snarr	VE4GLS	746-2743
Secretary	Dick Maguire	VE4HK	256-3143
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Directors	Yori Tsuji	VE4ACX	453-3786
	Wayne Ludman	VE4WKL	224-1449
	Walter Bezpalko	VE4VB	284-3054
Past Pres.	Derek Hay	VE4HAY	257-1420

M.R.S. Current Fee Schedule

Current & Renewal Members
\$25.00 per calendar year

New members only - Pro-rated quarterly

January to December \$25.00
April - December \$18.75
July to December \$12.50
October to December \$ 6.25

- First time members are no longer required to pay a one time only initiation fee of \$10.00 on top of the regular fee. Their membership fee is pro-rated for the first year only.

- Family membership is for each additional members residing at the same residence as the initial member. \$10.00 each

Industry Canada Amateur Centre

Voice 1-888-780-3333 (toll-free)
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All advertising is black & white and must be submitted in electronic format.
full page \$75.00
½ page \$40.00
¼ page \$20.00
bus.card \$10.00

For more information or to place an ad please contact any executive member.

Comments or if you just want to reach us :

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MANITOBA QSL BUREAU



By Adam, VE4SN

The following is a list of Manitoba hams who have three or more QSL cards in the Bureau and have given no indication of what they want done with them. These are hams located outside Winnipeg and I cannot reach them too easily by phone and I don't have access to their e-mail addresses. I have only listed those with 3 cards or more as this is the least number of cards that the Bureau will mail out. There are many more who have only one or two cards on tap!

Because of space restrictions, I have listed only the call sign, first name, QTH , number of QSL cards in the Bureau (oldest card year in brackets) and current Bureau account.

A minus sign indicates less than zero dollars. If anyone out there knows any of these folks, please ask them to get in touch with me either by mail, e-mail or phone.

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VE4AJ	Stella	Rivers 3(95) \$ 0.00
VE4AV	Richard	Brandon 4(97) 0.00
VE4BA	Barry	Carman 3(99) 0.00
VE4BS	Robert	Flin Flon	..... 4(96)	..... 0.00
VE4BV	Ray	Pinawa	..... 4(97)	..... 0.00
VE4CO	Lawrence	Dauphin	..... 7(98)	..... - 0.56
VE4DM	William	Brandon	..... 3(94)	..... 0.00
VE4EV	James	Selkirk	..... 3(93)	..... 0.00
VE4FI	Earl	Virden	..... 3(99)	..... 0.00
VE4GQ	Eric	Brandon	..... 4(93)	..... - 0.55
VE4HX	Derek	Oakbank	..... 3(96)	..... 0.00
VE4JY	John	Brandon	..... 5(99)	..... - 0.58
VE4KZ	Willard	Belair	..... 13(89)	..... - 0.61
VE4LP	Michael	Riverton	..... 15(99)	..... - 1.41
VE4MR	Kevin	Brandon	..... 6(99)	..... - 1.68
VE4NN	John	Camp Morton	..... 4(93)	..... - 0.49
VE4OD	Oliver	Brandon	..... 3(99)	..... - 1.41
VE4QW	Arthur	Eriksdale	..... 3(90)	..... 0.00
VE4SD	Raymond	Riverton	..... 3(90)	..... 0.00
VE4TN	Sharon	Selkirk	..... 3(98)	..... 0.00
VE4XB	Barbara	Port la Prairie	..... 4(91)	..... 0.00
VE4XX	Alex	Beausejour	..... 7(90)	..... - 0.44
VE4YR	Frank	St. Claude	..... 3(01)	..... - 0.56

That's it for now. Stay tuned for three letter calls next issue.

New Section Manager for VE4

Hello fellow members of MRS. Name here is Rob, VE4RRB. As some of you already know, I'm now the section manager for RAC in Manitoba. I have taken over this position from Derek, VE4HAY, as of July 1st, 2004. I would like to congratulate Derek for an excellent 5 years as Section Manager and for all the hard work he has done over the years in the name of FUN... Amateur Radio. I'd also like to ask all MRS members who are not current members of RAC to please consider joining Canada's National Amateur Radio Society, Radio Amateurs of Canada

News from the Net

Spam Blocking On RAC Servers

As previously announced, spam scanning software (SpamAssassin) has been installed on the RAC e-mail forwarding service, and was enabled at 0:00 Newfoundland Daylight Time, June 15th All of the latest plug-ins have been included to make SpamAssassin is as effective as possible. The reject level can be raised or lowered server wide to reduce false positives or increase effectiveness. On the RAC server the installation is different from standard SpamAssassin setups. When a message arrives, it is scanned immediately and the sending server is either notified that it is OK or rejected before the connection between the two servers is closed. If RAC rejected the message, the sending server will usually notify the sender of the message that it has been rejected. What this means is that the message has been blocked, but at least the sender knows it has been blocked, Please report any problems to: aliashelp@rac.ca -- (RAC News Service)

Call Signs Start with V - Why

Ever wondered why our call signs start with the letter V? Of course, radio call signs are allocated on an international basis - Australia was originally allocated the block of VHA-VKZ at the London Radio Conference of 1912. Many of the UK's former colonies (such as Canada, Australia, South Africa and British India) were allocated callsigns from the V series at the 1912 conference. The reason? Queen Victoria had recently died - the block was allocated in her memory.... (Glenn VK4DU) --- WIA -Qnews

**History of The
Winnipeg Repeater Society**

I am looking for information on the history of Winnipeg Repeater Society, from 1968 until 1990. I am looking specifically for dates that VE4GIM in Gimli, VE4NEP in Neepawa, VE4CDN in St. Jean, and VE4BMR in Baldy Mountain first went on the air. I would also like to know exactly when the 2 meter nets began. Any other details of important events in the history of WRS would be appreciated. (Manitoba Repeater Society was originally known as Winnipeg Repeater Society)

Contact Dick VE4HK on VE4WPG repeater, at the Golden Arches most Saturday mornings, at WARC meetings, by phone 256-3143, or ve4hk@rac.ca

G3VZV TV Repeater on ISS Presentation at AMSAT-UK

On Saturday the 31st of July Graham Shirville, G3VZV, will give a presentation to the AMSAT-UK [www.uk.amsat.org] Space Symposium on the plans to put an Amateur Television repeater on the International Space Station. It will have a conventional FM ATV input on the 1.2 GHz band and a Digital ATV output on 2.4 GHz. It is also proposed to install a camera on the outside of the station to give pictures of the earth. --RSGB

South Africa Proposed New Radio Regulations

Under the proposed new Radio Regulations, the Morse requirement for a ZS license will be replaced by a number of assessments. Candidates wishing to obtain a ZS license will have to complete any one of these assessments, and the choice of which assessment to attempt will be up to the candidate him- or herself.

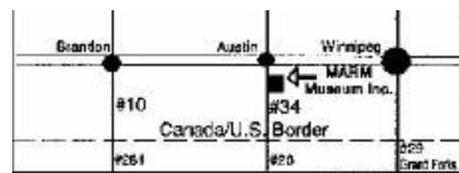
Council published a draft list of proposed assessments for comment on 31st March. After having considered the comments received, Council has agreed on an amended set

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of assessments and has published these for comment. The proposed assessments are:

- 1. Confirmed contacts with 100 different stations on any band and mode.
- 2. The construction of a direct conversion or superhet receiver or a crystal controlled transmitter for any amateur frequency and mode.
- 3. 50 hours of public service communication at sports events, disaster preparedness exercises and educational stations.
- 4. A professional tertiary qualification in electronics or radio.
- 5. Morse code proficiency at 5 words per minute.

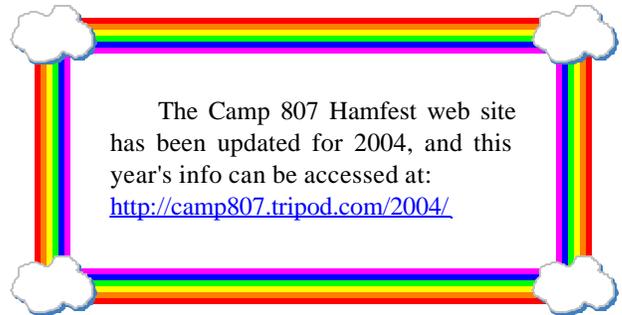
Prior achievements will be recognized, so anyone who can show that they have already fulfilled the requirements for any of these assessments will be able to apply for a ZS license as soon as the new regulations come into effect.

Full details of the assessments can be found on the SARL's web site www.sarl.org.za. Council invites comments from members on the proposal. Comments can be sent by email to secretary@sarl.org.za, by fax to the SARL office at (011) 675 2793 or to our postal address, P.O. Box 1721, Strubensvallei 1735. Comments should reach the SARL not later than Sunday 25th July. -- SARL

Editors Ramblings **By Derek VE4HAY**

Sorry, this newsletter is so short, But I guess now that we have finally received nice weather, all the contributing HAM's are outside enjoying themselves. So if you want to find out about the status of the repeaters, or hear from the president, etc.... You will just have to come out to the meeting.. Hey, maybe this is better. Maybe now we will have a quorum !

Anyway, as you can see more countries are dropping their requirement for Morse Code. Without getting on the soapbox and preaching my views to you, I still sit here and wonder what Canada is doing? We seem to be in a waiting period for what the USA does. Are we not our own country, can we not make a decision on our own? Yes there was a federal election, but the parties who work at Industry Canada are still there and they could have been working on this during the election. RAC has submitted it's proposal, Industry Canada has looked at it and said very nice. But nothing is happening. Personally I like what the AS's are doing in South Africa . Only after you prove yourself as a dedicated HAM will you be allowed on HF. Now that is much better than what RAC has proposed. Darn , I said I would not preach, oh well..... Have a great summer and I'll see you **ALL at MARMfest** on the 21st. 73



Aerial Picture of Repeater Sites

The Executive of the Manitoba Repeater Society is looking for an amateur who is a pilot and would be willing to take digital pictures of our repeater sites for inclusion in our manuals and for our records. If you are interested, please let anyone on the executive know and we will send you the coordinates of the sites so you can take the pictures at you leisure.

Call for Blue Book Updates

The Manitoba Blue Book - a publication which lists all Amateur Radio operators in Manitoba, by Call Sign, Name & Location is preparing for another printing and is asking for any updates you may have. The book is only as good as its contents. If your information is not correct or you know of another hams information that is not correct, please submit it to ve4ub@ve4sss.ca

We are also in dire need of advertisers to help offset the cost of printing. We no longer can count on getting the printing donated. Anyone wishing to advertise in the Blue Book should submit their ad copy in electronic form to ve4ub@ve4sss.ca

Any clubs wishing to raise money by selling the blue book should contact Bill directly to discuss the requirements.

All proceeds from the sales of the Blue Book stay in Manitoba and help fund Amateur Radio projects