

VE5AA

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The Feedline

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!**



NEXT ARES MEETING

**Monday, Sept. 18, 2006
7:00 PM**

#9 FIREHALL

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

NEXT CLUB MEETING

**Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006
7:30 PM**

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

BE THERE!

Contests

- Sept 2** Russian RTTY WW
Contest
- Sept 4** Mi QRP Sprint
- Sept 9-11** ARRL VHF QSO
Party
- Sept 10** NA Sprint CW
- Sept 10-11** Tennessee QSO
Party
- Sept 23-24** CQ WW RTTY
Contest

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 and Area Frequencies

September 2006

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, IPARN, 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
		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

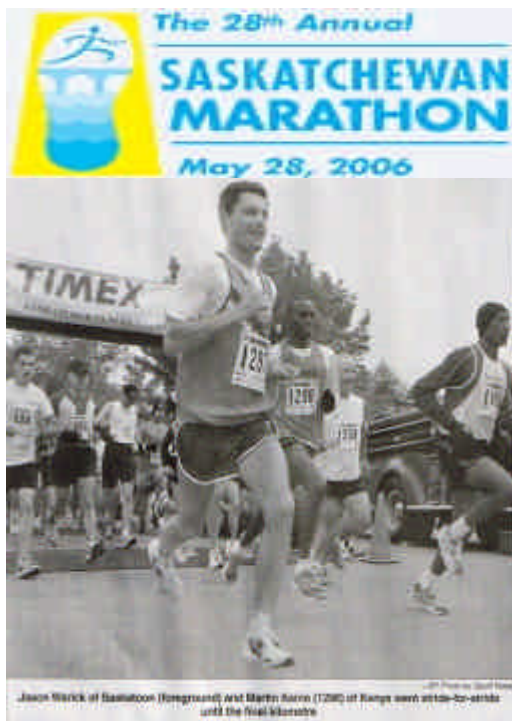
LOCAL AND REGIONAL NETS

Sask WX	80m	1400Z	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





It may have been great weather for ducks but not for a marathon run, especially if you were standing outside in the wind and rain!!

During the Santa Claus Parade we were approached to see if we could help with the Saskatoon Marathon. After attending a meeting with the race organizing committee, along with VE5RMS, it was decided that we would give it a try. Twelve very brave and sleep deprived Saskatoon amateurs appeared at the appointed hour of 06:30 and set up shop. As this was our first event with this organization there was some confusion but everything went very well overall once the race was underway.

There were over 1300 runners in the race, which consisted of a 10Km race, a half marathon race and a full marathon. The events had a mass start at 07:00 sharp from just behind the U of S College building. The finish line was just in the

bowl area of the campus on Nobel Plaza. Each runner had an RFID tag attached to his or her shoe. The start and finish lines each had a sensor pad across the line that recorded the start time and date, the end time and date along with the runner's elapsed time for the race. The amateurs advised the location of the last runner in the marathon, when the runners came to each turnaround location, when they crossed the University bridge and other information that the race officials required. I would like to thank all the Amateurs that took part in this event. And a special thank you to VE5BNC who spent over six hours on his bike in the rain and wind and clocked over 45 Km during the race. Hams in attendance were:

- Albert VE5AH
- Bruce VE5BNC
- Colleen VE5CMG
- Doris VE5DJQ
- Eric VE5HG
- Glen VE5GAM
- Jim VE5JIM
- Lee VE5LEE
- Al VE5MDC
- Garry VE5PNQ
- Bob VE5RBG
- Gus VE5SPI

Once again thank you to all who participated and gave up there Sunday morning to help with this very large event! The race organizers were very appreciative and want us to assist next year if at all possible. They plan on being back in the stadium next year. Congratulations to Terry VE5HF for completing the marathon! I hope your time qualified you for the Boston Marathon. Also congratulations to Brian VE5CUL for completing his race! 73's Gus VE5SPI



Field Day 2006





RAC-Bulletin 06-006E
Online questionnaire
on future of Amateur
Radio in Canada

Date: 07/18/06

Are you concerned about the future of Amateur Radio in Canada?
Should we encourage Industry Canada to make changes to broaden the entry into the Amateur Radio service?

The Committee on the Restructuring of Amateur Radio in Canada, chaired by Midwest Director Bj. Maden - VE5FX - has designed a questionnaire to gather information from Canadian Amateurs about their thoughts on the future of the service.

Your input to this questionnaire is critical to help the committee to determine the direction which Amateur Radio might take.

A link from the RAC WEBSITE home page will take you to the

Restructuring page, where you can:

1. Download a copy of the article on Restructuring from the last issue of TCA.

2. Download a PowerPoint presentation, complete with presenter's notes, which can be used with your club to explain the concepts of restructuring and to encourage discussion.

3. Link to the survey, in English and French, which takes about ten minutes to complete. Please use MS Internet Explorer for the survey

Please complete the survey. We need YOUR opinions!

Membership Dues Time

As our membership year runs from September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007, it's time to ante up. There's a membership application form at the end of the Feedline.

Antennae maintenance at Little Bear Lake

Ken (VE5KRB), Ned (VE5NED), and Gus (VE5SPI) went up to the Little Bear Lake Amateur Radio Club's annual summer open house in June. Hamming is great up there, and the noise level is about at zero most of the time.

While there they did a bunch of maintenance on the antennae. Maybe one of these summers we should hold Field Day up there. There are some cabins and a great camp ground, and the people are very friendly.

Antennae maintenance



Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2006

Meeting opened at 7:34 by Ron VE5RMS

Guests: Bob – A friend of Mike VE5MMG. Bob in the past has visited our Field Day Site and has expressed interested in HAM radio.

Previous Minutes Reviewed. Motion for acceptance of the minutes was made by Ned VE5NED, and seconded by Jim VE5JIM, voted and accepted.

Little Bear Lake – Weekend adventure on June 9th, 10th and 11th 2006. Ned VE5NED reported that the trip was attended by Ken VE5KRB, Gus VE5SPI and himself. The weather for the most part cooperated with them. Both 80 foot towers were tilted. On the HF antenna a defective switch in the rotor was repaired and on the VHF tower the antenna was rotated to vertical polarization. Some other antenna work was performed on a VHF quad antenna. The repeater is presently powered up and operational. It's access frequency is 146.850 MHz. Ken spoke of the site, listed the HF and VHF equipment located at the cabin and advised that Ken Rainier, the campground operator is the custodian of the facility.

Community Service:

Saskatchewan Marathon 2006 Report by Gus – VE5SPI communications was supported by the Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club. Twelve Hams volunteered to supplying communications along the three Marathon routes. Bruce VE5BNC peddled his bicycle around the main Marathon route following the last runner. The clubs repeater was setup downtown. Because of the repeater's location communications did not work well. Next time the repeater will be placed on site at the university. Two Hams ran in the Marathon, Terry VE5HF and Brian VE5CUL. Both did well. The organizers appreciated our support and requested our presence at the next Marathon run in Saskatoon. Gus extended a thank you to all the Hams that helped out.

Treasurer Report by AI – VE5MDC:

Motion to accept monthly report made by Les VE5LPP, seconded by Ned VE5NED. Voted and accepted.

Saskatoon Annual General Meeting – Financial Report by AI – VE5MDC

AI – VE5MDC reviewed the fiscal years financial report with the membership. He made a motion to accept the Annual Fiscal report - moved by Don VE5LQ, seconded by Herb VE5HE. Voted and accepted.

Other Business:

Club Insurance: RAC insurance. Al – VE5MDC advised that we had not received a renewal of our insurance from RAC. Last week an application was mailed to RAC to obtain insurance for this year. We are awaiting approval of our application. The cost of insurance is proportional on the number of SARC members who belong to RAC. The club has approximately 40% of its members within the RAC membership putting us at the \$150.00 to \$200.00 dollar rate for liability insurance.

Al mentioned that it's good to be a member of RAC because they represent us with Industry Canada and partake within IRC making world policies on radio communications regulations.

Steak Night. Ron – VE5RMS advised that Steak Night has been postponed to October 17th, 2006. Location: Mulberry's Bakery Café & Pub. Ticket cost: \$15.00/plate. Tickets will be sold in the fall.

Field Day (June 24th and 25th of June 2006):

Ron VE5RMS reviewed the status of Field Day from the executive meeting. John VA5RJA received permission from the WDM to use the location. Leigh VE5LEE will be looking after the food she is working on organizing a group to make pies for desert (pie contest). Jim VE5JIM and Leigh VE5LEE are providing BQ grills for cooking. Jim VE5JIM will be providing transport for the BQ grills. John VA5RJA will get the club trailer from the farm on Friday June 24th and deliver it to the WDM site. Bob VE5NFG will be custodian during the night. Bob will be providing an AC Generator. Les VE5LPP will be getting the keys to the school from Al and will obtain the equipment for the weekend. Bob VE5NFG and Ron VE5RMS are providing laptop computers to perform Logging functions. Bob is working on putting a packet system together. Tickets for the Barbeque are being sold by Leigh VE5LEE and John VA5RJA. Cost \$5.00 per ticket. People can drop by John's coffee shop to purchase and pick up their tickets. Field Day setup identification: 3A SK.

Saskatoon Fringe Festival – Request for Assistance: Herb – VE5HE will be partaking in the Fringe this year (August 3rd – 13th). He will be playing music in front of John's Coffee shop on Broadway. Herb is looking for team of people to assistance in transporting him and his equipment to/from the site each day. Times are as follows: Depart to the site for 5:30 PM to 5:45 PM, and leave the site to return home at 9:00 PM.

Saskatchewan Hamfest – Watrous: One day of activity on Saturday July 8th, 2006. Flea market tables are free and SARL members have free access to the venue.

For further information see the Hamfest website: www.saskhamfest.com

Dave Glass Award: Leigh VE5LEE will be taking the Dave Glass Award to Watrous for presentation to the winner of the award. She will be bringing back to Saskatoon the large trophy at the end of the day. A smaller trophy will be given out to the winner of the award.

Ham Class Texts – Ron VA5RON suggested hams who have BASIC text books that they no longer need to donate them to the club for Basic training class. Al VE5MDC concurred that this was a great idea and also mentioned that RAC has come out with a new BASIC Text which may be dramatically different. Les VE5LPP advised that he has a copy of the new manual and that it has not really changed much. Therefore donations of BASIC test books are welcomed.

Al VE5MDC also suggested that the BASIC Question Bank manual he created be used to fund raise for the club. He will be contacting RAC in the future to see if they are interested in publishing.

Christmas Party Bookings – Bob VE5NFG asked if the bookings with the Cave were in place. Bob – VE5CMG believes that the bookings are in place. Ron VE5RMS will confirm with the CAVE Restaurant.

50:50 Draw - won by Leigh VE5LEE.

Motion to adjourn moved by Bob VE5NFG at 8:30pm
Second by Ned VE5NED

Al Labbie (VE5MDC)
Acting Recording Secretary



SWAP & SHOP

**All swap and shop ads are free
to amateurs**

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.**