



MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

October 2008

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://www.mb-repeater-society.ca/> 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:

Congratulations to Murray Crandon of Moose Jaw - VE5MC. Murray made it into several newspapers across Canada, reporting on his QSO with Richard Garriott on board the International Space Station. Take a look at:

http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20081025/space_radio_081025/20081026

Industry Canada's **Amateur Radio Service Centre** has been moved from Ottawa to Sault St. Marie. It's a 'transparent' move - contact numbers remain unchanged. Why, you ask? Good question.

We now have approval to do some **testing on 504 - 509 kHz** under certain conditions.

Applications must be made to RAC's office for screening and there is a \$60 annual fee.

The **fall CARAB** meeting is being held today with an extensive agenda. Watch for a report.

RAC's **new Operating Manual** should be available within the next couple of weeks.

The new **Study Guide** should be ready by or before August of 2009.

Are you watching the news and the InterNet for information about Ontario's plan to ban the use of all hand-held devices while driving? Some are concerned that this might also apply to the use of Amateur Radio microphones.

As of November 1, 2009, **Joe Musgrave - VE5CEM** - will be Saskatchewan's new Section Manager. Good luck with the new position, Joe. And, to Joan Bahnman - VE5JML - thank you for your past efforts in this position.

Also, Robert Boux - VE4RRB - is not renewing his position as **Manitoba's Section Manager**.

That position is still open - is there anyone out there who would undertake the job?

DX to Watch For:

Fortunately, DX openings are getting to be more common. There were signals on 15 metres during the CQWW contest. There is DX out there. Go get it!

VP8/A - ANTARCTICA - listen for FT5YI and VKØBP with occasional activity.

A4 - OMAN - A43DLH will be active until November 11 on all bands,

GU - GUERNSEY ISLAND - GU3ZAY & GU7VJR will be active until November 2.

KH2 - GUAM ISLAND - various stations active until November 3.

YJ - VANUATU - YJØAQY & YJØAVE will be active until November 6.

ZA - ALBANIA - ZA1/XE1MO will be active until November 9.

3B8 - MAURITIUS ISLAND - 3B8/F1BCS will be active until November 9.

3DA0 - SWAZILAND - 3DAØVM will be active during November.

9H - MALTA - 9H3YL will be active until November 8 operated by OH2YL (Anne)

Contesting in VE4 & VE5:

Not a lot happening right now:

ARRL SS (CW)	2100z Nov 3 - 0300z Nov 5
CQ WW DX (CW)	0000z Nov 29 - 2400z Nov 30

RARA Fall Flea Market - Sat, Nov. 1 at the SGI North West Claim Centre at 1121 McCarthy Blvd N.
9:00 am to noon - free admission - door prizes - coffee & muffins.
Tables cost \$10.00. See <http://www.ve5nn.ca> for more details.

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

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Devon Racicot - VE5DWR

Section Managers:

Manitoba: open

Saskatchewan: Joe Musgrave - VE5CEM