



MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

July 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.brandonarc.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

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 - 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:

Do you wish to have an official **RAC Membership Card**? Simply call the RAC 1-800 number and ask for one - it will be sent to you within about three weeks.

The **RAC InterNet WEBSITE** is under revision by our VP-Tech & Admin Services to achieve a uniform appearance and to bring it up to date. It is currently getting between 15 - 18 000 hits per day. The Callsign Alias service usage is working well, with nearly 10 000 aliases on file. Are you using this unique and valuable service?

Our **VP-PR** John Bartlett (VE1OZ) has resigned for personal reasons. He has been replaced by Peter West (VE3HG) who is a graduate of a professional PR program and very experienced in the field.

Evidently, in the US, the **420-450 MHz band** (where Amateur Radio is secondary) is being used by an East and West Coast radar system. Some Amateur Radio repeaters have been instructed, by the military, to shut down! One assumes that, if their system can be jammed by a 50 watt repeater, it is pretty fragile.

The ARRL now has about 155 000 members. Consider that the US has about 15 times as many Amateurs as Canada, this would equate to around 10 000 members in Canada. We have some distance to go to catch up.

The new **Canadian MF-HF Band Plan**, prepared by John Nash and his committee, has been accepted by the Board of Directors. It can be found on the RAC WEBSITE. Please keep in mind that, while it is similar to the US Band Plan, it is proposed to Canadian Amateurs but is imposed on US Amateurs. There will probably be further changes to the 40 metre band plan once the broadcasters have vacated.

The **Winnipeg Hamfest** and RAC AGM will have at least four RAC officials present: President Goodwin (VE3AAQ), Director Frazer (VE7EF), VP-IA Lamoureux (VE2KA) and, of course, me. It is also possible that Director Unger (VE3XT) will attend. Please stop by the RAC booth and say, "hello" and be sure to visit us at the AGM and the Forum.

DX to Watch For:

Evidently, we are now at the bottom of the current sunspot cycle. The good news is, of course, that we now have several years of improving DX to look forward to. Is it time to consider that new HF rig?

C9 - Mozambique: K5LBU/C91CF, to take place July 16th through 30th.

EP - Iran: Yuki, JH1NBN, currently is found as EP3BN.

VR2 - Hongkong: special call VR2008O during the Olympic Games

SV9 - Crete: SV9/SV1JB, July 21st through August 7th.

TF - Iceland: Look for Franz, DL3PS, visiting Vestmannaeyjar Island

4L - Georgia: 4L7OA is Terje, LA3OHA, staying in Caucasus through September 2008.

4W - East-Timor: 4W6AAB will be active for five weeks.

9G - Ghana: 9G5MM will be active until August 10 with 1kW & G5RV.

Contesting in VE4 & VE5:

Good luck with the 10-10 Contest. Who knows, there might be a signal or two.

IOTA Contest	1200z July 26 - 1200z July 27	see: http://www.rsgbhfcc.org
10-10 Intn'l SSB	0001z Aug 2 - 2400z Aug 3	see http://www.ten-ten.org
WAE DX CW	0000z Aug 9 - 2400z Aug 10	see http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/fedcw.htm
NA QSO Party	1800z Aug 16 - 0600z Aug 17	see http://www.ncjweb.com

Manitoba HF Swap&Shop Web page, run by Jim - VE4AGS - can be found at:
<http://www.mbhswapnet.ca/index.php>

MARMFEST - August 15 - 16 at Austin Manitoba's Agricultural Museum which also hosts the Amateur Radio Museum. See <http://www.marminc.ca> for details.

Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club Hamfest - August 8, 9 & 10, 2008.

Hilton Suites - Winnipeg Airport - 1800 Wellington Avenue - Winnipeg - MB - R3H 1B2

Book tollfree at 1-800-445-8667 (mention the Winnipeg ARC for preferred rates)

See <http://www.mts.net/~warc/hamfest> for details.

This Hamfest will host the RAC Annual General Meeting as well as a RAC Forum, displays and sales table.

Several representatives from RAC will be present, both Directors and Executive

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