



# ARAC MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

December 2006

## 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](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  
Museum is open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm daily, from the May long weekend to October 1.

**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 - 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:**

**Deborah Norman - VA3RGM** - RAC's and earlier, CARF's, General Manager is a silent key. She succumbed to cancer earlier this month.

RAC is still looking for candidates for the positions of **Treasurer, VP for Public Relations, and computer guru**. Do you have the interest and the skills to fill one of these positions, please contact me. RAC needs your expertise.

Congratulations to **Joan Bahnman - VE5JML** - who will be serving as interim Section Manager for Saskatchewan and will be standing for election in the new year.

Are you interested in old **tube-type Amateur Radio equipment** and Amateur Radio antiques? Paul Hammerlindl (306-967-2652) wishes to clear out his collection before moving to the big city.

Don't forget - the **RAC Winter Contest** is happening on December 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be an excellent opportunity for all of us to greet our Canadian friends on the air for one last time in 2006. Would you like to use the special calls VE4RAC and VE5RAC for the occasion? If so, get in touch with Adam Romanchuk - VE4SN or me, VE5FX.

The Ottawa ARC will be operating from **Bate Is.** With CF3RCS (Canadian Freezing - 3 - Real Cold Spot) during the RAC Winter Contest. This is a newly activated island. See <http://www.qsl.net/ve3tpz/cisa/> for information.

**American Amateurs** received an early Christmas present from their FCC: The Morse code requirement has been dropped:

*The wholesale elimination of a Morse code requirement for all license classes ends a longstanding national and international regulatory tradition in the requirements to gain access to Amateur Radio frequencies below 30 MHz. The first no-code license in the US was the Technician ticket, instituted in 1991. The question of whether or not to drop the Morse requirement altogether has been the subject of often-heated debate over the past several years, but the handwriting has been on the wall. A number of countries, including Canada, no longer require applicants for an Amateur Radio license to pass a Morse code test to gain HF operating privileges. The list has been increasing regularly.*

### **DX to Watch For:**

The recent significant solar flare certainly punched a hole in Dxing activities for a while, but there is still hope:

**1A - SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER OF MALTA** - will be active with three stations until January 8 as 1A4A.

**3D2 - FIJI** - is active as 3D2RN

**CE - CHILE** - listen for CE2P from the Panul lighthouse until Feb 2007.

**HZ - SAUDI-ARABIA** - will be active as HZ1EX/SM0CXU until Feb 2007.

**JA - JAPAN** - with special event station 8J8WSC until Mar 4 for FIS Nordic World Ski Championship.

**TU - COTE D'IVOIRE** - from 100 W and a G5RV working as TU2/F5LDY during January.

**VP5 - TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS** - until the end of the year as VP5/LA9VFA.

**VU7 - LACCADIVE ISLANDS** - second most wanted country on the list - DX frequencies until end of the year.

### **Contesting In VE4 & VE5:**

Did I mention the RAC Winter Contest? It is coming up soon.

RAC Winter Contest  
ARRL RTTY Roundup

0000z Dec 30 to 2400z Dec 30  
1800z Jan 6 to 2400z Jan 7

see: <http://www.rac.ca/infocont.htm>  
see: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms>

### **And, furthermore:**

Kathy and I wish you and yours the very best for the holiday season.

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