



Winter 2012

Distributed to all Current Members

President's Report

From the desk of Ed VE4EAR

Editors note : With apologies to Ed ;Ed is extremely busy this year. This report is from 2010 with changes by your editor

Welcome to our winter edition of the MRS Repeater. Time is in limited supply it seems this years so let's get right to the news.

Your technical team has been working tirelessly trying to get all the repeaters and links back online. A lot of work has been done out at Portage la Prairie to bring VE4PLP into active status. Frustration begins to set in as we find ourselves making progress in one area, only to have another problem develop somewhere else. Ellis has all the details in the technical report.

On the positive front, we are working on a new look for the MRS website. The new site should be easier to navigate for the users and easier to update for the administrators. It will be very easy to post system updates and status messages. Similarly a new contact page will allow you to easily send messages to the executive. Your views, comments and ideas are important to us and this should make the process even easier. The new page should be active very soon at the same URL as the current website. <http://www.mb-repeater-society.ca/>. Bookmark it now!

One of the requests we have implemented is the ability to pay your annual MRS dues online via PayPal. This secure system will allow you to make your payments

with your credit card or direct from your chequing account. Just navigate to the "membership" page for more details and to take advantage of this ability.

By now most of the amateurs in Winnipeg have discovered that a CTCSS tone is required to access VE4WPG. This is just one step taken to help eliminate some of the annoying interference that has plagued this repeater for several years. You should expect to see CTCSS tones added to nearly every repeater in the next year or two. In Manitoba we have tried to standardize on a tone of 127.3 Hz but individual clubs are free to choose any tone they wish. So if your favorite repeater fails to respond one day, please try adding CTCSS encode before panicking.

As we prepare to enter 2013, I am looking forward to an active and exciting year ahead for amateur radio and in particular, the Manitoba Repeater Society. On behalf of the Manitoba repeater Society executive and myself, we would like to extend the warmest of season greetings to you and your family.

73

Ed Richardson
VE4EAR

Technical Report

From the desk of Ellis VE4AJO

VE4MIL Milner Ridge. November 3 saw the shut down of this repeater system. The equipment was removed from the GATR site and moved to the new shelter on the north side of the Milner complex. All feed lines that were possible to remove was done and the runs left were taped over and tied to the tower for later removal.

We are planning for May to do the major work of installing power and moving antenna and feed lines, cable trough, etc. Also build up a high power MSR2000 for the new site.

VE4MRS Bruxelles. Link system from VE4TED through the system is functioning well. Although signal from Brandon are very distorted at time seems the audio levels are high. The VHF repeater is shut off via the controller. The receiver was very noisy generating/receiving excessive noise.

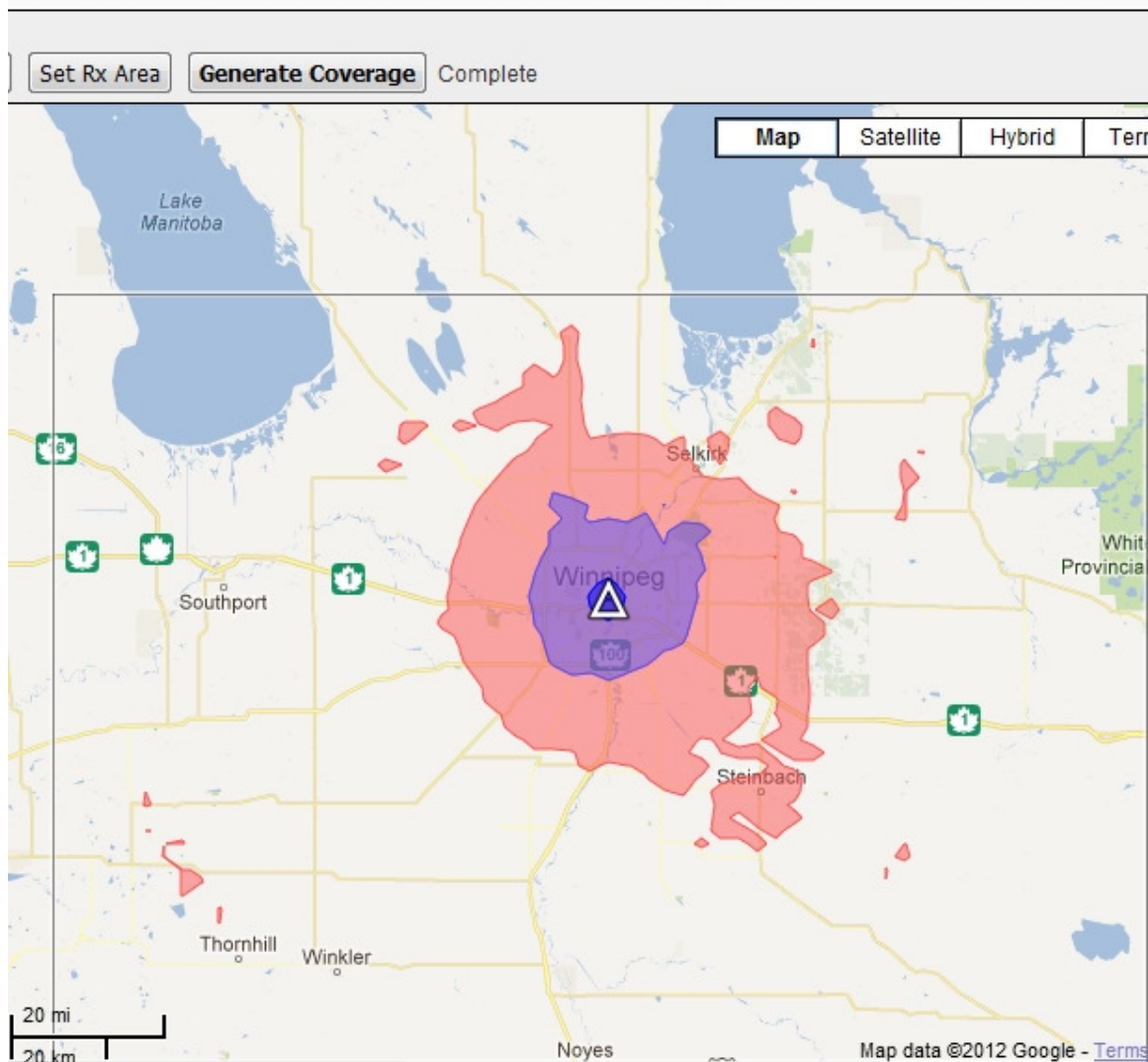
VE4WRS IRLP System. The finish of the move is to be done. Users are looking for the IRLP system to return soon.

VE4FAL Falcon Lake. Reports from the east indicate the repeater is working well. There continues to be a problem between Kenora and Falcon Lake. This can be almost anything from antenna orientation to receiver/transmitter problem.

VE4EMB Build a new repeater system for this site and look at possible linking to Falcon Lake

VE4PLP Portage. We had an outage with the link system between Portage and Starbuck, We think it was associated with rain/snow event of the Sunday Monday prior. It cleared up and has been good since.

VE4WPG Red- 35- 50 dB μ V/m, Lt Blue 50-75 dB μ V/m, blue 70-100 dB μ V/m



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,

VE4HKannounced that the WARC Flea Market will be held October 14, at Heritage Victoria Community Club.

No further business

Adjourn VE4GWN 2:22 pm

From EC

Jeff VE4MBQ

**MANITOBA ARES CANWARN PROGRAM
"REPORTABLE" WINTER WEATHER
REVISED DEC 2008
VERIFIED SEP 2012¹**

LOW VISIBILITY (<1 KM FOR SNOW OR BLOWING SNOW, <1/2 KM FOR FOG)

FREEZING RAIN or FREEZING DRIZZLE or ICE PELLETS

SNOWFALL ACCUMULATIONS OVER 5 cm

RAIN THAT CHANGES TO SNOW or FREEZING RAIN (or Vice Versa)

Spotters are encouraged to pass along any reports of power outages or dangerous roads due to weather conditions.

There will not generally* be an amateur net in operation, so phone your report in via the 1-800 number received at Spotter Training. **The PUBLIC number is 1-800-239-0484**

** CONSIDER Participation in:

MMWX NET

3743 kHz LSB

approx 0830h local

MMWX Net Manager may collate severe winter weather reports and forward to PASPC.

1. Verified with James Cummine Severe Weather Program Manager PASPC 17 SEP 2012.

The Repeater

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

MRS: Thursday at 2100 MRS semi – weekly net 147.390 MHz VE4WPG
Sunday at 2100 MRS semi – weekly net 147.390 MHz

BARC: Sunday at 1930 146.940 MHz VE4BDN
Monday at 1930 146.880 MHz VE4HS

WSCRC: Weekdays 0900 daily 147.390 MHz VE4WPG

MB Evening Phone Net Daily 1900 3747 KHz
MB Morning Weather Net Daily 0830 3743 KHz

Aurora Net Daily 2330 UTC 7055 KHz
Wednesday & Sunday 0230 UTC 7055 KHz

WSCRC: Breakfast 2nd Thursday of month at Garden City Inn

WARC: Meeting 2nd Monday of month 1900 hrs at Dakota Collegiate

ARES: Meeting 3rd Tuesday of month William Stevenson Library

Industry Canada Amateur Centre

Voice: 1-888-780-3333

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M.R.S. Current Fee Schedule

Current & Renewal Members \$35.00 per calendar year

Family Membership is for each additional members residing at the same residence, as the initial member is \$15.00

If a member of RAC \$10.00 is refunded

The Repeater Advertising Rates

All advertising is black and white and must be submitted in electronic format

Full Page	\$75.00
½ page	\$40.00
¼ page	\$20.00
Business Card	\$10.00

For more information or to place an advert please contact any executive member



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL
 (Please note: membership year is January 1st to December 31st)

Mail to:
Membership Manitoba Repeater Society
C/O VE4WSC
598 St. Mary's Road
Winnipeg MB R2M 3L5

Call Sign _____
 Surname _____
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Club use only
Date _____
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Card Issued _____ Year _____

Renewal New RAC Member If RAC member \$10.00/member refunded

Class of Member: Regular \$35.00 Addn'l Family Member \$15.00

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: _____