

Newscaster

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Elections & Year End Wrap up

Date: June 14, 1993
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Sturgeon Creek Regional Secondary School

Other Important Dates:

WARC: June 20 Marathon
June 26-27 Field Day
WSC: June 15 Quarterly Executive Meeting
Other: July 9-11 International Ham Fest
Jul 31-Aug2 Camp 807
Aug 28 Lake of the Woods Ham Fest

Warc: Executive for 1992/93
President: Dave Panting - VE4EF
Vice-Pres: Alex McIlraith - VE4AIM
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@ Large: Scott Marshall - VE4WSM
Pat Giesbrecht - VE4PLG
Jim Ross - VE4AJR
Albert Sousa - VE4LS

Notes from your Editor: by Derek, VE4HAY

Well this is the last newsletter before the summer, I will get a little rest, and you'll have plenty of time to write that article for the September issue. Included in this months Newscaster is a Repeater map of Manitoba, as well as a listing of various repeaters in the province. I hope that this will come in handy during this vacation season. Please remember to use your full call sign when accessing the repeaters (even if just ker-chunking). I hope you all enjoy the summer, and par-take in all the various summer Ham activities. (remember keep those articles coming ... <G>)

Words from the President of WARC: by Dave, VE4EF

Hello there once again. Well, another month has gone by and I have progressed from raking the lawn to actually cutting it (now that I have removed all the antenna wire and tie wraps from it). It has been almost cold enough to still be good antenna weather! Even though there hasn't been much HF propagation I have been running my linear occasionally just to keep my shack warm.

At our May meeting we had a stimulating discussion on the use of ATV and the education system. We have consulted with the RAC and they are conducting an investigation into the matter and will forward their opinion to us and to Communications Canada. As resolved at the May meeting we have written to Communications Canada expressing our opposition to the existing situation. We will keep you posted.

After the "stimulating discussion", Jim VE4CY put on an excellent presentaion about VHF operation. The program was obviously the result of a lot of effort by Jim and we would like to express our appreciation to him. This is a subject with a lot of scope and it would be terrific to have Jim come back for Part Two at another meeting.

At the June 14 meeting of WARC we will be having our annual election of officers (waving your hand up in

the air could be hazardous to your future). Also at this meeting we will be winding up our discussions on a variety of topics that have come up during the 1992/93 year.

Field Day will be held June 26 to 27. At the time of this writing no one had volunteered to co-ordinate the club's Field Day effort. We have had a lot of fun in past years and it seems a shame to think that our club might not be participating this year. If you are interested and have the time to be involved, please call one of the executive.

That's it for now. C U at the meeting.

Winnipeg Senior Citizen's Radio Club. by Bill, VE4WU President.

The Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club is pleased to announce that the following people have successfully completed Communication Canada's exams on May 4, 1993.

Mabel Evans	VE4MPE	Basic
Ryszard Girulski	VE4FF	Basic + 12 WPM
Richard Hirschfeld	VE4OPA	Basic
Amy Peters	VE4ATP	Basic
Ian Rollo	VE4MAC	Basic + 12 WPM
Jerome Zaste	VE4JMZ	Basic + 12 WPM

In addition Club Member, Ruth Breckman, VE4RMB passed her 12 WPM Qualification Test.

Congratulations and good luck to all of those obtaining their various qualifications. A special thanks to those who instructed for the course, and to Martin Boyd VE4AKA Chairman of the Education Committee.

If you have not already done so please stop at the Club and pick up your mail. There is a special letter that has been made up for every Member.

A reminder to all Club Members that the second Quarterly Executive General Meeting will be on June 15th 1993 at 10:00 a.m. There will be no meetings during July and August. Have a pleasant summer.

Manitoba Repeater Society by Derek, VE4HAY

Your new executive has had it's first meeting and the following is a list of the executive and their positions:

Derek VE4HAY - President,
Roy, VE4EN - Vice-pres/Membership,
Dick VE4HK - Secretary,
Tim VE4TEG - Technical Chairperson,
Yori VE4ACX - Technical Committee

Bill VE4STW - Technical Committee
Mike VE4MJM - Technical Committee
Marv VE4KE - Inter-Club Liaison

Should you have any question or concerns about M.R.S. please give any of the executive members a call. We may be the executive, but you are the members and the group belongs to you.

Our new system is progressing very well, as I write this article, we have VE4NEP under going testing, as well as VE4MAN. The technical guys are in the process of verifying the linking codes, and writing macros to help ease the pain of learning a new system.

We have noticed that there appears to be a lot of people using the repeaters who are not members. While we operate an open system, (as do most clubs) please remember that the system is built and supported (licence fee's insurance repairs new equipment etc) with membership fee's and donations. We would appreciate that if you use the system, if you could let your conscience decide wether to apply for a membership or not. On the last page is a membership application to help you out.

What is ARES? by Rod , VE4TM

Many of you are probably wondering what is ARES, well it stands for Amateur Radio Emergency Service, and is one part of the Field Services branch of the Canadian Radio Relay League.

As ARES members we provide emergency communications, using our assigned frequencies, to various agencies such as Manitoba Emergency Measures, the Manitoba Division of the Canadian Red Cross and others. Many hams are not aware of the fact that ARES is included into many of the Emergency Plans of local governments in the province such as the L.G.D. of Grahamdale in the Interlake.

In Manitoba, ARES has not been all that active over the past 10 years and has not had a very formal organization but has been active in various activities, the big one that comes to mind is the Flood in 1979.

At the present time myself and a number of other amateurs are in the process of basically starting from scratch as far as ARES goes. At the present time we have Emergency coordinators in six areas of the province. With a total of approximately 50 members, this is roughly 4% of the total Amateur population in Manitoba. I trust that we can increase these numbers.

If you would like more information about ARES or would like to join please contact either of the following people.

Rod Kischook,
VE4TM Section Emergency Coordinator
Packet: VE4TM@VE4KV.#WPG.MB.CA.NA
Phone: (204)853-7711
Mail: Box 154, R.R. #1
Dugald, MB. R0E 0K0

Bill East,
VE4AAZ Emergency Coordinator - Winnipeg
Packet: VE4AAZ@VE4KV.#WPG.MB.CA.na
Phone: (204)233-2233
Mail: 396 St. Jean Baptist
Winnipeg, MB. R2H 2X4

I will also endeavour to attend as many sessions of the various nets that we have running in the province. 73 and lets put something back into this great hobby of ours.

Kelsey Memorial Canoe Brigade and DXpedition by Vern, VE4VQ

Nipawin - Cumberland House - The Pas July 1-15

To commemorate the 300th anniversary of Henry Kelsey's two trips up from Fort York to the northern prairies, a canoe brigade is being mounted by Scouts Canada for the first fortnight in July.

Page3Participants in the brigade will rendezvous at Nipawin 93.07.03 12:00

It is planned that a DXpedition will be in operation during the time of this brigade. In addition to providing contact with the brigade while it is in progress, the Hams would provide publicity for this event and , undoubtedly, draw to the attention of many people one of the remarkable events in Canada's history.

A Special Event call has been issued for this event. It is VD4/5KMB.

It is anticipated that the DXpedition operators will commence by operating from Nipawin. The base of operations will then be moved to Cumberland House and, as the brigade nears the end of their trip, the Hams will move to The Pas. As the schedule stands at this time, the Brigade will leave Nipawin on Sunday , July 4th, will take a "rest day" on Friday, July 9th, at Cumberland House, and will reach Deering's Point (Kelsey's name for what is now The Pas) on Tuesday, July 13th. However, as with all canoe-brigades, wind and weather may delay

things a bit. At worst, all Winnipeg participants should be back in the city by Saturday, July 17th.

You are invited to join either the Brigade of the DXpedition. It is appreciated that most Hams will not be able to spend two weeks "down North" so it is expected that most will choose to operate from one of the base-stations for a few days - whatever turns on your transmitter.

For details call or write: Vern Dutton, VE4VQ
9 Arundel Road, Winnipeg, MB R2J 2L1 256-5346

Memo to Wives & Mothers extracted by Eric, VE4ASK

from Radio Amateur Licensing Handbook Oct 1961

(Also, if applicable, to sisters & brothers and any other relation who thinks amateur radio people are "a queer lot".

Does "he" give you the "willies" with his fiddling around with his gear? Does he never get the contraption working to his satisfaction? Does he wake you up at 2 a.m. to the hilarious shout of "I got Bongo-Bongo in southwest Africa"!!!

If so, then you needn't take any pills or potions\, or even give him any. Just leave him alone, occasionally say "Oh, that's good" and go back to sleep. To help you out, here's a few rules which will, we hope, ease the strain of being a wife, mother, guardian, or what have you, of a radio enthusiast.

- 1) don't keep asking when "it" is going to be finished unless he mentions the subject first.
- 2) Don't even ask if it's **ever** going to be finished - it might never be! (That's part of the fun. In case you haven't already found out, nothing was ever made to the complete satisfaction of a radio person!)
- 3) Don't object to the hobby to strenuously; at least you know where he is a night.
- 4) If you like his company and the gear is in the basement why not suggest a small set upstairs? Lots of radio amateurs have transmitters and receivers in boxes no larger than your sewing basket - and they make good "conversation pieces" too!
- 5) Don't ever suggest that he spends so much time with his gear that he hasn't time to fix the fence, toaster, vacuum cleaner, washing machine, paint

the room, mow the lawn or take you out. Simply say off-handedly, "Now that reception conditions aren't too good why not fix the fence to give you something to do?" (You can't possibly get caught in a jam with this one because reception conditions are always bad on some frequency or other!)

- 6) Puzzled over what to give him for Christmas, birthday, anniversary, or a present for no good reason at all? Just look causally at some of his catalogues and say "That's a nice (substitute: neat, odd, queer, as required) looking thing, what does it do?" You'll get your answer! (caution! look at the price first and if it is an American catalogue mentally add about one-third to cover duty, shipping taxes etc..)
- 7) Show this last suggestion to **him**: Why don't you fix the blinking fence or whatever it is? You've got lots of time before the "net" starts up. Finish that writing job tomorrow, it will give you something to look forward to, and remember that Amateur Radio is a hobby.

Good luck to you both.

MANITOBA AMATEUR RADIO REPEATERS

LOCATION	CALL	FREQ.	INPUT	NOTES
ARBORG	VE4ARB	145.410	144.810	O
AUSTIN	VE4MTR	146.910	146.310	O
BALDY Mtn.	VE4BMR	147.030	146.430	O,H3
BIRDS HILL	VE4INT	146.820	146.220	O
BIRTLE	VE4BVR	147.240	147.840	O
BRANDON	VE4BDG	145.050		O,N,PKT,L2
BRANDON	VE4TED	146.730	146.130	O,A
BRANDON	VE4BDN	146.940		146.340
O				
BRANDON	VE4BDG	441.000	441.100	C,N,PKT,L2
BRUXELLES	VE4HS	145.090		O,D,PKT
BRUXELLES	VE4HS	146.880	146.280	O
DAUPHIN	VE4DPN	146.640	146.040	O,A
EAST SELKIRK	VE4SLK	146.730		146.130
O				
EAST SELKIRK	VE4SLK	444.400		449.400
O				
ELIE	VE4RAG	145.090		O,D,PKT
ELIE	VE4RAG	147.240	147.840	O,T3A
FALCON LAKE	VE4FAL	146.640		146.040
O				
FLIN FLON	VE4FFR	146.940	146.340	O
FOXWARREN	VE4PCL	147.060		147.660
O				
GIMLI	VE4GIM	146.850	146.250	O,L1
GULL LAKE	VE4GUL	145.490	144.890	O
HADASHVILLE	VE4EMB	147.360		147.960
O,L1				

LUNDAR	VE4LDR	146.970	146.370	O,H3
MAFEKING	VE4PAS	147.270	147.870	O
NEEPAWA	VE4NEP	145.030		O,N,PKT,L2
NEEPAWA	VE4NEP	147.210	147.810	O,L1
PINAWA	VE4PIN	146.940	146.340	O
PORTAGE	VE4PBS	145.030		O,PKT,L2
PORTAGE	VE4NOD	145.030		O,N,PKT,L2
PORTAGE	VE4NOD	441.000		441.100
C,N,PKT,L2				
PORTAGE	VE4PLP	448.500		443.500
L1				
SELKIRK	VE4MBR	147.060		147.660
O,A,T3A,L5				
SELKIRK	VE4MBR	442.800		447.800
O,A,T3A,L5,				
SELKIRK	VE4MBR	1283.00	1271.00	O,A,T3A,L5
SIDNEY	VE4ECG	441.100		441.000
C,N,PKT,L2				
SPEARHILL	VE4SHR	146.700		146.100
O,A,H3				
ST. JEAN	VE4CDN	145.270	144.670	O,H1
STARBUCK	VE4MAN	146.610	146.010	O,L1
SWAN RIVER	VE4SRR	146.940	146.340	O
TEULON	VE4TEU	147.000		147.600
O,*				
THOMPSON	VE4TPN	146.940		146.340
O				
WINNIPEG	VE4AGA	52.525	52.760	C
WINNIPEG	VE4DRM	145.050		O,PKT
WINNIPEG	VE4PKT	145.070		O,N,PKT,L2
WINNIPEG	VE4WNR	145.350	144.750	O,A,E,L4
WINNIPEG	VE4CNR	146.760	146.160	O
WINNIPEG	VE4AGA	147.120	147.720	C
WINNIPEG	VE4UMR	147.270	147.870	O,A
WINNIPEG	VE4EDU	147.300		147.900
O				
WINNIPEG	VE4WPG		147.390	147.990
O,L1				
WINNIPEG	VE4WRS	147.510		C,A,S
WINNIPEG	VE4WDX	147.780	147.180	O
WINNIPEG	VE4TWO	224.940	223.340	O
WINNIPEG	VE4EDU	434.000		1253.250
ATV				
WINNIPEG	VE4PKT	441.100		441.000
C,N,PKT,L2				
WINNIPEG	VE4UHF	443.000		448.000
O,A,L4,T3A				
WINNIPEG	VE4VJ	443.500		448.500
C,L1				
WINNIPEG	VE4AGA	444.500		449.500
C				

CTCSS (PL) (EIA) TONE FREQUENCIES IN HZ

67.0-XZ	85.4-YA	107.2-1B	136.5-4Z	173.8-6A
218.1-M3	69.3-WZ	88.5-YB	110.9-2Z	141.3-4A
179.9-6B	225.7-M4	71.9-XA	91.5-ZZ	114.8-2A
146.2-4B	186.2-7Z	229.1-9Z	74.4-WA	94.8-ZA
118.8-2B	151.4-5Z	192.8-7A	233.6-M5	77.0-XB
97.4-ZB	123.0-3Z	156.7-5A	203.5-M1	241.8-M6
79.7-WB	100.0-1Z	127.3-3A	162.2-5B	206.5-8Z
250.3-M7	82.5-YZ	103.5-1A	131.8-3B	167.9-6Z
210.7-M2	254.1-0Z			

LEGEND:

* = PROPOSED

ATV = TELEVISION

E = EMERG POWER

C = CLOSED SYSTEM

H = HARD LINKED TO H#/L#

N = THE><NET

T = CTCSS ACCESS

A = AUTOPATCH

D = DIGIPEATER

S = SIMPLEX

O = OPEN SYSTEM

L = LINKED TO L#

PKT = PACKET

Lake of the Woods Repeater Assoc., Inc Ham Fest - 7th Annual

Saturday, August 28, 1993 10 a.m. start time
in the Roseau High School Gym, Roseau, MN.

There will be new ham dealers, door prizes, consignment tables, family activities, RV & camping facilities, ladies get acquainted coffee, special door prizes for pre-registration, Seminars, auction, lunch, Banquet & program. Talk in is on 147.900 (LOWRA repeater). For more info call Leverne Wenner, AA0AQ, 901 2nd St. NE, Roseau, MN, 56751 (218)463-2585

VE4 TO THE RESCUE by Bill, VE4JR

This is an account of an accident that Roland LaLonde, VE4ROL, of Leaf Rapids, MB, related to Bill Crooks, VE4JR, SM for Manitoba.

Rollie was driving to Toronto, and had left Leaf Rapids on December 21st, 1992. He had his HF mobile, and was tuned in to the Aurora Net, which operates on 7.055, Lower Sideband. While driving along PTH 391, he came across the scene of an recent accident near Piscew Falls, some 65 km North of Thompson, MB. A truck had rolled over, trapping both the driver, and passenger inside. There were some others at the scene of the accident, and Rollie asked if anyone had tried contacting the RCMP.

No one had; so then Rollie then broke into the Aurora Net, and stated that this was an emergency, and he would like to contact the RCMP at Thompson. His request was then picked up by Bill, VE4WF of Winnipeg, who in turn contacted the RCMP in Winnipeg. Rollie then requested an ambulance, as well as the jaws of life, as there was no other way that the trapped passengers could be rescued from their vehicle. The RCMP in Winnipeg were able to contact their detachment in Thompson; and the vehicles were sent on their way to the scene of the accident.

This is just another example of how Amateur Radio can be called upon in times of emergency. Unfortunately the woman passenger (wife of the driver), was already dead; while her husband died later, in the hospital in Thompson.

MINUTES FOR W.A.R.C. MEETING held May 10, 1993.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Dave VE4EF.

1. MINUTES - MOTION - moved by Don VE4GD that the minutes be accepted as published in the NEWSCASTER. Seconded by John VE4YD. Carried.

2. NEW BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES - none.

3. CORRESPONDENCE -a newsletter from CARF, the Saskatchewan Radio News and a letter from the Manitoba Repeater Society were available for all to read.

4. TREASURER REPORT -a statement dated April 30, 1993 was circulated at the meeting. Bill VE4KX said the year end balance should be approximately \$1500. He also said that we have received the new Icom 2 m radio, purchased from Atlantic Ham Radio.

5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS 5.1 FOX HUNT- Wayne VE4WTS said a fox hunt was held MAY 9 with 10 participants. The 3 events were won by VE4WDB, VE4CET, and VE4PHH. The next hunt will be held May 30th at Assiniboine Park.

5.2 CUMBERLAND HOUSE DX-PEDITION - anyone interested in participating this summer should contact Vern VE4VQ.

5.3 VE4ZOO - Kay VE4YF announced that there would be a special event station at Assiniboine Park Zoo on MAY 15th and 16th. Volunteers are still needed.

5.4 VE4TTU - Pat VE4PLG still needs volunteers for "TTU". She thanked Wes VE4RAM for being there almost every Saturday, and thanked Dick VE4HK for donating headphones. The new Icom 2m radio should be installed soon.

5.5 MARATHON - Dave VE4EF still needs volunteers for the Marathon being held on June 20th. He will soon contact all those who have already signed up and plans to hold a meeting prior to the event.

5.6 NOMINATIONS - Judy VE4JBN is head of the nominating committee for the WARC executive. Anyone interested in running for next year's executive should contact her. Candidates will be announced at the next meeting.

5.7 EDUCATION - Rick VE4OV has 10 students currently taking classes. The course is now advertised in the local computer newspaper.

5.8 KIWANAS WALKATHON - Dick VE4HK said the event was a success from our end and thanked the following people for volunteering: Lorne VE4LA, Kay VE4YF, Pat VE4PLG, Lorne VE4RLK, Bob VE4TX and Dick VE4HK.

5.9 WORKED ALL WINNIPEG AWARD - was presented by DICK VE4HK to Jan VE4YS (who has recently changed his call to VE4JS).

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 TABLED MOTION - Wayne VE4WR made a new motion to withdraw the ammended motion that was tabled at the last meeting. No seconder required. Carried. (note: see section 6.1 of the minutes from April 12, 1993.)

6.2. NEW MOTION - by Rand VE4RI - the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club contact both the Department of Communication and R.A.C. legal counsel asking for an order demanding the immediate halt of this activity. (note - this motion refers to the motion submitted by VE4TV in the latest issue of the newscaster and other similar activities occurring on the amateur bands). Seconded by Bill VE4UB. A 10 minute discussion followed. Point of order was brought up by Jim VE4AJR as to which motion should be considered first: the one now on the floor or the one submitted by Rene VE4TV and published in the newscaster. Rene VE4TV stated that he was willing to allow the motion on the floor to be considered first. Addition to the amended motion - add "until such time as a decision can be reached at the National Level." Discussion continued with concerns expressed in the following areas: a document dated January 23, 1992 issued by the D.O.C. and it's intent is this activity considered as using the amateur bands for commercial use are there any other areas in Canada in a similar situation are curriculum teachers being paid salaries to broadcast course this may have a national impact what is the legal opinion of RAC council this situation has been referred to the D.O.C. in Ottawa and no reply has been received by the D.O.C. in Winnipeg as yet- Wayne VE4WR has also asked for legal opinions and plans to reintroduce his motion (better worded) at a later date. At this point in time another motion was put forward - by Bill VE4KX - that the motion on the floor introduced by VE4RI be tabled until the motion in the NEWSCASTER by Rene VE4TV is dealt with. Seconded by Dick VE4HK. Carried.

6.3 MOTION BY RENE VE4TV as read by Dave VE4EF and published in the Newscaster including 2 amendments "Be it resolved that the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club support the use of amateur radio/video technology by the White Horse Plain School Division for the purposes of operating a tele-teaching system between St. Paul's Collegiate in Elie and St. Laurent High School (including a repeater unit at Woodlands), to transmit courses in Senior High School Physics, Communications and Computer Science; weekdays between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM for the duration of one year." Moved by RENE VE4TV. Seconded by Wayne VE4WR. A 15 minute discussion followed with concerns expressed that this is a commercial enterprise. Suggestion by Wayne VE4WTS to amend amateur radio technology to read amateur radio frequencies. The motion was restated and read with the word "frequencies" replacing "technology". The new motion was defeated. Wayne VE4WTS asked Rene to please offer our technology to the students and not

be dismayed that the motion had been defeated. 6.4 REINTODUCE MOTION - by Rand VE4RI as stated in 6.2 above. Brief discussion followed with the motion now presented as follows: Be it resolved that "the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club contact both the D.O.C. and R.A.C. legal council asking for an order demanding the halt of this activity on amateur radio frequencies until such time as a decision can be reached at the National level." Moved by Rand VE4RI. Seconded by Bill VE4UB. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 PM and was followed by a brief coffee break and then an informative talk/demonstration by Jim VE4CY on proper operating procedures on 2 meters.

SPECIAL EVENT STATION - VE4ZOO by Kay, VE4YF

On May 15th and 16th a few dedicated (i.e. sometimes almost frozen !) people operated a special event station at the Assiniboine Park Zoo celebrating the opening of their new display "Winnipeg Down Under", an Australian Adventure in Canada. A few of us had our doubts on Saturday, especially when several snowflakes started to fall, but in the long run it was a great time. Our display was located inside a 20 by 20 foot screen tent just outside the new exhibit. "VE4ZOO" was open from 9 am to 6 pm both days and had HF, 2M (the club's new ICOM worked great), and a packet station all operating. Of course band conditions were poor on HF but our visitors didn't seem to mind. I would like to thank all of the volunteers that participated even though the weather didn't cooperate. Thank-you to Bill VE4UX, Jim VE4GZ, Dick VE4HK, Tom VE4SE and Ruth VE4XYL (their huge coffee pot was a life saver), Judy VE4JBN (who ran the 2m net there so I could get a break), Ron VE4II, Rene VE4TV and Adam VE4SN. Several people came out both days - thanks Pat VE4PLG, Dan VE4SYG, Jim VE4AJR and Peter VE4PJ. There was a lot of expertise needed to make this event a success and I was extremely fortunate to have Yori VE4ACX and Ed VE4YU in charge. They both generously gave their time (they were there all day both days) and the use of their equipment - all I had to do was show up ! Setting up the station on the first day was the most nerve wracking time but with Ed, Yori and Peter there, it all went smoothly. Again, thank you. We still have use of the call sign - maybe we'll be back at the zoo again this summer.

T.T.U. station by Vern VE4VQ & Pat VE4PLG

We are still looking for help at T.T.U. for the month of June and especially for the summer months. Please give T.T.U. a try you'll find it quite rewarding. If you could volunteer a couple of hours on a weekend contact Vern Dutton VE4VQ at 256 5346 or Pat Giesbrecht VE4PLG at 338 0511. We have a new radio installed which will make VHF operation easier. The station is open Saturday and Sunday between 1-4 pm. parking behind the museum is free to those working the station.

New Call Signs

Robert Mauthe	VE4YOB
Alan Haldane-Wilsone	VE4ALN
Arne Grimstrup	VE4ARN
Jason Owens	VE4JE
Peter Thiessen	VE4PGT
Harry Lobo	VE4HAR

Dave Rose	VE4LNX
Jerome Zaste	VE4JMZ
Girulski Ryszard	VE4FF
Amy Peters	VE4ATP
Richard Hirshfeld	VE4OPA
Ian Rolo	VE4MAC
Victor Moss	VE4LD
John Fryatt	VE4JRF
Ed Henderson	VE4ZOO
Ernst Thiessen	VE4ETH
Mabel Evans	VE4MPE

SO YOU WANT TO BUY A RIG ?
By Derek, VE4HAY

With all the talk lately about where can you get the best deal for the purchasing of a rig, I decided to do a little investigating, since I'm in the market for a new handheld. What I decided to do was to send out a fax to 6 outlets that I knew of all the same asking for prices. In the fax I state that I would definitely be purchasing the equipment, and I would purchase from who ever could land the equipment at my door at the best price.

I also gave the names of each dealer I was faxing to all the dealers, as well as told them that I would be putting the results in our local Ham club newsletter. (just as an extra incentive for pricing) The following is what I asked for and the results from the various dealers. (please note that US funds were converted to CDN funds and that duty was then applied to the items that required duty, assuming they were American made. Also note that GST was applied to all dealers, and PST was int involved. All products are from the Icomline)

- 1 only IC-W2A Dual Band Radio
- 1 only BC-80A Desktop Rapid Charger
- 1 only BP-84 Battery Pack
- 2 only BP-90 battery Case
- 2 only CP-13 Cigarette Lighter
- 1 only HM-70 Speaker Microphone
- 1 only HS-60 Headset
- 1 only LC-73 Carry Case

I won't bother to give out the individual prices from each dealer, only the equivalent bottom line price.

Burghart Amateur Centre - WaterTown, SD	1204.74
Satellite City - St. Cloud, MN	1281.93
Com-West Communications - Vancouver, BC	1189.52
Atlantic Ham Radio - Downsview, OT	1159.00
NorHam Radio - North York, OT	1087.12
Prairie Communications - Winnipeg, MB	

Need less to say the cheaper price is indeed right here in Canada. Also note that Satellite City said I could have \$20.00 off if ordered that week. (a nice piece of pressure statement). Atlantic Ham Radio actual price was

\$1290.42, but they offered a package price as listed. For some reason, which is unknown to me, Prairie Communications right here in Winnipeg, did not respond to my offer to quote. I was not even phoned saying they would not quote. Com-West and NorHam also say to add 2% if using a credit card.

MANTOBA REPEATER SOCIETY INC.

Attn. Membership Chairperson
598 St. Mary's Road
Winnipeg, MB R2M3L5

Application for Membership

_____	New Members	\$35.00
_____	1st. time joining	
_____	Renewal members	\$20.00
_____	Family Member	\$10.00
	per add'l family mbr	
=====	Total	

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____

Code: _____ Phone: _____

Application Date: _____

Certificate Required: _____

The Executives of the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club, The Winnipeg Seniors Centre, and the Manitoba Repeater Society , wish you all the best during the summer months.

We would also like to thank those of you who have advertised with us during this past year. And we ask all members, to if possible, please consider our advertisers first, when looking for services.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer, please don't drink and drive. See you all in September and keep those articles coming. 73

