



# MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

August 2008

## 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 Forbidden Flavours 1060 18th St at 7:30 pm

Website: <http://www.brandanarc.ca>

**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](mailto: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 see WEBSITE: <http://www.marminc.ca>

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://www.mb-repeater-society.ca/> for hamfest details.

- Manitoba Satellite Interest Group** ..... Contact: Stefan Wagener - VE4NSA  
Promoting the use of Amateur Radio and satellites in education.  
See: <http://www.msig.ca>
- Meewasin Amateur Radio Society** ..... Contact: Devon Racicot - VE5DWR  
See their complete directory of Sask. Repeaters at <http://www.qsl.net/ve5ufo>
- 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 . 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) and  
Tisdale (VE5FXR)  
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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor - Winnipeg - R2M 3L5  
[ve4bb@rac.ca](mailto: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](mailto:ve4wsc@mts.net)  
Check out the WEBSITE at <http://www.mts.net/~ve4wsc>

## RAC News:

The **Winnipeg Hamfest** was a success, hosting the RAC AGM and providing many educational sessions and a very interesting flea market. Congratulation to Club President Geoff Bawden - VE4BAW - and CoOrdinator Derek Hay - VE4HAY - and their committee members and workers. RAC was very pleased to be able to hold the AGM at the hamfest.

Is anyone planning the installation of a **Trylon tower**? I won a \$250 gift certificate toward the purchase of a tower, which I can not use. Is it of use to anyone?

**Congratulations to Joe Musgrave - VE5CEM** - of Weyburn who will be taking over the Section Manager job from Joan Bahnmann - VE5JML - at the beginning of November. Many thanks to Joan for her work in this position.

Field Services is looking for a volunteer for the **Section Manager position for Manitoba**. Robert Boux - VE4RRB - has indicated that he will not be seeking another term. If you are interested in this position, please contact me or VPFS Bob Cooke - VE3BDB.

**I will not be seeking re-election for the position of MidWest Director** at the end of this term. If you would like to become one of RAC's directors, you must have your nomination papers submitted before the end of August. See the latest issue of TCA, page 11, for details.

RAC's new **VP of Public Relations**, Peter West, will be looking into the provision of information kits for club public relations officers to promote club activities to the public.

**Vernon Ikeda - VE2QQ** - will serve as RAC's News Service volunteer. Hit intention is to begin sending out regular bulletins/newsletters of interest to Radio Amateurs. His intention is to get this going this fall.

**Gord Kosmenko - VE6SV** - has volunteered to serve as RAC's "Coordinator of Philanthropy", working to raise funds for the organization.

## DX to Watch For:

While we are enjoying the bottom of the solar cycle, there is still a bit of DX scheduled, and can be worked if you are among the chosen few:

**EA8 - Canary Islands:** EA8/GM0IIO will be active until August 31.

**KH0 - Northern Mariana Islands:** will be QRV until Sep 8th.

**OH0 - Aland-Islands:** will be active until September

**S79 - Seychelles:** Tom, DJ6TF, will stay on La Digue Island until September

**T2 - Tuvalu:** Aki, JA1KAJ, will visit Tuvalu until September

**ZD8 - Ascension:** ZD8N August 27th through September 11th.

**ZS8 - Marion & Prince Edward:** Petrus, ZS8T, now is on Marion Island.

**3A - Monaco:** Patrice, 3A/F5RBB, August 31st through September 10th

**7Q - Malawi:** August 29th through September 11th

**8Q - Maldives:** 8Q7KK August 29th through September 19<sup>th</sup> with wire antennas.

**9V - Singapore:** 9V1F1 (9V1 formula one) will represent the Formula 1 Grand

Prix taking place in Singapore September 28th with an activity

from August 26th through September 30th.

## Contesting in VE4 & VE5:

Not much happening, but it is time to get the station tuned up for the fall contest season.

All Asia SSB Contest Sep 6 - 0000z to Sep 7 - 2400z see: <http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/0-2.htm>

Russian RTTY WW Sep 6 - 0000z to Sep 6 - 2400z see: <http://www.qrz.ru/contest/detail/93>

NA Sprint CW Sep 7 - 0000z to Sep 7 - 0400 z see: <http://www.ncjweb.com/>

**Manitoba HF Swap&Shop** Web page, run by Jim - VE4AGS - can be found at:  
<http://www.mbhswapnet.ca/index.php>

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### Assistant Directors:

Adam Romanchuk - VE4SN

Bill Till - VE5FN

Derek Hay - VE4HAY

Devon Racicot - VE5DWR

Richard Holder - VE4QK

### Section Managers:

Manitoba: Robert Boux - VE4RRB

Saskatchewan: Joan Bahnman - VE5JML