

VE5AA

September 2005

The Feedline

SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB





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, Sept 19, 2005
7:00 PM**

#9 FIREHALL

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

NEXT CLUB MEETING

**Tuesday, Sept 13, 2005
7:30 PM**

**ALVIN BUCKWOLD SCHOOL
715 EAST DRIVE
WEST ENTRANCE**

BE THERE!

Contests

Sept 3 Russian WW RTTY
Sept 10-12 Arkansas QSO party
Sept 11 NA Sprint, CW
Sept 11-12 Tennessee QSO party
Sept 18 NA Sprint, SSB
Sept 24-25 CQ WW DX, RTTY
Sept 26 Fall QRP
Homebrewers Sprint

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

COFFEE

**Tomas Cook
Restaurant**

**Saturdays 9:00 AM
Idyllwild & 24th 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

September 2005

EXECUTIVE

President Ron Sather 384-5093
VE5RMS

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Ned VE5NED

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Field Day

Vacant

Elmer

Herb VE5HE

Trailer

Ron VE5RMS

Space Club

Vacant

SARC Net

Bill VE5DN

L.B.L. Rep.

Ken VE5KRB

Coffee

Vacant

50/50 Draw

Nate VE5NAT

Feedline

Les VE5LPP

Web-site

Bruce VE5BNC

LOCAL AREA REPEATERS

VE5SK 146.640- Saskatoon SARC

VE5SCA 146.940- Saskatoon

VE5ZH 147.270- 2 MHz offset,
Saskatoon,
Auto Patch

VE5FUN 145.290- Sktn 100Hz tone,
IRLP node 1340,
IPAR, Terrestrial
Net,
Remote base, tied to
VE5CC

VE5CC 146.970- Sktn. Linked 100Hz
Tone

IRLP node 1340 ,
IPARN, Terrestrial Net,
Remote base, tied to
VE5FUN

VE5SKN 145.210- Sktn 100Hz tone,
MARS IRLP node 1350

VE5FS 448.000- No tone access
Autopatch

VE5BRC/1 147.240+ North Battleford

VE5RPA 147.150+ Bellevue to PA

VA5LLR 145.390- Lizard Lake
Permanently linkd to
VA5SV

VA5SV 145.330- Ridge East of Sktn
Permanently linked to
VE5LLR

ATV

VE5ATV 439.250 in 1277.250 out

APRS

VE5RHF 144.390 Saskatoon APRS

VE5YR-4 144.390 Davidson DIGI

PACKET

VE5YR-7 DIGI 145.010 Davidson

VE5HAN DIGI 145.010 Hanley

VE5TH BBS 145.010 Regina

VE5XXX BBS 145.010 PA

VE5MPK-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 Sktn SARC

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

Montana Traffic 80m 0030Z 3910 Khz

Saskatchewan 80m 0100Z 3744 Khz

Alberta 80m 0130Z 3740 Khz

Laurel Ladies 80m 0200Z 3752 Khz

Sundays

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 qualified Hams are welcome to check
into any of these nets.**

MINUTES
SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
JUNE 14, 2005

- Meeting started June 14, 2005 7:31 CST
 - Minutes accepted by Warren VA5WBD and Don VE5LQ
 - Financial: GIC now up to 2.9% accepted by Don VE5LQ and Eric VE5HG
 - Field Day BBQ June 25th WDM, \$5 per ticket
 - Silent auction was successful. Non-sold items will be stored at John's RJA's until Hamfest
 - Icom 3200 Still missing, Going to wait until September before Police are called
 - Thanks John VE5RJA and Colleen VE5CMG for baking
 - Peter VE5JZ makes an informal motion to have the club create more awareness of the Ham course. Bring up at next meeting to ask Terry VE5HF to create a small group for advertising
 - Field Day: Need volunteers, both 440's will be used, might use Glens van. Will have to come up with more adverts for the trailer to make it more appealing.
- HamFest: 60 registered - 50% from Saskatchewan.
- Will have APRS, ARES and tower legal seminars.
 - Lots of room for Flea Tables
 - VE6LGO Linda Oekle won a free night at the hotel
 - VE5OP Rob Gorden won a free RAC membership
 - Merleen Nash won Free SARL membership
 - VE5NFG Bob won Free SARL membership
 - VE5FX BJ Madsen won Free registration to the Hamfest
 - VE7CUL Percy Crosthwaite won Free Registration to the Hamfest
- Lucky Lake repeater is setup however the site is in need of another solar cell to provide enough power to the glass batteries.

Ned VE5NED adjourned the meeting at 8:24 PM

Terry Shuya VE5HF
Secretary





RAC Bulletin 013-05

July 29, 2005

Industry Canada
Introduces Alternatives
to Morse Requirements
for HF

Per Canada Gazette notice DGRB-003-05 22 July 2005, Industry Canada has adopted elements of the RAC "Proposal on Morse Code and Related Matters" and has removed the mandatory requirement for the Morse Qualification for access to the HF bands below 30 MHz.

Effective immediately, amateurs certified with BASIC Qualification prior to 2 April 2002, and amateurs certified with both BASIC and ADVANCED Qualifications, may operate on HF. Amateurs with BASIC only Qualification certified after 1 April 2002, and who achieved a pass mark of 80% or greater, will also be allowed to operate on HF. Amateurs certified BASIC only Qualification after 1 April 2002 having achieved less than 80% pass mark, will either have to qualify in Morse, write the Advanced or re-write the Basic examination to obtain HF privileges. This latter requirement is related to a decision to increase the BASIC examination pass mark to ensure that candidates have been tested in all areas of the syllabus.

For details, see the Canada Gazette notice at http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/internet/in_smt-gst.nsf/en/sf08435e.html and the "Latest News" page on the RAC web site at <http://www.rac.ca> .



Change of mailing address for amateur licences

It has become apparent, through examination of records maintained by Industry Canada and by Radio Amateurs of Canada, that the Canadian callsign database is becoming corrupted by inaccurate information. One of the prime reasons for this is the failure of some Radio Amateurs to advise Industry Canada of address changes.

Amateurs are reminded of Section 14 of Radiocommunication Information Circular 2 (RIC-2), which states:

"The holder of an Amateur Radio Operator Certificate shall notify the Department within thirty (30) days with respect to a change of mailing address."

Please note that this refers to a MAILING address and that it is not an option but **a requirement**.

Contact the Industry Canada Amateur Radio Service Centre at:
Phone: 1-888-780-3333 (toll free)
Fax:(613) 991-5575
E-mail: spectrum.amateur@ic.gc.ca

Industry Canada Amateur Radio
Service Centre
P.O. Box 9654 Postal Station "T"
Ottawa, ON
K1G 6K9



Callbooks from the Centennial Hamfest are available from any of the executive of S.A.R.C. or

M.A.R.S.

They are \$10 each. There is also a CD available which contains the book, "From Spark to Space", old photos and copies of old "The Greensheet" and "The Feedline", all for \$5

Comments on the Saskatchewan Centennial Hamfest 2005

Having attended the Hamfest held in Saskatoon this summer it was obvious that a lot of work was put into the preparation, setup, and execution of the event. I would like to say thank you to everyone who had a hand in this event. I felt that ham radio and especially ham radio in Saskatoon was well served by the event. It was great to see that two clubs were involved in the preparations for the Hamfest. This, I feel, demonstrates how mutual cooperation can get the job done and at the same time showcases our hobby. My congratulations to the Amateur Radio Society and the Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club for a

job well done! I hope that this spirit of cooperation continues into the future.

73 Gus (VE5SPI)



EVENT DATE Sunday
September 25
2005

LOCATION Meewasin Park
North (parallel
to Spadina
Crescent/ White
swan Drive
near Pinehouse)

ROUTE LENGTH 2km-8km

REGISTRATION TIME 12 noon

WALK TIME 2:00 PM

CLOSING TIME 5:00PM

**Anyone wanting to volunteer for communications contact Gus (VE5SPI) at guss@sasktel.net
Or cell 270-9980
Home 249-3996**

All swap and shop ads are free to amateurs

Tower for Sale

I received a call from a contact who advised that the Rent It Store at 826 43 rd St. in Saskatoon is wanting to sell their tower and antenna. I attended the site (its just behind the Staples Store on Circle Dr.) and found that they have a about a 40 ft Delhi tower they are no longer using and wish to sell . They mentioned 30 cents on the dollar as a possible price. I don't think that they will be too hard to get to lower the price. If anyone buys it and needs help to remove it give me a call and I will help remove it if time and weather co-operate. It looks to be in good shape. They no longer use it since the fire when the truck with the radio in and the base station were lost in a fire a they had a while ago. **If any one is interested contact Doug at 955-0101.**

73

Gus (VE5SPI)

Field Day 2005



Field day was held by SARC this year at the Wester Deveopment Museum parking lot. Thanks to John (VE5RJA) the trailer was brought from Ron's (VA5RON) farm Friday

night.

Saturday a.m. the station was set up. Thanks to Bob (VE5NFG) for the use of his generator. We operated three stations, VE5NFG in his motor-home on HF, the SARC station, VE5AA in the trailer and VE5AA on PSK31 in Glen's (VE5GAM) old Dodge camper van. Thanks to Gary (VE5PNQ) for the loan of a computer. For antennas we had the Tri-band beam on the trailer, VE5NFG and his mystery wire antenna, and I made a 20 meter Dipole for PSK31.

Thank you to all the Hams who came to help set up the station and operate the equipment. We did manage to have enough Hams to operate for the duration. John, (VE5RJA) supplied the coffee and donuts. Thanks John.



Saturday evening a family barbeque was held in the adjoining park. It was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you to all that helped to make it a success.

Sunday noon we took down the station, Field Day was over for another year.

73

Ned Carroll (VE5NED)

THE PRESIDENT'S BLURB



As I sit here at the computer I am listening to HF (14.265), hearing the traffic that has been going on with the communications in the aftermath of the hurricane in the United States. Once again the invaluable resources of the Amateur Radio Operators and their equipment are showing that one of the oldest communications networks in the world is still one that can be counted on when the need is greatest.

Summer is just about over and done with. The weather has been one of those years where, as the old saying goes if you don't like the weather at this time wait for five minutes and it will change.

I hope that everyone has had a good summer and accomplished all those chores that you had planned to do. I also hope you enjoyed your holidays and the times that you were able to spend with family and friends.

One of the two events that were in the forefront of the hobby this summer was Field Day at the end of June. With the exception of the rain that came on Saturday evening and put an early end to the BBQ, the event was for the most part a success. I am sure that everyone that took part in the operations enjoyed themselves. We also had some Amateurs from outside the city drop by for eyeball QSO's. These are always enjoyable. Thanks to everyone who helped out and participated.

The 2005 Saskatchewan Centennial Hamfest was the big event of the summer for us. We will have a final report on it after the committee meeting in September. Just a few observation at this time. We had a total of 116 Amateurs that registered, including weekend and day passes. We felt that this was low considering that this was a Centennial project. We heard that some felt the weekend cost was too high, but I feel that considering what was included it was a good bang for the buck. Attendance from Amateurs in and around Saskatoon was disappointing to say the least. From the critiques that came back from people that attended it looks like we have raised the bar when it comes to putting on a Hamfest. Next year's is in Regina.

I want to thank all the committee members for their time and effort in putting on this event and say that they can look back on a job well done.

The new club year is upon us and we are going to need input from the club members as to how and what they want done during the next 10 months. Please dig into the recesses of your minds and come up with some IDEA'S. See you all on September 13th.

73

Ron (VE5RMS)

**All you new HFers come
on out and have a go. We
have a complete station
at the clubhouse.**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL



SASKATOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.
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 SASKATOON, SK, 57K 3L7

For Office Use Only
 Pd ___ Rcpt ___ Card ___
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Membership valid from September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006

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.**