



MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

October 2006

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 the May long weekend to October 1.

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:

The questionnaire on Restructuring of Amateur Radio in Canada will be terminated at the end of this month. Have you completed it yet? If not, go to the RAC WEBSITE at <http://www.rac.ca> and follow the link on Restructuring to the questionnaire, available in both languages. Make sure that your opinion is heard!

Australia has just reached the 1 000 level of licensees under their Foundation License after less than a year of its existence. It is judged to be a great success for them.

The Band Plan for US Amateurs is changing. The most noticeable change will be allowing them to operate SSB to 3.6 MHz on the 75 metre band. For other changes, see <http://www.arrl.org> . These changes will evidently take place around the middle of November.

Special prefixes are available to you for contests. RAC is recommending that the ARRL DX CW & SSB contests can qualify for one prefix, the CQ WPX CW & SSB contests qualify for a single prefix and the CQWW DX CW & SSB contests qualify for a single prefix. Also available for special prefix consideration are the RAC contests and the IARU HF Championship. See Section 2.3 of RIC-9 for details.

Do you have Public Relations expertise? Would you be interested in a RAC position mandated to promote Amateur Radio and related activity in Canada? Let me know if this is of interest to you.

Assistant Director Derek Bereza - VE5SD - will be handing off that position to Devon Racicot - VA5DR - also of Saskatoon. Devon is the editor of "The QSO", the SARL magazine. Thank you, Derek, for your efforts for the past few years and welcome to Devon to the RAC 'family'.

DX to Watch For:

Have you bagged the two new countries yet? Montenegro and Swain's Island?
And, there's more DX to chase:

- 5R - MADAGASCAR** - DK7RJ will be active on all bands until October 27.
- 9Q - CONGO** - listen for 9Q1D, 9Q1NT & 9Q1EK
- BV - TAIWAN** - will be activated by BX3/DJ3KR until November
- KH9 - WAKE ISLAND** - operation has been cancelled due to heavy storms.
- PZ - SURINAM** - active from PZ5JR until October 19.
- ST - SUDAN** - listen for CW from ST2A.
- VU - INDIA** - listen for VU3JRA until December 16.
- VU7 - LACCADIVES** - VU7LD has been licenced from Dec 1 - 31 with another from Jan 15 - 25/07.

Contesting in VE4 & VE5:

What's new in the world of contesting for the next month?

W/VE Islands QSO Party	1600z Oct 21 - 2359 Oct 22	see http://www.eng.mu.edu/usislands/usvetest.html
CQWW DX Contest SSB	0000z Oct 28 - 2400z Oct 29	see: http://cqww.com/
ARRL SS CW Contest	2100z Nov 4 - 0300z Nov 6	see: http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/
Japan Int. DX SSB	0700z Nov 11 - 1300z Nov 12	see: http://je1cka.izap.com/jidx/

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