



MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

December 2007

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.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 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://ve4.net/mrs/> 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 - 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) 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:

As of the end of the year, **RAC's president, Earle Smith** - VE6NM - finishes his term of office. Our new president will be the Director from Ontario North/East, Dave Goodwin - VE3AAQ.

Secretary Sue Cooke - VE3SUH - also finishes her term of office, to be replaced by Linda Friars - VE9GLF.

Don't forget the **RAC Canada Winter Contest** on December 29th!

Would you like to run the VE4RAC or VE5RAC callsigns for this contest? If you plan to be quite active and would like to use an 'official' call, contact me for the VE5RAC or Adam Romanchuk for the VE4RAC call.

And, mark your calendar: The **Winnipeg Hamfest** will happen August 8-9-10 and will feature RAC's official Annual General Meeting as a part of its agenda. Come provide your input and meet RAC's new president and secretary as well as your old director, of course.

Contesting in VE4 & VE5:

Make sure your station is ready for the big event - the RAC Winter Contest.

RAC Winter Contest	Dec 29	see: http://www.rac.ca/infocont.htm
ARRL QSO Party	Jan 5 - 6	see: http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/
PSKFest PSK31	Jan 12	see: http://hometown.aol.com/n3dqu/070_plain_vanilla.htm

DX to Watch For:

Propagation isn't good and there isn't much DX, but there is a bit of activity planned:

A5 - BHUTAN - A52AM's certification has been cancelled due to illegal

CE - CHILE - AI,CE1/K7CA, will be very active until February with lowband contacts.

CT9 - MADEIRA - Luis,CT3EE, will use the callsign CT9EPC from Dec 22-28.

T8 - PALAU - Frank, I2DMI will be active from Koror Is. Until Jan 2nd.

VP8 - SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS - sometimes on the 'Antarctic DX Net' on 7093

YV0 - AVES ISLAND - have you worked it? 90% destroyed by Hurricane Dean. It is GONE!

3Y - BOUVET ISLAND - will be activated by a scientific operation for next 2 - 3 months.

9H - MALTA - 9H3HW will show up during his holidays from Dec 23 until Jan 5.

And, furthermore:

Kathy - VE5FL - and I wish you and yours the very best for the holiday season. May you enjoy improved propagation and fulfilling experiences in your Amateur Radio undertakings.

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