



# MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

March 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](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 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 - 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:

Iraq is no longer radio-active, from a ham radio point of view. Until further notice, all Amateur activity - private and military - will cease until further notice. (MARS is still permitted). IRLP and EchoLink is still permitted, though so long as nothing goes out over the air. So far, hams are allowed to retain their equipment.

David Cameron - VE7LTD - the driving force behind the development of IRLP - has been awarded the ARRL's 'Award of Excellence' at this year's Dayton HamVention. Another Canadian ham scores big!

You can download a .PDF file of the complete report of the Committee on the Restructuring of Amateur Radio in Canada from the RAC WEBSITE. This site also contains a downloadable PowerPoint presentation which summarizes the report and is suitable for presentation to your club. Look for a link on RAC's HomePage, at <http://www.rac.ca>

I will be attending the spring CARAB meeting to present the Report on Restructuring, prior to this year's Board of Directors' meeting in Cornwall, ON. May 2 to May 6<sup>th</sup>. This year's Annual General Meeting will be held in Ottawa, September 1 in conjunction with the Ottawa ARC Hamfest. All RAC members are invited to attend. Don't forget, next year it will be in Winnipeg.

For those wishing to use a special callsign during a contest during the next year, the following contests are eligible, through Industry Canada, for this purpose:

- ARRL DX contests, CW & SSB
- CQ WPX contest, RTTY, SSB & CW
- RAC Canada Day contest
- IARU HF Championship
- RSGB Islands On The Air (IOTA) contest
- CQ WW DX contest, RTTY, SSB & CW
- RAC Canada Winter contest.

Would you like to work (for pay) for RAC in Ottawa? RAC is looking to hire an "Administrative Clerk" which would require you to 'do whatever needs doing'.

Does your club have insurance through the RAC policy? If so, be sure to update your premium before coverage expires!

I will be at the Moose Jaw Flea Market (see below) with the QSL Bureau and the RAC display. See you there!

## **DX to Watch For:**

The bands seem to be improving, Dxwise, with periodic openings on 20 metres. Good luck with the hunt!

**CT3 - MADEIRA** - active as CT3/DK2ZF until April 2 on CW.

**GJ - JERSEY** - MJ/K8PT & MJ/K3PLV will be active mainly on lowbands until Mar

**GU - GUERNSEY** - will be active until Mar 23

**HH - HAITI** - will be active until Mar. 30 by HH4/K4QD.

**HZ - SAUDI ARABIA** - 7Z1UG from Riyadh is active nearly every day

**TK - CORSICA** - will be active on CW using TK/DK1CW until Mar 24.

**V2 - ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA** - listen for V25OP and V25WY until Mar 25.

**V7 - MARSHALL ISLANDS** - active as V73KN until Mar

**VP5 - TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS** - active as VP5HC in CW/SSB on 6-160m from Mar 20-28.

**3DA - SWASILAND** - will be active until Mar 30 as 3DA0PM - will be working the WPX contest.

**Great Britain** will have special event station GB75PW on the air until the end of the year to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "Practical Wireless Magazine".

## Contesting in VE4 & VE5:

The 'biggie' happens this weekend - the WPX contest, where everybody works everybody and every prefix is a multiplier. Get in there for a while and provide VE4, VA4 & VE5, VA5 for the contesters.

Russian DX Contest	Mar 17 - 1200z to Mar 18 - 1200z	see: <a href="http://www.rdxo.org/">http://www.rdxo.org/</a>
CQWW WPX SSB	Mar 24 - 0000z to Mar 25 - 2400z	see: <a href="http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/">http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/</a>
QCWA Sprint QSO Party	Mar 31 - 1800z to Apr 1 - 1800z	see: <a href="http://www.qcwa.org/">http://www.qcwa.org/</a>
YL DX Contest SSB	Apr 10 - 1400z to Apr 12 - 0200z	see: <a href="http://www.ylrl.org/ylrlcontests.html">www.ylrl.org/ylrlcontests.html</a>
Holyland DX Contest	Apr 21 - 0000z to Apr 21 - 2400z	see: <a href="http://www.iarc.org/">http://www.iarc.org/</a>

## Hamfests and Flea Markets:

**The Fargo, ND, Hamfest** is planned for April 21. It runs from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. For more info, look to <http://www.rrra.org>

**Moose Jaw's Annual Flea Market**, sponsored by the MJARC - April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon..

Begin with a pancake breakfast at 8:00 am. Entrance fee is \$2 and tables are \$5. For more information, call Brenda (VE5TRG) at 691-5254 or 684-0256 or e-mail her at [ve5trg@sasktel.net](mailto:ve5trg@sasktel.net).

**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](mailto:ve5acj@rac.ca).

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

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Manitoba Amateur Radio Museum Hamfest** - August 17 & 18.

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