



ARAC MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

March 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://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:

Bob Boux - VE4RRB - has served as **Section Manager for Manitoba** since July 1, 2004 and has now resigned from that position. Thank you for your service to the Amateur community, Bob. With Bob's resignation, the position is now open. RAC is looking for an active Amateur who is willing to undertake this important job for the service. If you are interested, please contact me.

The upcoming CARAB meeting, scheduled for May 1, prior to the Board of Directors' meeting in Cornwall that following weekend, will deal with several issues, including my presentation on Restructuring of Amateur Radio and the concept of the Entry-Level certificate. There will also be a presentation on Tower Issues, as they affect Amateurs as well as a number of other issues. As always, this is our opportunity to have direct input to Industry Canada.

Next year's AGM will be held in Quebec, probably at their May, 2009 HamFest.

Special Event Station - VE5LGT Cochin Lighthouse will be active with two stations at 100 Watts, SSB only, into dipoles and a vertical from August 15 - 17, 2008 during the International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend. It will be run by Eric - VE5EL - and Murray - VE5MC. This counts for ILLW #CA0013. QSL is via QRZ.com or the QSL Bureau.

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

Mark your calendar: The **Moose Jaw Amateur Radio Club** annual Flea Market is scheduled for April 12, 2008 at the Western Development Museum. Contact Brenda at ve5trg@sasktel.net for more info.

Mark your calendar: The **Brandon Amateur Radio Club** Flea Market is scheduled for April 27, 2008 at the Riverview Curling Club. See <http://www.brandonarc.ca> for more info.

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. Stop by and say "hello" to your RAC representatives.

DX to Watch For:

It's funny how propagation seems to improve during the big contest (WPX).

FG - Guadeloupe: Look for F6GWV and F6HMQ as TO6T Mar 28 - April 8

FJ - St. Barthelemy: TO5RZ will be active until April

JX - Jan Mayen: Svein, LA9JKA, will be active as JX9JKA until Oct

LX - Luxembourg: Mar 26th through 28th Csaba, LX/DH7KU, will be active

R1 - Antarctic: Mar 13th through May 1st listen for R1ANT from Russian bases.

S9 - Sao Tome & Principe: Luciano, CT1HHP, will be on digital modes Mar 27th through Apr 2nd as S92FM

V3 - Belize: Listen for V31FB from Mar 26 to 31 and in the WPX

VP2E - Anguilla: active until April 6 as Jan, DJ8NK/VP2ENK, and Franz, DL9GFB/VP2EFB

VP2M - Montserrat: Nobby, G0VJG, will be in contest as V25V and otherwise as VP2MAD until April 3.

VP5 - Turks- & Caicos -Islands: Dave, VP5/W5CW, will be QRV Mar 27th through Apr 9th

ZF2 - Cayman-Island: ZF2NU & ZF2IM & ZF2BE until Mar 31.

3A - Monaco: Jim, 3A/G3RTE, Roger, 3A/G3SXW, and Lionel 3A/G5LP, until March 27.

3B8 - Mauritius - Slavo will be active as 3B8/SP2JMB through April 24.

3B9 - Rodrigues - Mauritius: Look for Slavo, 3B9/SP2JMB, Apr 1-8

7P - Lesotho: A Belgian/Southafrican DXpedition from Mar 27 - April 7

9M8 - Eastern Malaysia: Mar 27th through 30th Steve, 9M6DXX, will be active from Sarawak.

9Q - Democratic Republic of Congo: Thorbjorn, 9Q/SM7RME, will be active for several months.

Contesting In VE4 & VE5:

Of course, the biggest contest of the year, the CQWW WPX SSB is this weekend. Every prefix is a multiplier. You can work anybody. It's great. Jump in and have fun.

CQWW WPX SSB	Mar 29 - 30	see: http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/awards.html
SP DX Contest	Apr 5 - 6	see: http://www.spdxcontest.info/en/index.php
HolyLand DX Contest	Apr 19	see: http://www.iarc.org/
Ontario QSO Party	Apr 19 - 20	see: http://cco.ve3xd.com/oqp/rules.htm

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Manitoba: now open

Saskatchewan: Joan Bahnman - VE5JML

