



MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

February 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

Meetings held first Thursday monthly (except July & August) at Brandon City Hall at 7:30 pm.

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: Dave Snyder - VE4XN

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 - 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:

Have you checked yet to make sure that your Club information is correct on the RAC WEBSITE?

Please do so and, if you have changes and additions, contact Ben Price (VE3CDA) - the WEBmaster.

At last night's Board of Directors' conference call, the following motion was unanimously passed:

**Whereas the RAC Youth Education Program has shown that young people are interested in Amateur Radio and
Whereas a "Foundation" type of license has proved to be successful in both Great Britain and Australia**

and

Whereas it would be in the best interest of Amateur Radio in Canada to interest young people in the service, be it resolved that Bj. Madsen - VE5FX - be appointed chairman of an Ongoing Advisory Committee to study the concept of "Restructuring Amateur Radio in Canada" with a particular goal of incorporating a "Foundation" type of license. The Terms of Reference for this committee shall be written by the appointed chairman for the approval of RAC's President.

On the strength of this, I will be forming a committee which will have a lot of work to do.

RAC's Annual General Meeting this year will be held in Cornwall, ON, at 10:00 am on Sunday, May 7th, following the Board of Directors' meeting.

There has, for some time, been a problem getting IC Accredited Examiners in remote areas, where there is no club available for sponsorship. RAC has agreed to sponsor qualified Accredited Examiners in areas where there is no club. The candidate so sponsored will, of course, still have to be approved by Industry Canada.

Rob Boux (VE4RRB) our VE4 Section Manager, has advised that he will not be seeking another term. Might you be interested in serving as VE4 SM? If so, contact the RAC VP for Field Services, Bob Cooke (VE3BDB)

DX to Watch For:

For those with the patience, there is still exciting DX to be worked:

AFGHANISTAN, YA - LA5IIA will be active as T68G. QSL via LA4YW

ASCENSION ISLAND, ZD8 - W4WX will be active as ZD8WX & ZD8QD until March 2.

ECUADOR, HC - listen for HC2/EA7OC until Feb 27. QSL is via EA7OC.

FRENCH POLYNESIA, FO - HA9RE will be active from the island of Ahe until the end of February.

ITALY, I - there are 15 stations with the IO1 prefix for the Olympic Winter Games until January 28.

KENYA, 5Z - Listen for 5Z4KI at 14275 MHz for the next three months.

MONGOLIA, JT - will be using the prefix JV8ØØ until the end of the year for the country's 8ØØth anniversary.

OGASAWARA ISLANDS, JD1 - will be active until February 28th on both CW & SSB, all bands.

ST MARTIN/SINT MAARTEN, FS/PJ7 - one week on each side of the island until March 8th.

VIETNAM, 3W - listen for 3W9JR for at least the next year. Weekends, 1000-1600 is most likely.

Contesting In VE4 & VE5:

Of course, the BIG contest is coming up early in March. I hope to hear you breaking the pileups!

CQ 160m SSB	0000z Feb 25 - 2400z Feb 26	see http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/awards.html
ARRL Intn'l DX SSB	0000z Mar 4 - 2400z Mar 4	see http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/
RSGB Commonwealth CW	1000z Mar 11 - 1000z Mar 12	see

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