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# 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!**

<b>President</b>	Gus Schmid VE5SPI
<b>Past President</b>	Ron Sather VE5RMS
<b>Vice-President</b>	Mike Mikytyshyn VE5MMG
<b>Secretary</b>	Lou Curti VE5LOU
<b>Treasurer</b>	Heather Punshon VE5HAP
<b>Director</b>	Ron Watson VA5RON
<b>Director</b>	Ken Bindle VE5KRB
<b>Director</b>	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, Jan 13, 2009  
7:30 PM

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

**BE THERE!**

## CONTESTS

**Jan 1** ARRL Straight Key Night CW 0000Z  
**Jan 1** SARTG New Year RTTY 0800Z  
**Jan 3** ARRL RTTY Roundup RTTY 1800Z  
**Jan 4** Kid's Day SSB 1800Z  
**Jan 10** North American QSO Party CW 1800Z  
**Jan 11** Midwinter Phone 0800Z  
**Jan 17** North American QSO Party SSB 800Z  
**Jan 17** ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes 1900Z  
**Jan 23** CQ 160-Meter CW 2200Z  
**Jan 24** SPAR Winter Field Day 1700Z  
**Jan 31** SARL Youth Day Sprint 0700Z  
**Jan 31** YLRL YL-OM CW 1400Z

**For further information on contests  
please refer to TCA, QST and CQ  
magazines.**

# COFFEE

Peter D's Family Restaurant  
Saturdays 9:00 AM  
1301 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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## 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







## Santa Claus Parade 2008

I must apologize for not having this report in the last newsletter. This year the parade did go ahead and a good time was had by all. I believe that the weather was the best we have ever had for a Santa Claus Parade. We had 19 Hams and one Ham to Be attend the event and offer their services and time to the Parade. We were able to make use of the Club Trailer and it was nice to have a warm place to work from and a headquarters that is easily recognized by all those involved.

I would like to thank John VA5RJA for taking the time to pull the trailer into town and back to the farm after the event. He also picked up the generator from Les VE5LPP and made sure it was serviced and working. He also trouble shot the furnace and found the problem was a bad valve on the propane cylinder and was able to get it going before the parade started. Thanks John for all your efforts. Without your help and knowledge the Amateur radio portion of the parade would not have gone so smoothly.

Since the Club portable repeater has gone somewhat deaf Bruce VE5BNC offered the use of his own portable repeater. This system worked very well on 147.300+ with very good audio and excellent range for the few watts it was putting into a basic 1/4 wave ground

plane antenna.

The Parade Committee was very pleased with our efforts and thanked the amateur radio operators for once again making the parade a great success. I believe the new members of the board were quite impressed with the job done by all the amateur operators in making this a fun and safe event. I would like to add my personnel thanks to everyone who came out and helped with this event as it gives Ham Radio great public exposure and participation in community events.

It is great to see the little ones smile when the floats and Santa go by. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The following operators gave up their time and energy to take part in this event:

VE5BNC Bruce	VE5MDC Al
VA5RJA John	VE5JIM Jim
VE5NED Ned	VE5BPS Barry
VE5MMG Mike	VE5QV Chris
VE5JZ Peter	VE5PMQ Garry
VE5MIK Mike	VE5NAT Nathan
VE5GAM Glen	VE5VS Vince
VE5LOU Lou	VE5SU Len
VA5BRT Bob	VE5SPI Gus
VE5RMS Ron	Hugh Stearn, a ham to be

Gus VE5SPI

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**“Remember that the goal of every Saskatchewan driver is to get ahead of the pack by whatever means necessary.”**

## Rock Point Repeater Expedition

2008-11-22



The day started off looking very good for a road trip. After having a hearty breakfast with the usual crowd at the Saturday morning breakfast gathering four intrepid Ham operators set off to see if we could find the Rock Point Repeater Site. We wanted to see what it would take to refurbish the site and get it back on the air after a long absence. VE5SPI Gus, VE5NED Ned, VE5BNC Bruce, and VE5MMG Mike set off to visit VE5TT Tenho Tuomi the caretaker of the repeater. We travelled to Outlook where a brief stop was made to fuel the vehicle and then it was off to Macrorie and to Tenho's QTH. When we arrived at Macrorie we gave VE5CUL Brian a call so that he could meet us at Tenho's QTH and to check our directions. Tenho showed us the equipment that had been at the site for many years and he also showed us his observatory. It has a very nice telescope and the entire setup looks very professional. Once Brian arrived and another local Ham we set off for the repeater site that was on a hill top north of Tenho's QTH. It seemed like we drove for miles down old road allowances until we could see the repeater tower and shack on top of a very high hill. We drove up to the site and wondered if the car would stay on the ground as the wind was blowing extremely hard at the time. It was a good thing the temperature was actually above the freezing point or I'm sure we

would have all frozen to death on the spot. Tenho showed us around the site and explained how things had been done and gave us a history of the site. After taking many pictures we bundled back into our vehicle and headed north to the grid road. We found our way back to Outlook where Ned said he knew a place that had great pie. We stopped in and had lunch and some home made pie before bidding farewell to Brian and returning to Saskatoon. There are a few pictures of the site and a group shot of the intrepid crew that braved the elements and visited the site.

I feel that the site is fantastic! You can see for miles in all directions. Bruce did a coverage plot of the site and it has great coverage. I think the Club should continue to assist in getting this site back on the air. The tower is still standing, the antennas checked out okay and the battery bank was still holding a charge. Tenho has put the solar cell back up and attached it to the battery bank so that they do not freeze over the winter. Using some of the surplus equipment that we have accumulated it should be a task that is achievable. Once we decide on which repeater to use it would be a case of having the channel elements re-crystallized and tuning the system up. Transporting it to the site will be a bit of a challenge but that is what Ham radio is all about. I think that a new wind generator would be good for this site to assist the solar cells. It would be a case of finding one that would be within our price range. Perhaps the sale of some of our surplus assets would make this possible. Stay tuned for another chapter in this adventure.

Gus, Bruce, Mike, Ned, and Brian

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# **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.**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL**



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**Membership valid from September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009**

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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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