

VE5AA

November 2006

# The Feedline

SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



**Remembrance  
Day  
November 11**



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!

## NEXT CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006  
7:30 PM

ALVIN BUCKWOLD SCHOOL  
715 EAST DRIVE  
WEST ENTRANCE

**BE THERE!**

## November Presentation

There will be a  
presentation on  
cell-phones



**ARES**  
**Saskatoon**

## NEXT ARES MEETING

Monday, Nov. 20, 2006  
7:00 PM

**#9 FIREHALL**  
870 Attridge Dr.

Talk in 146.640-

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

## COFFEE

**Tomas Cook**  
**Restaurant**

Saturdays 9:00 AM  
Idyllwild & 24<sup>th</sup> 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 and Area Frequencies

## November 2006

### LOCAL AREA REPEATERS

<b>VE5SK</b>	146.640-	Saskatoon SARC
<b>VE5SCA</b>	146.940-	Saskatoon
<b>VE5ZH</b>	147.270-	2 MHz offset, Saskatoon, Auto Patch
<b>VE5FUN</b>	145.290-	Sktn 100Hz tone, IRLP node 1340, IPARN, Terrestrial Net, Remote base, tied to VE5CC
<b>VE5CC</b>	146.970-	Sktn. Linked 100Hz Tone IRLP node 1340 , IPARN, Terrestrial Net, Remote base, tied to VE5FUN
<b>VE5SKN</b>	145.210-	Sktn 100Hz tone, MARS IRLP node 1350
<b>VE5FS</b>	448.000-	No tone access Autopatch
<b>VE5BRC/1</b>	147.240+	North Battleford
<b>VE5RPA</b>	147.150+	Bellevue to PA
<b>VA5LLR</b>	145.390-	Lizard Lake Permanently linkd to VA5SV
<b>VA5SV</b>	145.330-	Ridge East of Sktn Permanently linked to VE5LLR

### ATV

<b>VE5ATV</b>	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



**SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 10, 2006, 7:35 pm**

1. **Opening of meeting** and welcoming of guests

Guest: Dave VE5DHE

2. **Motion to accept minutes** of Previous meeting as circulated in The Feedline.

Motion to accept: Eric VE5HG, Seconded by: Jim VE5JIM, Motion Passed.

3. **Any business arising out of the previous minutes?** None.

4. **Treasurer's report** presented by Al VE5MDC.

Motion to accept: Ken VE5KRB, Seconded by: Eric VE5HG, Motion Passed.

5. **Ham Class**

The Ham Class is scheduled to start on the second Thursday in January. Advertisements will be prepared in the coming weeks and an ad will be made in the Winter Leisure Guide.

Revisions to the course outline is in progress. An attempt will be made to reduce the course presentation to six weekly two hour sessions, followed by subsequent weeks as determined by students that want more help. Also some practical kit building will take place to help spark a better interest and understanding through hands-on work with electronics.

A request was made to the club membership to donate old study material to the club (max 5 yrs old). The idea is that students could borrow the study material from the club during the course since the cost of it has risen significantly. Please contact anyone in the executive if you have a manual to donate.

6. **Club Storage**

U-haul trailers and portable storage containers were either not available or too costly. John, Ken and Terry went to SGI to look for trailers, put a bid on a trailer, but a higher bid won. The executive will continue to bid on trailers as they arrive weekly.

Motion was made to the membership by Ken VE5KRB that we should utilize the existing club trailer for storage if we can find a camper trailer in descent condition to replace it, and that we up the amount available for use in purchasing the trailer to a maximum of \$3000. Further discussion indicated that the existing trailer has safety considerations when hauling it, and that getting a new camper trailer would provide a more respectable promotion for our club at events. Motion seconded by Herb VE5HE. Motion passed.

## 7. Space Club

SARC will potentially be doing Space club rotor maintenance this fall if and when the school board passes on the maintenance request to us. Volunteers for this project include: Ken VE5KRB, Mike VE5MIK, Mike VE5MMG and John VA5RJA. John said he could supply a ladder but warned it gets brittle at around minus 40 degrees or lower.

A request was made by the Space Club for technical assistance from SARC in filling out an application to communicate with the Space Shuttle crew of an upcoming mission. Al VE5MDC will set up a committee for a number of tasks related to this which could include application review, station setup, station operation, etc. The time frame for the project could be anywhere from 1 to 2 years before the contact could be approved and arranged. Please contact Al if you are interested in volunteering for this event.

8. **Steak Night** - Cancelled due to lack of numbers.

## 9. Meeting Presentation Schedule for 2007

- Cell Phone Presentation
- Batteries (care & feeding of them). Discuss different types, charging, temperature issues, ...
- Lightning Protection for your station
- Repeater Night in Saskatoon - general operations, linking repeaters, map of Sask. repeaters, autopatch, possibly a hands on discussion of repeater components and general configuration
- IRLP Demonstration - bring your radio.- Hand out of linking commands and a list of common and interesting nodes to link to.
- PSK-31 Demo - Hand out of links of interest to obtain software. - list of common operating exchanges
- Running your station without grid power - solar power, generator, battery, ...
- Packet Radio - demonstration. Hand out of links to get software and standard packet commands. - list of common packet nodes to use.

The club membership is encouraged to supply any other topics of interest. We are looking for volunteers to present topics, or find presenters.

## 10. Community Service

Gus VE5SPI confirmed that the Santa Clause Parade will be held Sunday Nov 19th. Lots of volunteers will be needed. Please contact Herb VE5HE to add your name to the volunteer list.

## 11. Other business

Les VE5LPP will likely have the membership cards available for next meeting.

Motion was made by Eric VE5HG that the club purchase a \$40 storage rack from Al VE5MDC to securely store the club radio equipment at the Space

club. Seconded by Leo VE5AO. Passed. John VA5RJA will modify the rack to make it secure and suitable for the clubs needs.

Herb VE5HE wanted to thank John VA5RJA, and James VE5JDP for volunteering to drive club members to these meetings. A member piped up to advise Herb that there may have been some assumptions made that a return trip was included in that offer.

A letter was received from Bruce VE5RC to thank the committee for selecting him for the Dave Glass award. He mentioned that he did not feel he was worthy, but would proudly display the award on his mantle, and hoped other hams would take up the interest in building projects.

Ned VE5NED mentioned that he was running fairly low power and not a special antenna when he worked the astronauts, so don't be afraid to give it a try. Timing is everything.

Brian VE5CUL mentioned that he had been asked to help take care of the Ham equipment from the estate of John Smith formerly from around Outlook who had passed away some time ago. Brian had Ken VE5KRB verify the quality of a Kenwood TS-50 transceiver and 2 meter rig which are up for sale. Contact Ken or Brian if you are interested in purchasing these. Since there are also items that have been donated by Ron VE5RMS and the RCMP, the club will have a swap/sale of all these items in the January meeting (weather permitting).

12. The 50/50 draw was won by Mike VE5MIK.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 pm

Terry Shuya VE5HF  
Recording Secretary.



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All Swap & Shop ads are free to Hams  
Contact: Les (VE5LPP) at  
ve5lpp@rac.ca

# **Basic Licence Ham Classes**

**Start date:** Thursday, January 11, 2007,  
and each Thursday for the next 6 weeks.

**Time:** 7:00- 9:00PM

**Place:** Alvin Buckwold School, West Entrance

**For further information contact:**

**Gus (VE5SPI) at 249-3996**

**Terry (VE5HF) at 975-9103**

**Bruce (VE5BNC) at 373-5672**

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# Santa Clause Parade

November 19

Anyone wanting to participate, contact:  
Gus (VE5SPI) 249-3996  
or [guss@sasktel.net](mailto:guss@sasktel.net)

# Christmas Party!

The Christmas party will be held at the Cave on December 12.

Please let any of the executive know if you're going to attend.

## WANTED

Mobile Screwdriver Antenna

Ron (VA5RON)  
374-3412

## FOR SALE

Yaesu FT757 GXII HF transceiver - very good condition - \$395.00  
Yaesu FC757AT matching antenna tuner - \$150.00 or \$525.00 for the pair.

Approximately 250 feet of older 7/8 inch hardline coaxial cable - \$75.00

Paul (VE5EZ) 343-9889 or  
[paul.panchuk@sasktel.net](mailto:paul.panchuk@sasktel.net)



## VE5AA PORTABLE

Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club's new communications trailer. A 1981 Vanguard, in very good shape. We won't have to be ashamed to show up with this unit. In the spring we will be adding a rack and bracket for a tower, and a few other modifications to make it more useful. The old trailer will be used for storage.

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL



SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.  
 P.O. BOX 751  
 SASKATOON, SK, 57K 3L7

For Office Use Only  
 Pd      Rcpt      Card       
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**Membership valid from September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007**

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.**