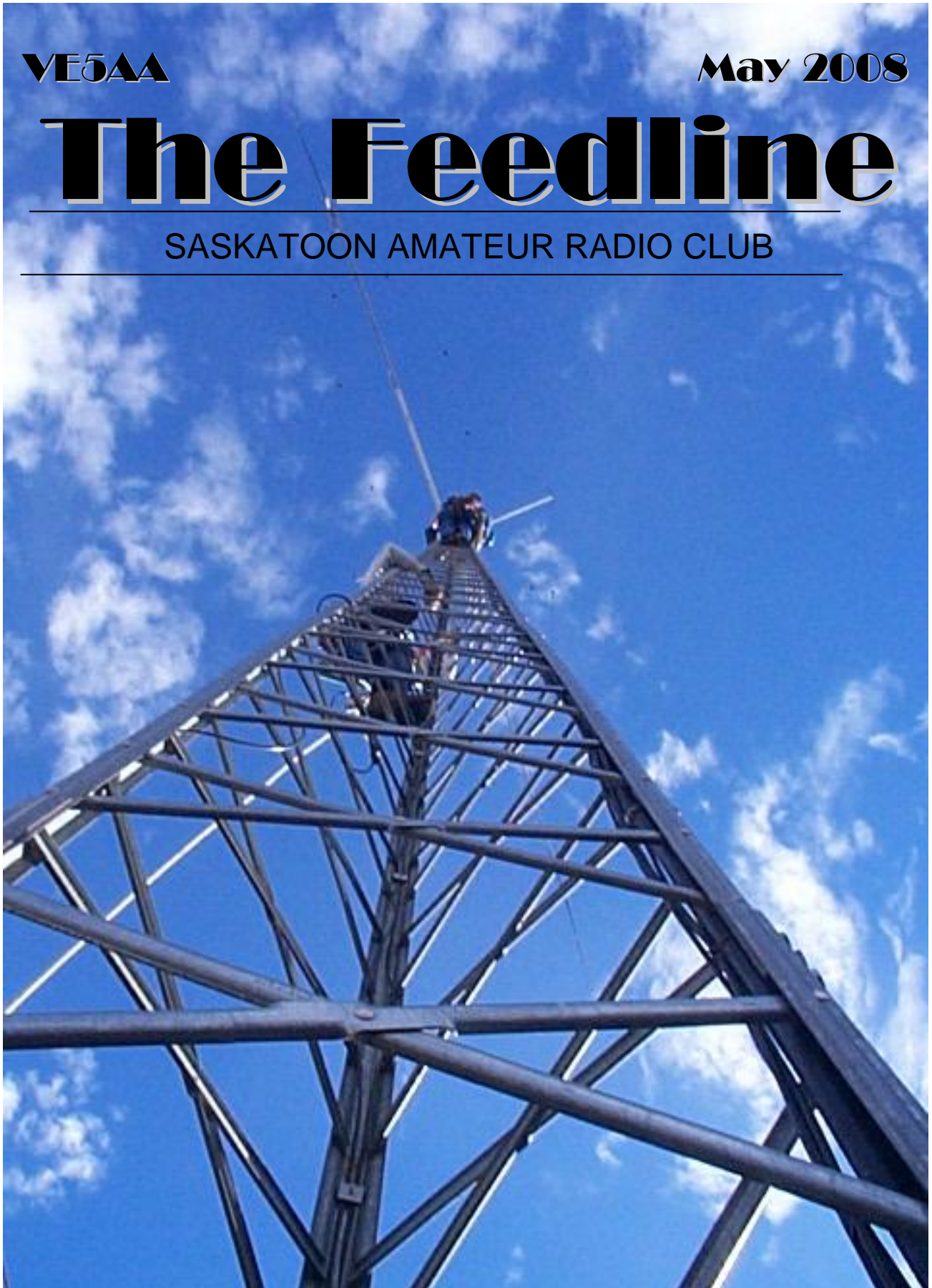


**VE5AA**

**May 2008**

# **The Feedline**

**SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**





Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club

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<http://www.sarl.ca/ve5aa>

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!



**ARES**  
**Saskatoon**

## NEXT ARES MEETING

Tuesday, May 6, 2008  
7:00 PM

#9 FIREHALL  
870 Attridge Dr.

Talk in 146.640-

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

## NEXT CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, May 13, 2008  
7:30 PM

ALVIN BUCKWOLD SCHOOL  
715 East Drive  
West entrance

**BE THERE!**

## MAY PRESENTATION

Bruce VE5BNC, Gus VE5SPI &  
Bob VE5RGM will give a  
presentation on the balloon  
project.



## 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

## May 2008

### 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

## MINUTES

### SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

April 8, 2008

Our meeting was opened at 7:33 by President Terry, VE5HF. He welcomed Brian, VE5CUL from Dinsmore as well as others attending the meeting.

The minutes of our March meeting were approved as circulated in THE FEEDLINE, on a motion by Eric, VE5HG, seconded by Bob, VA5BRT, carried.

The president announced that Lou Curti, VE5LOU is a new ham and expressed the hope that Lou would be attending our meetings.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Al, VE5MDC and was accepted on a motion by Ned, VE5NED, seconded by Gus, VE5SPI. The report will be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

**Coffee fund**- the president indicated to the membership, that John, VA5RJA had donated the coffee for our meetings and other events and the executive had as individuals assumed the cost of providing doughnuts and cookies. He reviewed the amounts contributed by members to support this benefit and funds generally would not have covered the cost of the baked goods. It was moved by Eric, VE5HG, seconded by Mike, VE5MMG, that coffee would be provided at \$1.00 and donuts \$1.00. Carried.

**Mystery box** – the president produced a mystery box, which, when opened, contained a plaque which was presented to John, VA5RJA, to honour him as our club's HAM OF THE YEAR! John has willingly offered his help, knowledge and support to nearly every project the Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club has been involved in since John became a ham. John responded in his usual modest manner and was given a hand of applause.

#### EVENTS

**MS Walk** - Bruce, VE5BNC requires more operators to assist with the MS Walk on April 27; contact Bruce ASAP!

**Fox hunt** – a "fox hunt" will be scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> either at the WDM or Diefenbaker Park. A barbecue is planned for that date as well, coordinated by Leigh, VE5LEE. Listen for further information on this one. .

**Marathon** – Gus, VE5SPI will be meeting with those responsible for the marathon and will have further information for us later. The event takes place on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Balloon launch/chase!** – Bruce, VE5BNC reports that this event is planned for Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. An update on this project will be presented at our May Meeting.

[Little Bear Lake](#) – the annual outing to the Little Bear site is planned for August 1-4. Talk to Ken, VE5KRB for further details.

[Parkinson's walk](#) – nothing definite to date.

[Santa Claus Parade](#) - they are still looking for a service group to organize the November event. Not sure it will occur.

#### [Other Business:](#)

- Need to finish work on the antennas at Alvin Buckwold School
- Need to finish work on the trailer
- The duplexor on the portable repeater was repaired by Gus, Al and Bruce. Very dilligent work was required.

[Elections for 2008-2009 term.](#) The president then opened the meeting for elections and nominations from the floor. Vice-president: Mike, VE5MMG and Nat, VE5NAT were nominated – Mike, VE5MMG was elected as VP.

Position of treasurer was not filled until the president reminded the membership that according the corporations act, the club could not function without a treasurer and he asked for a volunteer. Heather, VE5HAP offered to stand to be elected. She was elected by acclamation!

Nominated for the position of director after John, VA5RJA withdrew were Gus, VE5SPI; Nat, VE5NAT; Ken, VE5KRB; Per, VE5PER; and Mike, VE5MIK. Elected as directors were: Gus, VE5SPI; Mike, VE5MIK; and Ken, VE5KRB.

[Motion to destroy the ballots](#) made by Nat, VE5NAT seconded by Derek – carried.

[The 50-50 draw](#) was won by Ron, VA5RON. Don't spend it all at the casino Ron!

[Les, VE5LPP moved adjournment](#) at 8:45.

After coffee, Al, VE5MDC, gave us a most interesting presentation on the Radar SAT, from planning to construction to launch to it's purpose. Thanks again Al!

Herb Essenburg – VE5HE

Recording Secretary



## SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Date of Elections: April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Position	Name	Term	Term Remaining
President	Terry Shuya	May 2007- April 2009	1 Yr.
Past President	Ron Sather	May 2007- April 2009	1 Yr.
Vice President	Mike Mikytyshyn	May 2008- April 2010	2 Yr.
Secretary	Herb Essenburg	May 2007- April 2009	1 Yr.
Treasurer	Heather Punshon	May 2008- April 2010	2 Yr.
Director 1	Gus Schmid	May 2008- April 2010	2 Yr
Director 2	Ron Watson	May 2007- April 2009	1 Yr
Director 3	Ken Bindle	May 2008- April 2010	2 Yr.
Director 4	Mike Luciuk	May 2008- April 2010	2 Yr.



The race is on Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup> at Diefenbaker Park same as last year. Race starts at 07:00 and the race course closes at 13:00 then its party time. We will need around 20 volunteers. The race course beginning is the same as last year but the remainder has a few changes. The half and full marathons will go up to the Circle Drive Bridge and then cross the bridge run down the Meewasin Trail to the University Bridge and back to the old Traffic Bridge to Diefenbaker Park. I will talk to Lee to see if we are having a BARBQ after the race as we did last year.

Gus



A foxhunt is scheduled for May 10 at either the Western Development museum or Diefenbaker Park. There will also be a BBQ. Keep an ear open on the 8 o'clock 2m net for further on this.



### High Altitude Balloon Launch

Date Set  
Saturday, May 17,  
(morning, but time  
not set yet)  
VE5NED's Farm  
(1/2 hour west of  
Davidson)

Details will be announced on the evening net and the Club's web site:

<http://www.sarl.ca/ve5aa/>



# The Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club VE4BB

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## Hamfest 2008

<http://www.mts.net/~warc/hamfest/>

The Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club will be holding a Hamfest in 2008, in conjunction with the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) Annual General Meeting.

**August 8 – 10, 2008**

***Hilton Suites – Winnipeg Airport***

1800 Wellington Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R3H 1B2  
voice: 204-783-1700  
tollfree: 1-800-HIL-TONS  
fax: 204-786-6588

[www.winnipegairportsuites.hilton.com](http://www.winnipegairportsuites.hilton.com)

As a Radio Amateurs of Canada member you really should put this date on your calendar and make plans on attending. When Saskatoon put on the same event a couple of years ago they set the bar. Since then a number of clubs have joined the bandwagon and are hosting RAC AGM's. Starting with Ottawa last year, Winnipeg this year and Quebec City next year.

Due to the busy festival season in Winnipeg, there are only a limited number of hotel rooms set aside for our event. So booking early is suggested to ensure you get a room. The Hamfest itself has been d off at just over 100, so early registration is once again suggested. Check the website listed above for more details and to register for both the Hamfest & the hotel.

If you are interested in attending the Winnipeg Hamfest and would like to make a presentation, please contact Derek, VE4HAY [ve4hay@rac.ca](mailto:ve4hay@rac.ca) with details of your presentation.

Derek Hay  
Chairman  
Winnipeg Hamfest 2008

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Winnipeg, MB R2M 3L5

<http://www.mts.net/~warc/>

IRLP # 1066  
[ve4bb@rac.ca](mailto:ve4bb@rac.ca)



"Michel Fournier will drop off the stratosphere from an altitude from about 130,000 feet (40 000 meters) CANADA 2008"

As a result of the Club's High Altitude Balloon Project, we have been invited to participate in Michel's Big Jump. He will be flying from the North Battleford airport between May 25 and 29. We have been invited to assist with communications and tracking for the ground and air support crews. The capsule and Michel will both have APRS trackers so we will be able to monitor the progress of the ascent and the Big Jump.

<http://www.legrandsaut.org/index.php?lang=eng>

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The MS WALK was held on Sunday April 27 this year. April is usually a warm month as spring finally arrives in Saskatoon. Not in 2008. In the days leading up to the WALK, the weather reports called for everything from rain, to freezing rain, to 30 cm of snow. Thankfully all the predictions were wrong and day turned out to be sunny and fairly warm.

This year I decided to try a temporary repeater at the arena. I hoped that this would give us good coverage for the vehicles, but I wasn't sure how well it would work for hand held radios. The repeater consisted of a portable repeater, Sinclair ResLok duplexer and a copper J-pole on an 8 foot mast. To my surprise, with the exception of two locations, this configuration gave us good coverage even with hand held radios. This can be included in the list of successful experiments.

This year's WALK set a new record for donations with a total of over \$240,000. The MS Society and the WALK organizing committee would like to thank the following operators for helping to make the event a success. VE5BNC, VE5SPI, VE5GAM, VE5JIM, VE5QV, VE5NED, VA5RJA, VE5HF, VE5NAT and VE5LEE.

Bruce – VE5BNC

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