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## CQ Magazine Video Presentation Ham Radio Horizons Intro to the Diversity of Amateur Radio for New Operators

Date: **November 18, 1996**  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: Sturgeon Creek Regional Secondary School

### Other Important Dates:

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

WARC: Dec 9 - Meeting

WSC: Nov 9 - Fall Cleanup @ Club House  
Nov 14 - Breakfast @ Norlander  
Courses every Tuesday & Thursday

ARES: Nov 17 - Jungle Bell Run  
Nov 19 - Meeting - Chief Medical Examiner  
Dec 17 - Meeting -

Other: Sunday evenings Burger King on Narin  
?? - Talk to Santa on 2 meters

WARC: Executive for 1996 - 97

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### Words from the President of WARC: by Richard, VE4KAZ

As the leaves are falling, the temperature is dropping and the geese are flying South, so soon will the snow fall again.

Another successful WARC Flea Market has come and gone. I would like to thank Pat VE4PLG and Dan VE4SYG for organizing the Flea Market, and also a big thank you to Ruth VE4XYL and Tom VE4 SE for running the kitchen - especially those great egg salad sandwiches. And a big pat on the back to all those volunteers who helped out at the Flea Market. Without you the Flea Market would not be the big success that it has become. The winner of the WARC membership draw, the Radio Shack HTX 242 2 metre radio, was Allan Wetton VE4QEW. Congratulations Allan. For those WARC members who have not yet renewed, please keep in mind that your membership expired in September. The November Newscaster will be the last one mailed out to you if you have not renewed yet. Please mail us your membership renewal fee or come out to the meeting and see Norm Coull VE4EH, our Membership Chair.

As December is approaching so is Christmas and the Executive is in the planning stages for the WARC Christmas party. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for this years party, please mail them to us at WARC c/o VE4 WSC 598 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg, MB R2M 3L5. We would like to hear from you. Remember, this is your Club and the more the members participate, the better the Club will be and the more fun the Club will have. Hope to see you at our next meeting, November 18, 1996

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

Not much news this month, and some sadness for the club. We are sorry to report the deaths of XYL's of 2 members: Dorcas, wife of Lorne Kristjansson, VE4RLK; and Bessie, wife of Perry Purvis, VE4PB during October.

We have one new member joining us - Al Cormier, VE4WG, of Winnipeg. Al is a long-time Ham who has been inactive since 1976. He is looking for advice on re-starting. Give him a call at 772-2277 if you can help him. Total membership as of October 16/96 is 163.

Don't forget the upcoming Xmas Party in early December! Put your bib on, and join us for a fine feast and friendly chatter (maybe even a song) on Thursday, December 12, at the St. James Civic Centre on Ness Ave. Dinner will be served about 1 p.m.; those bringing hot dishes, please come as close to 1 as you can. A list will be posted at the club so you can sign up for various categories of food that you can supply for the festive table. Last year it was a gourmet's delight - this year should be as good!

Put on your work clothes, and head for the clubrooms on November 9 for the fall clean-up. Colin will be looking for you! Work starts at 9 a.m.

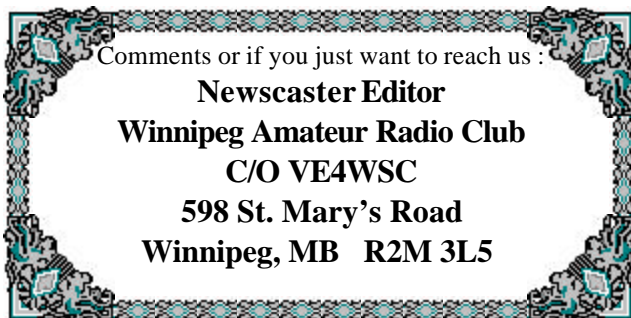
Next Seniors' breakfast will once again be at the Norlander Inn on Pembina Hwy. Date: November 14, and sit-down time is 9 a.m.

'Sparks' is now being put together for a mailing to all members of record. It includes a copy of the VE4WSC Constitution. Committee heads are asked to get in any report they wish included as soon as possible. Mail directly to Gil, VE4AG at 130 Maureen St., WPG. R3K 1M2, or put in the internal mail basket at the club.

### **ARES Committee Report** **by Jeff, VE4MBQ**

Volunteer operators required 0830-1130 hrs Sunday 17NOV96 for Jingle Bell Run at Assiniboine Park in aid of the Arthritis Society, if you are available contact me ASAP.

Fifteen members provided amateur communications all day 28SEPT for The Corporate Rowing Challenge and The Head of the Red Regatta on the Red River. Thanks to VE4s: ACX, ARN, CET, DUG, GWB, HAY, HK, KAZ, MBQ, MMG, MJM, RST, UO, WTS, YU.



Thirteen members provided amateur communications for three hours 27OCT for The Cancer Run For The Cure in aid of the Canadian Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Thanks to Interlake ARC for use of VE4ARC repeater and also to VE4s: AFF, AJG, ARN, CDP, CET, DDW, DJM, GWB, KAZ, MBQ, MJM, SE, WTS.

Thanks to Dave VE4DAR, Dick VE4HK, and Mariska VE4MMG for staffing our table at the WARC Fall Flea Market. Thanks also to Yori VE4ACX for his donation. The winner of the Winnipeg ARES 50/50 draw was Ray VE4HF.

Thirteen members participated in our annual SET (see report). Our NOVEMBER meeting is 19NOV96 1900 hrs at St John Ambulance - Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Peter Markestyn will be telling us about the Medical Examiner's Office role in fatal incidents. The December meeting is 17DEC96.

### **MINUTES for W.A.R.C. -Sep. 9 1996** **Submitted by Roxanne, VE4ZF**

. Meeting called to order by Richard VE4KAZ

It was noted that there was a spelling error in the minutes as published in The Newscaster; ie: "Heard Island" .Moved by John VE4JW and seconded by VE4RST Robert that the minutes of September be accepted as amended. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter of resignation from Jeff VE4MBQ. Due to family and other commitments Jeff has resigned from the WARC board of directors.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Rick VE4OV reported a current balance of \$4165.77: Anticipated increase of income from membership dues and from Flea market profit. Anticipated expenses include the

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pre-paying of annual expenses for printing and mailing The Newscaster.

### STANDING COMMITTEES:

#### ✓ FLEA MARKET:

☞ Dan VE4SYG reminded everyone that the date is Sunday, October 27 at the Waverley Heights Community Club at 1885 Chancellor. Anyone willing and able to help out should contact Dan. Admission is \$1 for everyone. All the tables are rented and Dan is now accepting reservations for the spring flea market. Some of the highlights for the fall flea market will include: examiners present for testing, Wit VE4WK with information on his work with "signatures", information from Industry Canada, flyers from Burghardt's, and food by Ruth VE4XYL.

#### ✓ MEMBERSHIP:

☞ Norm VE4EH showed off the mobile transceiver to "OOOHs" and "AHHHs". This will be the prize for this year's membership draw to be held at the end of the Flea Market. All paid members will be entered in the draw. To date only 85 members have paid their dues for 1996-97.

### NOTICES:

- ☞ MRS membership dues are being accepted tonight by Roy VE4EN. \$20 renewal and \$30 new members.
- ☞ Derek VE4HAY still battling Windows 95 but assured everyone that he will overcome Mr Gates' little

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obstacles. Derek prefers articles for The Newscaster to be formatted in WORDPRO but can now accept more types than before.

- ☞ Ed VE4YU and The DX Sleuths have found the bands to be workable even though they are not very good. Ed reported on the upcoming contest from Nov 2 to 4 and urged all "would be" contesters to participate and give Rob VE4GV some serious competition. There will also be a Special Event contest from Nov 2 to 3 and a contest on 160M from Dec 6 - 8 ("Are you ready, Rick VE4OV?"). In order to give everyone's enthusiasm for contesting a boost, the DX Sleuths are awarding special certificates to those amateurs who work ten of the 20 members of the DX Sleuths. Information will be in the Newscaster.
- ☞ Worked All Winnipeg Award: Dick VE4HK announced those whose efforts had earned them the VHF WAW Award and called them up to receive their certificate: Ian VE4MUD, Linda VE4LIN, Gerry VE4SVB, June VE4ALP, VE4MAR, Rocky VE4RGA, Marissa VE4MMG and Bob VE4RJH.
- ☞ Outstanding Service Concerning Amateur Radio: Dick VE4HK gave a history of the OSCAR award and highlighted several of the winners and their contribution to amateur radio. The OSCAR was then presented to this year's recipient Jim Ross VE4AJR. Jim was speechless but did manage to say a few words of acceptance when the applause finally ended.
- ☞ Vern VE4VQ advised the TV show "Coleman & Co." will be profiling amateur radio in November when the crew visits Frontenac School.
- ☞ Derek VE4HAY reminded all eligible hams of the Blood Donor clinic on Oct 21 and 22 at the Osborne Street main office.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- ✗ License plates for vehicles: The new 'VE4---' plates will cost the usual \$7 plus an extra \$25. Tom VE4SE urged all hams to write to the provincial Ministry expressing their unhappiness over the extra fee to be charged to register a plate that is of use as a public service rather than an "ego plate".
- ✗ Lease extension: Warc/MRS/WSCRC are trying to get an extension on the lease at 598 St. Mary's Road. Ed VE4YU therefore needs WARC to provide both an itemized list of all equipment stored on the premises and a list of any and all persons authorized to have access to the equipment. This information is required by the end of November or the equipment will have to be removed. Dave VE4KU and Dick VE4HK volunteered to be the "custodians". An inventory will be done and a search for the existing inventory list will be made.
- ✗ Radio Interference: Derek VE4HAY spoke on the escalation of the interference going from just the ham bands in to private and commercial. Derek has been keeping Industry Canada informed of all occurrences that he

encounters and wants all hams to do the same thing so that IC will realized that this situation cannot continue and that the amateurs want to see some action taken by IC to resolve the matter. Letters to the Minister responsible for Communication could also be written by hams who are frustrated by occurrences of interference.

Meeting was adjourned by Richard VE4KAZ

ATTENDANCE PRIZE FOR MEMBERS ONLY:  
Shop Vac won by Dan VE4SYG

RAFFLE PRIZE:  
"Contester's Coffee Pack" won by Darcy VE4DDW

Minutes submitted by Roxanne VE4ZF

**The WARC DX SLEUTHS Report for October**  
**by Ed, VE4YU**

**WARC DXS award available to all**

A certificate (QSL card size & numbered) will be awarded to anyone who has 2 way communication with 10 DX Sleuth members from November 1, 1996 onward. Submit log extract & S.A.S.E. (or pick up at a meeting) to Ed, VE4YU.

Current DX Sleuth members are:

- |      |        |                     |
|------|--------|---------------------|
| 9601 | VE4SN  | Adam Romanchuck     |
| 9602 | VE4YU  | Ed Henderson        |
| 9603 | VE4EN  | Roy Maguire         |
| 9604 | VE4TP  | Hill Taylor         |
| 9605 | VE4RBF | Robert Frazer       |
| 9606 | VE4AG  | Gil Frederick       |
| 9607 | VE4RA  | Rick Allan          |
| 9608 | VE4APN | Alexander Parkinson |
| 9609 | VE4YG  | Tom Pokotylo        |
| 9610 | VE4COZ | Irek Kwapich        |
| 9611 | VE4AND | Bert Andrews        |
| 9612 | VE4SVB | Servino Buan        |
| 9613 | VE4GV  | Rob Kaufman         |
| 9614 | VE4HQ  | Tom Blatch          |
| 9615 | VE4ACX | Yori Tsuji          |
| 9616 | VE4YH  | Gary Smith          |
| 9617 | VE4EH  | Norm Coull          |
| 9618 | VE4GR  | Bruce Massey        |
| 9619 | VE4RJH | Robert Hall         |
| 9620 | VE4XI  | Joe Monkhouse       |

**RAC Bulletin #15**

**Reply-To: rachq@king.igs.net**

Because of the large and rapid increase in the number of subscribers to the E-mail version of the RAC Bulletins, Radio Amateurs of/du Canada is now using a list server.

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You can get a list of the commands and the options that this listserver accepts by sending a message with "HELP" in the body of a message to

*listmanager@mail.eton.ca.*

You might want to keep this message for future reference.

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Neil Herber, VE3PUE, (of RAC Reading Room fame) has kindly donated his time to set up and administer the listserver. His employer, Eton Systems <www.eton.ca>, is providing the hardware facilities to run the list.

**WINNIPEG ARES 1996 SIMULATED  
EMERGENCY TEST 12OCT96**

**by Jeff, VE4MBQ EC Winnipeg ARES**

In conjunction with Winnipeg Police Service Supt. Bruce Taylor (VE4ABT) the scenario was : "A collision between two passenger tour boats on the Red River has resulted in many injured people being transported to five city hospitals by ambulance. Two Salvation Army facilities are gearing up for overnight accommodation of non-hospitalised tourists. The Police Co-ordinator in the City of Winnipeg EOC has tasked Winnipeg ARES to provide a supplemental communications net between officials in the EOC and:

- 5 hospitals
- 2 shelters
- Emergency Site Command Post
- Temporary Morgue"

A telephone fan-out and voice alerts on three 2 metre repeaters was initiated. EC and AEC attended City EOC. A closed, directed net was established on our primary repeater (VE4WPG operated by Manitoba Repeater Society) and members available for duty checked-in and were dispatched by Net Control. Each member was required to send and receive formal message traffic on our Tactical Message Form.

The first sentence of each message was:  
"This is a drill".

Additionally, the telephone fan-out and voice alerts were given as Training call-out or Training Alert. We try not to use "EMERGENCY" in our training activities. Also, we advise Supt. Taylor of any exercises where members will be dispatched and sending simulated "disaster" traffic.

The Winnipeg ARES members who participated in the 1996 SET: VE4's AJG, AJR, DAR, HK, KAZ, MBQ, MMG, MUD, PLG, RJH, SE, SYG, WTS.

We are attempting to run realistic exercises to simulate what the City of Winnipeg might call on us to do in an actual disaster or communications emergency.

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**Flea Market  
by Pat, VE4PLG**

The Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club semi annual Flea Market was held on Sunday October 27 1996 at Waverly Heights Community Club.

There were 339 in attendance. Everyone had a great time renewing friendships and enjoying some delicious food prepared by Ruth Mills VE4XYL.

Thanks to all the people who helped out. The following VE4's helped out; FW, AND, GV, SYG, SE, XYL. VE4AJR did the talk-in and got everyone to the Flea Market safely. VE4BAR supplied the P.A. system, thanks Brad! A Special thanks go out to members of the Amateur Radio Association of Winnipeg for coming out to lend a hand.

The following ARAW members helped out; ve4's: JET, MAR, ALP, RGA, JUN, BMX, and SVB. Also thanks to the wives and the daughter of ARAW members for doing an excellent job helping Ruth with the refreshments. These ladies are not amateurs but came out anyway! Thanks ladies. Many thanks to all who attended for making the event a success.

Door prizes were donated and won by the following: A MARM hat and pin from MARM was won by Yori Tsuji VE4ACX, a 1996 DX callbook from Burghardt's Amateur Center was won by Paul Bandlow, a 5/8 2 meter mobile magnetic antenna from Comtelco was won by George Gates VE4GO, a 1/4 wave 2 meter mobile magnetic antenna from Prairie Communications was won by Al Goranson VE4GM, a one year membership from RAC donated by Rick Lord VE4OV was won by Lynn Kullman VE4LIN, an MFJ world clock donated by WARC was won by Gary Smith VE4YH. Thanks to all the people who donated prizes, without them the Flea Market would not be as successful.

Last but not least, I would like to give a big thank you to the two young fellows from Waverly Heights who had the tables all set up for us before 8am.

The Spring Flea Market will be held on April 20, 1997 again at Waverly Heights. See you in the Spring!

**WINNER WINNER WINNER WINNER**

**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.

**By Dick, VE4HK**

Winnipeg Amateur Radio Emergency Service held a 50/50 draw during the WARC Flea Market on Sunday October 27. Participants wrote their name and telephone number on an envelope, inserted a loonie, and dropped it in the "Loonie Bins" provided. Thanks to the generosity of people who took a chance, WARES earned over \$80.00.

At exactly 12:00 noon, Jeff VE4MBQ drew the name of the winner. Congratulations to Ray Eidse VE4HF.

Special thanks to Mariska VE4MMG for her hard work before and during Flea Market. Thanks also to David VE4DAR and Dick VE4HK for their assistance selling tickets. Finally, thanks to Ruth VE4XYL and Tom VE4SE for loaning the jars that were used as Loonie Bins.

**Editors Ramblings**  
**BY Derek, VE4HAY**

Well, once again I am fighting with this operating system and the associated programs that require Windows 95 in order to work. WordPro which is the word processor that I am using (the grown up big brother of AMIpro) has all these great bells and whistles, but is not very user friendly. The install is very smooth, if you choose the standard install.

but I know find out that a lot of the options have not been installed. Items like the grammar checker, and some of the import filters. So now I will have to re-install the whole program, and select the custom install. This will have to happen next month as the deadline came to quickly this month. Anyway, if anyone is interested in see a proper operating system as well as a operating system for the future, or what the next release of Windows 98 will look like, come out to the Muddy Waters Computer Society meeting on Dec 17/96 where OS/2 Warp4 (Merlin) will be demo'ed. you will see an operating system that does not use a keyboard. You just speak and it responds.

"Elroy take Astro for a walk on the space treadmill !"

The newsletter is rather short this month, as I thought I had another week to prepare it. But with a phone call on Tuesday Oct 29, I was informed that it is required for the following Monday. And with plans with the XYL for a weekend in the woods without the little harmonics time was rather short. Another reason is I am out of articles. I have two from Vern, VE4VQ, but I have not had the time to type them this month. And a 43 + page article from Dan, VE4SYG, which is more like a thesis than a newsletter article. Sorry Dan.... send articles to derek@facs.mb.ca or ve4hay@ve4kv.#wpg.mb.ca.noam via packet. 73

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