



ARAC MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

June, 2000

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 . 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:

With the **resignation of RAC's office clerk**, Louis Madore, the office is making use of a Call Centre to answer calls when the office is closed. All unusual queries will be forwarded to RAC's office for return

The **court hearing** on the Norman case was held on June 17. The outcome, favourable for RAC, will be described in the next issue of TCA.

Would you like to put **VE4RAC or VE5RAC** on the air during a contest? If so, contact AD Adam Romanchuk for the VE4RAC or me for the VE5RAC.

A **new Study Guide** is being written, to replace the current version. It will become a lot more 'user friendly', following a format which follows the layout of the IC question bank and using a lot of colour to make it more attractive.

The VA2RAC callsign will be used by a Quebec group of contesters during the upcoming IARU contest.

The next issue of TCA will contain a page which lists the new RAC members.

DX to Watch For:

It's still pretty quiet in the world of DX, but there is still hope:

FH - MAYOTTE ISLAND - TX7LX, Georg, is staying there until Jun 23

HR - HONDURAS - special call HQ50RCH between Jun 21 and Jul 31.

HS - THAILAND - special call HS91LIONS active until June 27.

JD1/MT - MINAMI TORISHIMA - JD1BMM will be active until July 3.

VR2 - HONGKONG - VR2/VK2CCC will be active until June 21.

3A - MONACO - 3A/SP2JMB will be active until June 27.

5B - CYPRUS - 5B/G3VCQ will be active until July 5.

8Q - MALEDIVES - 8Q7VH from Meeru Island (AS-013) from Jun

9L - SIERRA LEONE - 9L0W since Jun 13 and should be QRV until Jun 20.

Contesting in VE4 & VE5:

The 'biggie' for June, of course, is Field Day. This is an excellent opportunity to get all of the new and or young Amateurs involved in the world of Emergency Service. contesting and companionship. It's also an opportunity to talk up the merits of the Canada Day Contest and get them all lined up for that one.

And, don't forget to get on the air for Canada Day - this is an excellent contest for the beginner in particular, as it is low stress, and only 24 hours long. It is an excellent opportunity to get on 20 metres and run US stations for a few hours.

ARRL Field Day	1800z June 28 - 2100z June 29	see: http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms
Kind of Spain SSB	1200z June 28 - 1200z June 29	see: http://www.ure.es/
Canada Day	0000z July 1 - 2400 July 1	see: www.rac.ca/service/infocont.htm

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

MARMFEST - August 15 - 16 at Austin Manitoba's Agricultural Museum which also hosts the Amateur Radio Museum. See <http://www.marminc.ca> for details.

Peace Gardens 45th International Hamfest - July 11, 12 & 13 at the International Peace Garden south of Brandon, MB. See <http://www.mts.net/~holderr/ihf.htm> for details.

Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club Hamfest - August 8, 9 & 10, 2008.

Hilton Suites - Winnipeg Airport - 1800 Wellington Avenue - Winnipeg - MB - R3H 1B2

Book tollfree at 1-800-445-8667 (mention the Winnipeg ARC for preferred rates)

See <http://www.mts.net/~warc/hamfest> for details.

This Hamfest will host the RAC Annual General Meeting as well as a RAC Forum, displays and sales table.

Several representatives from RAC will be present, both Directors and Executive

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