



# MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

September 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.brandanarc.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](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: 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 - 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:

We have a new **MidWest Director. Devon Racicot - VE5DWR** - will be taking up the post starting in the new year. Congratulations, Devon.

**RAC has a new treasurer.** The position, previously held by Dave Parks - VE3AV - has, as of the first of October, been taken over by Ronald Vadeboncoeur - VE3REV.

Larry Price - W4RA - the current **president of the IARU**, will be resigning at the end of this year. He will be replaced by Calgary lawyer Tim Ellam - VE6SH - for a five year term. Tim has had a long time relationship with RAC, often serving as a valuable resource for those of us who experience problems with tower issues.

Keep in mind that, when you renew your **RAC membership** - if you wish to receive a membership card, you must request it. It will NOT be sent automatically.

In the new year, TCA will be printed by a new printer. Watch for better quality paper and sharper text.

Negotiations are still taking place with Industry Canada on access to channels on the 60 metre band. Don't build the new antenna yet - progress with IC is, as always, very slow.

## Contesting in VE4 & VE5:

Several little contests and QSO Parties coming up in October but there is only one really big one. But, it is a good time to get the antenna work done.

CQWW DX SSB      Oct 27 - 28      See: <http://cqww.com>

## DX to Watch For:

I understand that a sunspot has been sighted. Maybe we are coming up from the bottom of the current solar cycle minimum? Maybe there will, once again, be life on 15 m & 10 m. One hopes. There is, however, quite a bit of DX available if/when propagation permits.

DU - PHILIPPINES - will be active as DU6/F4BKV until October 6.

EA8 - CANARY ISLANDS - active as EA8OM until March 2009.

EY - TAJIKISTAN - EY8/F4EGS will be active until November 26.

FO/M - MARQUESAS ISLANDS - FO/DJ7RJ will be active until October 19.

KG4 - GUANTANAMO BAY - KG4KL on SSB, RTTY & SSTV until October 21.

KH2 - GUAM ISLAND - Listen for AH2J until October 6.

KP2 - AMERICAN VIRGIN ISLANDS - mostly on 17m & 12m until October 10.

OD - LEBANON - OD5/F5TLN will be QRV until February.

PJ2 - NETHERLAND ANTILLES, CURACAO - PJ2/PA0VDV until Oct 29.

S79 - SEYCHELLES - S79TF will be active until October 14 during his holidays.

T30 - WESTERN KIRIBATI / T31 - CENTRAL KIRIBATI - until mid Oct.

T6 - AFGHANISTAN - T6EE will be active until Oct 31 on 14200 kHz.

TN - CONGO - TN5MM is active from Brazzaville.

3B7 - ST BRANDON AND AGALEGA ISLANDS - 3B8FQ during October.

6W - SENEGAL - listen for 6V7SPACE until October 10.

7X - ALGERIA - 7X/DB1JAW will be active until October 14.

**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.mbhswapnet.ca/index.php>

---

**From:** Bj. Madsen - VE5FX

**RAC MidWest Regional Director**

Box 2860 - Tisdale - SK - S0E 1T0

Voice: 306-873-4346

E-mail: [ve5fx@rac.ca](mailto:ve5fx@rac.ca)

**Assistant Directors:**

Adam Romanchuk - VE4SN

Derek Hay - VE4HAY

Richard Holder - VE4QK

Bill Till - VE5FN

Devon Racicot - VE5DWR

**Section Managers:**

Manitoba: Robert Boux - VE4RRB

Saskatchewan: Joan Bahnman - VE5JML

