



RAC MIDWEST NEWSLETTER

November 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 has been terminated and the committee is now in the process of analyzing the input. We received a good response, with 2220 participants. Of these, 1815 were in English and 405 in French. As a part of the responses, there were 699 written comments and over 300 e-mails received.

RAC and Amateur Radio in general will benefit from a raise in profile - to the membership and to the general public. Toward this end, I proposed a motion at the last Board of Directors' conference call to create a new executive position, Vice President in charge of Public Relations. It was passed. So

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 you have qualifications in this field and if this is of interest to you.

Larry Sedgwick has resigned the position of **Section Manager for Saskatchewan**. Our VPFS is in the process of obtaining a replacement. Thank you Larry for your service to the Amateur Radio community in this capacity.

Debbie Norman - VA3RGM - RAC's long time General Manager, is ill and will not be available in the office for some time. The office is temporarily being managed by Jose Chartrand, a temporary employee with the assistance of Treasurer Daniel Lamoureux.

Don't forget - the **RAC Winter Contest** is happening on December 30th. This will be an excellent opportunity for all of us to greet our Canadian friends on the air for one last time in 2006. Would you like to use the special calls VE4RAC and VE5RAC for the occasion? If so, get in touch with Adam Romanchuk - VE4SN or me, VE5FX.

DX to Watch For:

Have you noticed that the bands are improving? There is more and more DX coming in. This is a good thing.

3B8 - MAURITIUS - will be active as 3B8/OMØC until November 30th - especially low band and RTTY.

5A - LIBYA - an international team will operate 5A7A with 8 stations until November 29.

8Q - MALEDIVES - will be on SSB only until November 27.

E5 - SOUTH COOK - listen for E51NOU active from Rorotonga until November 28.

FM - MARTINIQUE - will be active as TO5X until November 30.

HL - SOUTH KOREA - several hams will be active during December weekends as /3 (portable three).

J7 - DOMINICA - will be available with J79CO & J79EP until December 5 and during WWDX CW contest.

KC4 - ANTARCTICA - KC4/K2ARB from "Patriot Hills Base" until January 28 when he's not counting penguins.

P4 - ARUBA - listen for P49Y until November 27.

TN - CONGO - by TN6X and TNØZ until December 5th.

TZ - MALI - will be active by a group as TZ5A, TZ6WP, TZ6RF, TZ6VT & TZ6LF until Nov 24.

V3 - BELIZE - V31JP will be active until April, mostly on CW and during contests.

VK9/C - COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS - listen for VK9AA until November 27.

VP5 - TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS - three VP5s will be available until December 1.

XT - BURKINA-Faso - XT2WC has been active since November 13 with 100 Watts and a dipole.

YB - INDONESIA - YB8TAF has been active since November 9th from Celebes.

Contesting In VE4 & VE5:

Did I mention the RAC Winter Contest? It is coming up soon.

CQWW DX Contest CW	0000z Nov 25 - 2400z Nov 26	see: http://cqww.com/
ARRL 160 m Contest	2200z Dec 1 to 1600z Dec 3	see: http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/
ARRL 10 m Contest	0000z Dec 9 to 2400z Dec 10	see: http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/
RAC Winter Contest	0000z Dec 30 to 2400z Dec 30	see: http://www.rac.ca/infocont.htm
ARRL RTTY Roundup	1800z Jan 6 to 2400z Jan 7	see: http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms

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Section Managers:

Manitoba: Robert Boux - VE4RRB

Saskatchewan: currently open