



MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

June 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
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: 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:

Effective June 30, RAC Director for the Maritimes, Dave Goodwin (VO1AU) has resigned. He has relocated to Ottawa. Ex-Assistant Director Len Morgan (VE9MY) of New Brunswick has been appointed as interim Atlantic Director to serve out the remainder of term ending December 31, 2006.

RAC STILL does not have a treasurer. Do you have expertise in this area? Would you be willing to serve in this capacity? If so, get in touch with me

The letter regarding Frequency Co-ordination in Manitoba has STILL not been sent out. President Smith has promised to deal with this directly.

The Committee on Restructuring of Amateur Radio in Canada has completed the questionnaire about the Entry Level licence. However, there is a holdup with translation into French. We can not release the questionnaire until it can be done simultaneously in both language. Once this is complete - and it might happen this week - the questionnaire will be available through the RAC Home Page on the InterNet. Also available for download is the article from the May/June issue of TCA as well as the PowerPoint presentation. This PowerPoint presentation is an excellent tool for use at your club to explain the Entry Level licence concept and generate discussion. It even comes with presenter's notes. Please encourage everyone to take ten minutes to complete this questionnaire.

Are you interested in attending a DX Conference? There is one in Vancouver this summer! You can get information about it at <http://www.bcdxc.org/2006convention.htm>. They offer a really great door prize - an ICOM 746 Pro III transceiver.

Are you planning to enter the Canada Day Contest this year? It's a great little contest offering an opportunity to say 'hello' to a lot of fellow Canadians. I will be operating as VE5RAC once again. Why not stop by for a brief visit on Canada's birthday?

The Hamfest/SwapMeet season is upon us once again!

Great opportunities to meet old friends, make new ones and buy and sell some fleas.

Saskatchewan Mini Hamfest/Fleamarket/AGM is sponsored by SARL and will be held July 8, 2006 at the Manitou Springs Hotel in Watrous from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Contact Val (VE5ACJ) at valve5acj@sasktel.net for further information.

The Twelfth Annual MARM Hamfest will be held August 18-19 in the Heritage Building on the grounds of the Agricultural Museum in Austin, MB. The Manitoba Repeater Society's meeting takes place on Saturday at 2:00 pm. See <http://www.mts.net/~dsnydal/austin.html> for details.

The 43rd annual International Hamfest will be held July 7-9 at the Peace Garden. For details, see <http://www.mts.net/~holderr/ihf.htm>

DX to Watch For:

Occasionally, the HF bands offer some openings and there is still DX to be had.

AFGHANISTAN, YA - From Kabul, listen for T61AA, the first use of this new prefix.

FRENCH POLYNESIA, FO - several islands will be active by F6CTL until July 18th.

HAITI, HH - will be activated by HH4/W3CMO until June 28th.

ICELAND, TF - for the next six months, TF/IW5DCE will be active on SSB and digital modes.

MALEDIVES, 8Q - listen for 8W7/SV2BFN until July 4th.

MALI, TZ - should be active until the end of August as TZ9A. Maybe TU5AX and TR8SA after that.

SARDINIA, ISØ - ISØ/IW2NEF plans to be very active here until the end of June.

ST KITTS AND NEVIS, V4 - listen for W6JKV until July 2.

TURKEY, TA - LX1CC will be working as YM3CC until June 28th.

Contesting in VE4 & VE5:

Are you or your club planning to mount a Field Day effort? It's an excellent way to show young and old alike the joys to contesting and introduce them to emergency operation procedures.

ARRL Field Day - 1800z June 24 to 2100 June 25 - see <http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/>

Canada Day Contest - 0000z July 1 to 2400z July 1 - see <http://www.rac.ca/service/infocont.htm>

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