



ARAC

MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

January 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 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:

RAC now has a **treasurer: Dave Parks - VE3AV** - of Ottawa has accepted the position. Dave has a background in Economics and Accounting and Computer Systems. In 2004, he retired from Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

The **HF BandPlanning Committee** has been reactivated, under the chairmanship of well known contester and TCA columnist, Bob Nash - VE3KZ. If you have issues or questions in this area, please contact your regional

representative on this committee. The committee members are: John Conner (VE3TG), Don Moman (VE6JY), Gus Samuelson (VO1MP), Bob Kaufmann (VE4GV) and Mel Martin (VE2DC)

RAC is still looking for a qualified **Vice President for Public Relations**. Do you have experience, expertise and interest in public relations work? Would you be willing to lend your expertise to RAC undertakings? If so, contact me for more information.

The **Report on the Restructuring of Amateur Radio in Canada** has been completed and presented to RAC's Board of Directors. It was accepted and will, on approval of the Board, be posted to RAC's WEBSITE. You will be able to download a .PDF copy of the full report as well as a PowerPoint summary which you will find suitable for presentation at club meetings. Both contain a summary of the data collected as well as recommendations based on this data.

DX to Watch For:

The VU7 is now, unfortunately, history. Did you work them? Did you even hear them?

EI - IRELAND - 100 years of the scouts in Ireland will be celebrated with the special event stations EI100S and EI100SI throughout the years 2007 and 2008.

J5 - GUINEA-BISSAU - listen for J59OFM on 14321 kHz Sundays and Wednesdays at 1615z.

JA - JAPAN - 8J1ANT is active until Mar 31 celebrating Japanese Antarctic science.

.JT - MONGOLIA - JT1/K4ZW will be active until Jan 25

OX - GREENLAND - will be active until July 30 from OX3PG by Dwayne, KD4POJ.

SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS - activated until March 1 by Bulgarians, as LZ0A & VP8/LZ1UQ

Contesting In VE4 & VE5:

It's time to start tuning the station for the upcoming spring contest season.

BC QSO Challenge	1800z Feb 10 - 1800z Feb 11	see: http://www.deltaamateurradio.com
CQWW WPX RTTY	0000z Feb 10 - 2400z Feb 11	see: http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/awards.html
YL/OM SSB contest	1400z Feb 10 - 0200z Feb 12	see: http://www.qsl.net/ylrl/ylcontests.html
ARRL DX CW	0000z Feb 17 - 2400z Feb 18	see: http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms
CQ 160m SSB	0000z Feb 24 - 2400z Feb 25	see: http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/awards.html
ARRL DX SSB	0000z Mar 3 - 2400z Mar 4	see: http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/

And, furthermore:

I will be 'off line' for most of the month of February.

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