



# ARAC MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

August 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: 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 - 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:

**Have you completed the questionnaire** on Restructuring of Amateur Radio in Canada yet?

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! We have had nearly 1 600 responses so far!

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 STILL does not have a treasurer.** Do you have expertise in this area? Would you be willing to serve in this capacity? If so, get in touch with me

**RAC is 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.

**There was an ERROR in the last issue of TCA!** Page 51, soliciting nominations for directors SHOULD have listed positions for the Atlantic Region, the Ontario North & East Region, the Midwest Region and the BC/Yukon Region. Please be advised that this region - **the MidWest - is up for re-election.** If you would like to run for this position, see Page 51 of the July/August issue of TCA for details. (You will have to hurry, though!)

**The new RAC Study Guides** are now available at a cost of \$50 plus GST. Please order from the RAC WEBSITE.

**The new student package** is available online at the RAC store for individuals as well as for clubs. The new student will receive a copy of the RAC Study Guide, the RAC operating manual and six months of RAC membership. Because of the cost of the new guide, the Student Package will now cost \$74.99 plus \$8.50 shipping plus GST of \$5.01. There is information on the website by clicking on the Study Guide link on the homepage of the RAC site.

This is a special reminder of the upcoming **QCWA International Convention** - 2006 hosted by Alberta Wild Rose Chapter 151 on September 28 - 30, 2006. The venue for this convention is at the Port O' Call Hotel, located at 1935 McKnight Blvd NE, Calgary, AB.

This convention is for everyone interested in radio, as well for all QCWA members and friends. Come out and meet the movers and shakers who made amateur radio what it is today!

Registration details can be found on their web site (link in blue - below) and all information pertaining to the convention can be found here:

<http://www.obsd.com/qcwa-chapter151/Convention-Web/convention-2006poster.html>

**New ARES Forms:** There now exist, on the RAC website at <http://www.rac.ca/fieldorg/racares.htm>, two online forms of use and interest to the ARES.

One is for Radio Amateurs to register themselves as volunteers in their existing local ARES unit. The other, which was just uploaded, is for any club that wishes to form a new ARES unit in an area where one does not already exist.

In both cases, the form comes to the VPFS and will be forwarded to the respective SM and/or SEC for attention, action and direct reply to the originating Radio Amateur

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

There is still a bit of DX to be pounced upon, but not a lot:

**GREECE, SV.** - listen for special callsign SX8AYT from some Greek islands until August 30<sup>th</sup>.

**CHAGOS ISLANDS, VQ9.** - VQ9JC will be active from Diego Garcia for another four months.

**INDONESIA, YC0.** - YC0IEM/7 will be active from Borneo Island (OC-088), until August 24.

**IRAQ, YI.** - Richard, SP8HKT, plans to be active again as YI9KT until January 2007.

**EAST TIMOR, 4W6.** - Mike, 4W6AAB has been reported on 20 and 30 meters using RTTY.

## Contesting in VE4 & VE5:

And now we are getting back into the contest season. Make sure that the system is working properly.

All Asia DX Contest	0000z Sep 2 - 2400z Sep 3	See <a href="http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/0-2.htm">http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/0-2.htm</a>
WAE DX Contest SSB	0000 Sep 9 - 2400z Sep 10	See <a href="http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/fedcw.htm">http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/fedcw.htm</a>
ARRL Sep VHF QSO Party	1800z Sep 9 - 0300z Sep 11	See <a href="http://www.arrl.org/contest/forms">http://www.arrl.org/contest/forms</a>

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