



# MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

May. 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](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 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 . 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 - 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:

RAC's head office will be losing the services of **Louis Madore**, who has been invaluable as our bilingual office clerk. While Louis will continue to help out on occasion, RAC is examining alternatives.

The concerns, which arose last week, regarding **Industry Canada's** involvement with Amateur Radio issues, have hopefully been answered by the recent bulletin sent out by President Goodwin. The gist of it is that IC does NOT regulate frequency choices for repeaters - this is the job of Amateur Radio's Provincial Repeater Co-Ordinator Council. If you did not get this bulletin and wish to see it, please let me know.

The **court hearing** on the Norman case is still scheduled to be heard on June 17.

**Saskatchewan's Section Manager**, Joan Bahnman - VE5JML - has advised that she will not be seeking that position for the next term. Any RAC member who might be interested in standing for election for this position must have nomination papers at RAC's office before July 30, 2008. Please see page 67 of the May/June issue of TCA for details

Would you like to put **VE4RAC** or **VE5RAC** on the air during a contest? If so, contact AD Adam Romanchuk for the VE4RAC or me for the VE5RAC

## DX to Watch For:

There is not a lot happening in the world of desirable DX, but here is a sampling:

**OJ0 - MARKET REEF** - First week in June by a Swedish team on all bands all

**TK - CORSICA** - Dan,TK/IK2UWA from May 31 to June 6

**40 - MONTENEGRO** - Moska,4O/HA9RT - mostly CW from May 31 to June 6

**4W - EAST TIMOR** - by the Spanish Radio Society using 4W6R during June with a major operation.

**9Q - DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO** - Georges,9Q1EK, will be QRV for up to two

**FRANCE, SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS** The "24 Hours of Le Mans" is the most famous automobil race in the world. The event will take place for the 57th time this year. As usual the special event station TM6ACO will be QRV in CW/SSB on all bands from Jun 1-15.

**INDONESIA, SPECIAL EVENT STATION** The "National Awakening Day" will be celebrated in Indonesia for the 100th time. The special event station YE100K in Jakarta will be QRV in all modes on all bands on the weekend of May 31/June 1.

**TURKEY, SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS** Urcun,TA0U, is going to activate the special event station TC17GS from Jun 1-15 to celebrate the 17th championship of the football club

## Contesting in VE4 & VE5:

The 'biggie' for June, of course, is Field Day. This is an excellent opportunity to get all of the new and or young Amateurs involved in the world of Emergency Service. contesting and companionship. It's also an opportunity to talk up the merits of the Canada Day Contest and get them all lined up for that one.

ARRL Field Day	1800z June 28 - 2100z June 29	see: <a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms">http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms</a>
Kind of Spain SSB	1200z June 28 - 1200z June 29	see: <a href="http://www.ure.es/">http://www.ure.es/</a>
Canada Day	0000z July 1 - 2400 July 1	see: <a href="http://www.rac.ca/service/infocont.htm">www.rac.ca/service/infocont.htm</a>

**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.

**Peace Gardens 45<sup>th</sup> International Hamfest** - July 11, 12 & 13 at the International Peace Garden south of Brandon, MB. See <http://www.mts.net/~holderr/ihf.htm> 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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