



# MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

April 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:

RAC now has a Director for Southern Ontario after a long absence. Because there were no nominations forthcoming after two official tries to fill the position, last night the Board of Directors appointed Geoff Smith - VA3GS - to fill the unexpired term of office for Ontario South.

You should be aware of Industry Canada's policy on Amateur Radio callsigns: They require that you have an address in the province indicated by any callsign and that you have a callsign appropriate for the province in which you reside. So, if you move from Manitoba to Saskatchewan, you must obtain a VE5 callsign. You may also retain your VE4 callsign IF you still have an address in Manitoba. Of course, if you retain your VE4 callsign, you will have to pay for the new VE5 callsign. If you relinquish the VE4, the replacement VE5 is free. This will be discussed at the upcoming CARAB.

Don't forget the upcoming Brandon Flea Market. Plan on attending on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Bring money. Buy fleas.

There are currently 13 Designated Examiners in Manitoba and 15 in Saskatchewan.

The RAC Youth Education Program now has a presence on Wikipedia. Take a look at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radio\\_Amateurs\\_of\\_Canada\\_Youth\\_Education\\_Program](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radio_Amateurs_of_Canada_Youth_Education_Program)

The next RAC Board of Directors' meeting will take place in Cornwall, ON. It starts on Thursday, May 4 and finishes up with the Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday, May 7. I will send out another NewsLetter after I get home and have recovered from my adventures with WestJet.

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

I've recently heard that the bottom of the current sunspot cycle is still one year away, so it will get worse before it gets better. However, there is still some interesting DX for those who are truly deserving:

**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS, VU4** - hosts a HamFest Apr 18-20

**AVES ISLAND, YVØ**, - active starting April 19 - all bands all modes

**CROATIA, 9A**, - from a lighthouse, signing 9A0CI until April 22.

**GREECE, SV**- special call SX2P from International Sports meeting.

**INDONESIA, YB** - from Nias Island until April 27.

**KENYA, 5Z** - listen for 5Z4ZK until April 28.

**MONGOLIA, JT** - active with JT1Y & JTØY until May 8

**RODRIGUES ISLAND, 3B9** - listen for 3B9/ON4LAC until April 29. Maybe until May 14.

**SOMALIA, 6O** - Mike, PA5M will be active as 6OØM for the next six weeks.

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