



# MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

October 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.

**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 - 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 hired an Office Manager.** He is Richard Hagemeyer - VE3UNW. He has been on staff since October 1, 2007. Richard has nearly 30 years of computer experience and is a professional teacher.

**A new Vice President's position** has been created: that of VP of Technical and Administrative Services. Because of the increasing complexity of this aspect of the organization, it is felt that someone should be in a position to deal with this on a 'full time' basis rather than as part of other undertakings.

I am very pleased to announce that the **Saskatchewan Incoming QSL Bureau** has been taken over by:

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**RAC's VP of International Affairs**, Daniel Lamoureux - VE2KA - has been elected to the position of Director for Canada and Bermuda for the IARU.

Industry Canada has provided an updated list of **Accredited Examiners**, showing their renewal dates. If you are an AE, please check this on the RAC WEBSITE to ensure that you are still current with IC. You will NOT be reminded by IC of the need to renew your status - you must send in the application form found in RIC-1 to re-establish your certification.

## **DX to Watch For:**

Have you noticed? The 20 metre band is showing us some activity, and there is quite a bit of good DX coming up:

BV - TAIWAN - Juergen, BX3/DJ3KR, will stay in Taiwan between Oct 18 and Nov 5

CT3 - MADEIRA - A German group stays on Madeira from Oct 16-30

HI - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - Will be active for a few months as HI5/EA4ATI with 100 w & dipole.

SP - POLAND - The special event station HF100SK marks the 100th anniversary of the scouts in Poland.

SU - EGYPT SU50JOTA remembers 50 years of JOTA and will be QRV Oct 20 & 21.

T6 - AFGHANISTAN - T6EE active between Oct 18 and Nov 13 - mostly at 14.210 MHz.

V3 - BELIZE - V31FB active from Ambergris Caye

V4 - ST KITTS AND NEVIS - Active as QRP from St. Kitts.

VK9/L - LORD HOWE ISLAND - VK9GLX will be active Oct 19-22.

VP5 - TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS - will be active Oct 23 -

XU - CAMBODIA - A Finnish/Belgian team will activate from Oct 20 - Nov 5.

3V - TUNISIA The "Gold Jubilee of the JOTA" will take place from Oct 19-21 from

6W - SENEGAL - 6W1SJ promises to be very active for the next two years.

6Y - JAMAICA - John,W2GB, will be QRV as 6Y0B from Oct 23-30

A3, 5W, KH8, ZL - SOUTH PACIFIC TRIP Willy,ON5AX, and his XYL Magda,ON3AX, are travelling the South Pacific Ocean between Oct 17 and Dec 14.

TURKEY, SPECIAL EVENT STATION The Republic of Turkey is celebrating its 84th anniversary this year. For this reason TA2IJ is working as TC84IJ in CW/SSB until Oct 21.

### Contesting In VE4 & VE5:

With the upcoming CQWW DX SSB Contest, the fall contest season is officially in full swing. Enjoy!

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| CQWW DX SSB Contest | Oct 27 - 28 | <a href="http://www.cqww.com">http://www.cqww.com</a>                                           |
| ARRL SS CW          | Nov 3 - 4   | <a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms">http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms</a>             |
| WAE DX RTTY         | Nov 10 - 11 | <a href="Http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/fedcw.htm">Http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/fedcw.htm</a> |

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