

**VE5AA**

**February 2005**

# **The Feedline**

SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB





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**Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club  
Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
of each month September til June.**

**Our meeting location is Alvin  
Buckwold School  
715 East Drive – West entrance**

**Meeting is 0130Z (7:30PM local)**

**VISITORS AND GUESTS ARE  
ALWAYS WELCOME!**



**ARES  
Saskatoon**

**NEXT ARES  
MEETING  
Monday, Feb 14, 2005  
7:00 PM**

**No 9 Firehall  
870 Attridge Dr.  
Talk in 146.640-**

<http://www.ares-saskatoon.ca/>

## **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

**Tues, February 8, 2005  
7:30 PM**

**ALVIN BUCKWOLD SCHOOL  
715 East Drive  
West entrance**

**BE THERE!**

## **CONTESTS**

**Feb 5-6 – 10-10 Int. Winter SSB  
Feb 12 – FISTS Winter Sprint  
Feb 6 – North American CW Sprint  
Feb 12-13 – BC QSO Challenge  
Feb 12-13 - CQ WW WPX RTTY  
Feb 14-15 – YL/OM Contest CW  
Feb 19-20 – ARRL Int. DX CW  
Feb 21-23 – YL/OM Contest SSB  
Feb 26-27 – CQ 160m SSB**

For further information on contests refer  
to TCA, CQ & QST magazines

## **COFFEE**

**Tomas Cook  
Restaurant**

**Saturdays 9:00 AM  
Idyllwild & 24<sup>th</sup> St.**

Everyone is welcome. Hams,  
non-Hams, it doesn't matter.  
Were there to have good  
conversation with good  
friends.

**C'mon out and visit!**

# Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club VE5AA

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## EXECUTIVE

**President** Ron Sather 384-5093  
VE5RMS

**Past President** Andy Paquet 931-1614  
VE5APD

**Vice President** John Anton 653-0919  
VA5RJA

**Secretary** Herb Essenburg 374-4337  
VE5HE

**Treasurer** Al Labbie 373-3188  
VE5MDC

### Directors

Ned Carroll VE5NED 382-1446  
Terry Shuya VE5HF 374-4240  
Per Jacobsen VE5PER 244-5210

### Repeaters

Gus VE5SPI  
Eric VE5HG  
Al VE5MDC  
Ned VE5NED  
Executive  
Ron VE5RMS

### Property

### Training Co-ord.

### Public Service

### Sick & Visiting

### Field Day

### Elmer

### Trailer

### Space Club

### SARC Net

### L.B.L. Rep.

### Coffee

### 50/50 Draw

### Feedline

### Web-site

**Vacant**  
Herb VE5HE  
Ron VE5RMS  
**Vacant**  
Bill VE5DN  
Ken VE5KRB  
**Vacant**  
Nate VE5NAT  
Les VE5LPP  
Bruce VE5BNC

## LOCAL AREA REPEATERS

**VE5SK** 146.640- Saskatoon SARC  
**VE5SCA** 146.940- Saskatoon  
**VE5ZH** 147.270- 2Mhz offset,  
Saskatoon,  
Auto Patch  
**VE5FUN** 145.290- Sktn 100Hz tone,  
IRLP node 1340,  
IPAR, Terrestrial Net,  
Remote base, tied to  
VE5CC  
**VE5CC** 146.970- Sktn. Linked 100Hz  
Tone

IRLP node 1340 ,  
IPARN, Terrestrial Net,  
Remote base, tied to  
VE5FUN

**VE5SKN** 145.210- Sktn 100Hz tone,  
MARS IRLP node 1350

**VE5FS** 448.000- No tone access  
Autopatch

**VE5BRC/1** 147.240+ North Battleford

**VE5RPA** 147.150+ Bellevue to PA

**VA5LLR** 145.390- Lizard Lake

### ATV

**VE5ATV** 439.250 in 1277.250 out

### APRS

**VE5RHF** 144.390 Saskatoon APRS

**VE5YR-4** 144.390 Davidson DIGI

### PACKET

**VE5YR-7** DIGI 145.010 Davidson

**VE5HAN** DIGI 145.010 Hanley

**VE5TH** BBS 145.010 Regina

**VE5XXX** BBS 145.010 PA

**VE5MPK-2** Node 145.010 Melfort

**VE5MPK** BBS 145.010 Melfort

**VE5NEP-3** DIGI 145.010 Minichinis

**VE5USR-3** DIGI 145.010 U of S

**VE5BBS** BBS 145.010 Sktn SARC

## LOCAL AND REGIONAL NETS

Sask WX 80m 1400Z 3753 Khz  
ARES (Sun.) 80m 1430Z 3753 Khz  
Aurora 40m 2330Z 7055 Khz  
& 0200Z  
Manitoba 80m 0000Z 3760 Khz  
Montana Traffic 80m 0030Z 3910 Khz  
Saskatchewan 80m 0100Z 3744 Khz  
Alberta 80m 0130Z 3740 Khz  
Laurel Ladies 80m 0200Z 3752 Khz  
Sundays  
Local Area 2m 0200Z 146.640-  
B.C. 80m 0200Z 3729 Khz  
Saskatchewan 2m 0300Z 146.970-  
Prince Albert 2m 0330Z 147.150+

**(All nets are daily except where noted)  
All qualified Hams are welcome to check  
into any of these nets.**



**Minutes**  
**Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club**  
**11 January 2005**

Club President Ron (VE5RMS) opened the meeting at 7:30 PM CST.

Ron (VE5RMS) advised that the club secretary Herb (VE5HE) resigned his position. This was due to Herb's wife's ongoing health problems. The meeting minutes were taken by Al (VE5MDC). Discussion about replacing Herb's vacant position was discussed but no action taken at this time.

A motion was made by Ron (VE5RMS) to accept the minutes as published in the Feedline from the November 2004 club meeting. Moved to accept by Eric (VE5HG), seconded by John (VA5RJA). Carried.

The financial report was read by the treasurer Al (VE5MDC). Al advised that the report included \$300.00 from the sale of one of the estate towers given to the club, but the funds were still held by Ron (VE5RMS) as he forgot to bring them to the meeting. Moved to accept the treasurer's report by Barry (VE5BPS), seconded by Eric (VE5HE). Carried.

Warren (VA5WDB) briefed the club on the Christmas Dinner held at the Cave Restaurant. Everyone had a good time. The majority of the club agreed that Warren can proceed with making reservations for the room at the Cave for the next Christmas Dinner to be held on December 13th, 2005.

It was brought to the attention of the club that there was an error in the Feedline regarding the ARES meeting. Which was scheduled for Monday January 17th at the #9 Fire Hall from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Ron (VE5RMS) advised that Warren (VA5WDB) has resigned his position as Director. The resignation was given to the executive by email on December 02, 2004. and was confirmed at the meeting by Warren (VA5WDB).

The club was briefed on Herb's (VE5HE) wife's health condition and that she was admitted RUH.

A question was raised about the repeater arrangements with the Meewasin Amateur Radio

Society (MARS). Club President Ron (VE5RMS) read the notice of motion on the repeater arrangement and motioned for its acceptance. Carried.

Derek (VE5SD) arrived at the meeting during the discussion and briefed the club regarding the repeater at St. Paul's Hospital. Derek discussed that a controller class had been started via the Internet:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/controller-class> and anyone interested can join the group. Derek spent \$60.00 for software to program the K7 controller. He also purchased and received an upgrade kit from the manufacture for the K7 controller. Derek discussed that in the near future work would begin on the repeater units stored at Walter Murray collegiate which would involve all the people in the repeater user group on yahoo.

Ron (VE5RMS) briefed the club on the 2005 Centennial Hamfest. the Hamfest committee was unable to secure a \$12,000 grant from the provincial government to support the Hamfest. Ron mentioned that obtaining corporate

sponsorship was important. Some money would be raised by selling Sask call books, etc.. the Hamfest Executive Committee was working at getting Dave Cameron (VE7LTD), the father of IRLP to be guest speaker. Master of ceremonies will be Dave Heath (VE5DDH) a Saskatoon TV personality. Ron mentioned one of the activities during the Hamfest would be searching for a geocach near Saskatoon. Geocaching is treasure hunting. Using a GPS receiver and a set of coordinates that tell you the location of a cache, players go out and look for caches of items hidden by other geocachers. If one of the items in the cache strikes your fancy, you can take it--provided you leave another item in its place. There are over thirty locations in Saskatchewan. see

<http://www.brillig.com/geocaching/saskatchewan.shtml>

\_\_\_\_\_The Club was advised of Hamfest printing error in 'TCA The Canadian Amateur'magazine. Derek (VE5SD) advised that no action was necessary as the correct information was contained in the back cover of the magazine. The hamfest committee was working at getting a special call allocated for the hamfest activities: VE5SASK. Next Hamfest committee meeting will be held on the 25th or 26th of January, 2005.

AI (VE5MDC) read an email notice sent to the club about a BC QSO Challenge sponsored by the Delta Amateur Radio Society.

<http://www.deltaamateurradio.com/bcqsoschallenge.html>

\_\_\_\_\_AI (VE5MDC) read an email regarding defective Mini-Spiral 13 watt Globe light bulbs that may be a fire/electrical hazard. Report can be found at Underwriters Labs: <http://www.ul.com/media/newsrel/nr102604.html>

\_\_\_\_\_Ron (VE5RMS) read an email regarding ARISS ( Amateur Radio on the International Space Station) using IRLP. An elementary school in California will have the opportunity to speak to the astronauts on the International Space Station (ISS). The school is scheduled for a contact on Thursday, January 13, 2005 at 18:20 UTC via the telebridge station VK5ZAI in Australia. Derek (VE5SD) mentioned that some of the organizers are Rob Ewert ( VE1KS) in Halifax N.S. and Chris Morgan (VE5BAR) in Saskatoon. Derek mentioned that the Prime Minister of Canada - Paul Martin's wife in the past was involved with ISS school contacts using amateur radio.

After the coffee break Barry (VE5BPS) to introduce the guest speaker of the evening, Dan (last name??) from CNH who will give a presentation on strain gauges used in the agriculture industry.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ned (VE5NED).

AI Labbie(VE5MDC)  
Acting Recording Secretary







**RAC Bulletin 001**

**Date:** 01/19/05

**Subject:**  
Industry Canada's  
Response to RAC  
Recommendations

Industry Canada has

analyzed the responses to the public consultation called under Canada Gazette Notice DGRB-003-04. A summary of the comments received and the individual replies are now available on the Industry Canada web site at

[http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/internet/in\\_smt-gst.nsf/en/sf08280e.html](http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/internet/in_smt-gst.nsf/en/sf08280e.html).

Amateurs should note that while the responses heavily favoured deletion of the Morse Qualification as a requirement for access to the HF bands, Industry Canada still has to make and announce a decision on Morse retention or deletion. Until a decision to delete Morse is announced, amateurs who do not hold the Morse Qualification may not operate on the HF bands below 30 MHz.

Comments to: [rachq@rac.ca](mailto:rachq@rac.ca)

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**Want to help? Check out the Tsunami Relief Net web-site at:**  
<http://www.tsunamireliefnet.com/>

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**Want to listen in? Check out these frequencies**

7.050 (EM Net); 7.060; 7.063 (Info Net Asia); 7.090; 7.160 LSB (Tsunami Info) 14.125 (Canada Red Cross Net); 14.160; 14.190; 14.195; 14.200; 14.265; 21.240 – Best Propagation

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**AMSAT**

## **NOTICE TO AO-51 USERS, Mode Change**

14 Jan -- Up to now we have not seen any message traffic on the AO-51 PBBS from the Tsunami Disaster Area. We are going to change Echo's mode on 15 Jan to allow both FM repeater and 9k6 digital operations. The FM repeater will be back operational and open for amateur use. We plan to run in this mode until the end of January unless we receive word from the disaster area that a different setup would be useful.

Anyone that can help contact those in the disaster area and inform them of the Satellite resource is encouraged to do so. Should another configuration of AO-51 be identified as providing more benefit to those in the disaster area, AMSAT will adjust AO-51's operating mode accordingly.

<http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/index.php>

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### **Some web-sites of interest to hams:-**

South African Radio League  
[www.sarl.org.za/default.asp](http://www.sarl.org.za/default.asp)  
Radio Society of Great Britain  
[www.rsgb.org/](http://www.rsgb.org/)  
Wireless Institute of Australia  
[www.wia.org.au/](http://www.wia.org.au/)  
Coventry Amateur Radio Society  
[www.xasf.demon.co.uk/](http://www.xasf.demon.co.uk/)

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**Guides On The Air  
Feb 19 and 20  
at  
Guide House**



This event will be held on Feb. 19 and 20. The location will be at Guide House at 801 Preston Ave, near the Corner of Preston and Main St.

**We hope to get some volunteers to help with this project.** We will need two transceivers plus some antennas. There may also be an exercise on IRLP to do with this function. We will know more on that later. The plan is to operate from Noon to Noon. There are 36 Guides and Brownies signed up so far, along with some Leaders.

Contact Ned (VE5NED) for further information, or to volunteer.

**382-1446 or e-mail at  
ve5ned@gmail.com**

### **Space Club Workshop**

In November, 2004, Bruce (VE5BNC) and Gus (VE5SPI) put on a workshop for the Space Club. We recently received a letter from Judy (VE5CU) on behalf of the Space Club. Here is an excerpt taken from Judy's letter written January 3rd, 2005

...."I should also let you know that we were extremely impressed with the assistance we received for our November workshop from Gus and Bruce. They did a super job with the kids who learned a great deal about circuits and went home with a personal oscillator. That was one of our best workshop activities. Please pass on our thanks to them."

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Judy Luciuk (VE5CU)

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### **Peter I Island DXpedition Antarctica**

**Jan 14 – Feb 10, 2005**

<http://www.peterone.com/>

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**SWAP & SHOP  
ADS ARE FREE TO  
ALL AMATEURS**

**CONTACT  
LES (VE5LPP) AT;  
ve5lpp@rac.ca**



## **ARES Saskatoon**

We had 9 members attending the ARES meeting on January 17th.. Tyler Erker of Proactive First Aid is offering a CPR Level C course for \$15.00 /person, it takes 6-8 hours, the minimum would be 8-9 per class, if we have more members that would like to take this course he said he could work one more the next day.

Brought up was the call sign VE5ARES for the group call sign.

We are also looking at the opportunity to enable the 7k controller (St. Paul's) to have an emergency tone for ARES.

As far as Satern I will get more information on having the ARES in Saskatoon lisoned with SATERN as a group and not having to do it individually.

The Ares Paging Frequency is 147.520 with a 127.3 tone, for further information please contact the ARES EC at [VE5NAT@hotmail.com](mailto:VE5NAT@hotmail.com)

Our next meeting will be February 21st at 1900 hours (7PM) Number 9 Firehall Attridge and Range Road

73 Len (VE5SU)

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**CW Classes**  
Classes will resume on  
Wed., Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005  
7:30 PM  
Alvin Buckwold School

## **A once in a lifetime experience!**

This summer Saskatoon is hosting the provincial Centennial Hamfest, and you have an opportunity to contribute to the success of it!

Very soon we will be looking for volunteers to step up to the plate and contribute to things. Right now we are gathering a list of names of who would like to participate. Once we have an idea of the numbers of people who would like to help out, we will then be able to delegate the necessary tasks and duties needed to pull off an awesome hamfest.

Remember, this opportunity to help out only comes around once in a lifetime! Have your name attached to the success of the Saskatchewan Centennial Hamfest!

Check out our website at [www.saskhamfest.com](http://www.saskhamfest.com). There will be various activities that we will be needing help with ranging from helping out with the fleamarket, operating the special event radio station, talk-in radio, the registration desk, greeting presenters, helping out with contests, helping out with the banquet, setting up and take down, and others.

We will have a list of the different activities needed, and the more help we get, the less each of us will need to do.

Remember, monies raised at the hamfest go to the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, which benefits the community and amateur radio!

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*“If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy?”*



# Silent Key

Harold Horn

VE5HR

b. August 3, 1912 - d. January 27, 2005



**Harold Reginald Horn.**

The family announces the passing of Harold on January 27, 2005 at

Sunnyside Nursing Home, Saskatoon. Harold was born on August 3, 1912 in Sutherland, SK to Reg and Elizabeth Horn. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Lucy; sons, Murray (Carol) Horn, Iqualuit, NWT, Grant (Linda) Horn, Edmonton; daughter, Evelyn, Saskatoon; grandchildren, Brent (Tracy) Horn and Brian Horn, Edmonton, Andrew Horn and Chandra Horn, Montreal; great grandchildren, Brendan, Evan and Ryan Horn, Edmonton; sister, Hazel (Ward) Lindholm, Vancouver; nieces, Heather (Wyatt) Holyk and Pat Williamson, Vancouver. He was predeceased by his parents and sister, Ellen Williamson.

Harold worked for CP/CN Telecommunications for 45 years as a telegrapher. He was a committed member of the Masonic Imperial Lodge #60 and the Wa Wa Shrine Temple, as well as the Order of the

Club and enjoyed talking with people all over the world. Harold and Lucy enjoyed many years trailering with the Wandering Wheels Trailer Club. He was a devoted member at St. John's Anglican Cathedral. The family gives special thanks to the caregivers at Sunnyside Nursing Home for their care and kindness during Harold's time at the home.

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Harold was a founding member of the Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club and was a lifetime member. He will be greatly missed by the Amateur Radio community.

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# Saskatchewan Centennial Hamfest July 22-24, 2005

The year 2005 marks the Centennial Celebration for Saskatchewan and as such, the Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club and the Meewasin Amateur Radio Society of Saskatoon are hosting the Saskatchewan Amateur Radio League annual Hamfest for 2005.

Join us at the Travelodge Saskatoon for our Centennial Celebrations July 22-24, 2005. The theme of the hamfest 2005 will be the last century of amateur radio, a look at the role of amateur radio in Saskatchewan and discussions about the future of ham radio operations in Western Canada.

All proceeds of the celebration will be contributed to the Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

Check it out at: <http://www.saskhamfest.com/>

