



MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

May, 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

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 - 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:

I attended the **spring CARAB meeting** last week and made my presentation on "[The Restructuring of Amateur Radio in Canada.](#)" It was very well received. Industry Canada seems to be in favour of moving in this direction but warned us that, as it might require Regulatory changes, it could well take some time to accomplish. ("some time" in IC speak translates to several years, by the way)

The issue of "**Antenna Structures**" was brought forward by RAC as an important issue. IC's position seems to be

that they will not take sides but will be willing to mediate between the parties to the issue. RAC expressed considerable unhappiness with this response.

We were given a presentation on the **BPL** (Broadband over Power Lines) issue. Evidently, IC is considering requiring BPL suppliers to provide a 20 dB notch for the Amateur bands. It is generally felt that 20 dB is inadequate to eliminate interference.

A **new exam generator** has been released by Industry Canada, and Accredited Examiners will soon be advised to begin using it. It should be noted that the pass mark which appears on this exam is incorrect!

Hopefully, all hams know that they must advise IC of an **address change within 30 days**. This can now be done by filling out a form on the InterNet. Please be sure to do this!

The next CARAB meeting will be held in the latter part of October.

The 2007 Board of Directors' meeting at Cornwall, ON is finished and the summer issue of TCA will carry the minutes. Representing the ARRL, we had the First VP, Dr. Kay Craigie (N3KN) and representing the IARU, we had their President, Dr. Larry Price (W4RA). There are some issues which are of immediate concern:

- RAC still needs to fill the position of **Vice President of Public Relations**.
- RAC needs to fill the position of **Chairman for the VHF/UHF Advisory Committee**.

President Earle Smith has advised that he will not be seeking this position after the New Year. Similarly, Director Brian Nilsson of Alberta has indicated that he will not seek to continue in his position.

Larry Price of the IARU, who gets virtually every Amateur Radio publication in print, told us that considering the size of the Canadian Amateur Radio organization, next to the ARRL's QST, TCA ranks next in quality and content. We've come a long way.

DX to Watch For:

The Scarborough Reef (BS7H) operation is now completed. Unfortunately, it all happened while I was in Ontario. I hope that those of you who were chasing it were successful. It may well be another ten years before it is active again.

OX - GREENLAND - will be active as OX/NA1SA until May 10.

PJ2 - NETHERLAND ANTILLES - will be on the air until as PJ2/KC2PZ until May 14.

V3 - BELIZE - listen for V31PA until May 9.

VP6 - PITCAIRN ISLAND - should be active for four months as VP6TD.

6W - SENEGAL - Listen for IZ2DPX on all bands during May.

BULGARIA, SPECIAL EVENT STATION using LZ07KM.

ITALY, SPECIAL EVENT STATION using IR1ALP for the month of May.

POLAND, SPECIAL EVENT STATION using SN0MKK for their 70th anniversary until May 10.

Contesting in VE4 & VE5:

Do you have a crew and a station together for the upcoming Field Day yet? This will be an excellent opportunity to bring some new Amateurs and young people into the Amateur Radio Service as well as testing emergency readiness.

CQ WW WPX CW	0000z May 26 - 2400z May 27	see: http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com
Portugal Day SSB	0000z Jun 9 - 2400z Jun 9	see: http://www.rep.pt/
Quebec QSO Party	1700z Jun 16 - 0300z Jun 17	see: http://www.raqi.ca/qqp/regs.html
ARRL Field Day	1800z Jun 23 - 2100 z Jun 24	see: http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/

Hamfests and Flea Markets:

SARL's SaskHamFest 2007 - July 7, 2007 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at Moose Jaw's Western Development Museum. Flea market and displays and a program and contests. Call Val (VE5ACJ) at 693-6127 or e-mail her at ve5acj@rac.ca.

44th International Peace Garden Hamfest - July 13, 14 & 15, 2007. For information, see the WEBSITE at <http://www.mts.net/~holderr/ihf.htm> or e-mail Richard Holder (VE4QK) at ve4ihf@mts.net.

11th 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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