

VE5AA

October 2003

The Feedline

SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



I received my Commercial Radio Licence on Sept 04th 1959, which automatically gave me an Amateur Licence. My first Amateur Station was in Chesterfield Inlet N.W.T. VE8IZ. Moved to Churchill Man. in 1962 VE4IZ, then transferred to Prince Albert in 1967 where I became VE5IX. Moved to Resolute Bay for 7 Months using VE8MB, then came to Saskatoon in 1971, and retired in 1989.

I Spent 10 winters in Mesa AZ. While there I taught Amateur Radio (U.S. Basic Course) and two Canadian Basic Courses. Since returning to Saskatoon full time I've helped Herb with code classes while he was on Vacation. I am a member of SARC, MARS and ARES. and an accredited examiner for Industry Canada. I have helped with Walk-a-Thons, Nov. 11th Remembrance Day Services and field Days. I still enjoy using code.

My station consists of a TenTec Triton IV Transceiver with 25 amp power supply, MFJ Antenna Tuner, Electronic Keyer, Vibroplex Bug, (been with me since Chesterfield Inlet) Accu Memory Keyer. My two meter Equipment consists of a Radio Shack HTX202 Kenwood Mobile . Antennas : G5RV, 18AVQ and J Pole for 2 meters.



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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, Oct. 20, 2003

7:00 PM

**CITY HOSPITAL
ROOM 1903**

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

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, October 14, 2003

7:30 PM

ALVIN BUCKWOLD SCHOOL

715 East Drive

West entrance

BE THERE!

October Meeting

Bruce (VE5BNC)

**Will give a talk and
demonstration on APRS.**

**This will take place immediately
after the general meeting.**

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!

MINUTES
SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
September 9, 2003

President Ron, VE5RMS opened our first meeting of the season at 7:30 at our clubroom at Alvin Buckwold School. A minute of silence was observed in remembrance of Ken Wilson, VE5KW and Les Child, VE5LC who became silent keys since our last regular meeting. The President then introduced Gary McCallum, our new EC for ARES Saskatoon Bill, VE5XP and Peter; VE5JZ then introduced themselves as guests as both had not attended a club meeting for some time. (Welcome fellows!)

The minutes of our last regular meeting were approved as circulated in the FEEDLINE, on a motion by Eric, VE5HG seconded by Warren, VA5WDB – carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The treasurer's report was presented by Al, VE5MDC and has been filed. His report was accepted on a motion by Andy, VE5APD, seconded by Colleen, VE5CMG - carried. The treasurer also reported that RAC is no longer accepting club memberships and for this reason, the executive had voted a donation of \$40 to assist RAC.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Bruce, VE5BNC reported that the MS Bike tour, planned for Late August had been cancelled for lack of participants. The MS Society had planned to hold a two-day event and this apparently did not receive the support of prospective participants.

Ron, VE5RMS reported that approximately five hams had participated in providing communications for the Saskatchewan International Marathon. As this was the first time our club was involved with this event, a few glitches needed to be worked out but generally the event went well.

September 21st walkathon to support Parkinson's research: Gus, VE5SPI was absent but we were later advised that about 6 or 7 hams would be required for the event and Gus has subsequently obtained volunteers via the 2M evening net.

Santa Claus Parade: Warren, VA5WDB reported that the Santa Claus parade would be held on November 23rd as the Grey Cup is being played the previous Sunday.

ARES – Gary, VE5PNQ gave us a brief outline of his involvement in ham radio and particularly the ARES part of the hobby. The local ARES website is <http://www.ares-saskatoon.ca/>

CLASSES – ham classes will commence at our clubroom at 7:00 PM, Thursday, October 9. CW classes at the same location will commence on Wednesday October 8 and antenna building or other projects will commence Friday October 10 at the same location.

Members interested in a soldering class were also encouraged to contact Gus, VE5SPI. Ned, VE5NED reported that the BBS was now operating on a Linux platform and it was hoped to move it to Alvin Buckwold before long. VE5DPR on 147.270 has been moved to Hanley. Derek, VE5SD gave a brief report on the repeater at the Lizard Lake site, which is now operating at 146.670 and being maintained by MARS.

PROGRAMS

The president listed a number of suggestions put forward as ideas for programs during the coming year but stressed the importance of ideas to come from the membership

Christmas Social: Warren, VA5WDB, reported that a reservation has been made for us at The Cave Restaurant for December 9. A gift exchange was suggested with items to be priced at \$10.

As our November meeting normally falls on November 11, Remembrance Day, Andy, VE5APD moved, and Eric, VE5HG seconded a motion that we move our meeting to November 18 – Carried with two opposed.

The president then brought us up-to-date on the VE5JIM license plates, which have been in use by an inactive ham. This situation is in the process of being resolved.

The president brought to the members the idea of co-sponsoring the 2005 hamfest (Saskatchewan's centennial), in Saskatoon with MARS. By that time, 4-letter calls would be available and it was hoped we could get VE5SASK as a special events call for the hamfest. Bill, VE5Xp moved that we proceed with plans to co-sponsor the hamfest with MARS in 2005, seconded by Don, VE5LQ. The president suggested that a committee be formed consisting of two executive members of SARC and two executive members of MARS as well as two hams from the general membership of each of the organizations. CARRIED!

Derek, VE5SD extended an invitation for everyone to attend a potluck barbecue at his home on September 13. A number of interesting and informative demos are planned relevant to some of the projects carried on by MARS.

Gary, VE5PNQ reminded everyone of the ARES meeting to be held at City Hospital on September 15th at 7:00 P.M.

The 50/50 draw handled by Nathan, VE5NAT, was won by Eric, VE5HG. Congrats Eric!

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Jack, VE5JGS.



Herb Essenburg – VE5HE
Secretary



The Super walk was successful and raised just over \$42,000.00. The organization was grateful for our help and wished to thank everyone for their assistance with the walk. The following hams helped in providing communications with this event:

Colleen Gilliland VE5CMG

Bob Gilliland VE5RBG

Warren Beaulé VA5WDB

Les Medicott VE5LPP

Len Melstrom VE5SU

Herb Essenburg VE5HE

Bruce Coates VE5BNC

Lee Coates VE5LEE

Wally Andrews VE5IX

Gus Schmid VE5SPI

Herb and Bruce were tandem bike portable patrolling the trail. Lee was also biking and assisting with a rest stop. Warren looked after the command post and message handling while Les and Len were busy with golf carts checking for anyone in need of assistance. Bob and Colleen manned the last rest stop while Wally was at the first rest stop.



Once again thanks to everyone for their assistance. I was please to see the good turnout and response to the call for assistance. Thanks to everyone.

73 VE5SPI



**RAC Bulletin 03-026 -
MRCN QRV Again on
60 M
September 29, 2003**

VO1MRC, the Marconi Radio Club of Newfoundland club station, has resumed experimentation on 60 metres. Radio Amateurs of Canada recommended to Industry Canada to grant a request from the club to continue with its work on the 5 MHz band until the end of 2003. Further information may be found by searching for VO1MRC on the Internet.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Just a quick blurb from the President.

We are into the second month of the active year and already things have been happening. On September 14th we had a group of operators helping out with the communications at the Annual Marathon that was based out of Griffith Stadium.

Runners participated in a 10K run a half marathon and the full marathon.

The communications that we provided for the event was to radio in the numbers of the runners as they where approaching the stadium and onto the track so that the announcer was able to do his job. All in all every thing went as it was suppose to. Next year with a little more lead-time and working with the organizers things can only get better. I would like to thank Warren VA5WDB, Glen VE5GAM, Nat VE5NAT. and Garry VE5PNQ, for the service they provided.



The second public service event we provided communications for was the Super Walk that Gus (VE5SPI) co-coordinated. His write

up on that event is included elsewhere in the Feedline.

It looks like a good year coming up with the Ham and CW classes to start and the antenna making project to get going.

Just a note that the MARS group has okayed their support to Co-hosting the 2005 Saskatchewan Hamfest with the Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club. The only thing left to do is get the go ahead from SARL. I really don't see there being a problem there. It could come about to be one of the best Hamfests that this province has seen in some time.

With that I will wish every one a Happy Thanksgiving and make sure that Halloween is a safe and happy one for the future Ham Operators.

73 Ron (VE5RMS)

Santa Claus Parade moved back

Warren (VA5WDB), Gus (VE5SPI) and Herb (VE5HE) met with the Santa Claus Parade organizing committee and report that the parade will be held on November 23rd due to the timing of the Grey Cup in Regina. They will meet again on October 14th.

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



Officer, you look just like the dude in the picture on my girlfriends' dresser....

CW CLASSES

Start on Wednesday, October 8, 2003
They run every Wednesday at 7:00 PM
For approximately an hour.
Alvin Buckwold School
Free

Contact Herb (VE5HE) at: herb.Essenbourg@Sasktel.net
Phone 374-4337
Or Les (VE5LPP) at: ve5lpp@rac.ca Phone 477-3429

Basic Licence Ham Classes

Start date: Thursday, October 9, 2003,
And each Thursday for the next 3-4 months.
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Place: Alvin Buckwold School, West Entrance
Cost: Approx. \$100 including all manuals

Contact: Ned (VE5NED) at: ve5ned@canada.com Phone 382-1446
Al (VE5MDC) at: ve5mdc@rac.ca Phone 373-3188



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.
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SASKATOON, SK, S7K 3L7

For Office Use Only
Pd ___ Rcpt ___ Card ___
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Membership valid from September 1, 20..... to August 31, 20.....
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 (.....)
Occupation (optional).....
Name of spouse (optional).....

Family Members (For Family Membership Application)
(1) Name..... Call Sign.....
Basic (.....) Advanced (.....) Code (.....)
(2) Name..... Call Sign.....
Basic (.....) Advanced (.....) Code (.....)

WHICH CLUB ACTIVITIES CAN WE COUNT ON YOU FOR?
Special Event or Areas of interest to you.
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Affiliation (Check where applicable)
ARRL..... RAC..... SARL..... MARS..... OTHER.....

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Regular Membership:
(must be licenced 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.**