

VE5AA

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The Feedline

SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



Rock Point Repeater Site



Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club

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Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club
Meetings are held the 2nd 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!**

President	Gus Schmid VE5SPI
Past President	Ron Sather VE5RMS
Vice-President	Mike Mikytyshyn VE5MMG
Secretary	Lou Curti VE5LOU
Treasurer	Heather Punshon VE5HAP
Director	Ron Watson VA5RON
Director	Ken Bindle VE5KRB
Director	Mike Luciuk VE5MIK

Repeaters	Gus VE5SPI
Property and Assets Record	Al VE5MDC
Training Coordinator	Gus VE5SPI
Public Service	Executive
Sick and Visiting	Ron VE5RMS
Field Day	Executive and Volunteers
Elmer	Herb VE5HE
Trailer	John VA5RJA
Space Club	Mike VE5MIK
SARC Net	Herb VE5HE and John VA5RJA
L.B.L. Rep	Ken VE5KRB
Coffee	John VA5RJA
50/50 Draw	Nate VE5NAT
Feedline	Les VE5LPP
Web-site	Bruce VE5BNC

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, Feb 10, 2009
7:30 PM

ALVIN BUCKWOLD SCHOOL
715 East Drive
West entrance

BE THERE!



**ARES
Saskatoon**

NEXT ARES MEETING

Feb 3, 2009
7:00 PM

Co-op cafeteria
on Attridge Drive

Call in: 146.640-

COFFEE

Peter D's Family Restaurant
Saturdays 9:00 AM
1301 8th St East

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

C'mon out and visit!

Saskatoon and Area Frequencies

February 2009

LOCAL AREA REPEATERS

VE5SK 146.640- Saskatoon SARC

VE5ZH 147.270- 2 MHz offset,
Saskatoon, Auto Patch

VE5CC 146.970- Sktn. MARS. Linked
to VE5SKN,VE5DNA and IRLP node 1360.
Link code 502*/503*

VE5SKN 145.940- Sktn MARS. 100Hz
tone on xmt only.Linked to VE5CC.
VE5DNA and IRLP node 1360. Link
code 500*/501* ARES SAME wx Rcvr.

VA5LLR 145.390- Lizard Lake

VA5SV 145.330- Ridge East of Sktn

VE5RPD 145.190- Elbow/Davidson

IRLP NODE 1360 Hard linked to
VE5CC UHF Hub (444.975 +5M) &
available to VE5CC, VE5SKN and
VE5DNA VHF repeaters when linked.

All the above repeaters are completely
open.

ATV

VE5ATV 439.250 in 1277.250 out
Saskatoon

APRS

VE5RHF 144.390 Saskatoon DIGI

VE5BNC-3 144.390 Saskatoon
IGATE & SATGATE

VE5HAN-4 144.390 Hanley DIGI

VE5YR-4 144.390 Davidson DIGI

VE5YMJ-4 144.390 Eyebrow DIGI

VE5ADR-4 144.390 Avonlea DIGI

PACKET

VE5BBS 145.010 Saskatoon BBS

VE5USR-3 145.010 U of S DIGI

VE5YR-7 145.010 Davidson DIGI

VE5HAN 145.010 Hanley DIGI

VE5TH 145.010 Regina BBS

VE5XXX 145.010 Prince Albert BBS

VE5MPK-2 145.010 Melfort Node

VE5MPK 145.010 Melfort BBS

VE5NEP-3 145.010 Minichinas DIGI

LOCAL AND REGIONAL NETS

Sask WX	80m	1400Z	3735 Khz
ARES (Sun.)	80m	1430Z	3735 Khz
Aurora	40m	2330Z	7055 Khz
		& 0200Z	

Manitoba	80m	0000Z	3747 Khz
Montana Tfc	80m	0030Z	3910 Khz
Sask.	80m	0100Z	3735 Khz
Alberta	80m	0130Z	3700 Khz
Local Area	2m	0200Z	146.640-
B.C.	80m	0200Z	3727 Khz
Sask.	2m	0300Z	146.970-

linked net 146.940-
80m YL Net 80m 0315Z 3755 Khz
Sundays

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



Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting Jan 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Gus, VE5SPI at 1940.

He welcomed guests Brad Taylor, Jen Taylor, Bob Eyolfson and Mark Bergen.

A minute of silence was observed for silent key Bob VE5RBG.

Treasurer's report indicated that there was \$728.00 in the bank account. Heather VE5HAP also requested that any member who has not paid their membership should do so as soon as possible.

Old business

President Gus VE5SPI indicated that there was a Director position vacant and called for nominations for this position.

Lou VE5LOU, nominated Nat VE5NAT.

Nominations and Election will be held at the next General meeting Feb 10, 09

A R E S meeting is scheduled for
Feb 3/09 at the Co-op cafeteria on Attridge Drive @ 1900.

Classes are starting on Thursday Jan 15, @ 1900 for new Operators and for those wishing to take "code".

Gus VE5SPI presented a report on the Rocky Point repeater assessment. A repeater from "stock" has been allocated, will be tested and programmed for installation in the spring. He also proposed that a Wind charger be acquired for this site to supplement the Solar panel charger.

Public service events that are upcoming will be the MS walk in April.

Ned VE5NED requested a "loan" of a repeater from "stock" for his repeater site as his unit is going deaf. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 2010 to be followed by a video presentation on a tour of the MFJ plant and an interview with the founder.

Lou Curti
Recording Secretary

Silent Key

Bob Gilliland
VE5RBG

July 24, 1939 – January 11, 2009



Dr. Robert Benson Gilliland D.M.D. July 24, 1931 January 11, 2009 Dr. Robert Benson Gilliland passed away Sunday, January 11, 2009 with his wife by his side. He is survived by his wife, Colleen; brother-in-law, Herb Flanagan; sister-in-law, Maureen Flanagan; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews; special friends, Bonnie and Barry Langan and Lil and Tom Bidulka. Robert was

predeceased by his father, Benson C. Gilliland in 1965 and by his mother, Mary Annie Gilliland in 1997. Robert and Colleen shared all of their interests together. They camped, hunted, fished, boated, participated in competitive shooting and lately in amateur radio. They further shared their business endeavors and the quality time spent together. Robert was not only in private dental practice but spent many years in organized dentistry as a Saskatchewan appointee to the National Dental Examining Board of Canada. After his past presidency with the National Dental Examining Board he was awarded two international fellowship awards, namely Academy of Dentistry International and Fellow of the International College of Dentists (F.I.C.D.) Robert retired in 1998. Robert will be deeply missed by all for his enduring smile, his boisterous laugh and humorous mischievousness, his genuine compassion and his unconditional love and generosity. Most of all he will be missed for the special compassion he brought to everyone and everything, always leaving each person and the moment at hand better than he found it. His lifelong and foremost priority was the love and time he shared with his devoted wife, Colleen. There will be a private interment at Woodlawn Cemetery for the family only. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of the donors choice. Email condolences may be sent to mail@saskatoonfuneralhome.com.

Basic Licence Classes

**2009 Classes start Thursday January 15 at 7:00 PM
Alvin Buckwold School, 715 East Drive**

Cost for the class is \$100 which includes:

- Course Study Guide**
- All other study materials**
- Supplies for class project**
- 1 year membership in the Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club**

Code Classes

**Code classes start Thursday Jan. 15 at 7:00 PM
Alvin Buckwold School, 715 East Drive**

There is no cost for the class.

**As this is a class to learn basic 5 W.P.M. code,
you can join in any time.**



BC QSO CHALLENGE

5th Annual

The contest starts

Feb 7, 2009 at

1600Z Saturday, and runs for 12 hours till 03:59Z Sunday Feb. 8, 2009.

Now in it's 5th great year the BC QSO Challenge features the province of British Columbia. The contest is open to all licensed amateurs. The winner will receive a print depicting a scenic spot in the province suitable for framing. All rules can be found at: <http://www.deltaamateurradio.com>

The BC QSO Challenge is sponsored by The Delta Amateur Radio Society.

We look forward to hearing you on the bands Feb 7 for the BC QSO Challenge.

Spokane, Washington
SDXA



**54th Annual
Pacific Northwest
DX
Convention**



**Presented by the Spokane DX Association
AUGUST 7 – 9, 2009
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON**

**At The Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center
1100 N. Sullivan Rd.
Spokane Valley, WA
1-866-584-4674 or 509-924-9000**

www.MirabeauParkHotel.comwww.com

Special Convention Rates

**Seminars – Saturday Banquet – Sunday Brunch
Commercial Displays – Door Prizes – Raffles –
Hospitality Room – DXCC Card Checking**

**Registration and more Information available soon at
the Spokane DX Association web page:**

www.sdxa.org



Rock Point Repeater Project

To date the project looks feasible and the club is looking at moving ahead using some of our surplus equipment at the site. We would like to have some volunteers come forward to assist with the preparation of the equipment for deployment this spring once access to the site is available. Research is being done on wind generators and solar panels to assist the equipment and batteries and solar panel that is already in place. Anyone with suggestions, expertise or an interest is asked to contact the executive and notify them of your interest in the project. I feel that this project will be good for all amateur operators in the province and open up an area that at present has less than adequate coverage. If anyone has any other ideas for project around the province please let us know.

Surplus Equipment

Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club has quite a bit of surplus equipment that it is willing to part with.

If anyone has a project such as upgrading a repeater site, club station, or establishing a new repeater site, APRS site etc. please contact any executive member of SARC and let them know the particulars of what it is

you are doing and what assistance in the way of equipment that you would need.

We have some commercial antennas, duplexers, repeater systems, racks, and 25 Motorola Saber mobile radios that could be converted for various projects. Some of this equipment was donated to the Club with the understanding that it will not go back into commercial service.

Call for Volunteers

There was a meeting of the presidents of both the SARC and the Mewassin Amateur Radio Club. We would like to see the two groups pool their resources when it comes to doing Public Service Activities. This is a good way to boost the visibility of Ham Radio in the community and get people interested in obtaining their licence and getting on the air. It is also a great way to give something back to the communities that we live in. Such activity is also good practise for ARES exercises or actual emergencies, should one occur. Such ARES call outs/events could be as simple as assisting with communications during a snow storm like the one we experienced two years ago.

All public service events that SARC are involved with are open to any Ham Radio Operator who wishes to participate in the event whether or not they are a member of SARC or not. So if you have any ideas for Public Service Events that Ham Radio could be used in please contact the executive of either Club and lets see what we can get going. There are lots of events on during the year so there should be no shortage of work.

Spring Fox Hunt

Please advise if anyone is

interested in having a fox hunt on a weekend probably after Saturday morning coffee. As mentioned before it does not take a lot of gear or experience to find the fox as demonstrated in two previous hunts sponsored by the Club. VA5RJA was quite successful on his first time out and several Hams were successful on the hunt that was held at Field Day.

If there is no interest then I will not waste time putting together another Fox. If there are any volunteers who would be willing to assist with this type of fun activity please contact any executive member and let them know. There is lots of material on the Ham sites on the internet with information on all kinds of gear that is easy to build to track a fox. These skills once learned can be put to good use tracking interference on the bands or assisting civil authorities in locating wandering patients etc. Give it a try you might just like fox hunting!

Saskatoon Space Club

We have been contacted by the SPACE Club looking for volunteers to help with their program on Saturday 09-02-28. The project is to have our volunteers assist with helping the students build a code practise oscillator. This will introduce them to electronic circuits and soldering a project that will produce an operating code practise oscillator. This will give them some idea of electronic circuit design and practical experience actually building something themselves.

Vacant Directors Chair

At the next regular meeting of the SARC there will be an election and a call for candidates to fill the vacancy as a

director on the Clubs executive. To date there have been two individuals that have stated they will let their names stand for election at the meeting on 09-02-10 at 19:30 local time. These individuals are:

Bob Tower VA5BRT
Nathan Mirva VE5NAT

Anyone else who is interested in running please contact the executive or you may be nominated from the floor on meeting night.

**All Swap &
Shop ads are
free to all
amateurs**

**Contact:-
ve5lpp@rac.ca
to have an ad
published in
"The Feedline"**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL



SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.
P.O. BOX 751
SASKATOON, SK, S7K 3L7

For Office Use Only
Pd ___ Rcpt ___ Card ___
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Membership valid from September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009

NAME:..... CALL SIGN.....

ADDRESS.....

CITY.....PROV.....ZIP.....

TELEPHONE (Home).....(Bus.).....

E-MAIL ADDRESS.....

Would you prefer your copy of "The Feedline" be sent by:- Mail..... Electronically.....

LICENCE: (Please check)

Basic (.....) Advanced (.....) Code (.....) HF (.....)

Occupation (optional).....

Name of spouse (optional).....

Family Members (For Family Membership Application)

(1) Name..... Call Sign.....

Basic (.....) Advanced (.....) Code (.....) HF (.....)

(2) Name..... Call Sign.....

Basic (.....) Advanced (.....) Code (.....) HF (.....)

WHICH CLUB ACTIVITIES CAN WE COUNT ON YOU FOR?

Special Event or Areas of interest to you.

Affiliation (Check where applicable)

ARRL.....RAC.....SARL.....MARS.....OTHER.....

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Regular Membership:

(must be licensed to operate an amateur station).....\$25.00 \$.....

Family Membership:

(one newsletter per family).....\$30.00 \$.....

Associate Membership:

(enthusiasts - not eligible for office).....\$25.00 \$.....

Junior Membership: (under 18 yrs)

(full privileges if licensed to operate a station)..... \$12.50 \$.....

Laminated membership card..(each)..... \$1.00 \$.....

Donations:

development, maintaining or upgrading facilities (specify).....\$.....

TOTAL REMITTED \$.....

Cheques Payable to: **Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club Inc.**

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