



The Repeater

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Manitoba Repeater Society Annual General Meeting April 24 2013 Norberry Community Center

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President's Report

From the desk of Ed VE4EAR

Welcome to the spring edition of the MRS *REPEATER* newsletter. Hopefully by the time you are reading this, we are well into a spring melt. Please take a few moments to sit back catch up on the projects that are underway and some of the plans for the coming months.

Despite the harsh winds and temperatures, it appears our network has also made it through the winter relatively unscathed. Check out the technical report for all the details.

The club appears to be in a stable financial position and this is a good thing. We have some large expenditures looming as we prepare to move VE4MIL to its new home. See Harm's financial report for more details.

Our annual general meeting is fast approaching. Circle your calendars, or create a calendar entry on your smartphones for April 24th. This year we are will be hosting the event at the Norberry Community Center, 26 Molgat Ave, just off St.

Mary's Road. Doors open at 7pm and the business meeting gets underway at 7:15 pm followed by a special presentation.

This year for the presentation we are planning a comparison on various 2m handheld antennas. Have you ever wondered how your rubber duck compares to a quarter wave antenna or one of those baseball cap antennas? Let's find out together! Bring along your favorite handheld VHF antenna and let's put it to the test.

As has become the norm the last few years, the spring flood forecast is indicating we should expect some flooding. The severity will depend on the melt process if necessary, many of the repeaters in southern Manitoba may be utilized to support ARES activities. As a reminder, before using a repeater, listen for a few moments to determine if there is a net in operation and if there is, please monitor the net for further information or choose another repeater for casual QSO's.

A special welcome to the Manitoba Repeater Society to all the recent graduates of the Basic courses that have been conducted over the winter months. I know the membership at large joins me in welcoming you to the hobby and we look forward to meeting you on the air and in person.

73

Ed Richardson
VE4EAR

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Technical Report

From the desk of Ellis VE4AJO

The linked repeater system has come through the winter in better shape than in past winter.

Bruxelles VHF repeater **VE4MRS** was shut down late last fall. This repeater was generating continuous noise and shutting down the VHF side eliminated the problem. The links through Bruxelles have remained good throughout winter.

A noise has raised its ugly head at Portage when **VE4PLP** is first keyed up in the mornings. After a few "key ups" the noise does not re-occur. The last few days of warmer weather the morning problem has ceased to occur. This noise only occurred when **VE4PLP** was keyed up. If **VE4MAN** was brought up no noise appeared in the system.

Planning will begin in late April for the re-build of **VE4MIL**. This will be an interesting day or more of work re-establishing this repeater.

VE4WRS will be back in service by the end of April or early May in it's new home complete with auto-patch and IRLP.

VE4GIM, **VE4WPG**, **VE4VJ**, and **VE4FAL** are all performing well

73

Ellis Seddon
VE4AJO

Financial Report

From the desk of Harm VE4HAZ

Please be in attendance at the AGM 24 April for the Financial Report presented by Harm

**August 11, 2012 MRS Semi Annual General Meeting
Meeting held at Austin, MB MARM Fest**

Meeting began 2:05 PM VE4ALW presiding

Each member and guest introduced themselves

Minutes of April 26, 2012 Annual General Meeting approved as e-mailed to membership with Newsletter

Move acceptance of minutes	VE4HAZ
Second	VE4GWN
CARRIED	

No business arising

Treasurer's Report

Presented by VE4HAZ. See accompanying report

VE4HAZ announced that he has changed accounting programs to *Simply Accounting*. MRS is well within budget for this year.

Move acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Moved	VE4GKS
Second	VE4SE
CARRIED	

Membership Report

Presented by VE4SYM. See accompanying report

VE4SYM noted that membership has increased from 113 last year to 129 this year

Move acceptance of Membership Report

Moved	VE4HAZ
Second	VE4UA
CARRIED	

Technical Report

Presented by VE4AJO. See report presented in Summer Newsletter.

VE4MIL Milner Ridge GATR site will be demolished sometime soon. Our repeater will be moving. It appears favourable for VE4MIL to move to the nearby Sunrise School Division tower. We may be able to acquire a communications shack for our equipment.

VE4MAN Starbuck - All TV antennas have been removed from Starbuck tower. Screening is gone. CKND TV communications building is gone. We appear to be safe for a few years

The Technical Committee did preliminary path tests between **VE4WPG** and **VE4PLP** It was not as solid as path between VE4WPG and VE4MAN

VE4MRS Bruxelles we expect to go to this site once the weather cools. We do not want to be there during a thunderstorm. There is lots of work to do at this site.

VE4WPG site is working well. All links are working well

VE4FAL Falcon Lake repeater now belongs to MRS

Technical Committee is looking forward to getting **VE4MRS** operational, and restoring link to Brandon

No questions from membership

Move acceptance of Technical Report

Move	VE4ACX
Second	VE4GKS
CARRIED	

New Business

VE4GWN asked if MRS could hold S/AGM outside next year, if weather is nice.

Notices for the Good and Welfare

VE4GWN announced that 2013 is the 50 th anniversary of the Peace Garden Hamfest. They are now selling T-shirts

VE4RLF announced the Basic Short Course for amateur radio . Seven people have signed up so far, and two more pending. Course begins in September at the Seniors. See VE4RLF for more information,

VE4HK announced the WARC Flea Market will be held October 14, at Heritage Victoria Community Club.

No further business

Adjourn VE4GWN 2:22 pm

Minutes taken by VE4HK



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

(Please note: membership year is January 1st to December 31st)

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Club use only
Date _____
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Class of Member: Regular \$35.00 Addn'l Family Member \$15.00

Renewal New RAC Member Number _____ for a \$10.00/member rebate

Newsletter by E-mail or Snail Mail

Would you be willing to help out on work at various repeater sites ? YES NO

Optional Information:

Current Occupation: _____

If Retired Former Occupation: _____

Skills: _____

Other Clubs to which you belong: _____

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