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Will a repeater squelch if you step on its tail?

What a repeater is, what one looks like and how it works.

By Larry Burkhardt, VE4LRB

Date: October 19th, 1998

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Sturgeon Creek Regional Secondary School

Other Important Dates:

Articles: All summer long to submit articles

WARC: October 19 - Meeting
October 25 - Flea Market
November 9 0 Meeting
December 14 - Meeting

WSC: September - Amateur classes starting

ARES: October 10 - Training session - Head of the Red

Other: May 29, 1999 - WARC HamFest & Flea market

WARC: Executive for 1998-99			
Past President	Norm Coull	VE4EH	885-1692
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RADIOGRAM FROM THE PRESIDENT: by Larry, VE4LRB

Once again, we find ourselves at that time of year when our thoughts and efforts become frantic in a 'no holds barred' rush to finish those antenna projects we promised ourselves we'd complete while the weather was nice. Congrats to those of you who got the job done! My sympathy to the rest of you.

One of the most important things as a club we can do is instill in existing members the critical importance of welcoming the new license holders to the 'amateur community'. Most of the new licensees coming into amateur radio each year are Basic Class holders and they need the help of the established club members.

Speaking for myself, I remember when I first wanted to learn what was needed to pass the exam to become a licensed amateur. I was eleven years old. I also remember, with gratitude, the two 'hams' who took me under their wing and taught me electronic theory and CW. Their contributions were incalculable and their generosity of spirit, help and encouragement saw me a licensed amateur operator at the age of 12. By the time my first license arrived by post, the course of my life and what would eventually become my profession was set.

I'd like to ask our established members to think back to those early days when you first became interested in becoming an amateur radio operator; when you first started to learn what you needed to know to pass your exam. Were you helped by somebody; perhaps an established 'ham'? If so, remember how grateful you felt for the assistance you received? For the joy you felt when you passed your exam and received your first license? How about helping a newly licensed 'ham' find the same joy in amateur radio that you have found. Share the wealth my friends. Share the wealth.

Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club

Edited by Gil Frederick, VE4AG, & Paul, VE4OPC.

Last month members of the Seniors' Club received the "Sparks" newsletter - so no WSCRC news appeared in these pages.

On Wednesday, Sept.. 9, members Ed, 4YU; Mike, 4AES; Paul, 4OPC; Dick, 4RHG; and Bert, 4AND, supplied radio communications for the Seniors' 'Boni Vital Singalong' at St. Vital Park. The Annual Picnic was held at the St. Vital Park on Thursday, Sept.. 10, with 78 in attendance. The weather was perfect, the food copious and delicious, the music by Ed, 4YU was easy on the ears. Roy, 4ROY had his station set up and operating, the Bingo was ably handled by Tom, 4TSM, with many prizes given out. This year there were door prizes; and President Paul gave out two deserving awards, with cash-value prizes, to Bert, 4AND and Bob, 4RJH.

Christmas party tickets were available - and 36 were sold. Those wishing to obtain them can do so from any Duty Officer at the club, or from Secretary Ed, 4YU. Price is \$15.00 each or \$25.00 for a couple. Paul, 4OPC asks that you buy yours a.s.a.p. Date is December 10th. Place is the East St. Paul Legion. This event is a fully-catered affair.

It was a good PR day for Amateur Radio when the article in the Winnipeg Free Press concerning the awarding of the title "Ham of the Year" was published Sept.. 8th. This honour was given to Adam, 4SN (whose picture was also included).

Len, 4LEN reports that the monthly breakfasts continue to be well-attended: July 17th (Garden City Inn) saw 17 in attendance, Aug. 13 (Norlander) saw 23. The next breakfast date is October 8, at the Norlander Inn, beginning at 9 a.m. Members are encouraged to attend, and reminded that one attending is eligible to win his/her breakfast FREE in a draw which is held at each breakfast. Winners so far have been Keith, 4MKM and Abe, 4ZI.

The Club has purchased the new RAC training manuals for the Basic A.R. classes at the club.

We are very sad to report that we lost a very valuable member of the Board, in the person of Arch Tingley, 4AAI, on July 18. In August, Perry Purvis, 4PB became a Silent Key. These two members were Wednesday Duty Officers. Also becoming a S.K. was member Larry Heeney, 4FLH. With three other members requesting deletion of their names



from the club roster, and two moving away - our membership currently stands at 169. Members were also saddened to learn of the death of the brother of Jim, 4AJR.

The Board has voted to rescind its membership status in CFARS, citing the high cost of equipment repairs and antenna costs to be able to achieve operation in the out-of-ham band frequencies.

At the Board meeting, Paul, 4OPC, informed all that we, officially, now have full use of the entire top floor of the fire hall premises. Paul took us on a tour. Members are asked to consider to what use the additional rooms can be put. We even have another kitchen facility, and 2 additional washrooms.

World Amateur Day was Sept., 19 - and a special broadcast was made from South Africa on 15.205 MHz at 2100Z concerning the history of Amateur Radio in the world. Gil recorded most of it - did anyone else make a full recording of this broadcast?

On the T/C Net on Sunday, Pierre, VE4LO, announced that in their local newspaper, it was mentioned that the new Digital AM/FM broadcasting service would be inaugurated in November/98, and the CRTC is now issuing licenses for this new service. The band to be used is called the "L-Band", 1452-1492 MHz. Stations in BC have transmitters ready to go on-air, and the special digital receivers will be on sale in December of this year.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 21, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

This concludes our report for this month. 73 de Gil, VE4AG.

MINUTES for W.A.R.C. September 14, 1998 **Submitted by Ruth, VE4XYL**

The first meeting after the summer was held at the regular meeting place, Sturgeon Creek School. 67 members attended.

Norm VE4EH thanked the executive and the membership for their support during his time as president. Thanks to Dave wood, Lee Smith and retiring officer Rick Lord. The chair was turned over to President Larry Burkhardt, VE4LRB.

Larry introduced the present executive to the membership with a special welcome to a new person on the executive, Garth Foster VE4GDF who will be the membership chairman.. Vern Dutton VE4VQ, who is no stranger to WARC, will be our goodwill person and QSL manager for the club.

Minutes: Moved be Dave Rosner VE4DAR and seconded by Rolf Bandlow VE4VZ that the minutes be accepted as printed in the newscaster. Carried.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurers Report. As of the end August the bank balance was \$1828.23

Program: Larry VE4LRB reported on some of the programs planned for the year with next month showing the workings of a commercial repeater.

WARES. Jeff VE4MBQ gave a brief report on the Corporate Rowing Challenge held Sat Sept..12th, the Parkinson Superwalk that was held on Sun. Sept..13th. Canwarn Operation: This has been scaled back due to the close of the severe summer storm season. Thanks and appreciation was extended to the controllers and the WARES members who were on call through the summer. A winter program is currently under consideration.

A reminder about the Terry Fox Run on Sun. Sept. 20th and the Red Regatta on Sat. Oct 10th. and about WARES general meeting Tues. Sept..15th. Jeff also reported that on Thursday Oct 1st the Interlake ARES will be hosting a Canwarn meeting. Anyone interested in going get hold of Paul VE4AEY.

RAC. Rick Lord VE4OV reported that RAC president Happy Hopwood has announced his resignation effective Dec. 31st 1998. The president elect, effective Jan.1st 1999, will be Pat Doherty VE3PD. Rick Lord has been re elected by acclamation and will continue to be our representative at RAC. Industry Canada's probable long range plan will be to discontinue the licensing fees and bring in a user fee. Industry Canada will have updated information available on their web site.

DX Sleuths. No report

Marathon. VE4RY Ralph extended a hearty thank you to all who participated in helping the event run smoothly. Also the marathon ofc. has wind suits for sale for \$50.00 a pair. Those interested call the office at 925 5751.

MRS No Report.

Flea Market to be held on Sunday, Oct 25th, 10 am at the Heritage Victoria Community Club 950 Sturgeon Rd. This is just North of Ness Ave. Anyone interested in booking Flea Market tables contact VE4KAZ Richard at

895 4778. Lunch and coffee will be available at a minimal cost.

Ham Fest 1999. Ed VE4YU announced it is to be held May29th 1999 at the International Inn. Beginning on Friday May 28th a hospitality suite with an HF station will be set up for operation along with the social time. On the 29th the flea market will be from 09:00 to 12:00 hrs. Forums with amateur radio and 2 seminars will be running simultaneously. A MRS meeting will be held after the forums. The evening banquet starts at 18:30 hrs. and the MC will be Adam Romanchuk VE4SN.

Costs. Flea market only \$3.00

General admission (flea market and forums) \$5.00

Banquet \$25.00

Flea market table rental, private \$5.00

commercial \$10.00

A lot of help and donations of prizes are needed to make this a successful event. Contact people are Ed VE4YU, Adam VE4SN, Michael VE4MJM.

New Business. The coffee urn is missing. If not found we may need to purchase a new one.

Vern VE4VQ has been working with students at the Marion school and has available to those interested a box of interesting crystal sets.

Derek Hay VE4HAY questioned if any thought has been given to promote the World of Amateur Radio. Response from VE4LRB, Field Day will be held at Little Mt. Park, Christmas in Wpg to promote Wpg. work all RAC award Suggestions from the floor, to perhaps hold an open house where by those interested bring in their equipment and open it to the general public. Similar set ups have been done at the St. Vital Mall which generated a good response.

Larry VE4LRB needs your help to help the executive with names you feel qualify for the Oscar Award, Keyman Award and the Pioneer Award. Also please submit or bring up any suggestions or direction which you would like to see the club go. Your executive will try their best to work on your behalf to make this a good year.

The meeting adjourned at 20:30 hrs.

LATE BREAKING NEWS: Tom VE4SE was informed that the elusive coffee pot was discovered. Lorne VE4LA, a teacher at Sturgeon Creek School found it in the cafeteria storage room. There will be coffee next meeting.

ARES Committee Report

AMATEUR RADIO for BEGINNERS

Instructor: Larry R. Burkhardt

Electronics Engineer

The current course is already running but, I am now taking names for the next course.

If you who know of anybody (XYL, YL, OM or just a friend) who is interested in taking this course, Please pass on this information and have interested parties contact me personally at 487-0509 after 6 p.m.

by Jeff, VE4MBQ - Winnipeg EC

Our September meeting featured Dave Place VE4PN who gave us an excellent presentation on International Amateur Disaster Assistance. We even had some visitors - the 1st Sun Valley Venturers (VE4SVV) sent 4 or 5 reps, and Gary VE3GKG.

The 1998-99 WARES Executive was elected by acclamation:

President -----	Richard Kazuk	VE4KAZ
Vice President -----	Tom Mills	VE4SE
Secretary -----	Keri Kazuk	VE4KER
Treasurer -----	Jim Ross	VE4AJR
Fundraising Chair -----	Robert Stegmaier	VE4RST

WARES provided volunteer amateur communications Saturday 12SEP98 for the Corporate Rowing Challenge at the Winnipeg Rowing Club. Thanks to Prairie Communications for use of VE4PMC and thanks to our 14 volunteers:

VE4 ACX, AND, CDP, DAR, DL, HAY, HK, KAZ, KLM, MBQ, MMG, WF, WTS, VID

WARES provided volunteer amateur communications Sunday 13SEP98 for the Parkinson Superwalk at Assiniboine Park. Thanks to Yori VE4ACX for use of the VE4TWO portable repeater and to Richard VE4KAZ for use of his pop-up tower. Thanks also to our 12 volunteer operators:

VE4 ACX, AND, CDP, HK, KAZ, MBQ, MJM, MMG, RST, WF, DAR, VE3GKG

WARES provided volunteer amateur communications Sunday 20SEP98 for the Terry Fox Run (Assiniboine Park, Harborview, Kildonan Park, Terry Fox Office, Terry Fox Director mobile). Thanks to the 15 volunteer operators who braved the wind and rain:

VE4 AND, DAR, HK, KAZ, KER, KU, MMG, PLG, RJH, RST, SE, SYG, WTS, XV, XYL

We will be providing volunteer amateur communications Saturday 10OCT98 for the Head of the Red Regatta. Briefing Tuesday 06OCT98 1900h at Winnipeg Rowing Club 20 Lyndale Drive. If interested in volunteering please contact Richard VE4KAZ.

The next monthly WARES meeting is Tuesday 20OCT98 at 1930h Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street. Guest speaker is MAJ Brian Flynn who will speak on DND Domestic Operations (e.g. Flood 97, Ice Storm 98

RAC Bulletins

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RAC Bulletin 98-79E

Swiss Air - Amateurs Respond

Within approximately 2 hours after the Swiss Air crash, the Emergency Measures Coordinator, for Halifax Regional Municipality Barry Manuel initiated a call-out to members of the HRM - EMO Amateur Radio Group. The call was initiated through Dave George (VE1AJP) who is the contact for EMO and RAC ARES Coordinator for the Halifax area. The Director of the Nova Scotia Region, Canadian Red Cross, John Byrne activated the Disaster Response Team (DRT) including the Telecoms Officer (VE1CH) and directed us to report to the site and join the ERV at that location.

Amateurs were dispatched to the Command bus at Peggy's Cove and were asked to establish telecommunications between the site and a net control station downtown. Amateurs were also sent to CFS Shearwater and to several other staging areas which were subsequently moved or closed down as more accurate information filtered in. Our emergency ID cards and vehicle identification cards were IMPERATIVE to gain access to both the outer and inner perimeter.

As Telecommunications Officer for the Canadian Red Cross, VE1CH called in members of the Senior Amateur Radio Association to activate the communications centre at the Canadian Red Cross Headquarters in downtown Halifax and also set up telecommunications links (amateur and other) between the on site Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) of the Red Cross, the Command Post, Red Cross HQ and the net control station.

Amateurs at the Command Post were kept very busy interfacing between the on-site commander, the military and just about everyone else who the site commander needed to talk to. Approximately 20 amateurs made themselves available and a shift roster was set up for twenty-four hour operation by the network control station. Two repeaters were used in the operation, one for traffic handling, the other for personnel coordination and assignment.

Amateur operators were also asked to provide emergency HF links to the military and naval ships engaged in the search and were also asked to establish communications on marine emergency frequency of 156.8 MHz.

The response was both fast and efficient considering the hour and the number of people needed. The entire operation was moved from the Blanford area near Hubbards, to Peggy's Cove when the exact position of the debris field became known.

The extensive training provided to members of the HRM-EMO team over the past year really paid off. Radio procedures were excellent and I heard MANY reports from senior officials at the site how well the amateurs performed.

(From a report by Joe MacPherson, VE1CH)

RAC Bulletin 98-80E**Elections for Director**

On Tuesday September 2, 1998, the RAC Committee of Tellers formed by VE3BNO, VA3FZA, and VE3REL met at RAC HQ under the supervision of 1st Vice-President, VE3XK, and reports the following:

Atlantic Region: Mr. William Gillis, VE1WG, re-elected by acclamation.

Mid-West Region: Mr. Richard Lord, VE4OV, re-elected by acclamation.

Pacific Region: Mr. Denis Livesey, VE7DK, re-elected by acclamation.

RAC Bulletin 98-82E**CARAB meeting encouraging**

Radio Amateurs of Canada met with Industry Canada officials at a meeting of the Canadian Amateur Radio Advisory Board on September 11th, and discussed several issues of concern to Canadian Amateurs.

Prominent among the matters on the table was a proposal for the streamlining of the Authorization process by Industry Canada in which the Department would drop the requirement of a station licence, and eliminate the annual renewal fee of \$24.

RAC raised a number of concerns related to the maintenance of a database of addresses of amateurs, the portability of callsigns and the ability and willingness of the department to monitor and enforce the application of the Radio Regulations.

RAC representatives were encouraged by the positive response received from IC officials and it is their sincere expectation that many of the concerns expressed by amateurs are being taken seriously and hopefully will be addressed in a manner which will be mutually satisfactory.

RAC Bulletin 98-83E**New RAC Operating Manual**

RAC is proud to present the new 200 page RAC Operating Manual. Edited by Doug Leach, VE3XK, this is a complete survival guide with sections covering all aspects of Amateur Radio operation in Canada:

The Amateur Radio Service – the national and international perspective

Licensing – the Canadian structure and how it works

Privileges and Restrictions – what you can and can't do

Operating the Amateur Radio Station – procedures and hints

Amateur Radio Station Equipment – what you need to know

Specialized Communications – the digital modes, television, satellites

Propagation – what to expect on the HF, VHF, and UHF bands

For more information, visit the RAC website at: www.rac.ca

PAN-AM GAMES AMATEUR RADIO ORGANIZING GROUP - "PANAROG"

By Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ

Although Pan-Am Telecommunications told us last year that amateur communications would not be required for the 1999 Pan Am Games the situation has CHANGED.

PANAROG members met 21SEP98 with the leadership from the Pan Am Transportation Committee. The Transportation Committee feels that there might not be enough commercial gear to go around and that amateur radio operators running amateur equipment would be able to help the efficiency and success of the transportation aspect of the Games.

The Games themselves run for two weeks (late July to early August) but the transportation operation will run for ONE MONTH from mid July to mid August. Amateur Radio volunteers are required to commit to providing 42 hours of volunteer service (e.g. four 10 hour shifts, six 7 hour shifts). We must know by 31OCT98 how many amateur operators are interested and available. We will be operating as a group effort but we need to know how many operators we have before we can commit the amateur community to a particular task or tasks. Please register with a PANAROG member by 31OCT98 and indicate whether you are volunteering as a:

Amateur Radio Operator or Amateur Radio Operator/Driver

The PANAROG members are:

MRS	Tim Rafferty	VE4THR
WARC	Norm Coull	VE4EH
WSCRC	Bob Hall	VE4RJH
UMARS	Remi Godin	VE4GOD
ARES	Jeff Dovyak	VE4MBQ

FALL FLEA MARKET

by Richard Kazuk VE4 KAZ

WARC's 1998 Fall Flea Market is fast approaching. Mark your calendar and book your table. The Fall Flea Market is on Sunday, October 25, 1998 at the Heritage

Victoria Community Club, 950 Sturgeon Road. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Entrance fee is \$1.00 per person. Tables are \$10.00 each and must be paid for in advance of the Flea Market. First paid, first served. To book your table call Richard Kazuk VE4 KAZ at 895-4778. Don't wait - tables are going fast!

Volunteers are required for the set-up and take down of tables at the Fall Flea Market, as well as volunteers for door duty. If you are able to volunteer some of your time please call Richard VE4 KAZ at 895-4778.

Canadian Hams on Internet **By Dino, VE2DM.**

Looking for an e-mail address of a fellow ham. Why not try "Canadian Hams on Internet" This database contains over 5000 Canadian radio amateurs who have registered since 1995. Just point your browser to: <http://www.ve2dm.cam.org/>

If you wish to register or to check out your entry, then click on the ADD/CHANGE YOUR ENTRY selection. This is the easiest and fastest way of getting your information correctly entered into the database.

In the past year, CAM Internet (<http://www.cam.org/>) of Montreal has been sponsoring the web site where CANHAMS resides (www.ve2dm.cam.org) as a public service to the Canadian amateur community. Thanks to them, I'm able to continue offering this service to the amateur radio community.

A number of hams have asked for the database file in the past. Let me state that the list is not distributed to protect the information it contains and to try to prevent emailing spamming.

Upcoming Radio Events

November

- 7-9 ARRL November Sweepstakes, CW
- 21-23 ARRL November Sweepstakes, phone

Hints & Kinks **by Ralph, VE4RY**

You can confirm the frequency accuracy of your HF transceiver by tuning in on a local broadcast band AM radio station playing music.

First, set your readout to exactly the station's designated frequency, such as 580.0 for CKY. Then switch to USB and LSB. The pitch, or key of the song should not change, only the tone quality.

If both USB and LSB appear to be off, the carrier oscillator will likely correct both at the same time. If only one sideband is off, the corresponding oscillator needs tweaking. This method is just about as accurate as the "WWV zero beat" system suggested in service manuals ... and much easier, if you have a good enough musical ear.

Also, you can use this simple test to prove, once and for all, that "Rap" is not music, hi hi.

The History of Amateur Radio Revisited **Condensed and submitted by Ed, VE4YU**

Part 12

After broadcasting for nine months, the Winnipeg newspapers were becoming concerned about the viability of their radio enterprises which were in a continuing loss position. Whatever the papers had hoped to gain by their venture into broadcasting had evidently not materialized; certainly there had not been an increase in circulation. They would be happy to get out of broadcasting if it could be done without antagonizing the public for whom they had been providing free entertainment.

The fledgling broadcast industry was in serious trouble right across Canada. The problem was the rigid governmental rules regarding advertising. A limited amount of indirect advertising, such as naming of a sponsoring company at the beginning and end of a program, was permitted. Direct advertising, that is, the airing of spot advertisements during a program, was expressly forbidden.

On January 8, 1923, the publishers of both papers met with John E. Lowry, The Commissioner of Telephones, and explained their predicament to him. They asked if Manitoba Telephone System still intended to go into broadcasting. The answer was yes if the Manitoba government could come to an understanding with the federal authorities regarding jurisdiction over radio and the division of private receiving station license fees. According to Lowry, both papers stated that they would give every support to any action which the provincial government might take for the control, regulation and development of radio in the province. this unequivocal promise of both the FREE PRESS and the TRIBUNE to support any future government policy regarding radio reflected their eagerness to get out of broadcasting.

Lowry's complete game plan was to have complete control of radio in Manitoba vested in the Telephone Commission. On September 22, 1922, he had sent F. M. Black, Provincial Treasurer and Minister of Telephones in the newly-formed Bracken administration, a "Radio Telephone Memorandum" outlining certain proposals regarding radio broadcasting. Lowry followed this up on January 29, 1923,

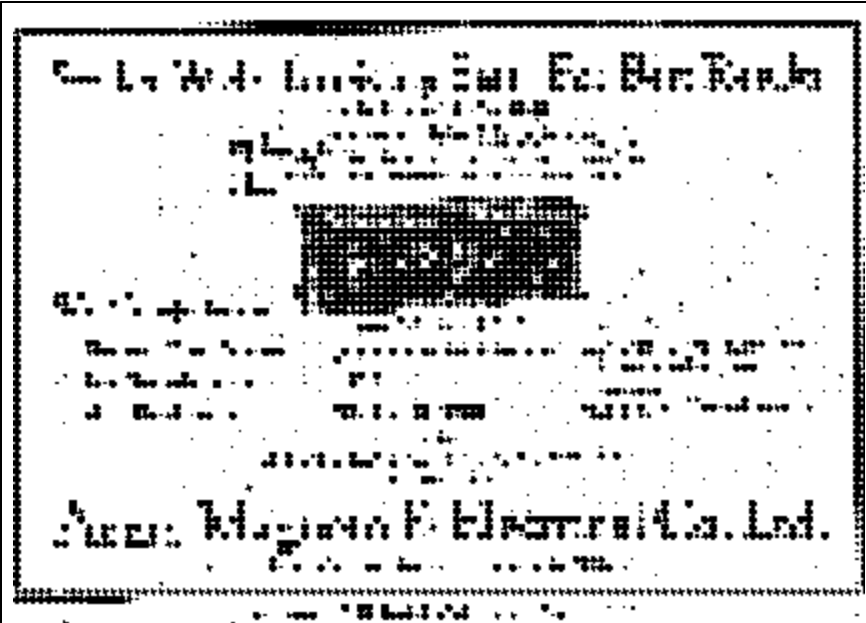
One point should be made clear, The Manitoba Government Telephone Act called for the appointment of a three-man Board of Commissioners, to be known as the Telephone Commission, that was to run the Manitoba Telephone System. But only one Commissioner, John E. Lowry, had been appointed. In all cases therefore, where the

word "Commission" is used, one should read, "Commissioner Lowry." In his report on "Manitoba Commercial Enterprises," Carl Goldenberg noted that the concentration in a single person of the control of a business as large as the M.T.S. was unusual. If the Manitoba Radio Regulation Act had ever been enacted into law, it would have made the Commissioner the virtual czar of radio in Manitoba.

NEXT MONTH ...

The newspapers leave radio broadcasting - radio station CKY is born.

The above information is taken from a publication available at the Manitoba Archives, produced by George F. W. Reynolds, VE4AJ, who became a silent key in 1996.



with a draft of : The Manitoba Radio Regulation Act" which codified many of his ideas. This document is too long to quote in its entirety but a few excerpts will indicate its scope: "No person, company or corporation, shall establish any radio station or shall establish or operate any radio telephone or telegraph apparatus within the province except under and in accordance with a license issued by the Commission. The Commission shall prepare, issue and control, standard methods for the erection of all wires, structures and apparatus used for radio stations within the province and all such shall be installed in a manner approved by the Commission. 90 per cent of all radio license fees shall be retained by the province. Licenses may be withdrawn temporarily or permanently for cause at the discretion of the Commissioner and approval of the Minister after a hearing by the Commission." The phrases "radio station" and "radio telephone or telegraph apparatus" included receivers.

Under the proposed act, if a Justice of the Peace was satisfied by information on oath that there were reasonable grounds for believing any radio telephone or telegraph apparatus was used or intended to be used in contravention of the act, he might grant a warrant for the search of any suspect premises and the seizure of any radio apparatus found in such place. The "Radio Telephone Memorandum" had also recommended that authority for enforcement of the Radio Telegraph Act be transferred to the province and that inspectors be hired by the province to enforce the regulations under the act.

Condensed and submitted by Ed Henderson, VE4YU - 1998
Field Day 98 - The tri-band beam on a 50' pop-up

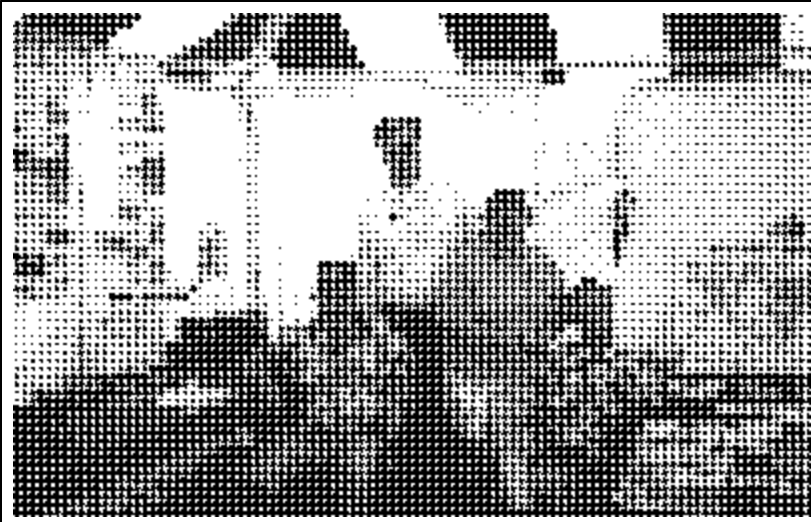
The World Next Door Festival Adam

VE4SN in the operating chair, Dan VE4SYG, Section Manager Pat VE4PLG, and Rolf VE4VZ showing off the various QSL cards and world maps. Below is David VE4DAR entertaining the harmonics that were present.

Editors Ramblings



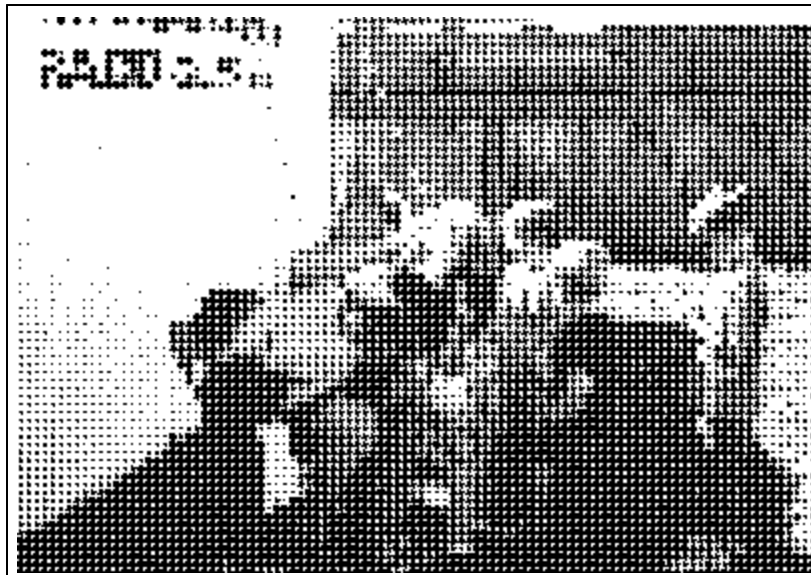
Radio in Canada. While reading this article I kept thinking that this guy really knows his stuff. After a while I glanced at the author's name. While not a surprise but a more of a delight I discovered the author to be our very own Rob Kaufman VE4GV, past program coordinator and executive member of WARC, an avid Contester, DX'er and proponent of our great hobby. No I did not get paid for this description, but his article is well worth the read and the thought that will ultimately follow the reading. Rob suggests in the article that the shack on the belt type amateurs are doing the most to promote our hobby, and to keep it in the for-front of the supposed shakers and movers of our community. While I tend to agree with him, I also have to suggest that it is the ARES type of community volunteers (both advanced and basic certificate holders) who are the real presenters of amateur radio these days. (The flood sure showed



BY Derek, VE4HAY

Welcome back again. A shorter newsletter this month

this point of view) But I think we can all do something to promote and elevate our hobby to the status of most people knowing what we do. We all need to volunteer for community service, or to help out at the mall displays, marathons, or even the World Next Door Festival. It is usually the same people each time that volunteer to help out. Just take a look at the pictures above, or the callsigns listed in this months ARES article. My copy of the Bluebook lists 867 amateurs in Winnipeg. Only about 25% are members of the clubs in town., and only about 10% of that seems to volunteer for the various amateur related activities that happen though out the year.



Surely this is something that we can do to make sure that this hobby of ours will be around for many generations to come. Having more volunteers for the events can not hurt. And more membership in RAC can only make our voice stronger. If Industry Canada does go ahead with the removal of the licensee fee structure I would encourage each and every amateur to take the

due to the last page being a membership application and the notice of the membership draw for a 2 metre base station. If you are not a member or if you know a fellow ham who is not a member encourage them to join before the November meeting. That's the date the draw will take place. Actually maybe don't tell them and then you & I will have a better chance to win (hi hi).

licensee fee money and apply it with just a little bit more and either renew your membership or join RAC again or the first time.

And finally get out there and show the people of Winnipeg what Amateur Radio is all about. You will enjoy that warm fuzzy feeling you get as a result. I know I do.

Just received my copy of The Canadian Amateur (TCA), the monthly magazine put out by our national lobby group Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). I as usual, I did a quick search through the advertisements and then settled down to read it from cover to cover. Well, I did not get very far into it this month when I came across a very well written and well described article about the current and future of Amateur

I can be reached by e-mail at: ve4hay@rac.ca.

****IMPORTANT***IMPORTANT***IMPORTANT***

RENEW YOUR W.A.R.C. MEMBERSHIP BEFORE THE NOVEMBER 9th MEETING and you will be Guaranteed a chance to win the following package to be drawn that evening.

Thanks to the generosity of KENWOOD of Canada who donated the TM 261 A transceiver, the draw prize will consist of the following:

- Kenwood TM 261 A 50 Watt VHF transceiver DTMF mic
- ICT Base station power supply for the Kenwood transceiver
- Maxrad MBX 150 6bd gain base station antenna
- 50 feet of RG-213U coax cable with PL-259 connectors.

Package price is worth approximately \$1000.

Only those members who renew their membership and pay their dues by the above date will be eligible for this draw.

GOOD LUCK TO THE WINNER FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE!!!

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**Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club
 C/O WSC 598 St. Mary's Road
 Winnipeg, MB. R2M 3L5**

Application for membership renewal

For the fiscal year ending Sept. 30,1999

New: Renewal:

Call Sign: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Code: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____

License Class- Basic Basic +5 Basic +12
 Advanced Advanced +5 Advanced +12

Payment of \$15.00
 Cheque Cash

Please check if you do not want your information released to the Manitoba Blue Book