



The Repeater

Summer 2008

Distributed to all Current Members

Notice of Semi-Annual Meeting

Date: August 16 ,2008
Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 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 Thurs. of month - Breakfast Garden City Inn
ARES:
Other: Aug 8-10 Winnipeg Hamfest & RAC AGM

Nets: Daily 19:00 Local	MB Evening Phone net 3747 KHz
Daily 01:30 UTC	Prairie traffic Net (CW) 3660 KHz
Daily 02:30 UTC	Aurora #2 net 7055 KHz
Daily 08:30 Local	MB Wx Net 3743 KHz
Weekdays 9:00	Morning net 147.390 MHz +
Wed. 02:00 UTC	MB IRLP Net 147.27 MHz +
Wed. 9:00 pm	Six Meter net 50.238 MHz USB
Thursday 9:00pm	MRS Net 147.390 MHz +
Sunday 9:00pm	MRS Net 147.390 MHz +
Sunday 7:30 pm	VE4BDN net 146.940 MHz -
Monday 7:30 pm	VE4HS net 146.880 MHz -

President's Report by Ed, VE4EAR

Happy summer everyone and welcome to the latest edition of the MRS newsletter! Personally I would like to see it a bit warmer and the rain can call it quits for awhile as far as I am concerned. Despite the unseasonably cool and wet summer so far it has been very busy with no signs of easing anytime soon. Please take a few moments to sit back and catch up on the projects the MRS has underway and some of the plans for the coming months.

You have undoubtedly heard of Hamfest 2008 taking place in Winnipeg on August 8 -10. MRS plans to be in attendance and will be manning a table in the flea market area. As we have done in the past, we plan on having test equipment on hand that would allow you to test your VHF or UHF radio for such things as deviation and power output. Please come by and say hello. Check out <http://www.mts.net/~warc/hamfest/> for further details.

As you will see elsewhere in this issue, the executive and technical groups have been busy repairing several of the links and repeater sites.

MRS was fortunate to obtain a number of commercial repeaters that had been taken out of service recently. As time allows these will be tested, aligned and hopefully put into service in some of our older sites.

Is anyone interested in D-Star Icom's new digital modulation system? Is anyone

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

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Comments or if you just want to reach us :

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experimenting with any other digital voice modulation protocols? I would love to hear your interests in these areas, so do not hesitate to drop me a line at ve4ear@rac.ca.

While making plans on how to spend the rest of your summer, please try and include the MRS Semi-Annual General Meeting, scheduled once again for the MARM Fest. This event will be held on August 16 at 14:00 hours at the Manitoba Agricultural Museum in Austin. As always, this meeting is your opportunity to review what has been going on and what the plans are for the rest of the year. It's also an excellent opportunity to bring forward new ideas and let us hear your feelings.

Enjoy the rest of summer!

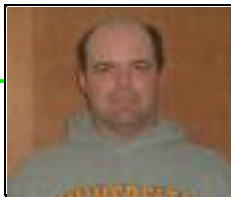
We are in need of long runs of 7/8" Heliac or LMR-400 transmission cable. If you know of roll ends or good quality used cable available please contact anyone on the board.

M.R.S. Current Executive

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Technical Committee

Submitted by Gord, VE4GLS



Current Status

VE4MAN (#46) VHF

Working well; L1 (Winnipeg) link intermittent and L3 (Morris) link transmitter dead

VE4CDN (#47) VHF Working well; Link not available. Link radio replacement pending

VE4WPG (#45) VHF working well; Working on link problems. 127.3Hz Tone on TX only (new)

VE4VJ (#45) Working well. 127.3Hz CTCSS to be installed soon. VE4WRS Working well; operating full duplex and IRLP working great.

VE4GIM (#44) Working well; No link available. Link transmitter @ Winnipeg failed Apr. 28

VE4EMB Working well; Link not working properly. May need new heliax, antenna, and/or filtering

VE4MIL (#42) VHF working well; Link to WPG intermittent. Check here for updates.

VE4MRS (#48) VHF Operational with some issues. Intermittent noise problems. May not be on MRS backbone (not linked).

Linking Sites

VE4PLP Operating normally. Audio issue has been corrected.

Links to Other Systems

Winkler VE4TOM (VE4TOM Prairie Mobile site) Planning to link through VE4CDN Brandon

VE4TED Link operational. Access using #48 702

Falcon Lake VE4FAL Link working again to Kenora and east!

Selkirk VE4MBR Link working and available via VE4MBR repeater

Current projects

VE4VJ Add CTCSS squelch to receiver

VE4MRS Noise issue, diagnose & repair

VE4WPG Replace L2 and L3 link antennae (Starbuck & Milner links), replace L4 link radio (Gimli)

VE4s CDN, WPG, PLP, MAN replace link radios, (ASAP) ongoing project.

VE4PLP Install repeater (VE4PTG) & APRS digi (fall 2008-spring 2009)

VE4CDN Add UHF link at VE4CDN to connect to VE4TOM at Winkler

VE4MAN/VE4PLP Replace enclosures with larger cabinet or enclosure

VE4EMB Repairing filtering, possibly replacing feedline (summer 2009)

A listing of the status of the repeaters is update from time to time on the club web site. Please check there if you experience any issues, and if nothing is noted, then please contact someone on the MRS executive.

Semi Annual General Meeting-August 18, 2007

Minutes taken by Dick, VE4HK

Copies of the minutes of the last meeting will be provided at the semi-annual general meeting for membership approval

Membership Report

By Harm, VE4HAZ

A membership report will be provided at the Semi-annual AGM at Marmfest.

Treasurers Report

By Harm, VE4HAZ

A treasurers report will be provided at the Semi-annual AGM at Marmfest.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

(Please note: membership year is January 1st to December 31st).

<u>Call Sign</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Preferred First Name</u>
<u>Mailing Address</u>		
<u>City</u>	<u>Prov.</u>	<u>Postal Code</u>
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<u>E-mail Address</u>		
<p><u>Club use only:</u></p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>\$ _____</p> <p>Cheque / Cash / Money Order</p> <p>Rept. _____</p> <p>Card Issued: ___ Year _____</p>		

Renewal
 New
 New Ham (FREE if licensed in current membership year)

<p><i>Pro-rated-new members only</i></p> <p>Regular January to December \$25.00</p> <p>April - December \$18.75</p> <p>July to December \$12.50</p>	<p>Class of Member: (please circle one only)</p> <p>Regular \$25 / Addn'l Family Member - \$5</p>
<p>How do you wish the Newsletter to be delivered:</p> <p>(please circle one only) E-mail or Snail-mail</p>	

Would you be willing to help out on work performed at the various repeater sites. Yes No

Please list your technical abilities or available equipment that would help out the Repeater Society: _____

Please indicate any other clubs you belong to:

WARC ARES WSC RAC Other: _____

Optional Information:

Current Occupation: _____

If Retired: Former Occupation: _____

Skills: _____