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Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club

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What is it & How does it affect your signal

Speaker: Rick Lord, VE4OV

Date: **March 10, 1997**
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Sturgeon Creek Regional Secondary School

Other Important Dates:

Articles: Apr 2 - for Apr Newsletter
Apr 30 - May Newsletter

WARC: Apr 14 - Meeting
May 12 - Meeting

WSC: Mar. 13 - Breakfast - Garden City

ARES: Mar 18 - Meeting

Other: June - Marthon - see VE4YF for details
Jun.. 28,29 - Field Day at Falcon Lake
July 11-13 - International HamFest

WARC: Executive for 1996 - 97

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Words from the President of WARC: by Richard, VE4KAZ

W.A.R.C.'S OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON CENSURE/ BLACKBALLING OF ALLEGED "JAMMERS"

Some members have requested that some form of censure or blackballing be taken against individuals who have been accused by other members of "jamming" local repeater operations, and it was decided that the Club does not have the legal authority to do so.

In addition, there are serious legal considerations in this matter which may not be immediately apparent in an atmosphere clouded by the understandably emotional response to this very frustrating situation.

While it is understandably frustrating for those "on the receiving end" of the activity, the Club has no legal authority to act as investigator, judge, and jury in matters which fall exclusively in the area of Industry Canada's Spectrum Management Branch.

To take any action such as "blackballing" a member on the basis of accusations, would place the Club as an entity, and the Executive personally, clearly in a position to be sued.

While the concept of the amateur community being "self-policing" is frequently spoken of, there is in fact, no legal basis to do so. Information relating to alleged cases of jamming has been forwarded to Industry Canada, both in written and verbal form. The degree of their action or inaction is for Industry Canada to decide based on their available personnel, financial resources, and perception of the degree of severity of the offence. Other than making representations that we as a group wish to see this matter resolved, there is very limited influence the Club has in reality.

Regardless of the degree of passionately held conviction that a member or group of members may feel regarding the "guilt" of another member, the Executive is not legally charged with the duty of being an amateur radio quasi-judicial body with powers to impose sanctions on its

members in the manner of a professional association such as the College of Physicians and Surgeons or The Law Society.

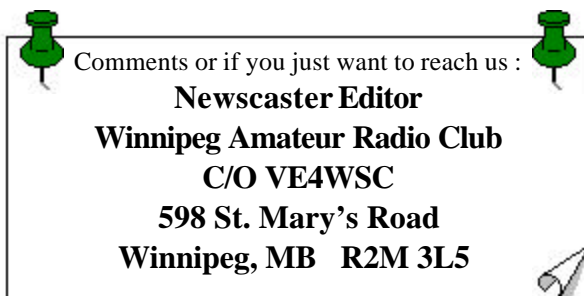
Because of the severity of this issue, the Executive has already engaged the services of legal counsel to report to the membership the Club's legal position regarding our corporation's constitutional right to exclude people from membership and exclude them from W.A.R.C. functions.

Richard Kazuk
President
Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club Inc.

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

Our Board meeting was held on Feb.. 19, with 15 present. Many items were discussed, which form the basis of this monthly report. The RAC Home Page was discussed, in that we have been trying to get the old data (1995 vintage) concerning VE4WSC off this system. Ed, 4YU determined that RAC only has a link to other sites, so is unable to delete this section. Incidentally, if anyone wants to access the VE4WSC section, connect to the RAC Home Page (address in TCA), click 'Resource Centre', then 'Hobbies & Recreation', then 'Amateur Radio' .Item #7 is VE4WSC. During March we should have the 1997 update online.

G.O.T.A. (Guides On The Air) had a big help from our Seniors' Radio Club on the weekend of Feb.. 22/23. Adam, 4SN and Colin, 4JCM, with Tom, 4YG, kept the visiting Guides and their leaders busy with contacts with other group members, through the 10 hours of activity from VE4GGC over these 2 days. The community newspaper 'the Lance', Feb.. 11 edition, ran a short article on our Club, together with a pic of the operating console with Alf, 4ALF at the mike, and Gil, 4AG in the background. Those reading it and discovering that "the club, which is the only amateur radio club in Canada..." should know that the sentence was truncated in editing, and should have continued with "... that is fully equipped and operating five days per week throughout the year..." Regardless, it was nice to see this PR for ham radio, and the seniors in particular. This article also was re-run in 'the Metro' in its Feb.. 25 edition.



We also wish to report that the St. Vital BIZ group has sent out a brief story about VE4WSC in its current newsletter distribution to its membership, comprising 165 businesses in St. Vital. We are sad to report the recent death of Lorne Kristjansson, VE4RLK, on February 4, 1997. Many of our club members attended his memorial service. Lorne's passing was only months after that of his wife, Dorcas. The Club has lost a strong force in many facets of the club's operations.

The monthly breakfast, held at the Garden City Inn, was attended by 26 members. The room is l-a-r-g-e, and can easily handle 50, so, when it is again held there (in April), let's fill the place!

Al Schroeder, 4AMS, is now in a nursing home. He can be reached at 661-1346.

The 'Blue Book's are selling well through the Club. If anyone wants a copy, see the duty officer during office hours, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Cost is \$10 per copy.

A highlight of our Board meeting was a visit by Ann Duncan, the rep for the Canadian Red Cross Society, Winnipeg and Manitoba North/East Regions. (Manitoba West is a separate region, with its own rep). She was accompanied by Tom Mills, 4SE, who is our emergency liaison with the Red Cross. Ann brought us up-to-date on changes in the organization of the Red Cross. There is no longer a Commissioner, but there is one Director in Manitoba in the person of Jackie Wright. Our agreement signed in Feb.. 1995 will have an updating to change the wording to reflect this organizational change. It will be only valid for Winnipeg and the Manitoba N.E. regions. On Feb.. 27, three members of the Club, Ed-4YU, Tom-4SE and Gil-4AG made a visit to the Red Cross HQ offices in the Cargill Bldg., 500- 240 Graham Ave. to ascertain the feasibility of a computer/packet direct link between C.R.C.S. HQ and VE4WSC, to be used in the event of an emergency. Ann mentioned that the bulk of their work in Manitoba is the handling of registrations for those displaced because of forest fires (in the North), and floods (in the South). Tracking 4000 people was their biggest emergency response last year. VE4WSC would have a part in the message handling of such a response. The Red Cross holds a National Net each Sunday, on 14.125, beginning at 1900Z. Join us.

The next breakfast will be held on March 13, 9 a.m., at the Norlander Inn, 1792 Pembina Hwy. in Fort Garry. Come join us for a good, inexpensive breakfast with a lot of socializing, and get your copy of the monthly newsletter by Len, 4LEN.

Our next Board meeting will be held on Wed. March 19 in the morning, followed by the General Meeting at 1 p.m., to

which all members are invited. All material for 'Sparks' should be in the bin for Gil, 4AG a.s.a.p., as we wish to produce the next issue without delay. This includes reports from committee heads, and anything of interest from all members. If you have anything for the Club, or require additional information, phone 233-3122 (a T.A.S. will answer if club is vacant). - de Gil, 4AG

ARES Committee Report
by Jeff, VE4MBQ - Winnipeg EC

'HAM' RADIO OPERATOR'S COURSE
COURSE INSTRUCTOR
Larry R. Burkhardt, VE4LRB
Electronics Engineer

For those interested parties who still wish to take this course, I am pleased to announce that I can now offer a venue and am willing to teach classes of less than 10 students. I would appreciate it if members of WARC who know of anyone who is interested in taking this course would pass on this information and ask interested parties to contact me *PERSONALLY* after 6 p.m. at 487-0500

Twenty-two (22) members participated in providing amateur communications for the Festival du Voyager Sled Dog Races 8&9 FEB.. The start and end of the races were at The Forks with the course being laid out on the ice of the Red River. For some of us each day started at 0730 hrs and at 1000 hrs for others while the operation finished around 1600 hrs both days. All of us had fun (some had lots - generally you are not allowed to snowmobile on the rivers within city limits but race staff had special authorization from the Harbourmaster). One operator experienced a frozen radio which was worn outside of parka. Most operators kept their HTs inside their jackets and did not run into trouble due to the effect of cold on their radio and battery. The Winnipeg ARES participants were: VE4ACX, AJG, AJR, AND, CDP, CET, DAR, GWB, HAY, HK, KAZ, KU, MAB, MBQ, MJM, MMG, PLG, RBL, SE, WTS, YU, and MHZ.

The monthly meeting 18 FEB.. featured a presentation on Net Control and Operating in a Directed Net by Derek VE4HAY. We were also presented with a request from City Waterworks through the City of Winnipeg Emergency Program Office to provide daily ice condition observation/reports of break-up near selected Winnipeg bridges WHEN REQUESTED by City Engineers. This operation may run from five to fifteen days depending on the rate and progress of spring break-up. Generally WARES members participating will be giving their reports to Net Control between 0730-0745 daily once the operation begins using VE4WPG.

A notice of motion was also presented at the FEB. meeting dealing with a bylaws change that will be voted on at the MARCH meeting. Our next meeting is 1900 hrs Tuesday 18 MARCH 97 room GH-304 General Centre HSC 700 William. Guest speakers will be on hand from the Mennonite Central Committee to tell us about their role in disaster mitigation.

ARES traffic vests were ordered and mostly distributed to those who ordered. Additional vests can be ordered for \$25 each. A new order was placed for Winnipeg ARES golf shirts (should be ready by 18MAR) at \$30 each.

Winnipeg ARES welcomes Ted Vidler VE4VID and Brian Ward VE4RBL to the membership! Also Stefan Zueff VE4ZUF has indicated that he will become an active ARES participant once again.

So far Winnipeg ARES has been requested to provide amateur communications for the following spring events:

May 16,17,18 - Team Handball National Championship
May 23,24,25 - Team Handball National Championship
June 1 - Teddy Bear [note date change]
June 22 - St. Malo Triathlon

MINUTES for W.A.R.C. February 10,1997

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Submitted by Norm, VE4EH

Meeting was called to order by Rick, VE4OV at 7:44pm. There were 50 members in attendance. Introductions were made in the usual manner.

Moved by VE4MBQ, Seconded by VE4SE that the minutes of the January meeting be accepted as published in the newscaster - Motion Carried.

☎ Treasurer's report:

Balance \$ 4770.95. Books have been audited by Gary, VE4YH. (report to be published in the newscaster) Gary states that the books appear to be complete & correct, and shows the financial position of WARC as of August 31, 1996. All records appeared to be in order and well maintained.

☎ Flea Market:

VE4PLG reported that there are only 7 tables left.

☎ Program:

VE4ANC reports that he will approach Rick, VE4OV to present his SWR/Antenna briefing.

☎ Marathon:

VE4YF requested volunteers for the marathon

☎ Education:

VE4LRB reported that he has 9 students currently in the basic course.

☎ Field Day:

The DX Sleuths have been requested to run the 1997 Field Day event. The DX Sleuths have accepted the honour with the location being back at Falcon Lake.

☎ International HamFest:

WARC is the co-host this year, and next year they will be the full host. Dick, VE4HK is looking for volunteers to help out with the various activities.

☎ Mall Display:

Ed, VE4YU will chair the mall display in March as long as there is enough interest among the membership. Please contact Ed if you can help out.

☎ ARES:

Manitoba ARES is now looking at Flood Preparations. Please monitor the MRS bi-weekly nets for updates.

☎ License Plates:

Space will be provided between the prefix & the suffix of your callsign, unless you specifically mention that you do not want a space. (i.e.: VE4 HK).

☎ Interference Report:

Rick, VE4OV summarized the executive and interference committee position with regard to the interference experienced by many hams and the public in general. Legal advice will be forthcoming in the near future. - Discussion followed.

☎ Notices:

VE4WSC is in need of shelving for the clubhouse.

Motion to adjourn by VE4VQ

RAC Bulletin # 97-01, 97-02

Reply-To: rachq@king.igs.net

LITTLE LEOS COURT HAM CLUBS

RAC has learned that representatives of large Telcom corporations are approaching amateur radio clubs seeking to explain to their members why commercial Little Leo operations are compatible with amateur radio operations and why and how amateurs could share their bands with proposed Little Leo satellites. Some of the Little Leo players are amateurs who launched the amateur microsat program and are now associated with large powerful telecommunications corporations. Low earth orbit (LEO) satellites would circle the earth providing non-voice data services using the spread spectrum technique.

RAC is absolutely opposed to the loss of our "Amateur Exclusive" frequency allocation for our VHF/UHF 144-148 MHz, 220-225 MHz bands and to sharing our secondary allocations at 440 MHz and above with Little Leo satellites. The reasons are many including mutual interference and the future erosion of our presence on these bands by large, powerful commercial interests. "Sharing" is a "unequal" position for non-commercial, amateur radio hobbyists in future conflict with commercial financial interests. Government stands to gain huge revenue through auctioning additional frequencies off to commercial corporate interests. Amateur Radio options, privileges and freedoms would eventually disappear. A simple land-use analogy is, "commercial developers, with government approval, could exploit park lands leaving little or no space for non-commercial public recreation and experimentation". Two meters is a "bread and butter" band for most amateurs. It is the entry band for 80% of our new amateurs, and is vital to the future growth of amateur radio. It satisfies most of our local communications needs and plays a major role in emergency communications programs with various levels of government and with non-government organizations such as the Red Cross. The 220 MHz and 440 MHz bands are equally important to amateur radio. The eventual loss of our VHF and UHF bands would seriously jeopardize the future of amateur radio. The traditional opportunity for citizens to engage in serious experimental and recreational non-commercial radio communications at VHF/UHF could be lost forever.

RAC believes that the approach of the Little Leo interests may be a "divide and conquer" strategy to lull amateurs into agreement with their rationale for band sharing. Having briefed clubs, they could approach government saying that they have consulted with amateurs across the country who greeted them warmly and "did not disagree with their ideas". Your hospitality and broadminded reception of their speakers could be turned against you. Don't let them do it! They have not approached your national society for obvious reasons!

RAC is participating actively in government committees which are reviewing the Little Leo proposals. RAC is doing everything it can to dissuade government and industry from forcing us to share our bands for what we believe is an ill-conceived program, fraught with problems for amateurs and the public, which has so far failed to identify hard markets and the sources of funding to exploit this multi-billion dollar extravaganza. We believe that Little Leo interests want to first capture the necessary key element - spectrum allocations - without which their projects cannot proceed. Spectrum allocations on a global basis are vital to their plans. Amateur bands are prime targets!

RAC is also working on future political action to enlist the help of our elected representatives at the national, provincial and local levels. We will ask you to help at the appropriate time. In the meantime, support RAC in its defence of these bands on your behalf.

Farrell Hopwood, VE7RD
President - Radio Amateurs of Canada Inc.

For further information contact RAC Headquarters, Ottawa, Ontario Canada TEL: 613-244-4367 FAX: 613-244-4369 E-MAIL: rachq@rac.ca Look for updates on the RAC Home Page - www.rac.ca

INDUSTRY CANADA SHELVES DELEGATION PROJECT

February 18th was truly Black Tuesday for the joint RAC - Industry Canada Amateur Delegation Working Group (ADWG) when senior Industry Canada officials abruptly shelved the program for the delegation of the administration of the Amateur Radio Service on the eve of final approval of the project. In a letter to RAC President Farrell Hopwood, VE7RD, Mr. Jan Skora, Director General Radio communications and Broadcasting Regulatory Branch, advised that the Department had decided not to commit to long term funding of the Delegation Project at present, saying that the risk associated with making a long term commitment was currently deemed too great. Mr. Skora added that a decision on the options for the long term funding is scheduled to be rendered only later this year. In this context RAC understands that "a decision on options for long term funding" means approval of a mechanism which would permit retention of a portion of collected licence fees by the service company, ARAS-SARA, enabling it to be completely self-supporting in the second phase of the program, which would be full service operations a year after start-up. Contrary to its previous position, Industry Canada apparently has decided that until it has that decision, it is now unwilling to provide support in next fiscal year for the first phase of the project, which is the start-up and test of the new service concept. Therefore, until Industry Canada takes its decision there is little more that RAC can do. RAC and ARAS-SARA were ready to begin the program. RAC will

continue to monitor the situation and will consider opportunities to cooperate with the Department in this regard.

The Delegation Project was initiated by Industry Canada at the first Canadian Amateur Radio Advisory Board meeting in September, 1993. RAC was asked to participate in the project, and the joint RAC - Industry Canada ADWG was formed in early December that year. Since then, the ADWG has proven the feasibility of Delegation, developed and costed a concept to implement it, and developed the tools that would be necessary for effective administration of the Amateur Radio Service by a service company. Radio amateurs have been kept informed of the ADWG's activities and progress. Said RAC Vice-President, Government Affairs and Co-Chairman of the ADWG, Jim Dean, VE3IQ, "The plan and virtually all the work that the ADWG could do were completed in September, 1996. The ball was clearly in Industry Canada's court to finalize the funding and secure Government approval. Industry Canada members of the ADWG indicated that the approval process was in place and proceeding satisfactorily. This eleventh hour decision very significantly jeopardizes the project."

RAC very much regrets the Department's decision. The Delegation Project has the potential to significantly improve the provision of various examination, licensing and call sign selection services to Canadian radio amateurs, as well as to benefit Industry Canada. RAC moved its headquarters to Ottawa and committed funds to the project development in anticipation of the project's approval. Given the circumstances of the Officials' decision, RAC had no alternative but to minimize its financial risk by withdrawing from active participation in the project until the Department sorts out its priority and funding approval.

A full report will be included in an upcoming issue of The Canadian Amateur

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Little LEO comments to FCC needed by March 4

de George Lyle, N7TNJ

forwarded by Brian, VE4RBL

As most of us know, the Little LEO organization wants to take the Amateur 2m, 1.25m and 70cm bands for their own use. Yes! now they want 222 MHz too!

The deadline for comments to the FCC is March 4. The procedure for submitting comments seems to have been made particularly cumbersome, probably in the hope of reducing the number of opposing comments received from the Amateur community.

The ARRL has streamlined this process. See the article at the following URL:
<http://www.arrl.org/announce/2m70cm.html#ltr970214>

Remember, get your e-mail comments to the FCC by March 4, as this is the deadline for planning input for the FCC's submissions to WRC-97. If the FCC chooses to support the Little LEO's proposal, we might be left with a lot of useless VHF and UHF equipment!

Field Day

By Derek, VE4HAY

Back by popular demand, and the fact that there was good propagation, Field Day will once again be held at the Falcon Lake Resort Hotel. The DX Sleuth's will be hosting/co-ordinating all the functions (see Ed, VE4YU's article).

I have called the hotel and tentatively placed on the rooms on hold for our event. They will only hold the rooms until March 25th as this is the start of the prime season. Once again they are offering us a super deal on rates for the rooms. (over 50% off);

Basic Hotel \$45.00 per night,

Executive \$55.00 per night,

Hot-tub (couple only) \$55.00 per night.

To book a room please call Derek, VE4HAY at 257-1420 evenings only. Preference will go to those hams who will book for both the Friday & Saturday nights. (that way you can help with the set-up of the antennas etc...) The hotel prefers to have two night stays at this rate. Please see the enclosed brochure on the resort.

Ask anyone who was there two years ago. it was the best Field Day experience by all those who attended. With the bands finally opening up, this year should be even better.

The WARC DX SLEUTHS Report

by Ed, VE4YU

Well another month has flown by and, in general, the HF bands have not been great. However, Sleuth members continue to pick off some good DX by using their experience, DX savvy and expertise. Bruce, VE4GR, added to his DXCC totals by working 9U(Burundi) and Adam, VE4SN, and Ed, VE4YU, snagged CE0(Easter Island).

In the ARRL DX CW contest, among stations worked were: 6W, 9G,FO, GJ, PY0F and ZD8. Ed, VE4YU, worked DX on 5 bands (160M-15M) including 8 countries on 80M and 12 on 15M even though band conditions were terrible.

My observation on the ARRL DX contests that lump the USA and Canada together for multipliers (48 for USA and 10 for Canada) is this: I think it is time for Canada to be considered as DX not part of the USA. Being considered part of the USA means we have to compete with USA stations to work the DX. If you tuned in on the ARRLDXCW test Feb 15-16 and wanted to work the Caribbean, for instance, you beamed SE and got 40db over S9 QRM from thousands of USA stations who insist on covering the whole band calling CQDX. Try and find those weak DX stations in that! Does anyone agree with me on this point?

Look for a rare DX-Pedition starting April 30, 1997. BS7H will activate Huang Yan Dao or Scarborough Reef. Does anyone know the exact location of this one?

The Patriot DX Assoc. is having a DXpedition to Layang Layang in the Spratley Islands. in mid March. They will be using the callsigns 9MTCR, 9MTPR. They will also operate from Sitadan along the way. The Spratley is another rare country to get. So be on the look out for it.

The first annual Ontario QSO party will take place April 26-27, 1997. See Ed for details or check the RAC homepage on the Internet for full information.

March events:

BARTG(RTTY) March 15-16

CQWW WPX March 29-30

Don't forget to scan the upper bands around sunset and sunrise for some good DX catches. Bye for now and good hunting!

New Harmonics

Rumour has it, that both VE4KLM & VE4BAR are now experiencing little harmonics in their shack. Congrats go out to both of you. Maybe someday we will hear you on the air again. hi hi

Software To The Rescue

by Larry, VE4CPU

Being in the market for a new handheld radio I decided the best way to determine which unit to buy was to talk to the amateur community to get a feeling of what features I should look for in a new unit. After talking to several handheld owners my findings were quite unexpected.

While everyone agreed that a radio's features were important, for a growing population of amateurs the decision to buy a handheld radio had more to do with ease of programming and using the radio. With all the new features bundled into today's miniaturized amateur handhelds they are becoming increasingly difficult to program.

After checking out the market for an 'easy to program', feature rich HT, I decided to go for one of the new Yaesu HT rigs and optional Windows (tm) programming software. The programming software and cable requires a computer with Windows (tm) 3.1, or higher, a 3.5" floppy disk, and a 9 pin serial port.

I was really impressed when I found that I was able to program the radio using the software before knowing how to program it from the keypad. Once the radio was programmed, I was able to save the configuration to disk allowing me to reload the configuration back into the radio at any time.

If you have ever been reluctant to buy a new amateur handheld transceiver because of the complexity of programming, or your inability to see the small icons on the radio's display, take a good look at the new line of software programmable radios like Yaesu. If you have access to a computer capable of running Windows (tm) it sure takes the sting out of remembering cryptic keypad sequences and the video display reduces eye strain.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDENS HAMFEST JULY 11-13, 1997

By Dick, VE4HK

Have you made your plans for the 1997 Hamfest yet? I know that I have!! I will be in the International Peace Gardens Friday afternoon, July 11, for a wonderful weekend of fun, frolic and frivolity.

The International Peace Gardens Hamfest is one of the top three summer events on the local amateur radio calendar. Pat VE4PLG has already arranged for perfect weather that weekend. It will be temperatures in the high 20's Celsius in the daytime and the mid teens at night, with light winds and NO RAIN!

Bring your favourite tent and sleeping bag, or your \$100,000 motor home. There will be lots of room in the "Field of Dreams" for both.

Burghardts will have their usual mega display in the Pavilion. This is the best opportunity of the year to ogle, and purchase, that dream rig from your favourite ham magazine. You can phone Burghardts beforehand, to pre order your choice of radio equipment, and pick it up at the Hamfest. Saves no end of hassle with Customs, and you don't pay South Dakota sales tax. There will also be tons of goodies at the various flea markets in the field of dreams.

The Hamfest has something for everyone, including contests, such as Rabbit Hunts, Mobile Judging, Kids and Ladies Scavenger Hunts, and a brand new Olympic calibre contest. Better start practicing right away for the Olympic calibre contest!! There will be lots of time to simply sit back and enjoy a tall, cool one, around a crackling campfire, with friends, and to check out the junque.

Pat VE4PLG and I have been diligently scrounging excellent prizes for all the contests and the random prize draws. The Organizing Committee will be trying a new, expedited format for the Closing Ceremonies, on Sunday morning. We feel that will get everything done much more efficiently and quickly.

Remember to register as soon as you arrive at the Hamfest. The fee is only \$13.00, and entitles you to enter all the contests, to vote for Ham of the Year, to attend the Saturday evening dance, to fill up your tummy at the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday morning, and to win prizes during the closing ceremonies. It is not necessary to be there on Sunday to win. Any prizes will be delivered right to your door.

There is a rumor that the Masked Cowbeller will come out of retirement for a surprise visit late Saturday night!

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From: Fabrizio Sartoni <vmi@vmi.it>

*extracted from the Newgroups: rec.radio.amateur.dx,
rec.radio.amateur.misc*

At last the DXTelnet software pack is available and ready to run. If you use any telnet application to connect to DXClusters directly via the Internet, please read what follows: you'll find something interesting for you.

You can download DXTelnet from:
http://www.funet.fi/pub/ham/hf-work/
file name: DXT10ENG.ZIP, size about 640K

DXTelnet is a DXer oriented, Windows based Telnet application which finally fixes problems found in traditional telnet applications and adds unique features to help Power DXers.

DXTelnet Features

- 🔔 Alerts: DXTelnet can be linked to DXHUNTER 5.2, to get alerts on spots coming via the Internet
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- 🔔 Customizable Colours: set the colours you want on any window
- 🔔 Customizable Windows Size: hide/show/size the windows as you want
- 🔔 Easy Text Send: no longer problems with the BACKSPACE key!!!
- 🔔 Keep Alive: this function fights idle timeouts
- 🔔 Links To Other Applications: to DXHUNTER or to any other program via DDE
- 🔔 Macros: up to ten strings can be set immediately with Alt+0-Alt+9 keys
- 🔔 Multiconnection: this program was born to operate in multisession: ALL the spots, from ALL the sessions, are displayed in EACH DX window, without duplications.
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- 🔔 Paste TX: send large bulletins in one shot
- 🔔 Sounds And Voice Spell: even on the PC Speaker!
- 🔔 Split Screen: TX RX DX TALK ANN are collected in 5 different windows
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- 🔔 Spot Multiformat Support: both Pavillion and Clusse spot, talk, ann formats are supported
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- 🔔 Talk Management: review talks in their window or have the talks remarked when operating in multisession or in background
- 🔔 Text Capture: archive entire sessions or received text portions on files

- 🔔 Text Search: search for text on any window
- 🔔 Window Scroll Back: no longer messy results when scrolling any window back

You'll also find DXHUNTER (5.2) which can be linked to DXTelnet, to get alerts on needed spots. The name of the file is DXH52ENG.ZIP, size about 1M

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Radio BBS address: IK4VYX@I4UJB.IMR.ITA.EU
DXCluster: AC4ET (ex NO4J) between 9 and 17 UTC

Upcoming events

April

- 14 144 MHz Spring Sprint
- 22 222 MHz Spring Sprint
- 30 430 MHz Spring Sprint

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