



# MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

March 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](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: 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 - 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:

The committee to study the possibility of re-structuring Amateur Radio certification in Canada has been created.  
For details, please visit the RAC WEBSITE, under "Latest News" and follow the links or simply go to:  
<http://www.rac.ca/news/foundation.pdf>

Your input as an individual and as a club will be welcomed.

Congratulations to Bob Boux - VE4RRB - on being elected to another term as Section Manager for Manitoba.

The QCWA National Convention is being held in Calgary this year on Sep. 28 - 30. See <http://www.obsd.com/qcwa-chapter151>

Saskatchewan's Mini-Hamfest is being held at the Manitou Springs Convention Centre in Watrous, SK on July 8.

Richard Ferch, VE3IAY, has been appointed to the executive position of Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, replacing Jim Dean, VE3IQ, who has long served in that capacity.

RAC has given permission for the RAC Contest coordinators to create two new single operator, all band, single mode categories.

### **DX to Watch For:**

Don't forget the WPX contest as a source of possible great Dxing. Also, these are coming up:

**MAURITIUS, 3B8** - Jose, ON4LAC is QRV as 3B8/ON4LAC until May 13.

**AZERBAIJAN, 4J** - 4J0AUM, respectively, until March 27

**MOZAMBIQUE, C9** - Vlad, UA4WHX is QRV as C91VB.

**HAITI, HH** - Jan, K4QD and Bill, W4WX will be QRV as HH4/homecalls from March 20 to 31.

**GREECE, SV** - Special event callsign SY05AIA celebrates 5th anniversary of the International Airport

**GUATEMALA, TG** - Marcos, EA1APV plans to be QRV as TG7M from Guatemala City from March 22 to 26.

**CANADA, VE** - Club Radio Amateur de Quebec will be QRV as VE2CRAQ from March 18 to 26 for its 80<sup>th</sup> anniv.

**ASCENSION ISLAND, ZD8** - Jim, N6TJ will be QRV as ZD8Z from March 19 to 30 via VE3HO.

### **Contesting In VE4 & VE5:**

The really interesting contest (in my opinion) is the WPX contest, coming up shortly. Lots of 'funny' prefixes and you can happily work anybody for points. Enjoy!

CQ WW WPX SSB	0000z Mar 25 - 2400z Mar 26	see: <a href="http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/awards.html">http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/awards.html</a>
QCWA 50 <sup>th</sup> Spring QSO Party	1800z Apr 1 - 1800z Apr 2	see: <a href="http://www.qcwa.org/qso-party.htm">www.qcwa.org/qso-party.htm</a>
Ontario QSO Party	1800z Apr 15 - 1800 Apr 16	see: <a href="http://www.odxa.on.ca/oqphome.html">http://www.odxa.on.ca/oqphome.html</a>
Holyland DX Contest	0000z Apr 16 - 2400z Apr 16	see: <a href="http://www.iarc.org">http://www.iarc.org</a>

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