



# MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 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.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 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 - 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:

With the coming of 2008, RAC's new executive is in place. Our new President, Dave Goodwin - VE3AAQ - has taken over at the head of the table. Replacing Dave as Director for Northern Ontario is Bill Unger -VE3XT. Our new Corporate Secretary, G. Linda Friars - VE9GLF - is on the job.

John Iliffe - VA3JI - is now serving as Special Advisor on Technical and Administrative Services and will continue as our resident computer wizard.

Brian Rawlings - VE3QN - will take over one of the jobs long held by Jim Dean - VE3IQ - that of Special Advisor to the President for the World Radio Conference.

President Goodwin will attend the ARRL Board Meeting in Texas on January 18-19.

## Contesting in VE4 & VE5:

With the continuing state of propagation, successful contesting continues to be a bit 'iffy'. However, there is some activity to look forward to:

Ten-Ten Winter Phone QSO Party	Feb 2-3	see: <a href="http://www.ten-ten.org">www.ten-ten.org</a>
North American Sprint	Feb 3	see: <a href="http://www.ncjweb.com">www.ncjweb.com</a>
British Columbia QSO Challenge	Feb 9-10	see: <a href="http://www.deltamateurradio.com">www.deltamateurradio.com</a>
YL-OM Contest	Feb 9-11	see: <a href="http://www.ylrl.org/contests.html">www.ylrl.org/contests.html</a>
North American Sprint	Feb 10	see: <a href="http://www.ncjweb.com">www.ncjweb.com</a>
ARRL DX Contest	Feb 16-17	see: <a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>
CQWW 160 Metre SSB	Feb 23-24	see: <a href="http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com">www.cq-amateur-radio.com</a>
North American QSO Party	Feb 23-24	see: <a href="http://www.nclweb.com">www.nclweb.com</a>

## DX to Watch For:

As usual, there is DX out there, and some of it pretty interesting, but it all depends on propagation.

**A60 - United Arab Emirates** - will be active as A60ISG on 80 - 10 metres.

**JW - Svalbard** - check out 14.248 mHz for this one.

**VP8 - Falkland Islands** - listen on 14335, 7055 & 3740 for activity.

**8Q7 - Maldives Is.** - 8Q7AK is active on occasion

**XU - Cambodia** - XU7AK will be active mostly on SSB.

**3A - Monaco** - Listen for 3A/ON5NT mostly during his morning and evening hours.

**VP8 - South Georgia Is.** - Jan 27 - shouldn't be hard to find if there is any propagation.

**T88 - Paulu** - starting Feb 1 - listen for T88SM, HK & HS on CW & SSB

**VP5 - Turks & Caicos Is** - Feb 1 - operated as VP5/W9VNE.  
**S21 - Bangladesh** - Feb 1 - S21XJ should be active.  
**J5 - Guinea Bissau** - Feb 2 - some activity planned as J5UAP in his spare time.  
**6W2 - Senegal** - Feb 2 - 6W2SC will be active mostly in digital modes with some SSB.  
**T19 - Cocos Is.** - Feb 4 - will be active in all modes for a couple of weeks.  
**VP6 - Ducie Is** - Feb 11 - Listen for VP6DX for about ten days. There will be a pileup!  
**C5 - The Gambia** - Feb 11 - C56YK will be active with a dipole - good luck!  
**PZ - Surinam** - Feb 13 - will be QRV for the ARRL DX CW Contest.  
**CN - Morocco** - Feb 13 - listen for CN2XW for ten days or so.  
**JD1 - Ogasawara** - Feb 26 - JD1BY & JD1BMP will be active for a couple of weeks.  
**V63 - Micronesia** - will be on the air for the ARRL DX CW contest  
**KH2 - Guam** - Feb 15 - will be active for a couple of days during the contest.  
**8R1 - Guyana** - Feb 22 - 8R1PW will be mostly active on the low bands.  
**5X1 - Uganda** - Feb 23 - listen for 5X1NH for a month of activity.  
**VP8 - Falkland Is** - Feb 26 - should be active mostly on SSB.  
**V4 - St. Kitts & Nevis Is** - Feb 28 - should be active for a few days.

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