



**ARAC**

# MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

November 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: VE5LAK 146.01/61 is at IRLP #1370

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://ve5trf.sasktelwebsite.net/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 has a new **Treasurer: Ron Vadeboncoeur** - VE3REV - is now filling the position

Does your club have **RAC's Liability Insurance**? This will be the cheapest solution to your need for liability insurance. The only requirement is that your club must be incorporated in order to qualify - no big deal.

**RAC's new Operating Manual** is printed and ready to go. It is evidently very nice and should sell in the \$30 - \$32 range from Amateur Radio retailers.

Industry Canada is printing a new version of **RIC-1**, which deals with Accredited Examiner issues. It should be out shortly.

If you wish to experiment in the **500 kHz band**, you must make application to RAC's office. This may give you a "Developmental Service" licence, not an Amateur Radio licence.

On the **Ontario Cell Phone bill issue**:

- Enquiries to Ministries in Nova Scotia, Quebec and Newfoundland, which all have similar laws, have revealed that there has been no intent to limit Amateur Radio operation - only Cell phones.
- Contact with Ontario officials indicate that Ontario has similar intent. Users of microphones such as police, taxis, truckers, amateurs, etc. will not be affected.

A new **ARES Operation Training Manual** is available on RAC's WEBSITE. Look at <http://www.rac.ca/fieldorg/download.htm> This will probably be published in hard copy at a later date.

**ARES vests** are also available for sale on the RAC WEBSITE.

Would you or your team like to use the official **VE4RAC & VE5RAC callsigns** for the upcoming RAC Winter Contest? Arrange with AD Adam Romanchuk for the VE4RAC and with me for the VE5RAC callsign.

## DX to Watch For:

Yes, Virginia, there IS DX to be found. You just have to work at it.

C6 - BAHAMAS - Will be active as C6AAW during the CQWW Contest.

HB0 - LIECHTENSTEIN - Active from Nov. 27 - 30 and in the CQWW Contest.

OD - LEBANON - Listen for OD5/IV3YIM until April 2009.

PJ4 - NETHERLAND ANTILLES/BONAIRE - active until December 3.

SV9 - CRETE - J49I will be a special call until December 1.

T30 - WESTERN KIRIBATI / T31 - CENTRAL KIRIBATI - T30/T32XG until early December.

T8 - PALAU - T88SS will be activated by KE1AT.

V2 - ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA - V26K will be active until December 1 only in CW.

VP2E - ANGUILLA - CW operation by VP2ETN.

XU - CAMBODIA - XU7XXX will be active for 3-4 months.  
YS - EL SALVADOR - YS.K9GY will be active until December 2  
Z2 - ZIMBABWE - Z21LS will be active until December 9.  
8Q - MALEDIVES - listen for 8Q7GU & 8Q7GC until December 7.  
9M6 - EASTERN MALAYSIA - labuan Island will be active until November 28.

## Contesting in VE4 & VE5:

Get ready for RAC's Winter Contest - a great way to burn off some turkey and say 'Merry Christmas' to our fellow Amateurs.

CQWW DX Contest CW	Nov 29-30	see: <a href="http://cqww.com/">http://cqww.com/</a>
ARRL 160 m Contest	Dec 5-7	see: <a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms">http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms</a>
RAC Winter Contest	Dec 27	see: <a href="http://www.rac.ca/infocont.htm">http://www.rac.ca/infocont.htm</a>

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

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**Assistant Directors:**

Adam Romanchuk - VE4SN  
Derek Hay - VE4HAY  
Richard Holder - VE4QK

Bill Till - VE5FN  
Devon Racicot - VE5DWR

**Section Managers:**

Manitoba: open

Saskatchewan: Joe Musgrave - VE5CEM

