



MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

September 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: 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 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:

Have you completed the questionnaire on Restructuring of Amateur Radio in Canada yet? Nearly 2000 Amateurs across Canada have done so to date.

If not, go to the RAC WEBSITE at <http://www.rac.ca> and follow the link on Restructuring to the questionnaire, available in both languages. Make sure that your opinion is heard!

When your club meetings resume this fall, please make this an item for discussion. There is a downloadable PowerPoint presentation available on our WEBSITE to help get things going. It even comes with built in presenter's notes.

RAC now has a treasurer. VP International Affairs, ex Quebec Director and ex President Daniel Lamoureux, VE2KA, has agreed to serve in this capacity until the end of the year.

RAC is STILL seeking a person (or persons) to become a member of the Internet Services Management Committee. The person should have a good working knowledge of:

- . Various Microsoft Windows operating systems, and connectivity methodologies
- . Microsoft FrontPage, and the Microsoft Office Suite
- . Linux, including both FreeBSD and Fedora
- . Apache, My SQL, PHP, Perl, Sendmail, Computer security technology.

Please let me know if you are interested in working in this important service.

RAC can now serve as sponsor for Amateurs who wish to become Designated Examiners if the individual is in a remote rural location where there is no club available to serve as sponsor. Contact Industry Canada or your Director or Assistant Director for further details.

The recent elections: I will continue to serve as Director for the MidWest (thanks to all who nominated me). Directors Ed Frazer of BC and Len Morgan of the Maritimes were also acclaimed. Director Ben Price of North/East Ontario will not be running for the position again, and two new candidates have come forward, so an election will be held in North/East Ontario.

DX to Watch For:

Don't forget - there are two (2) new countries to hunt down:

Montenegro gained new country status on June 28 with the prefixes YU/YT/YZ/4N/4O

and Swain's Island was added on July 22 with the prefix KH8. Good hunting!

Also, the Autumnal Equinox occurs on Sep 23, so there should be improved propagation for a while.

7Q - MALAWI - will be activated by 7Q7CE until Oct 6 on all bands

E5 - SOUTH COOK ISLANDS - listen for E51KH on 20 metres until Sep 22.

EA6 - BALEARIC ISLANDS - EA6/DK4VW will continue here until Sept 27.

FT5X - KERGUELEN ISLAND - TU5KG is QRV as FT5XP for the next two months.

HA - HUNGARY - Special event station HA100RADIO is active, mostly on CW with 100 watts.

HB0 - LIECHTENSTEIN - will be active until Sep 25.

J7 - DOMINICA - active all bands as N1DL/J79DL & W4LFK/J79MD until Sep 27

JT - MONGOLIA - active with JT800OK from Ulaan Bator until Oct 8.

SV5 - DODEKANES - listen for SV5/GM3YOR on CW until Oct 4.

T8 - PALAU - active as JE1SYN/T88YN & JP1IOF/T88AS until Sep 24.

TU - Ivory Coast - listen for Jean, TU2/F5LDY, all bands and modes for the next year.

V5 - NAMIBIA - HB9QQ is QRV as V5/HB9QQ until September 30

VQ9 - CHAGOS ISLAND - Jim, ND9M is QRV as VQ9JC from Diego Garcia for the next four months

Contesting in VE4 & VE5:

The fall contest season, with the premier CQWW Contest, is upon us. Good luck, all!

CQWW DX RTTY	0000z Sep 23 to 2400z Sep 24	see http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/awards.html
Oceania DX SSB	0800z Oct 7 - 0800z Oct 8	see http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com
California QSO Party	1600z Oct 7 - 2200z Oct 8	see http://www.cqp.org
Oceania DX CW	0800z Oct 14 - 0800z Oct 15	see http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com
CQWW DX SSB	0000z Oct 28 - 2400z Oct 29	see http://cqww.com

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