

VE5AA

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The Feedline

SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



Installing Canadaarm II



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, May 17, 2004
7:00 PM
CITY HOSPITAL
ROOM 8313
Portable HF Operations
/Emergency Power**

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

**NEXT CLUB MEETING
Tuesday, May 11, 2004
7:30 PM**

ALVIN BUCKWOLD SCHOOL
715 East Drive
West entrance

BE THERE!

Contests

May 1 – 10-10 Spring Sprint CW
May 1 – ARI international DX
May 8 – FISTS Spring Sprint CW
May 8 – 50 Mhz Spring Sprint
May 15 – US counties QSO party
SSB
May 29 – CQ WW WPX CW
May 31 – MI QRP memorial day
CW

For further information on contests
please check TCA, CQ or QST
magazines.

COFFEE

Saturdays at 10 A.M.

**Smiley's
on 8th 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

May 2004

EXECUTIVE

President	Ron Sather VE5RMS	384-5093	VE5RPA	147.150+	Bellevue to PA
			VE5DPR	147.270+	Hanley
			VE5SKN	145.210-	Saskatoon MARS IRLP 100Khz tone
Past President	Andy Paquet VE5APD	931-1614	VE5STV	146.790-	Saskatoon
			VE5FS	448.000-	CFCSS tone access
Vice President	John Anton VA5RJA	653-0919	VE5FUN	145.290-	IRLP
Secretary	Herb Essenburg VE5HE	374-4337			
Treasurer	Al Labbie VE5MDC	373-3188			

Directors

Warren Beaulé	VA5WDB	934-2604
Ned Carroll	VE5NED	382-1446
Per Jacobsen	VE5PER	244-5210
Terry Shuya	VE5HF	374-4240

Repeaters	Gus	VE5SPI
	Eric	VE5HG
Property	Al	VE5MDC
Training Co-ord.	Ned	VE5NED
Public Service	Executive	
Sick & Visiting	Ron	VE5RMS
Field Day	Ned	VE5NED
Elmer	Herb	VE5HE
Trailer	Ron	VE5RMS
Space Club	Vacant	
SARC Net	Bill	VE5DN
L.B.L. Rep.	Ken	VE5KRB
Coffee	Colleen	VE5CMG
50/50 Draw	Nate	VE5NAT
Feedline	Les	VE5LPP
Web-site	Bruce	VE5BNC

LOCAL AREA REPEATERS

VE5SK	146.640-	Saskatoon SARC
VE5SCA	146.940-	Saskatoon long range
VE5CC	146.970-	Saskatoon Linked
VE5BRC/1	147.240+	Lizard Lake

ATV

VE5ATV 439.250 in 1277.250 out

APRS

VE5RHF 144.390 Saskatoon APRS
VE5DPR-4 144.390 Davidson Digi.

PACKET

VE5Y5-7 DIGI 145.010 Davidson
VE5HAN DIGI 145.010 Hanley
VE5TH BBS 145.010 Regina
VE5XXX BBS 145.010 PA
VE5MPF-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 Club House

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
Saskatchewan 80m 0100Z 3744 Khz
Alberta 80m 0130Z 3740 Khz
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 Hams are welcome to check
into any of these nets.**

Minutes
Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club
April 13, 2004-04-15

President Ron, VE5RMS opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M. and welcomed all. No guests present. He called for any errors or omissions in the minutes of the last regular meeting and there being none, the minutes of the March 9, 2004 meeting were accepted as circulated in The Feedline on a motion by Eric, VE5HG seconded by Ned, VE5NED – carried.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

The president outlined the current relations with the school, the issue being one of who is permitted to have a key to the school. We will continue to have access to our clubroom area of the school through the west door as long as a janitor is on duty. On weekends, the room will have to be accessed by way of the rear door.

REPEATERS

No new developments with respect to repeater operation. Bruce, VE5BNC indicated that the digipeater at Davidson was not functioning properly. Ned, VE5NED reported that the BBS was lacking bulletins.

ARTICLES

Ken, VE5KRB reported that only one article had been received re the item being planned by a writer to promote ham radio. Ken encouraged members to get busy and submit something to him in order that we not miss this opportunity to advertise our hobby. Articles may be sent to Ken Bindle at ve5krb@rac.ca. Herb, VE5HE agreed to make an announcement re this matter on the 75M net along with a reminder of nominations for the Dave Glass Award.

FUND RAISING

Gus, VE5SPI spoke on having a "steak night" at The Odeon as a fundraiser and there was favourable discussion on the possibility. It was moved by Eric, VE5HG seconded by Andy, VE5APD, that we proceed with plans to hold the event sometime in May – carried.

COFFEE VENUE

The president advised that several locations had been checked but to date another venue had not been found.

HAMFEST 2005

President Ron advised that planning for Hamfest 2005 was progressing. Dates are July 22, 23 and 24, 2005 with headquarters being the Travelodge. Approaches had been made for a keynote speaker and M C.

WALTER MURRAY STATION

Nathan, VE5NAT reported that progress in setting up the school station at Walter Murray Collegiate had been slow but efforts would continue.

NEW BUSINESS

Field Day is to be held June 26 and 27. Ned, VE5NED emphasized the need for more advanced operators, particularly during the overnight shift. Ned will make inquiries of the Western Development Museum to see whether we can again use their grounds for Field Day purposes and Herb, VE5HE will do a callout for operators prior to the event. A committee of Ned, VE5NED; Terry, VE5HF; Nathan, VE5NAT; Warren, VA5WDB; Bob, VE5NFG and Herb, VE5HE was formed. It was agreed that we again would have a family barbecue and Andy, VE5APD moved, seconded by Al, VE5MDC that we sell tickets at \$5.00 per person for those attending the barbecue – carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Bruce, VE5BNC reported that the MS Walk will be held Sunday, April 25th and sent around a signup sheet.

OTHER

Brian, VE5CUL reminded us of the "Shop and Swap" to be held on July 24th at Walter Murray Collegiate, in support of the Saskatchewan Amateur Radio League (SARL). Ken, VE5KRB reminded us to get nominations in for the Dave Glass Award. The open house at the Little Bear Amateur Radio Club will be June 18, 19 and 20th.

Warren, VA5WDB advised that the SARC Christmas social will be held at The Cave Restaurant on December 14th.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Al, VE5MDC advised that in checking the registration of our trailer, our name is incorrect on the registration and he is dealing with SGI on the matter. The executive has also asked that the trailer plates be changed to a VE5AA plate.

The financial report was presented to the meeting and was accepted on a motion by John, VA5RJA, seconded by Terry, VE5HF.

The 50/50 draw was won by Bruce, VE5ZN. Congratulations Bruce!

ELECTIONS

President Ron advised that Barry, VE5BPS had withdrawn his name from the nomination list. The president then opened the floor for nominations for:

Vice-President: Andy, VE5APD nominated John, VA5RJA. Ken, VE5KRB moved nominations be closed, seconded by Warren, VA5WDB – carried. John, VA5RJA was acclaimed as Vice-President.

Treasurer: Les, VE5LPP nominated Al, VE5MDC who accepted the nomination. Nominations were closed on a motion by Eric, VE5HG seconded by Jim, VE5JIM. Al, VE5MDC was acclaimed as Treasurer.

2-year Directors: Nominated at the March 9th meeting were, Terry, VE5HF, Bob, VE5NFG, Voker, VE5VAP and Barry, VE5BSP who has withdrawn. Warren, VA5WDB nominated Per, VE5PER who accepted the nomination. Nominations were closed on a motion by John, VA5RJA, seconded by Nathan, VE5NAT – carried. President Ron thanked all who allowed their names to stand for election and those who were leaving the executive.

Elected as new 2-year directors are Per, VE5PER and Terry, VE5HF.

Note: next executive meeting April 27 with both new and old executive asked to attend.

Thanks again to Colleen, VE5CMG for providing us with her delicious baking, and to John, VA5RJA for providing us with coffee and trimmings!

Warren, VA5WDB moved adjournment of the meeting.

Herb Essenburg VE5HE
Secretary



WANTED

I am looking for a
Yaesu FT-208R
handheld with
accessories.

VE5LTD
rwilks@accesscomm.ca

**SWAP & SHOP
ADS ARE
FREE TO
MEMBERS**

Your new executive!

On April 13, 2004 the Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club elected its executive for the coming term. Elected were:

Vice-president - John Anton VA5RJA
Treasurer - Al Labbie VE5MDC
Director - Terry Shuya VE5HF
Director - Per Jacobsen VE5PER

Others remaining to serve:
President - Ron Sather VE5RMS
Past president - Andy Paquet VA5APD
Secretary - Herb Essenburg VE5HE
Director - Ned Carroll VE5NED
Director - Warren Beaulé VA5WBD



John Anton
VA5RJA



Al Labbie
VE5MDC



Terry Shuya
VE5HF



Per Jacobsen
VE5PER



Ron Sather
VE5RMS



Andy Paquet
VA5APD



Herb Essenburg
VE5HE



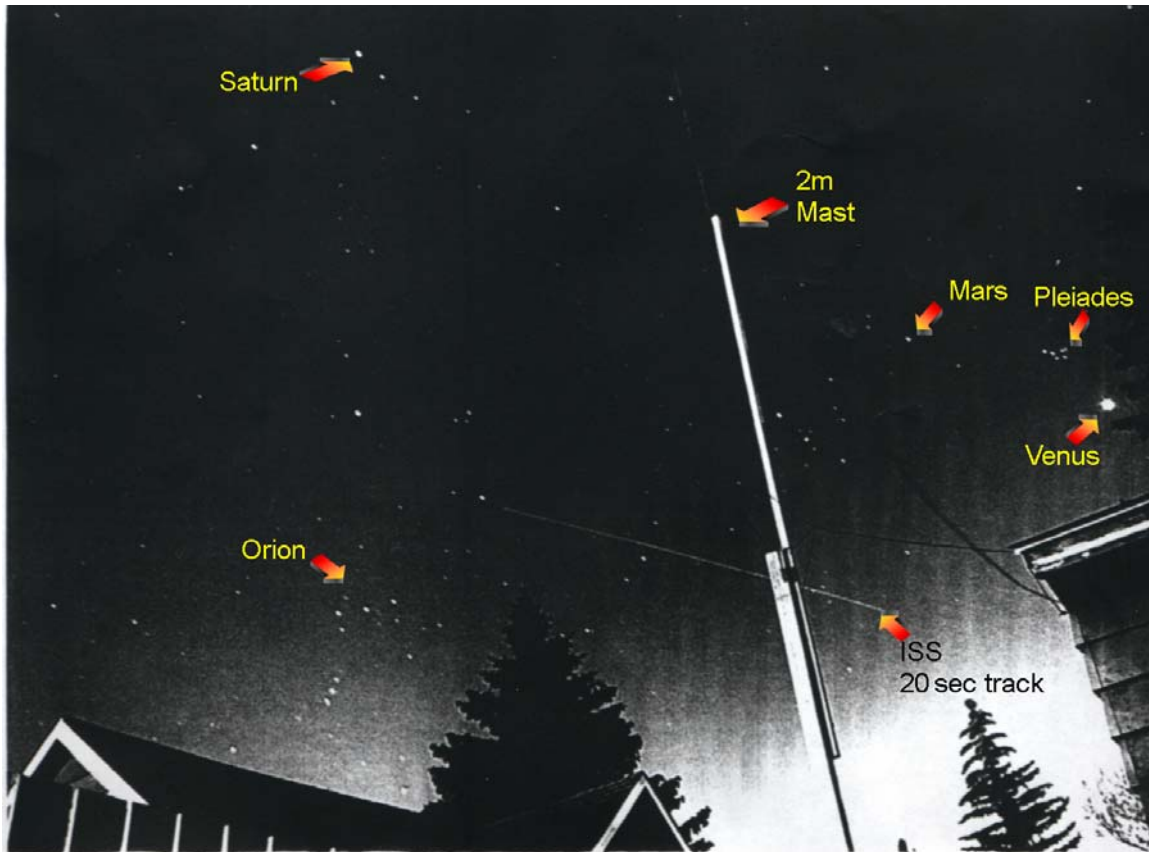
Ned Carroll
VE5NED



Warren Beaulé
VA5WBD

I would like to congratulate those who have come forward and let their names stand and were elected to the Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club Executive. I am looking forward to working with my fellow Amateurs in the year ahead as I am sure that you are going to have lots of input. I also want to thank those that are out going and say that we will still look to you for thoughts and ideas. I would also like to thank all those who let their names stand for election. Again, CONGRATULATIONS!

Ron VE5RMS
SARC President



I took the above photograph in my backyard at about 9:15 PM local time on the 31 March, 2004 (2004-04-01-0315 UTC). I used a 35mm camera on a tripod, using Fuji ASA200 colour print film, with a 28mm (wide angle) lens at f4 with a 20 second exposure. The field of view is about 40 degrees by 60 degrees. Although I saw the ISS as a moving point of light, it shows as a streak because of the long exposure of the photograph. The photo was enlarged on a public library photocopier. This process improved the contrast by rendering a black sky where the photo had light blue. 73 Peter VE5JZ, (Packet VE5YXE).

For Sale

TELEX hy-gain CD-45-11 Rotor with control box, cables and BBMB mast bearings. Used only one season as I have moved to the city and have no room for a tower. - **\$375.00**

2 Only Radio Shack tower sections (Top and Bottom) - \$75.00

Pair of Yaesu headphones YH-55. Excellent condition - **\$30.00**

Fern Champagne - VE4IA
37 Westmount Bay
Winnipeg MB.
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2004 MS WALK a big success



On Sunday, March 25 the MS WALK was held in Saskatoon. The WALK is one of the primary fund raising events for the MS Society.

Once again my request for volunteers was met with an overwhelming response. When it was all over with we had a total of 19 hams who were able to help.

This year I decided to try another location for a portable repeater. I was able to set up a temporary repeater on the top floor of the U of S Arts building. The repeater used two separate antennas for transmitting and receiving. The transmit antenna was an existing horizontal beam that's aimed toward the South East. The receive antenna was simply a quarter wave mag-mount sitting on top of a window air conditioner. The window it sat in faced South West which would have given good coverage of the downtown core. Despite breaking just about every rule for antenna design and placement, it did give us excellent coverage along the WALK route and surprisingly good coverage throughout the city. One of my fears was confirmed the day before the WALK when I heard our repeater retransmitting the output of one of the

two paging systems that share antenna space on the Arts Tower.

This year's WALK broke all previous records for both participants and funds raised. In total, over 1000 participants were registered and over 130 thousand dollars were raised for MS programs. On behalf of the MS Society and the organizing committee I would like to thank everyone that helped out. You are:

VE5LEE Leigh	VE5MK Doug
VE5SPI Gus	VE5JZ Peter
VA5DSB Diane	VA5WDB Warren
VE5LPP Les	VE5XP Bill
VE5NED Ned	VE5RGB Bob
VE5CMG Colleen	VE5APD Andy
VE5IX Wally	VE5MDC Al
VE5HF Terry	VE5JIM Jim
VE5RMS Ron	VE5GAM Glen
VE5BPS Barry	VE5BPS Barry
73 Bruce VE5BNC	



Open house at LITTLE BEAR LAKE, VE5LBL on the hill. June 18,19, 20, 2004

The Little Bear Lake Amateur Radio Club (an affiliate of S.A.R.C.) is holding it's annual open house on June 18, 19 and 20, 2004. All hams and interested parties are welcome. Ken, VE5KRB will be there to show you around and prod you into operating some HF.

Accommodations are available now at either LARK'S INN with Bob & Delores Clark. Ph. (306) 426-2491 Or LITTLE BEAR LAKE campground with Glen & Grace Rayner (306) 426-2280. Or you can e-mail them at: littlebearlake@littlebearlake.ca. They also have a website at littlebearlake.ca.

Get your reservations in early at Lark's Inn as they have a limited number of rooms. They have good meals too.

At the campground it is best to book your space & time well ahead as they may be very busy this year. They have power & water hookups.

Little Bear Lake is on Hwy 106 to FlinFlon, Man. Get on the road at Smeaton - go North to Mile 62 or approx. 96km from Smeaton, turn left and follow the signs.

Some sites of interest to Hams

<http://www.space.gc.ca/asc/eng/default.asp>

<http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/realdata/sightings/cities/viewsighting.cgi?Saskatoon.html>

<http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/nasatv/index.html>

Silent Key

**Wilf Eichorst VE5UW
d. April 18, 2004**

Wilf Eichorst died in hospital in Saskatoon on Sunday, April 18th at the age of 71. In 1971, Wilf was one of a group of four blind men who took the amateur radio class from Bill Parker. In the spring of 1972, the group took their Department of Communications test including Morse code and all passed the requirements. Wilf became VE5UW with the assistance of his sponsor Bill Dunster, VE5DN. Although Wilf was not an active ham, he never let his license lapse. The funeral was held Friday, April 23rd with Herb Essenburg, VE5HE giving the tribute. The two had attended classes at the Ontario School for the Blind prior to 1950.

Herb Essenburg

FOR SALE

Estate of Tom Dumont VE5DBO
56 ft. Delhi tower
CD45II Rotor and controller
Crushcraft A3 tri-band antenna
\$800.00 OBO

Items are still standing and buyer to remove.

Contact Ron VE5RMS
rmsather@sasktel.net
ve5rms@rac.ca

"Don't worry about what people think; they don't do it very often."