

VE5AA

June 2007

The Feedline

SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB





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!



**ARES
Saskatoon**

NEXT ARES MEETING

**Monday, June 18
7:00 PM**

**#9 Firehall
870 Attridge Dr.**

**Talk in 146.640-
<http://www.ares-saskatoon.ca/>**

NEXT CLUB MEETING

**Tuesday, June 12
7:30 PM**

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

BE THERE!

Contests

June 9 Portugal Day SSB
June 9-11 ARRL June VHF QSO Party
June 16-17 Quebec QSO Party.
June 16-17 SMIRK 6m Contest
June 23-24 ARRL Field Day
July 1 Canada Contest

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

COFFEE

**Thomas Cook
Restaurant**

**Saturdays 9:00 AM
Idyllwild & 24th St.**

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

June 2007

LOCAL AREA REPEATERS

VE5SK	146.640-	Saskatoon SARC
VE5SCA	146.940-	Saskatoon
VE5ZH	147.270-	2 MHz offset, Saskatoon, Auto Patch
VE5FUN	145.290-	Sktn 100Hz tone, IRLP node 1340, IPARN, 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
VE5BRC/1	147.240+	North Battleford
VE5RPA	147.150+	Bellevue to PA
VA5LLR	145.390-	Lizard Lake
VA5SV	145.330-	Ridge East of Sktn
VE5RPD	145.190-	Elbow/Davidson

ATV

VE5ATV	439.250 in	1277.250 out Saskatoon
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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	3753 Khz
ARES (Sun.)	80m	1430Z	3753 Khz
Aurora	40m	2330Z	7055 Khz
		& 0200Z	
Manitoba	80m	0000Z	3747 Khz
Montana Traffic	80m	0030Z	3910 Khz
Saskatchewan	80m	0100Z	3735 Khz
Alberta	80m	0130Z	3700 Khz
Local Area	2m	0200Z	146.640-
B.C.	80m	0200Z	3727 Khz
Saskatchewan	2m	0300Z	146.970-
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



MS WALK 2007

WALK in your community.
Take a step closer to a cure.



The 2007 MS WALK was held on Sunday April 29. The weather was just about perfect, with clear skies and temperatures in the high teens. The good weather bought out a record crowd of about 1200 participants. Because of the

construction on the Circle Drive Bridge, the route was changed so that it ran along the west side of the river from the Archibald arena to the Kiwanis band shell and back.

As in previous years we set up a temporary repeater. The repeater

was tested in my basement for 4 days prior to the event and it worked flawlessly. Thinking everything was fine, I installed it on the Arts tower at the U of S. Not long after being installed it began to act up. After another trip to the top of the building and adding some additional filters and separating the antennas, it was once again working perfectly. The next morning was a different story, but it was too late to make any more changes. I could only hope that it would behave during the event, but that just wasn't in the cards.

Despite our technical difficulties we were still able to talk to each other. This was to prove invaluable when we received a call about a lost child. The operator who received the message passed on a detailed and very accurate description. We were also informed that the police had been called. One operator began looking for the child at the arena, another established contact with the event organizers and the police and one remained at the communications table to monitor and relay traffic. After just a few minutes the child was located and one operator stayed with him while his parents were located and the police and event organizers were updated. After about 20 minutes the child's parent was transported back to the arena and reunited with their child. Once we were certain that everyone was safe and sound we notified the police and event organizers and went back to our regular duties.

This incident was a great example of how ham radio can and should work. The details were accurately recorded and passed to

other operators. We kept other involved parties apprised of all updates as they happened. Once we found the child we maintained contact with him until his parents could be reunited with him. We also ensured that communication channels were maintained between all of our operators. And most importantly, we didn't stop until the incident was completely resolved.

Thanks for everyone for their help. You are:

VE5GAM - Glen

VE5JIM - Jim

VE5SU - Len

VA5RJA - John

VE5QV - Chris

VE5RBG - Bob

VE5CMG - Colleen

VE5LEE - Leigh

VE5ALT - Yvonne

VE5NFG - Bob

VE5VS - Vince

Bruce - VE5BNC

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

**CONTACT
LES VE5LPP
AT
477-3429
OR
ve5lpp2rac.ca**

FOR SALE

From the estate of Murray Button
VE5ACM

**Kenwood All Mode
Xcvr
TS-570S**

**Electronic keyer
paddle MJF 422C**

**Heathkit HW 101 - SSB
transceiver**

**Hy-Gain
transmit/receiver
direction control**

**Regulated DC power
supply RS-300
24 hr clock**

**Ameritron RCS-8V
remote coax switch**

Contact:-
Lorraine Button, Rosetown,
Sk
l.button@sasktel.net
or
306-882-3583 (evening &
weekend)
or
306-882-5222 at work

FOR SALE

**Hy-gain Explorer 14
3 element HF yagi
w/40M add on
kit. \$90.00.**

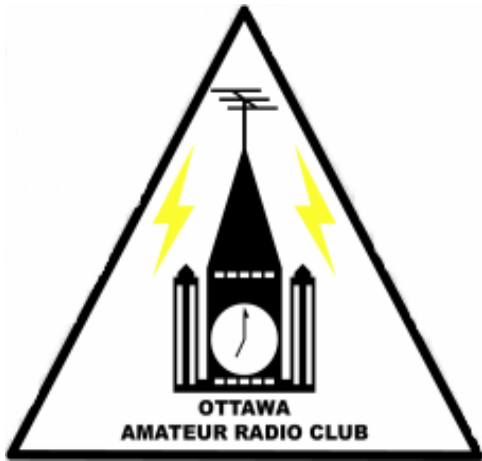
Contact:
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NOTICE OF JUNE ELECTION

The following positions are
open for the June, 2007
election of club executive.

President – 2 year term
Secretary – 2 year term
Director 1 – 2 year term
Director 2 – 2 year term

Nominations will be taken at
the May General Meeting
and nominations and voting
will take place at the June
General Meeting. All
nominations must have a
seconded.



Ottawa ARC 11th Annual Hamfest & RAC Annual General Meeting.

Sponsored by the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club inc.

Date: Saturday, September 1

Place: Carp Agricultural Fairgrounds,
3832 Carp Road (at Falldown Lane),
Ottawa (Carp), Ontario.

From Ottawa, take Highway 417
West to Carp Road exit, then 11 km
North to the fairgrounds. Hamfest is
located in the arena, so follow the
signs on the site.

Time: Indoor Vendor setup: 8am;

Tailgaters Open: 8am;

Public: 10 am - 1 pm.

Admission: Public: \$6;

Tables: \$12 each (plus admission);

Tailgate: \$5 (plus admission)

**For further information or
reservations contact:**

Ed Sich, VE3WGO

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Web address:

<http://oarc.net/fleamarket>

Talk-in on VE2CRA , 146.940 - Mhz

FOR SALE

**48 foot Delhi self
supporting tower
with top bearing
rotator plate.**

**CDE Rotator with
control box.**

**3 element tri-
bander.**

**All are in good condition. We
moved to a new place and I
don't intend to put up a tower
and beam here. My asking
price is \$250 for the lot. I will
be willing to split it up as well.**

Contact :

Virgil Nyborg VE5LR

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***“Your getting old when you don't
care where your spouse goes, just
as long as you don't have to go
along.”***

Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes MAY 08, 2007

Meeting opened at 7:40 by Ron VE5RMS

Previous Minutes Presented by Ron VE5RMS. Motion for acceptance of the minutes was made by Eric VE5HG, and seconded by Herb VE5HE, voted and accepted.

Treasurer Report by AI – VE5MDC:

Motion to accept monthly report made by Eric VE5HG, seconded by Per VE5PER. Voted and accepted.

Club Financial Budget for 2007-2008 by AI – VE5MDC:

Review of budget and vote for acceptance for fiscal year 2007-2008 postponed to the June 12th meeting due to technical difficulty experienced with the computer containing the budget information.

Community Service:

MS Walk 2007: Bruce VE5BNC provided a brief overview of the MS Walk on April 29th. Twelve Hundred (1200) walkers took part in the activity. Clubs portable repeater was used during the walk. During the event a young boy was lost. The police and the Hams involved with the walk began looking for him. John VA5RJA found the young boy riding his bike just outside of the Arena. The walk was a great success.

Saskatchewan Marathon 2007 Gus – VE5SPI and Jim VE5JIM are managing this activity for the Amateur Radio contingent. Gus gave a description of the two routes the marathon will take and advised the stations where Amateurs are needed. Presently eleven (11) amateurs are signed up to help but many more are needed. Hams are needed at each of the fifteen water stations along with a contingent at the finish line and other designated areas. At the exhibition there is a volunteer meeting which all may need to attend. The club is planning to setup the Club trailer at Diefenbaker Park as a command post, where a club Barbeque will be held after the event. The event coordinator advised that the trailer can be setup the night before as security will be present overnight. John VA5RJA advised he could bring it into town but would not be able to stay for setup on Saturday night. The Marathon will take place Sunday, May 27th.

Lions Band Support July 8th: Bruce VE5BNC is working with the Lions Organizers to support this activity in July.

Club Nominations:

The following members were nominated for the open Executive / Director positions. Future nominations will be held at the June meeting along with elections:

- . - President (2 year term):
This position is open for nominations

- Secretary (2 year term):
Terry VE5HF nominated by John VA5RJA , seconded by Les VE5LPP.

- Director 1 (2 year term):
Bob VE5NFG nominated by Les VE5LPP, seconded by John VA5RJA.

- Director 2 (2 year term):
Ron VA5RON nominated by John VA5RJA, seconded by Herb VE5HE.

Other Business:

BASIC Amateur Radio Course Discussed:

The Basic Amateur Radio Course was discussed. Of the five people who attended the course one has written and passed the test. Al VE5MDC advised that reducing the course duration to 6 weeks was to much and suggested 10 weeks would better serve the students. Gus VE5SPI, a member of the instructor team made the same observation. Discussion was held on charging for the course instead of just charging for book materials - that way the student would have a financial investment towards succeeding in the course. The idea that charges for the course would be re-funded if the student wrote and passed Industry Canada's Basic Exam was suggested.

Discussed getting youth involved in amateur radio. Organizations to approach: Military Cadets, Scouts, Guides, to mention a few.

Club Projects:

The club is looking for volunteers to assist in these activities

- Re-establishing a station at Alvin Buckwold
(radio enclosure - John VA5RJA will tackling this.)
- Antenna work on school roof (make sure antennas are all working adequately).
- Field day preparations for June 23/24
Need to figure out what Antennas options we have
- Trailer Preparation (for volunteer events & field day)

John VA5RJA getting Trailer ready, he will need some help.

Ken VE5KRB and Terry VE5HF picked up a tower and parts from Little Bear Lake

50:50 Draw - won by Don VE5LQ.

Meeting adjourned

AL Labbie VE5MDC
Acting Recording Secretary



FIELD DAY 2007

June 23-24

**WESTERN DEVELOPMENT
MUSEUM**

**FAMILY BARBECUE ON SATURDAY
\$5.00 PER PERSON**

**Please get your BBQ tickets ahead of time so we know
how much stuff to buy.**

Call Les VE5LPP (477-3429) to reserve tickets.

2007 RAC CANADA DAY CONTEST JULY 1

**ALL BANDS
ALL MODES
9 CATEGORIES**

See: TCA Magazine or RAC at rac.ca



This was the 29th Saskatoon Marathon. The Mayor started it after greetings from the Premiers office by Peter Prebble. This year the weather was great with no rain in sight! We had 16 Hams from Saskatoon take part in doing the communications for the event. We were able to have the new trailer in place that was purchased by SARC in the fall of 2006. This was a very big help as it made our HQ easy to find for the participants in the event and a comfortable place to work from. I must take this opportunity to thank John, VE5JRA, for putting the trailer in place and also for removing it from the site after the event.

The race started in Diefenbaker Park, wound thru the residential area near the exhibition to Victoria Ave. across the Victoria Bridge north on Spidina Ave to just past Pinehouse and White Swan Dr. and returned to the park, twice. My respect and admiration to those people, just over 1600, who ran the race.

A couple of changes were made on the fly to accommodate the race organizers. The event was capped

with a BBQ for the Hams at the trailer site.

I would also like to thank Bruce VE5BNC for once again riding over 50 Km on his bike in order to keep an eye on the racers. We were able to help with a couple of minor medical emergencies and the urgent dispatch of new supplies to some of the water stations on the route.



The following Hams took place in the event:

VE5JIM Jim Clark
VE5LEE Leigh
VE5RGM Bob
VE5GAM Glen
VE5LPP Les
VE5NFG Bob
VE5NAT Nate
VE5RBG Bob
VE5CMG Colleen
VE5BNC Bruce
VA5BRT Bob
VE5SU Len
VE5QV Chris
VA5RJA John
VE5DHE Dave
VE5SPI Gus

Once again, I would like to thank all those who helped with this event to make it a success.

Gus VE5SPI



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Membership valid from September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008

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.**