



# MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

July 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](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.
- 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:

RAC is currently interviewing for a **part time Office Manager**

RAC is still trying to fill the position of **Vice President in charge of Public Relations**.

Have you renewed your **Club Insurance**? If you are not yet a member of this very effective and economical policy, through RAC, you should certainly look into it. It will meet your liability insurance needs at minimum cost.

RAC's proposed **Band Plan for HF** is available. Please see <http://www.rac.ca/service/hfband.htm> for details and provide your feedback.

A new printing of RAC's popular **Amateur Radio Study Guide** is now complete and is available for purchase at the regular price of \$50 on the RAC WEBSITE. There have been some minor changes and updates.

On June 28<sup>th</sup>, Industry Canada released a new **policy on towers and antenna siting** - CPC-2-0-03 - which is scheduled to come into effect on January 1, 2008. RAC has been an active participant in this review and is now analyzing the new policy. The impact of the policy will be described in upcoming issues of TCA. For information on this, see [http://strategis.ic.ca/epic/site/smt-gst.nsf/en/h\\_sf01702e.html](http://strategis.ic.ca/epic/site/smt-gst.nsf/en/h_sf01702e.html). Your comments on this issue should be made to Jim, [ve3iq@rac.ca](mailto:ve3iq@rac.ca) or Rich, [ve3iay@rac.ca](mailto:ve3iay@rac.ca).

### Contesting in VE4 & VE5:

Not a lot happening at this time of year and in this part of the sunspot cycle, but .....

10-10 Intn'l Summer SSB	Aug 4 0001z - Aug 5 2400z	see: <a href="http://www.ten-ten.org/">http://www.ten-ten.org/</a>
WAE DX Contest CW	Aug 11 0000z - Aug 12 2359z	see: <a href="http://www.darc.de/referate/dx">http://www.darc.de/referate/dx</a>
All Asia SSB Contest	Sep 1 0000z - Sep 2 2400z	see: <a href="http://www.jarl.or.jp/English">http://www.jarl.or.jp/English</a>
WAE DX Contest SSB	Sep 8 0000z - Sep 9 2359z	see: <a href="http://www.darc.de/referate/dx">http://www.darc.de/referate/dx</a>

### DX to Watch For:

Take a look at the WEBSITE of Radio Sport Canada for some great information and resources at <http://www.radiosport.ca/>. They offer an excellent propagation prediction chart which is updated very regularly.

Also, take a look at VE7CC's Packet Cluster service and software. Look at <http://www.ve7cc.net> to download the software and get instructions. This utility offers, among many other things, a really great Internet Ham Atlas, created by SP6NVK. It's well worth the setup time - take a look.

CU - AZORES ISLANDS - will be active until August 1.

JA - JAPAN - The special event station 8J7VENUS is very active in SSB until August 31.

JD1 - MINAMI TORISHIMA - on the air until until Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, mainly using PSK.

KH3 - JOHNSTON ATOLL - Susan, W7KFI will be active until the end of

SU - EGYPT - mostly on Friday/Saturday around 1400Z on CW with 100

TK - CORSICA - active until July 30. QSL only via HB9QR.

ZF - CAYMAN ISLANDS - until July 29 on 20m SSB

## Hamfests and Flea Markets:

SARL's SaskHamFest 2007 & 44<sup>th</sup> International Peace Garden Hamfest are now behind us. Enjoy your new fleas!

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Manitoba Amateur Radio Museum Hamfest - August 17 & 18 at Austin, MB.

A hamfest and an opportunity to visit Western Canada's only Amateur Radio Museum at the same time.

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