

**VE5AA**

**October 2006**

# **The Feedline**

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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!**



**ARES  
Saskatoon**

**NEXT ARES  
MEETING  
Monday, October 2nd  
7:00 PM**

**No 9 Firehall  
870 Attridge Dr.  
Talk in 146.640-**

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

## **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

**Tues, October 10th**

**7:30 PM**

**ALVIN BUCKWOLD SCHOOL  
715 East Drive  
West entrance**

**BE THERE!**

## **CONTESTS**

**Oct 3-5 YLRL Anniversary Party CW  
Oct 7-8 California QSO Party  
Oct 9-10 Pennsylvania QSO Party  
Oct 10 10-10 International Sprint CW  
Oct 10-12 YLRL Anniversary Party SSB  
Oct 14 FISTS Fall Sprint CW  
Oct 15 NA Sprint RTTY  
Oct 15-16 Illinois QSO Party  
Oct 28 10-10 International Fall Cntst CW  
Oct 28-29 CQWW DX Contest SSB**

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

# **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 October 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

<b>VE5RHF</b>	144.390	Saskatoon	DIGI
<b>VE5BNC-3</b>	144.390	Saskatoon	IGATE & SATGATE
<b>VE5HAN-4</b>	144.390	Hanley	DIGI
<b>VE5YR-4</b>	144.390	Davidson	DIGI
<b>VE5YMJ-4</b>	144.390	Eyebrow	DIGI
<b>VE5ADR-4</b>	144.390	Avonlea	DIGI

### PACKET

<b>VE5BBS</b>	145.010	Saskatoon	BBS
<b>VE5USR-3</b>	145.010	U of S	DIGI

<b>VE5YR-7</b>	145.010	Davidson	DIGI
<b>VE5HAN</b>	145.010	Hanley	DIGI
<b>VE5TH</b>	145.010	Regina	BBS
<b>VE5XXX</b>	145.010	Prince Albert	BBS
<b>VE5MPK-2</b>	145.010	Melfort	Node
<b>VE5MPK</b>	145.010	Melfort	BBS
<b>VE5NEP-3</b>	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

## **SARC Meeting Minutes September 12, 2006, 7:45 pm**

**Guest:** Ken Kun - interested in taking an amateur radio course

**Motion** to accept meeting minutes of June 2006 by Wally VE5IX, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim VE5JIM, carried

**Motion** to accept treasures report by Herb VE5HE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Les VE5LPP, carried

**Business arising from June minutes.** Ken VE5KRB advised the club that he is actually the custodian of Little Bear Lake, not Glen Rainer as described in the June minutes. Glen Rainer is no longer the owner of the campground, but has secured our clubs interests in ensuring the campground can still be used by the club during radio operations. Also of note, the Larks Inn will be closing at the end of September 2006.

**RAC insurance.** The club reported that we had been approved for five million dollars worth of liability insurance through RAC. A question was raised regarding whether the insurance would cover repeater work done by club members, and the answer was yes, in general whenever club members are doing work for the club they should be covered by the covered by the insurance policy.

**Community Service.** Gus VE5SPI described the Parkinsons Superwalk which occurred on September 10<sup>th</sup> on such short notice that local organizers did not have much lead time to arrange things. Ten other hams helped Gus out in the event; Len VE5SU, Wally VE5IX, Les VE5LPP, Herb VE5HE, John VA5RJA, Bruce VE5BNC, Leigh VE5LEE, Jim VE5JIM, Bob VE5RBG, Colleen VE5CMG. No problems occurred during the walk, and the organizers were very appreciative of our help. They will contact Gus about the upcoming appreciation night for volunteers.

**The Santa Clause Parade** is scheduled for November 19th this year. One hundred years of Christmas is the theme. Three hams volunteered to attend the meetings, Herb, Gus, and Jim. Some changes in the route preparation are expected due to new Galaxy theatre occupying one of the organizing places. As usual the club will be looking for a lot of hams for help with this event in November.

**The upcoming Steak Night** was discussed that we need at least 20 people to make it worth while for the club. John VA5RJA and Herb VE5HE will announce the event on nets to determine if we will have enough people to hold the event.

**Other Business:**

**Herb VE5HE** raised the item that due to the number of hams needing rides is on the increase, we may want to set up a contact person to arrange rides to get to the club meetings. Herb volunteered to organize the rides. Please call Herb if you need a ride, or can offer to provide someone a lift to the meeting.

**Ken VE5KRB** spoke of the need to act very quickly on obtaining a storage place for club equipment as the current temporary locations are full. The new shelter needs to be mouse and water proof and about 100 sq ft. Ken requested the executive and membership to deal with this matter ASAP. Bruce VE5ZN suggested that we set up a committee to determine what we want to do (have both storage and a work area?), and come up with suggestions for the members to decide on. This item will be added to the agenda for next executive meeting which follows this club meeting. Some ideas raised were potentially to get a shipping container, a U-haul trailer for about \$600, or a 10x12 wooden shed for about \$500 plus taxes and shipping with pre-built floor and rafters and chipboard exterior with shingles. The base could be constructed of railway ties.

**Herb VE5HE** moved that up to \$1000 of club funds be set aside to provide appropriate storage of the club equipment. Amending motion to increase the amount to \$1200 was made by Mike VE5MMG, 2<sup>nd</sup> by EricVE5HG. Carried.

**Confirmation was made that the Christmas Party** booking is reserved with the cave for the second Tuesday of December 2006.

**Gus VE5SPI** made a motion that the club set up a permanent mast, antenna and feed line on the CN tower, rather than having Gus install and tear down his equipment every time there is a special event. A 1/4 wave 2m antenna with 4 ground planes would be sufficient, and it was suggested that we could possibly get one of the RCMP antennas configured to work. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric VE5HG. Carried.

Gus also suggested that we get together with all the other provincial clubs to collaborate with spare equipment to ensure all the repeaters are working. Gus also received another repeater for the club.

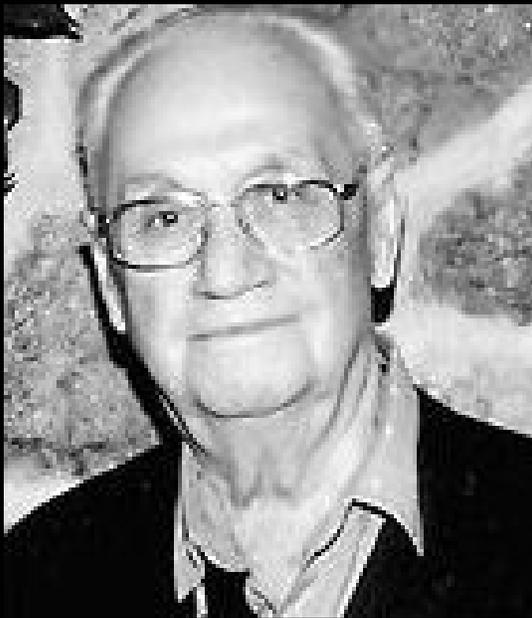
**The 50/50 draw** was won by Herb VE5HE.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:30 pm

Terry Shuya (VE5HF)  
Recording Secretary



# Silent Key



**James Albert  
(Lorne) Smith  
VE5LN**

**Nokomis, SK**

**b. June 23, 1919  
d. September 24, 2006**

# Santa Clause Parade

**November 19**

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

## 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)**

## Santa Claus Parade 2006



On September 12<sup>th</sup> I was asked to attend a meeting for the Santa Claus Parade along with Herb. This years parade will take place on Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> @ 13:00 on the usual route.

This will be the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Parade for Saskatoon. The theme for this year is "One Hundred Years of Christmas" as a salute to the Centennial of the City of Saskatoon. The organizers have asked that Ham Radio play a part in this year's parade as we have in past years.

This is an event where Ham radio really plays a valuable role in assisting with keeping things running smoothly, adds to the safety of the event and lets us contribute to the community that we live in.

The event will require a large number of Ham's as in other years. If you can assist with this event, which puts huge smiles on thousands of children's faces, as well as adults, please contact any committee member. Members of the committee are VE5HE Herb, VE5JIM Jim, and VE5SPI Gus. The parade itself takes approximately one hour to cover the route. The event takes approximately two to three hours to set up on site. We will need volunteers along the parade route to advise on the

progress of the parade and to advise if there are any delays or gaps, or safety concerns. Volunteers are required to assist with lining up the floats and getting them out on the route on time.

Any licensed Ham radio operator is welcome to be part of this year's event. The organizers feel that Amateur Radio Operators are an essential part of the parade. So if you can spare a couple of hours please come out and assist with the Parade. There is a volunteer's lunch after the event in the Midtown Mall meeting room with good food, hot beverages and door prizes. We look forward to hearing from you.

Gus  
VE5SPI

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## Saskatoon Super Walk for Parkinson's 2006



I was contacted at the end of August to ask if the Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club and any Ham radio operators would be willing to help with the event. Announcements were made on the net at 20:00 and even though we had a very short period of time to put things together it all worked out thanks to the volunteers who came forward to

donate their time and equipment to make things safe and smooth running.

The Super walk was held on Sunday September 10 in Meewasin Park North. This date was approx. two weeks earlier than usual. The following Ham's donated their time to the cause, which was greatly appreciated by the events organizers.

VE5SU Len  
VE5IX Wally  
VE5LPP Les  
VE5HE Herb  
VE5RJA John  
VE5BNC Bruce  
VE5LEE Lee  
VE5JIM Jim  
VE5RBG Bob  
VE5CMG Colleen

Herb, Bruce and Lee were bike mobile keeping a watchful eye on the walkers. Colleen and Bob manned the end of the trail turn around point so that no one got lost. Len and John had the thankless job of directing traffic and informing people of the event-taking place in the park. Les and Jim were at the half way rest stop while Wally moved people and material along the route with the golf cart. There were no injuries or people in distress this year so it was a quiet event. There was a wrap up BBQ at the end, which was enjoyed by those taking part in the event. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered on such short notice and came out to help with this event.

Gus  
VE5SPI

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## Working the ISS



Ned VE5NED had read on the ARRL web-site what frequency the ISS was using and just left his old IC-28H on 145.800. He was sitting in his living room when he heard a female voice: *CQ CQ CQ THIS IS RS0ISS.* (This is the call sign the Russians use on the ISS.) Ned ran into the shack to give a listen and thought, what the heck might as well give it a try, so he gave his call sign and she came right back to him. They exchanged names and signal reports, a few pleasantries (*she made Ned's day when she told him he was the first amateur contact she had made from the ISS.*) they then said their good-byes and she went on to work a VE7 and a guy in Oregon, then the signal was gone. The name she gave was Anousheh Ansari, an Iranian-American space tourist. Ansari, who's from Dallas is the first female space tourist and reportedly paid \$20 million for an eight day stint in the space station. Ned got to visit her for free.

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL



SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.  
 P.O. BOX 751  
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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.**