



# MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

January 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

Meetings held first Thursday monthly (except July & August) at Brandon City Hall at 7:30 pm.

**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) 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:

Our WEBMaster and Northern Ontario Director, Ben Price (VE3CDA) has made changes to the format of the RAC Canadian Club WEBpage. Please check it out and provide Ben with the appropriate changes, corrections and updates.

*From TCA ....*"Amateurs should note that included in the amended RIC-9 in Section 1.2 is a notice requiring that when an Amateur changes his/her place of residence from one call area to another, he/she **shall obtain a new call sign appropriate to the new call area**. This change amplifies the requirement in RIC-2 that an Amateur must notify the Department within 30 days of changing address." (Highlights are mine)

If you are one of Manitoba's 16 or Saskatchewan's 19 Designated Examiners, your status has probably expired at the end of 2005. You MUST contact IC to renew your status, as per the letter that I sent out last month.

At last night's Board of Directors' conference call, a motion was passed which reads:

RAC will commit to holding the 2008 Annual General Meeting at the Winnipeg Hamfest, subject to confirmation by the sitting Board of Directors at that time. *Motion by Madsen / Goodwin*

A new director has been nominated and declared elected for the Alberta/NU/NWT Region. He is Brian Nilsson, VE6RNR - from Grand Prairie, AB.

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

There is still DX out there on 20 metres and occasionally, 15 metres is open. Don't give up!

**ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, V2** - listen for V25G & V26VR mainly on CW until Feb. 1.

**CAYMAN ISLANDS, ZF** - activity from ZF2ZL until Jan 22

**DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, 9Q** - F5HRH will be active until Jan. 22

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HI** - HA7TM/HI9 will be QRV until Feb 2.

**REPUBLIC of BELAU - T88** - listen for T88CY & T88OP until January 23.

**SOUTH COOK ISLANDS, E5** - ZK1VFA will be active from Raratonga until Jan 28.

**US VIRGIN ISLANDS, KP2** - WB2ART will be active from St. Croix until Jan 21.

### **Contesting In VE4 & VE5:**

Good luck with the 10 metre contest at this point in the cycle, but who knows?

10-10 International Winter SSB	0001z Feb 4 - 2400z Feb 5	see: <a href="http://www.ten-ten.org/">http://www.ten-ten.org/</a>
CQWW WPX RTTY	0000z Feb 11 - 2400 Feb 12	see: <a href="http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/awards.html">http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/awards.html</a>
ARRL Intn'l DX CW	0000z Feb 18 - 2400z Feb 19	see: <a href="http://www.arrl.org/contest/forms">http://www.arrl.org/contest/forms</a>
ARRL Intn'l DX SSB	0000z Mar 4 - 2400z Mar 5	see: <a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/">http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/</a>

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Manitoba: Robert Boux - VE4RRB

Saskatchewan: Larry Sedgwick - VE5VR