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Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club

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Ham Radio vs Broadcast Radio Similarity & Differences by Lee VE4ANC

Date: **October 21, 1996**
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Sturgeon Creek Regional Secondary School

Other Important Dates:

Articles: Oct 28 - for Nov newsletter
Nov 27 - For Dec newsletter
Jan 1 - for Jan Newsletter

WARC: Oct 21 - Meeting (maybe)
Oct 27 - Flea Market
Nov 18 - Meeting (maybe)
Dec 9 - Meeting

WSC: Courses every Tuesday & Thursday

ARES: Oct 12-13 Simulated Emergency Test
Oct 15 - Meeting - cold weather survival

Other: Sunday evenings Burger King on Narin

WARC: Executive for 1996 - 97			
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Words from the President of WARC: by Richard, VE4KAZ

As September comes to an end and the rain keeps coming down it is inevitable that winter will be here soon and the rain will be turning to snow. Keri is urging me to get the last of the yard work done before the snow starts flying.

With the new Executive of WARC in place, we begin a new year and with that, a new round of events for all hams to enjoy. The Fall Flea Market is scheduled for Sunday, October 27, 1996.

As part of the new year, of course, it's time to renew your WARC membership. To help persuade you to renew your membership, WARC is having a draw at the Fall Flea Market. The prize — an HTX 242 mobile 2 metre rig. Everyone who pays for their 1996/1997 membership prior to draw time, will be entered to win the HTX 242. The Executive would like to thank Darcy Wilson, VE4DDW, for his sales assistance in purchasing the HTX 242. As most of you are probably aware, Darcy works at the Radio Shack in Kildonan Place. Thanks Darcy.

And lastly, please watch the Newscaster for the dates of the monthly meetings. With the statutory holidays for October and November falling on our meeting Monday, the dates for our monthly meetings in October and November will be changed. Hope to see you all at our meeting in October.

Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club Released by Alf, VE4ALF (President -96)

Summer is over, and the Club is becoming much more active. At Annual General meeting held on Wednesday, Sept. 18, the following items were discussed:

Fall clean-up will take place soon - watch for sign-up sheet to be posted on the club's bulletin board.

☞ The next breakfast will be held at the Norlander Inn: Thursday, October 10, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

☞ Because the Pan-Am Committee will not deal with any individual groups, a consortium of radio club groups is

planning a meeting on Oct. 27/96 to discuss, co-ordinate and plan for amateur radio participation in the 1999 Pan-Am Games. Alf, VE4ALF, has been invited to attend on behalf of the Seniors' Club.

- ☞ We need a Social Convenor - see Adam, 4SN, if you feel inclined to volunteer.
- ☞ The Red Cross had requested the exact co-ordinates for the club station, re the new special licence being sought for out-of-ham-band frequencies for emergency use: Tnx to Fred, VE4MX, we have the location of the main station rig to the second! It is LAT 49d 51m 47.8s; LONG 97d 06m 41.3s. Grid co-ordinates (city) are: E 635723.943 / N 5525239.096.
- ☞ CHRISTMAS PARTY Date has been confirmed - it is Thursday, December 12, 1996, at the St. James Civic Centre.
- ☞ Basic VE4WSC ham radio course started Sept. 3rd. There are now 9 instructors for theory, 13 for the code. 6 or 7 are available for advanced course later.
- ☞ Re Health & Welfare: Well-wishes were sent to Jeff-4JEM, Elaine-4REP, and Frank-4FJ who suffered a stroke Sept. 12/96. Sympathy cards were sent to Al-4FP (loss of wife Laura), John-4LU (loss of wife Phyllis). Fred Fear-4NRD became a Silent Key on August 26/96, and a card was sent to his wife Joyce and family.
- ☞ An answering machine has been donated to the club by Ed-4YU. It is now up and running. Calls now can be made to 233-3122 when clubrooms are closed. Tnx Ed.
- ☞ Surplus equipment at the club (only stuff that has been donated) will be listed for sale. Watch for list.
- ☞ On the last 2 occasions of the morning breakfast, attendees have been treated to a new initiative of Len-4LEN, a 2-page newsletter of current club affairs, and other items of general interest. This handout has been well received. Copies are also available at the clubrooms.
- ☞ The Club is considering more social events that will include spouses. Any ideas? Contact our acting Social Convenor - Adam, 4SN.
- ☞ The Basic Course for 1996 (September) includes the following members: Roy Paisner, Burt Tompkins, Robbie Robertson, Ram Mangaroo, Maurice Kohut, Fred Lortie, George Paton, Elton Morrison, Gord Ostlere, Henry Brain, Wilf Dowbiggen, Eric MacPherson. Signed for the code class are: George Moodie, Alan Evans, Daniel Michaelis, Pat Giesbrecht.

Comments or if you just want to reach us :

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- ☞ John Clarke, 4JAD and Vic Moss, 4LD, are new members of the Club- accepted at the general meeting of Sept. 18/96. Three hams on our roll have been stricken from this list because they cannot be located. These are Gordon Johnson-VE4BN, Juan Sales-Reyes- VE4JSR and George Waldon-VE4GAW. Membership now stands at 162.
- ☞ There are many receipts for donations made, still sitting for pickup. Please, if you need your receipt for tax purposes, please make arrangements to get it soon.
- ☞ Our Phone Committee is in need of a new chairperson- Ruth, 4RMB has resigned this position. This is a very important post, and one that should not be left unfilled. If you feel you can handle it, please contact Adam, 4SN.
- ☞ The VE4WSC info on the RAC and Seniors' Home Page on the Internet is old and outdated. Gil, 4AG and Ian, 4MAC will work to update this info.
- ☞ The Club Constitution booklet is now being made ready for distribution later this Fall to all members. When proof-read and O.K.'d by Tom-4TSM, Gil-4AG will print it. Then the Constitution Committee can get to work and prepare the new By-laws the club requires for smooth operating of its affairs. We hope to mail the booklet out with the next edition of 'Sparks' - speaking of which, if you have anything you want included, see Gil-4AG soon.
- ☞ One last note: Industry Canada (IC) is moving its 2 offices (200-386 Broadway and 330 Portage) to one new address. Commencing on Monday, September 30, all services will be offered from this new location: 4th Floor, 400 St. Mary Ave. WPG, MB R3C 4K5. Telephone numbers will remain the same.
- ☞ Remember to tune-in and check-in to the Seniors' Net (VE4WPG 147.390+) each weekday (Mon to Fri) for announcements and updates concerning VE4WSC and ham radio general. 73, Gil-4AG.

ARES Committee Report by Jeff, VE4MBQ

1996 Simulated Emergency Test is 3-4 hours Saturday 12 OCT OR Sunday 13 OCT. Revised Winnipeg ARES

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Emergency Plan was issued at our SEPT.. meeting, if you are a WARES member and you do not have one please contact Jeff VE4MBQ.

The Cancer Run for the Cure has requested WARES provide communications for their race, volunteers are required 0900-1200 hrs Sunday 27 OCT. Please contact Jeff VE4MBQ as soon as possible if you are able to help out the organizers of this charity event.

Twenty WARES members provided communications for three Terry Fox Run sites in Winnipeg Sunday 22 SEPT. Fifteen members are scheduled to provide communications for The Corporate Rowing Challenge and The Head of the Red Regatta on the Red River Saturday 28 SEPT. This is strictly volunteer work - all we get out of this kind of event is further practice communicating in a structured, disciplined manner which is the way to communicate in event of an emergency or disaster.

Three CASARA members attended our SEPT. meeting to enlighten us on their role in search and rescue. The OCT meeting is Tuesday 15 OCT with guest speaker Dr. Gord Giesbrecht who is a physiologist with UofM Human Performance Lab. Dr. Giesbrecht will be telling us about cold weather survival.

MINUTES for W.A.R.C. -Sep. 9 1996

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Submitted by Roxanne, VE4ZF

Meeting called to order by Richard VE4KAZ. All those in attendance introduced themselves. Total attendance was 53. Richard introduced the 1996/97 board.

Moved by Vern VE4VQ and seconded by Marissa VE4MMG that the minutes be accepted as published in The Newscaster. Carried.

correspondence:

VE4BB QSL cards

1996 Annual return of corporation information

WARC co-hosting 1997 Hamfest

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rick VE4OV reported current balance of \$3547.88

STANDING COMMITTEES:

FLEA MARKET:

Pat VE4PLG announced that this year's flea market will be held on October 27 at the Waverley Heights Community Centre, 1885 Chancellor. Vendors set up at 9 am and open for business at 10 am. Tables are \$5 for members of WARC, MRS and WSCRC. See Pat tonight if your want a table as only 3 ½ are left.

PROGRAM:

Lee VE4ANC requested that anyone with program suggestions see him after the meeting.

EDUCATION:

Rick VE4OV has "retired" as class teacher and has two volunteers who may be taking this over.

"WORKED-ALL-WINNIPEG":

Dick VE4HK displayed the WAW certificate and provided detailed rules and information about the event. Dick encouraged everyone to check in on Sunday to help those who are trying to earn the coveted WAW.

"INTERNATIONAL HAMFEST":

Pat VE4PLG and Dick VE4HK volunteered to spearhead the planning. They are looking for ideas, prizes and helpers to make this event a lot of fun. Folks were reminded that by registering for the Hamfest their name would be entered in the draw for prizes.

DX CLUB:

Adam reported that the sun spot cycle was on its way up and that 20M was starting to open. He spoke on DXpeditions including 1997 Hurd Island. The club meets in the cafeteria 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the WARC meeting.

MEMBERSHIP:

Norm VE4EH will be available in the auditorium during coffee break to sign up both new members and renewals. The draw for the 1996/97 membership prize will be held at the Flea Market. All paid members will be automatically entered in the draw for a **RADIO SHACK 2M MOBILE RADIO**.

FIELD DAY:

42 out of 287 members showed up for this event.

NEWSCASTER:

Derek VE4HAY is looking for articles.

MANITOBA MARATHON:

Kay VE4YF thanked all those who helped. The organizers of the Marathon were very pleased with the result of our efforts and have asked WARC to again be responsible for communications at next year's marathon.

MARM:

Tom VE4SE helped Dave Snyder and extended thanks to others who assisted: VE4GIL, VE4KWK and VE4APN. The attendance in Austin was down to 270 but everyone had a good time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Derek VE4HAY noted that some members of MARM have suggested that WARC and MARM hold a joint flea market. Richard VE4KAZ advised that MARM had written to us with such a request that the WARC board declined in favour of keeping our flea market a WARC event.

Richard requested that a volunteer was needed to fill and turn on the coffee maker for coffee break.

Richard asked for a volunteer to arrange for the purchase of the raffle prize and to ensure that there would be raffle ticket sellers at each meeting.

Moved by Dick VE4HK seconded by Tom VE4SE that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

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The WARC DX SLEUTHS Report for October

by Ed, VE4YU

Operating conditions on HF have been spotty and generally not very good but there have been some good DX stations making an appearance. Among these are 5A1A, 5B4XF, 4U1ITU and 9G1BL. These conditions make DX'ing frustrating for some but a good exercise for others. One good event in September was activity on 20M by one of our members, Severino, VE4SVB, who has started to work stations outside of the USA and Canada. Congratulations Severino and keep up the good work! To demonstrate how easy it is to capture an award, Ed, VE4YU, with only 60 contacts, received a certificate from RSGB for being 'the Leading Entrant from VE4' in the March 9, 1996, Commonwealth (BERU) contest. So don't hold back, you too can be recognised as an achiever!

For those who receive QST magazine, you will find some interesting articles in the October, 1996 issue. Some of these are:

☞...An informative article on sunspots - pages 74-75.

☞...A must read article for DX'ers by a DX'er - pg 60-62

☞...An ARRL DXCC 2000 survey form (copies available from Ed, VE4YU) for input on changes to DXCC - page 83.

☞...An Antarctic DXpedition experience - pages 31-32.

☞...Getting on 440 MHz ATV - pages 36-40.

Upcoming Events:

☞ FISTS CW FALL SPRINT Oct 12 12 Noon - 4 PM

☞ RSGB 21/28 MHz CW Oct 20 2 AM - 2 PM

☞ CQWWDX Phone Oct 25-27 7 PM - 6 PM

☞ Ten-Ten Int. 10M CW/RTTY Oct 25-27 7 PM - 7 PM

☞ ARRL Nov Sweepstakes CW Nov 2-3 3 PM - 9 PM

☞ ARRL Nov Sweepstakes Phone Nov 16-17 3 PM- 9 PM

For those with BASIC+12 HF privileges, get on the air and work some of these events. Don't worry about your speed or expertise just get on the air, provide the serious contesters with a VE4, and enjoy the activity while you hone your skills.

Meanwhile, how is your basic antenna knowledge, on Yagi's in particular? Well here is a quiz taken from the October 1996 QST:

1. A parasitic element (a Yagi's directors or reflectors).
 - a) Is connected to the feed line
 - b) Is not connected to the feedline
 - c) Must be parallel to the feedline
 - d) Is used only for mechanical balance
2. Directors are (longer) (shorter) than reflectors

3. A Yagi's driven element usually has a feed-point impedance (lower) (higher) than 50 ohms
4. Which of the following is NOT a useful matching system for transforming a Yagi's impedance to 50 ohms ?
 - a) Strip-line
 - b) Gamma match
 - c) Beta match
 - d) Hairpin
5. "Plumber's Delight" construction means that all elements are ...
 - a) Made from threaded pipe
 - b) Not insulated from the boom
 - c) At the same RF potential
 - d) Trapped
6. The reflector element is resonant at a frequency that is (higher) (lower) than the resonant frequency of the driven element
7. Yagi antennas include parasitic elements to improve the ...
 - a) Front-to-back ratio
 - b) Forward gain
 - c) Both (a) & (b)
 - d) neither (a) or (b)
8. The Yagi antenna was first described ...
 - a) 1927-28
 - b) 1936
 - c) 1946
 - d) 1962
9. The "2:1 bandwidth" of a Yagi refers to the frequency range over which the antenna maintains a ...
 - a) SWR of 2:1 or less
 - b) Front-to-back ratio of at least 3db
 - c) Forward gain of at least 3db
10. Tapered elements are ...
 - a) Spaced closer together at one end of the antenna
 - b) Covered with insulating tape
 - c) Smaller in diameter at their tips than in their centers
 - d) No longer in general use
11. Increasing the number of elements in a Yagi (increases) (decreases) the antenna pattern beamwidth

WARC members renewing RAC membership

Please ensure that you quote WIN102 when renewing or beginning your RAC membership. The Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club receives a commission from RAC each time a member uses WIN102.

Renew your WARC membership

before

October 27, 1996 and be

guaranteed a chance to win a

HTX 242 mobile 2 metre rig

valued at \$400

drawn at the Fall Flea Market

October 27 1996

Radio Shack HTX-242 Two Meter Mobile Transceiver

by Alexander, VE4APN

I checked out Radio Shacks new HTX-242 2M mobile. The owner's manual is straight forward and includes an easy to follow and handy quick reference card for those who won't RTFM - "read the flipping manual". It's essentially an upgrade on the HTX-212 with 40 memory channels, dual VFO, DTMF, CTCSS, Auto Memory Store (AMS - a cloning feature), extended Rx and Tx and a bag of the latest communications features. The HTX 242 receives from 136.000 to 174.000 MHz making it possible for me to program the weather channel 162.550 on VFO A and the MRS auto patch on VFO B freeing up two more memory channels for use. The default Tx is 144.000 - 148.000 MHz, but transmit frequencies can easily be expanded by external programming. This enables the use of MARS and CAP frequencies. A reminder: you must have a valid MARS and CAP licence to operate on Military Amateur or Civil Air frequencies. Power output is rated at 45 Watts on high and 10 Watts on low. This extra power on low makes a ¼ wave mag-mount pretty effective on the fringes of repeater range. I had No problem reaching VE4WPG from Lockport or Selkirk.

The HTX-242 makes an excellent first mobile radio for new Amateurs. Even old timers whose preferences lie with one the big 4 (Icom, Kenwood, Yaesu, Alinco) will have a hard time showing anything but enthusiasm once putting this exceptional rig to the test. It should be generally available at Radio Shack, company and franchise stores, by the end of August. It retails for \$399.00 plus taxes . . .

If Dr. Seuss was a Tech. Writer

by Chris, VE4SET

*Original from VE7MJ to VAPO@LOCAL
VE7MJ@VE7NSR.#VANC.BC.CAN.NOAM*

If Dr. Seuss were a Technical Writer

Here's an easy game to play.
Here's an easy thing to say.

If a packet hits a pocket on a socket on a port,
And the bus is interrupted as a very last resort.
And the address of the memory makes your floppy disk
abort,
Then the socket packet pocket has an error to report!

If your cursor finds a menu item followed by a dash,
And the double-clicking icon puts your window in the trash,
And your data is corrupted 'cause the index doesn't hash.
Then your situation's hopeless and your system's gonna
crash!

If the label on the cable on the table at your house
Says the network is connected to the button on the mouse,
But your packets want to tunnel on another protocol,
That's repeatedly rejected by the printer down the hall,
And your screen is all distorted by the side affects of Gauss,
So your icons in the windows are so wavy as a souse,
Then you may as well reboot and go out with a bang,
'Cause as sure as I'm a poet, the sucker's gonna hang!

When the copy of your floppy's getting sloppy on the disk,
And the microcode instructions cause unnecessary RISC.
Then you have to flash your memory & you'll want to RAM
your ROM
Quickly turn off the computer and be sure to tell your mom!

Membership Renewal Time

Yes, it membership time again. And this year (like last year) there will be a raffle for anyone who renews or any new member who joins the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club on or before the October 27th Flea Market. The prize this year will be a **Radio Shack 2 Metre Mobile Transceiver Model HTX 242** (*see review this month*)

Membership will be taken at the October 21st meeting and at the Flea Market. Renew your membership now don't delay. For everyone who renews, will lessen VE4HK's chance for the big prize and will of course make you eligible to win just like Dick. Sign up now !!

Industry Canada on the Move

Effective September 30, 1996 Industry Canada will be moving their office from 200-386 Broadway Ave. & 330 Portage Ave. to their new premises

4th Floor - 400 St. Mary Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3C 4K5

Their Telephone numbers are not changing.

Flea Market By Dan, VE4SYG

Just a reminder that the semi annual WARC flea market is going to be on October 27/96 at Waverly Heights Community Club at 1885 Chancellor Drive. Our talk in frequency will be on 147.390 positive offset.

Admission is \$1.00 per person including vendors. Tables are \$5.00 for members of WARC, MRS and WSC. All non members are \$10.00 per table. ALL TABLES ARE ALREADY BOOKED. Thanks everyone for booking early. Set-up time for vendors will be 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Doors will open at 10:00 AM and run until 1:00 PM.

A few of the features this time will be attendance by Industry Canada, a demonstration by VE4WK on spectrum fingerprinting of transmitters as well as representation by various other radio related groups. We will also have a couple of examiners on hand, willing to conduct testing on basic, advanced or code. So if you would like to upgrade or know someone wanting to take one of the tests by all means attend the flea market.

If you need further information as to times and location please contact either of the two writers at the phone number below or on packet. We are not in the Manitoba bluebook, so you can contact us at 1-204-339-3018 or on packet as VE4PLG@VE4KV (Pat) or VE4SYG@VE4KV (Dan).

CallSigns R Us? by Dave, VE4EF

On July 4, 1996 Farrell Hopwood, President of the RAC announced the formation of an ad hoc working group under the auspices of the CARAB (Canadian Amateur Radio Advisory Board) to examine current call sign assignment policies and make recommendations for future changes. The Call Sign Working Group is comprised of four RAC members (Committee Chair Dave Panting VE4EF, Dennis Livesay VE7DK, Bob Kirkpatrick VE9VAR, Leo Daigle VE2LEO) and four Industry Canada representatives.

Since the activation of the working group, the RAC members have done their best to disseminate information about the project to the amateur community and have solicited response from all licensed amateurs. This was done via written announcements posted on the RAC web site and distributed via e-mail, and The Canadian Amateur magazine

as well as packet bulletins and net announcements across the country. Unfortunately, this initial activity took place during the summer months when most amateur radio clubs are in recess and there is a general hiatus in "on air" activity. While there has been considerable response and discussion from the amateur community at large, it was the CSWG's feeling that the original completion date of September 13 did not allow enough time for public comment. Therefore the deadline for the CSWG to submit its report to CARAB was extended to December 1 so that the draft policy which follows could be published in this issue of TCA and allow for further input from amateurs until November 22.

Call signs are a contentious and emotional issue for amateurs as to a large extent they determine "who" and "where" we are on the air. The volunteer RAC committee members have been subjected to some interesting, passionate, and even abusive opinions during their work on this subject. As you read the following draft recommendations please bear in mind that they are the best distillation of the opinion received so far but are not in final form and primarily represent solutions to perceived problems. Please submit any comments you have prior to November 22 to:

e-mail: dpanting@mb.sympatico.ca

subject "CSWG" address

fax: "CSWG" c/o Dave Panting at 204 452-2153

mail: "CSWG" c/o Box 1038, Niverville, MB R0A 1E0

Draft Call Sign Assignment Policy Recommendations

- %o Two letter suffix assignment. Waiting lists for two letter calls are currently in effect in some parts of the country and not others and the administration of waiting list criteria is not consistent.
 - { Recommendation: Open new call sign prefix blocks in the VA to VG range across the country as required to eliminate two letter suffix waiting lists.
- %o Call sign portability/unique call sign prefixes for each province and territory. Canadian amateurs clearly place great value in having unique prefixes attached to each province or territory.
 - { Recommendation: Reinforce the past practice that amateurs who relocate permanently must relinquish their existing calls and acquire a new call in their new geographic area. Amateurs who relocate temporarily must identify "portable VE?" eg. VE4ZF portable VY1.
- %o Assignment of Q code suffixes. In some areas of the country suffixes which may be used as or confused with "Q" codes have been issued.
 - { Recommendation: Call signs with the suffixes "QRA to QTZ" and "QOA to QQZ" should not be issued.
- %o Use of VE0 prefix for ships. Call signs with the VE0 prefix have been assigned to amateurs operating aboard

vessels in international waters. There is no apparent basis for these assignments.

- { Recommendations: Assignment of VE0 prefixes should be discontinued.
- { Amateurs operating aboard vessels should use their own call signs "marine mobile"
- %o Special event prefixes. Special prefixes have been assigned either nation wide or regionally to commemorate significant events and occurrences which may or may not be related to amateur radio. Opinion gathered from Canadian amateurs to this point is virtually unanimous that this practice "has gotten way out of hand".
 - { Recommendation: If additional prefix VA to VG blocks are made available as recommended above, discontinue the practice of assigning national or regional special temporary prefixes
- %o Special event call signs. Complete special call signs have been assigned to amateurs or clubs operating temporary stations at "special events" which may or may not be radio related. These call signs have included four letter suffixes and suffixes with multiple letters.
 - { Recommendation: That the practice of assigning special event call signs continue as long as they conform to standard ITU format, i.e.. Letter Letter Number Letter (Letter) (Letter).
- %o Vanity call signs. This has been interpreted as the practice of allowing amateurs to change call signs to some particular call of their choice. This is currently allowed for by IC as long as the new call is available.
 - { Recommendation: This practice should be allowed to continue, although the final report will likely contain more specific guidelines about the issuance of certain types of calls such as single letter suffixes.
- %o Multiple call signs per amateur. Although there is some feeling in the amateur community that any particular amateur should only hold one call sign there does not seem to be any reason why it should be disallowed. The regulations outline how many stations can be covered by one license, and additional stations require additional licenses. If an amateur wishes to license several stations then each license will carry a different call sign for which the amateur will pay the standard fee.
 - { Recommendation: There should be no arbitrary limit on the number of station licenses (and call signs) any individual amateur can hold.

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Reply-To: rachq@king.igs.net

RADIO AMATEURS OF/DU CANADA

BULLETIN #14

MOVE OF RAC HEADQUARTERS.

Radio Amateurs of/du Canada is re-locating its administrative offices to Ottawa in October 1996.

From close of business on Friday, October 4 through Monday, October 21, the administrative office will be "dormant" while the telephone/facsimile services and computer systems are transferred from the Kingston location to the new Ottawa facilities. The physical move will also be ongoing during that same period.

Please note the new address and phone numbers effective after October 15, 1996:

Radio Amateurs of/du Canada Administrative Office
720 Belfast Road, Suite 217
Ottawa, ON
K1G0Z5

The new telephone (613) 244-4367, after the move only.
The new fax number (613) 244-4369, after the move only.

Blood Donor Drive **By Derek, VE4HAY**

Late last spring I organized a blood donor drive at the Red Cross - Winnipeg Centre for all Amateur Radio Operators. Unfortunately the drive was not very well attended. Well now you'll have a second chance to help out the Red Cross.

Except this time the Red Cross as specifically asked us to donate some out blood. It seems that they are forecasting s shortage of platelets (a component in the blood) and are asking for anyone who can to donate, to do so on October 21, & 22, 1996. The Red Cross - Winnipeg Centre is at 226 Osborne Street North (across from Memorial Park) and is open from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm on both of these days. All you need to do is, eat a healthy meal prior to donating and to provide ID bearing your full name and signature or photo. You must also be free of any cold or virus.

Please remember to sign the registration sheet that will be marked for "Amateur Radio Operators". Should you have any questions please call 982-7400. Lets try to get a better turnout then last time.

Editors Ramblings **BY Derek, VE4HAY**

Now I've done it. I loaded Windows 95 on my computer. Not because I wanted to but because I have to learn it for work purposes. (If I had my way, every computer would be running OS/2, an operating system where the users is in control, not Mr. Gates. Well either OS/2 or UNIX.) As software is available for Windows 95 we made the switch. So

for the sake of my staff I am learning how to use it. For a complete neophyte it is great, mind you so is a MAC for that matter. But for someone who likes to fiddle around at a C:> prompt or be allowed to decide what size window they wanted on the screen, it's a real hair loser. And you know I don't have that much to spare these days.

Anyway along with the new operating system there is of course a new word processor. I have upgraded to Lotus Suite, which comes with WordPro 95. This is the upgrade to AmiPro by Lotus. I would have preferred an OS/2 version, but I guess, that IBM is also bowing to the masses and Mr. Gates. So now I am trying to learn this program. So if you see any great errors on formatting the articles and the graphics, please bear with me on this for a while. The good news is that it has a better speller and a format checker as well. (Everyone knows how I could use that.) There is also a grammar checker (not grandmother checker), but I can not get it to work. So for those of you who wanted to send me articles but were worrying that I could not read your brand of word processor, well there is no longer any problem, as this version read almost any word processor around. I can also read in more graphics types than before. If you want to know about compatible format please call me for info. Articles can be sent to me on pakcet as ve4hay@ve4kv.#wpg.mb.ca.noam or via e-mail as derek@facs.mb.ca, or derek@mbnet.mb.ca or just mail me a diskette. I will even take paper articles if required.

Now for the red-faced error I made the other day. I need to apologise to all on the MRS net the other Sunday while I was net control operator. I had a lot of trouble on what I thought was path loss. A number of people had to relay lost or garbled callsigns of those checking in. I blamed it on QRM at the time. But about a hour after net was over I realised what was wrong. My mag mount antenna was lying on the back seat of my vehicle. This is the result of going through a carwash where I had removed my mag mount antenna earlier in the day. Now I know why the VE4MAN repeater seemed to not have the coverage along the Trans-Canada Highway that it had the previous week. I hope I never do that again.

Anyone else care to fess-up to doing the same thing ever before.

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