



MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

April 2007

From the Clubs:

Beausejour Amateur Radio Club Contact Richard Holder - VE4QK
Operates an APRS Node digipeater - Net frequency is at 146.505
Net is Tuesday evenings @ 9:00 - Club meetings on second Wednesdays at RC Legion Clubrooms at 7:30 pm.

Brandon Amateur Radio Club Contact Dave Snyder - VE4XN
Club call VE4QD. Repeaters: VE4BDN 146.34/94 VE4TED 146.13/73 VE4HS 146.28.88
VE4CTY 146.04/64 and 443.700/448.700
Meetings held first Thursday monthly (except July & August) at Brandon Armoury at 7:30 pm.
Website: <http://www.mts.net/~tbarrett>

Dauphin Amateur Radio Club Contact Jack Adams - VE4JA
Repeaters: VE4SRR 146.34/94 VE4BMR 147.63/03 VE4BVR 147.84/24
VE4SHR 146.10/70 VE4LDR 146.37/97 VE4SIX 145.13/43
Meetings held third Fridays at Union Office in Dauphin (except July & August)
IRLP NODE 1700 - EchoLink VE4BVR-R - check out <http://www.mts.net/~ve4stu> for club details.

Eastman Amateur Radio Club Contact Doug Henry - VE4TG
East Selkirk, MB. Club meetings first Wed of each month at 19:30 local at Gaffer's Restaurant in Lockport.
Further information by e-mail to ve4tg@qsl.net

Flin Flon Repeater Club Contact: Rod Rutherford - VE5ROD
Club serves members in Flin Flon, MB, Creighton, SK and The pas, MB
Three linked repeaters provide large radius of coverage. IRLP NODE 1750

InterLake Amateur Radio Club Contact: Paul Arsenault - VE4AEY
Repeaters: VE4TEU 145.41 VE4ARC 146.230
Meetings each first Tuesday @ 7:30 pm - Green Acres Art Centre, Teulon, MB

International HamFest Contact: Richard Holder - VE4QK
Repeater: VE4IHF/WØ 146.25/85
Hamfest is held on second weekend in July, annually, at the International Peace Garden

LakeLand Amateur Radio Association Contact: Randy Canning - VE5QU
Repeater: VE5IOU 146.22/82 linked to VE5LAK 146.01/61
Meetings are held Saturdays at 9:30 am in the Cottage Country Restaurant, Christopher Lake

Manitoba Amateur Radio Museum Contact: Dave Snyder - VE4XN
Repeater: VE4MTR 146.31/91 Station Callsign VE4ARM
Museum is open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm daily, from May 12 to September 30.

Manitoba Repeater Society Inc. Contact: Ed Richardson - VE4EAR
Check out their "Survivor Guide to 2 metres" a great resource for new hams!
Semi-annual meeting is held at MARMfest. See: <http://ve4.net/mrs/> for hamfest details.

Meewasin Amateur Radio Society Contact: Devon Racicot - VE5DWR
See their complete directory of Sask. Repeaters at <http://www.qsl.net/ve5ufo>
The club co-sponsored Saskatchewan's Centennial Hamfest in July of 2005.

- Melfort Amateur Radio Club** Contact: Bayne Opseth - VE5BKO
 Repeater: VE5MFT 146.28/88 Coffee gathering Saturday mornings at Crossroads Restaurant - 10:00 am or so
 The Melfort (VE5MFT) and Nipawin (VE5NIP) and Tisdale (VE5FXR) repeaters are now linked together.
- Moose Jaw Amateur Radio Club** Contact: Brenda MacKenzie - VE5TRG
 Repeater: VE5CI 146.34/94 - This club publishes a very nice newsletter. See: <http://www.geocities.com/ve5ma/>
- Nipawin Amateur Radio Club** Contact: Andrew Clark - VE5VAC
 Repeater: VE5NIP 146.19/79 (linked to) Snowdon Repeater: VE5NDR 147.09/69 and Melfort (VE5MFT)
 Club WEBSITE at <http://nipawinarc.netfirms.com>
- Regina Amateur Radio Association** Contact: Bart Ritchie - VE5CPU
 Repeaters: VE5WM 146.28/88 VE5TH 147.12/72 See <http://www.gpfn.sk.ca/hobbies/rara/index.html>
 Meetings second Wednesday each month, at the Imax Board Room, Sask. Science Centre
- Sask-Alta Radio Club (Lloydminster)** Contact: Bill Till - VE5FN
 Repeaters: VE5RI 146.34/94 & VE5YLL 144.69/145.29 IRLP NODE VE6YLL - 1480 linked to VE5RI
 Club WEBSITE at <http://www.lloydminster.org/sarc>
- Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club (since 1931)** Contact: Ron Sather - VE5RMS
 Repeaters: VE5SK 146.04/64 & APRS digipeater 144.390 simplex
 Meetings second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm - Alvin Buckwold School
 The club co-sponsored Saskatchewan's Centennial Hamfest in July 2005 see: <http://www.qsl.net/ve5aa/>
- Selkirk Amateur Radio Club <> Triple S Communications Group** Contact: Bill Bowman - VE4UB
 Repeaters: VE4MBR 147.06/66 T3A & 443.000 T3A and 147.570 simplex T3A
 The VHF repeater is linked to the Pinetree Intertie & Manitoba Repeater Society
 Club Website is at <http://www.ve4sss.ca> and meetings are sporadic.
- Swift Current Amateur Radio Club** Contact: Ray Gowan - VE5XRA
 Repeaters: VE5SCC 146.28/88 VE5SCR 146.19.79 VE5TOM 146.07/67
- Weyburn Amateur Radio Club** Contact: Brian Pegg - VE5BNE
 Repeater: VE5WEY 146.10/70 - Breakfast meetings Saturdays, 8:30 am - MainTrack Restaurant
- Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club** Contact: The President
 c/o Wpg. Senior Citizens' Radio Club - 589 St. Mary's Road - 2nd Floor - Winnipeg - R2M 3L5
ve4bb@rac.ca See WEBSITE <http://www.mts.net/~warc/>
- Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club VE4WSC Inc.** Contact: Gil Frederick - VE4AG
 598 St. Mary's Rd - Winnipeg - R2M 3L5 - open Mon - Fri 9:00 - 3:00 e-mail: ve4wsc@mts.net
 Check out the WEBSITE at <http://www.mts.net/~ve4wsc>

RAC News:

For the upcoming Canada Day Contest this year, the ARES folks will be running all of the VE#RAC callsigns. This is an effort on their behalf to increase awareness of and participation by the national ARES organization.

Of interest to those of you running ham classes - take a look at the software written by Francois - VE2AAY -

entitled "ExHammer" It is available for free download from the RAC WEBSITE. You might find it a lot more useful for your students than then IC's official examination software.

Ken Pulfer (VE3PU) and Joe Parkinson (VE3JG) have been named as interim co-managers of the RAC office until the end of July or until such time as someone has been hired to fill the position

To recognize the importance of ARES, RAC will be working with SONRA (the Nfld club), Foreign Affairs Canada and the US ARES organization to mount a demonstration of ARES capability from Signal Hill in Nfld. This will be done to promote both RAC and ARES.

RAC is still looking for a VP of Public Relations. If you have experience, expertise and interest in this area, please contact me.

I will be attending the CARAB meeting with Industry Canada on May 2 to present the report on the survey regarding a Foundation Licence in Canada following which will be the annual Board of Directors' meeting in Cornwall, ON.

DX to Watch For:

The bands are improving a bit, and there is some interesting DX to be had. Good luck.

J5 - GUINEA-BISSAU - active as J5UTM until April 21.

JD1/O - OGASAWARA ISLAND - plans to be active until April 25.

JT - MONGOLIA - listen for JT1Y all bands & modes until May 3.

JW - SVALBARD - JW/F8DVD should be active until April 23.

5Z - KENYA - Don,W4ZYT, is staying in Kenya from Apr 9-19 operating as 5Z4ZK.

6W - SENEGAL - Giovanni,IZ2DPX, plans to hit the airwaves on 10-160m (no 30m) during May.

9H - MALTA - should be active from May 4 - 18 as 9H3EZ.

Contesting In VE4 & VE5:

Not much happening in the contesting world this next month.

Ontario QSO Party	Apr 21 (1800z) to Apr 22 (1800z)	see: http://cco.ve3xd.com.oqp.oqprules.htm
Michigan QSO Party	Apr 21 (1600z) to Apr 22 (0400z)	see: http://www.miqp.org/index.html
Florida QSO Party	Apr 21 (1600z) (see rules)	see: http://www.floridaqsoparty.org/
Nebraska QSO Party	Apr 28 (1700z) to Apr 29 (1700z)	see: http://www.qsl.net/hdxa/neqso/index.htm

Hamfests and Flea Markets:

The Fargo, ND, Hamfest is planned for April 21. It runs from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. For more info, look to <http://www.rra.org>

SARL's SaskHamFest 2007 - July 7, 2007 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at Moose Jaw's Western Development Museum. Flea market and displays and a program and contests. Call Val (VE5ACJ) at 693-6127 or e-mail her at ve5acj@rac.ca.

44th International Peace Garden Hamfest - July 13, 14 & 15, 2007. For information, see the WEBSITE at <http://www.mts.net/~holderr/ihf.htm> or e-mail Richard Holder (VE4QK) at ve4ihf@mts.net.

11th Annual Manitoba Amateur Radio Museum Hamfest - August 17 & 18 at Austin, MB.
A hamfest and an opportunity to visit Western Canada's only Amateur Radio Museum at the same time.

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