



ARAC

MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

June 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 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
- 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.
- 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 - 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:

With people doing vacations in the anticipation of summer, there isn't much happening this month:

RAC is in the process of hiring a **part time Office Manager** Interviews should soon take place and we hope to have someone in place by the end of July. A motion, supported by the majority of the Directors, added the requirement that all paid RAC office staff must now be bi-lingual. RAC already has a full time office clerk who is bi-lingual.

RAC is still trying to fill the position of **Vice President in charge of Public Relations**.

Have you renewed your **Club Insurance**? If you are not yet a member of this very effective and economical policy, through RAC, you should certainly look into it. It will meet your liability insurance needs at minimum cost.

There will be a significant international event taking place at Signal Hill in Newfoundland on September 29 & 30 involving RAC, various politicians and dignitaries and the ARES group. Stay tuned!

An interesting tower case was recently heard in Ottawa. The City of Ottawa tried to regulate telephone company (Telus) towers. Telus took them to court over it and won. The court found that towers fell within Federal jurisdiction rather than municipal jurisdiction (something which hams have known all along but which Industry Canada has been reluctant to enforce)

Contesting in VE4 & VE5:

A couple of interesting opportunities are coming up to give potential contesters a taste: Field Day and the Canada Day Contest. Why not bring a young ham and/or a new ham into your shack and give them a chance to experience the joys of contesting? These two contests offer a great opportunity.

And, don't forget: across Canada, the RAC callsigns this year are being used by the ARES group. Give them a call and say 'hello' when you hear them on the air.

ARRL Field Day	1800z Jun 23 - 2100 z Jun 24	see: http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/
King of Spain SSB	1200z Jun 23 - 1200z Jun 24	see: http://www.ure.es/
Canada Day Contest	0000z Jul 1 - 2400z Jul 1	see: http://www.rac.ca/service/infocont.htm
FISTS Summer CW	1700z Jul 14 - 2100 Jul 14	see: http://www.fists.org/sprints.html

DX to Watch For:

According to the charts, we might well be at the absolute bottom of the sunspot cycle now. The good [news](#): Propagation won't be getting any worse and should begin to improve. The bad [news](#): Working DX from VE4 & VE5 is a challenge.

There is a bit of action out there, however, if you can hear them:

HB0 - LIECHTENSTEIN - six Ops running HB0/PA0ABM until June

HI - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - NA6DF/HI7 will be active until June 23.

KH3 - JOHNSTON ATOLL - Susan,W7KFI will be active this month, mainly on CW.

KP4 - PUERTO RICO - KP4AWX will be active with a guest OP until June 28.

OX - GREENLAND - OX/DB8JO (SSB) & OX/DJ5HD (CW) will be active until June 25.

T9 - BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA & 9A - CROATIA - Zik,VE3ZIK will be active until Sep 5.

TA - TURKEY - TA4/GI4FUE, mainly on CW, will be active until June 24.

TZ - MALI - TZ/TU5GV, can be found on 10-80m until Jun 15.

VP6 - PITCAIRN ISLAND - VP6TD will stay on Pitcairn until August 2008

3B7 - ST BRANDON ISLANDS, AF-015 Due to an engine breakdown the 3B6SP team had to land on Raphael Island belonging to St. Brandon. The team obtained the permission to work as 3B7SP (instead of 3B6SP) while their catamaran "Josephina" is repaired there. More updates can be found at: <http://3b6.godx.eu>

CROATIA, SPECIAL EVENT STATION - 9A07P is working in all modes & bands until Dec 31.

PIRATE: Apollo,SV2ASP/A, was very active and made more than 1500 QSOs in CW, SSB and RTTY during the past time. But Apollo writes also that his call was abused in CW by a PIRATE on May 16/17 (2300-0200 UTC) while he was working in SSB at the same time.

Hamfests and Flea Markets:

SARL's SaskHamFest 2007 - July 7, 2007 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at Moose Jaw's Western Development Museum. Flea market and displays and a program and contests. Call Val (VE5ACJ) at 693-6127 or e-mail her at ve5acj@rac.ca.

44th International Peace Garden Hamfest - July 13, 14 & 15, 2007. For information, see the WEBSITE at <http://www.mts.net/~holderr/ihf.htm> or e-mail Richard Holder (VE4QK) at ve4ihf@mts.net.

11th Annual Manitoba Amateur Radio Museum Hamfest - August 17 & 18 at Austin, MB.
A hamfest and an opportunity to visit Western Canada's only Amateur Radio Museum at the same time.

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