

VE5AA

March 2008

The Feedline

SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



ARES Regina

ARES Saskatoon



Battlefords Amateur Radio Association

Canora Amateur Radio Club

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Meewasin Amateur Radio Society

Moose Jaw Amateur Radio Club

Northern Saskatchewan Amateur Radio Club

Parkland Amateur Radio Club

Radio Amateurs of Canada

Regina Amateur Radio Association

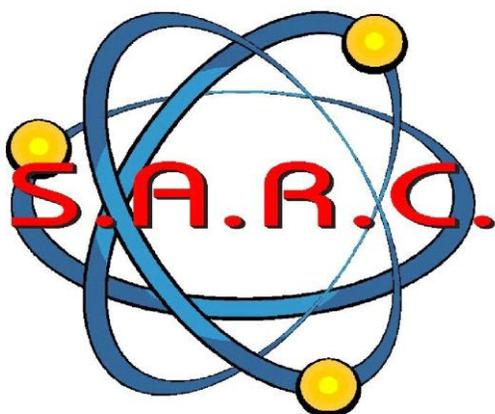
Sask-Alta Radio Club

Saskatchewan Amateur Radio League

Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club

Unity 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 (7:30 Local)

**VISITORS AND GUESTS ARE
ALWAYS WELCOM!**



**ARES
Saskatoon**

NEXT ARES MEETING

**Monday, 17th of March, 2008
7:00 PM**

**No 9 Firehall
870 Attridge Dr.**

Talk in 146.640-

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

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, 11th of March, 2008

**ALVIN BUCKWOLD SCHOOL
715 EAST DRIVE
WEST ENTRANCE**

BE THERE!

CONTESTS

Mar 1-2 ARRL Int. DX SSB

Mar 8 RSGB Commonwealth CW

Mar 8-9 Oklahoma QSO party

Mar 9 NSARA Contest

Mar 9-10 Wisconsin QSO party

Mar 9 NCJ Sprint RTTY

Mar 15-17 BARTG sprint RTTY

Mar 15-16 Russian DX contest

Mar 29-30 CQ WW WPX SSB

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

COFFEE

Peter D's

**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

March 2008

LOCAL AREA REPEATERS

VE5SK	146.640-	Saskatoon SARC
VE5ZH	147.270-	2 MHz offset, Saskatoon, Auto Patch
VE5CC	146.970-	Sktn. MARS. Linded to VE5SKN, VE5DNA and IRLP node 1360 Link code 502*/503*
VE5SKN	145.210-	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
VA5RPD	145.190-	Elbow/Davidson
IRLP NODE 1360		Hard linked to VE5CC UHF Hub (444.975 +5M) & Available to VE5CC, VE5SKN & VE5DNA VHF repeaters when linked.

All the above repeaters are completely Open.

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	3744 Khz
Alberta	80m	0130Z	3740 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**



MINUTES
SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
February 12, 2008

President Terry, VE5HF opened the meeting at 7:40 P.M. and welcomed all. There were no visitors. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Bob, VE5NFG. There had been a good representation of the ham community as well as former coworkers at Bob's funeral. John, VA5RJA reported that Bob's sister and a neighbour were sorting Bob's possessions and it is expected that some of the equipment may be advertised in The Feedline.

On a motion by Eric, VE5HG, seconded by Bob, VE5BRT, the minutes of our January meeting were approved as circulated in The Feedline.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Al, VE5MDC - adopted on a motion by VE5RMS, seconded by Per, VE5PER. The Treasurer's report has been filed with the club records.

Club projects:

- John, VA5RJA has completed the work on the storage cabinet for our club equipment and has added another shelf as well as a sliding desktop.
- Bruce, VE5BNC had donated a TNC to the club.
- Classes are in progress; four students, doing well.
- Ned, VE5NED, reported that packet to Regina was working well.
- Several of our members assisted in helping Bruce, VE5ZN, in setting up an IRLP compatible station and will further investigate the possibility of getting him back on HF. Efforts will also be made to determine whether this is also possible for VE5LQ and other hams who are in apartments or condos.
- Ken, VE5KRB replaced a control on the VE5AA repeater and this has eliminated a great deal of annoying noise on the repeater. Ken was thanked by all for his work.
- Terry, VE5HF, discussed the possibility of setting up a remotely operated HF station, and it was agreed that the matter of making this a joint project with the Meewasin Amateur Radio Society would be advantageous to both clubs.
- Al, VE5MDC is working on an inventory update.
- Leigh, VE5LEE and John, VA5RJA reported that a gift basket was taken to our 2M net caller for many years, Bill, VE5DN. Bill was appreciative of the gesture.
- High altitude balloon project: Bruce, VE5BNC, outlined this project which is planned to be launched sometime in May. The payload would consist of several cameras as well as communication equipment and is a joint project of three club members. Bruce showed the members the container which will carry the payload. Total cost of the project would be in the neighbourhood of \$750.00. It is hoped to recover the payload after it's return to earth. It is felt by the partners in the project that carrying out the project under the umbrella of the Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club could gain ham radio some positive recognition as an experimental hobby. The unrecoverable costs would be \$250.00 and the

club was asked whether it would be interested in supporting the project in the amount of \$250.00. The club sees this as an opportunity for some media exposure for the hobby and the club with respect to this event that it would like to be pursued.

It was moved by Herb, VE5HE, seconded by Eric, VE5HG, that the Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club endorse this project as a club project and cover the cost of consumable items to a maximum of \$250.00. Carried.

- ARES update: future training re dealing with emergencies in the city; id badges: city cooperating in planning. Three alert levels are being used, the first being a warning that there is the potential for an event and people should be getting ready such as making sure batteries are charged. People should contact the ARES coordinator to indicate availability. The second level you should try to be monitoring the radio and third levels increases to the point of actual deployment. There is planning being done to make an operating station at Fire Hall #9 including running coax and putting up some antennae.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- MS walk-athon; nothing to report at present.
- Parkinson's Super Walk in September - we will help.
- Marathon: we need to be more involved in the planning; Gus, VE5SPI to formulate requirements to pass along to organizers to make our services most effective.
- GOTA? Minimal interest on the part of the Guides.
- March 11 - presentation on IRLP by Devon, VE5DWR
- April 8 - presentation by Al, VE5MDC on RADARSAT
- May 13 - fox hunt and barbecue.
- Field Day: Ned, VE5NED reported that the info package was now available from ARRL.

It was moved by Ron VE5RMS, seconded by Les, VE5LPP, that a flea market be held in conjunction with Field Day. Carried.

- Ron, VE5RMS, reported that he will be meeting with parents re interesting cadets in ham radio.
- Ken, VE5KRB reported that VE5YW has been deceased for some time and his call should be removed from the website. Ken also reported that the Little Bear club now has a laptop but it needs a battery. He than spoke on the little interest shown by young people in ham radio. He outlined a CD program successfully used in the hunter safety and fire arms safety programs. It is produced by SOA in Regina.

It was moved by Ron, VE5RMS, seconded by Eric, VE5HG that the matter be investigated - carried. Ken, VE5KRB to put together a committee to look into the matter.

- 50/50 draw won by Bob, VE5RGM.

Thanks to Leigh, VE5LEE for providing the cake to go with the coffee provided again by John, VA5RJA!

The motion to adjourn was made by Nat, VE5NAT

Herb Essenburg - VE5HE
Recording Secretary



The Vancouver Olympics Committee (VANOC) has given Radio Amateurs of Canada details of their search for ham

radio volunteers for the Olympic Winter Games (Feb. 12-28, 2010) and Paralympic Winter Games (March 12-21, 2010). Volunteers must have or arrange their own local accommodation in Greater Vancouver or Whistler areas.

(final) application page, add the words "Amateur Radio Operator" in a box called "Additional Information...".

For volunteers with professional skills and experience, VANOC has provided a second key-word to be entered on the last page of the form. This key-word is available from RAC Directors, RAC Assistant Directors in B.C., RAC Section Manager Mike Hale VE7DXD, and ARES officers in BC. For more info, contact BC/YT RAC Director Ed Frazer at ve7ef@shaw.ca.

Of the 25,000 volunteers required, Amateur Radio operators are needed for technical roles during preparation for and during the Olympic events. The on-line volunteer application form, at www.vancouver2010.com, includes space to list skills and experience. If the applicant wishes a communications or technical role, they should add a key phrase on their application form, to make it easy for VANOC to identify them. In the fifth



On 26 February 2008, the Board of Directors of RAC conducted a teleconference meeting to elect two new members to the RAC Executive: - Jim Hay VE2VE of Pointe Claire QC was elected Vice-President, Technical

and Administrative Services. This election confirms Jim's recent assumption of responsibilities for RAC's information technology requirements. Jim's efforts have already provided users of RAC's website with impressive improvements in the speed and quality of service. He has recently tackled some of the problems with SPAM that affected many users of RAC's e-mail alias service. RAC and Canadian Radio Amateurs are very lucky to have someone with Jim's experience and skills contributing to our national organisation.

- John Bartlett VE1OZ of Hammonds Plains NS was elected Vice-President Public Relations and will lead RAC's efforts to develop strategies to improve RAC's membership across Canada and to promote Amateur Radio to the Canadian public. John comes to RAC with enormous experience and knowledge of Amateur Radio and an excellent professional background in the telecommunications industry both in Canada and abroad.

The Board of Directors and Executive of RAC warmly welcome Jim and John to RAC's leadership team.

Nice to know

B&E Electronics in Saskatoon will give a 10% discount if you identify yourself at the counter or on the phone saying you are a ham and providing call sign.



Election of some executive positions.

The following executive positions will be open for nominations at the March 2008 meeting and elections will be held at the April meeting.

Position

V/President
Treasurer
Director
Director
Director

Now held by

Leigh Coates
Al Labbie
Bob Hilton
John Anton
Per Jacobsen



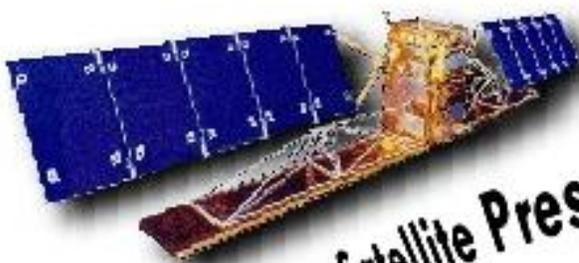
Next years budget.

Next years budget will be presented and voted on at the March 2008 meeting.

SWAP & SHOP

All swap & shop ads are free to licensed hams.

Contact: Les VE5LPP
ve5lpp@rac.ca



Satellite Presentation

Canadian Space Agency's
RADARSAT Imaging Satellite

DATE

Club Meeting
April 8th, 2008
see you there

For sale from the estate of Bob Hilton VE5NFG

You name it, it's probably there.

HF, VHF, CB's
Transmitters
Receivers
Transceivers
Handhelds
Antennas
Tuners

Linears
Cables
Parts
Thousands of tubes
Antique radios
Radio books
Magazines

VHS tapes
Reel to reel recorders
1/4 in audio tapes
8mm projectors
power supplies
33 rpm records
Odds & ends

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