



MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 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.brandonarc.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

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://ve4.net/mrs/> 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 - 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) 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 - 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:

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

Mark your calendar: The **Moose Jaw Amateur Radio Club** annual Flea Market is scheduled for April 12, 2008 at the Western Development Museum. Contact Brenda at ve5trg@sasktel.net for more info.

Mark your calendar: The **Brandon Amateur Radio Club** Flea Market is scheduled for April 27, 2008 at the Riverview Curling Club. See <http://www.brandonarc.ca> for more info.

RAC finally has a **Vice President of Public Relations!** John Bartlett, VE1OZ, of Hammonds Plains, Nova Scotia has been elected to that position.

Also, RAC has a new **VP of Technical and Administrative Services:** James Hay, VE2VE, has already been working in that position it is now official. If you are one of the 893 Amateurs using the @RAC alias system, you may have already noticed a significant reduction in spam. 73% of the traffic on the alias system has recently been rejected as spam. Many improvements are promised for the RAC computer system. The RAC system is quite busy, with between 1500 - 1900 hits per day.

According to the **Industry Canada database**, there are now 64 032 callsigns issued in Canada. Of course, this includes multiple calls held by individuals as well as those held by clubs.

Vancouver and area Amateurs are gearing up for the **2010 Winter Olympics**. Several hundred people with technical knowledge (Amateurs?) will be needed to assist in the management of the radio systems that will be used.

The **RAC Board of Directors'** meeting in Cornwall, ON is scheduled for May 1, 2 and 3, following the CARAB meeting in Ottawa. The CARAB team has not yet been defined.

Contesting in VE4 & VE5:

Give the ARRL International SSB contest a go - there might be some interesting DX active here.

ARRL Intl DX SSB_ Mar 1 - 2

see: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/>

RSGB Commonwealth CW Mar 8 - 9

see: <http://uk.geocities.com/beru2004@btinternet.com/>

Russian DX Contest Mar 15 - 16

see: <http://www.rdxo.org>

DX to Watch For:

Good luck with working Kosovo - YU8 - for a new country!

T3 - MADEIRA ISLAND - listen for activity Mar 6-20 by DK3KWR & DL3KWF
PJ7 - NETHERLAND ANTILLES/SINT MAARTEN - listen for PJ7B from Feb 24 to Mar 23.
S2 - BANGLADESH - activity will begin in April from S21XF, mostly on CW.
SV9 - CRETE - SV9/DJ7RJ will be active on all bands/modes until March 15.
T6 - AFGHANISTAN - listen for T6AB at 14200 from 0615-0930
UN - KAZAKHSTAN - UN/4J9M will be active until April 23.
V3 - BELIZE - V31MM will be active until March 9
VP8 - FALKLAND ISLANDS - active by DL2AH until March 13.
YU8 - KOSOVO - A NEW COUNTRY! - listen for callsigns prefixed YU8.
3A - PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO - will be active on 160m until Mar 3.
5X - UGANDA - 5X1NH will be active with 100 watts and wire antennas until March 22. Good Luck!
8R - GUYANA - 8R1PW will be active on CW only until Feb 29.
LATVIA, SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS - listen for special LY90 callsigns to celebrate the 90th anniversary.

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