



Well, Hamfest 2009 is over. What a great day was had by one and all. Before I go any further, I do want to thank David Klatt, VE5GN for taking on the job of Hamfest Coordinator, along with his crew of 2, Lorne, VE5 JU and Grant, VE5CM. The town of Lanigan for the use of their wonderful hall, the Hub Boys and Girls Club for the wonderful lunch and Agriventure for the burgers. Thank you also to all the hams that had tables full of wonderful golden treasures and to all the hams that showed up to purchase the same. Thank you also to those hams who got to the hall early and helped Harv, VE5AC and I, Val, VE5ACJ set up the tables. Then there are the hams that helped put everything away, Once again, **Thank you all. It was a wonderful day, so good to see friends that I haven't seen in many years. So in saying that....it's not too early to start thinking about next year....So who's going to do Hamfest 2010?**

Let SARL know and we will help you out as much as possible



**Secretary/Treasurer's Report from Hamfest: de Val, VE5ACJ:**

If you remember our total for the **GIC T Bill** was \$3127.86. For the months of April, May and June, our total interest was \$1.63 for a final total of \$3,129.49

Our balance for the **Chequing Account** was \$1,790.36, our interest for the month of June was \$0.02 for a grand total of \$1790.38. Total assets are \$3,129.49 + \$1,790.38 = **\$4,919.87**

**Membership Renewal: Please remember that your dues are due....**

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## From the Editor's Desk:

Well, what can I say, we had a great hamfest, with lots and lots of hams present, and lots of treasures to be gone through and purchased. From the great comments that I heard, everyone was really impressed with the Lanigan bunch and I have to agree. Thanks David, Grant and Lorne.

It looks like we have a great new executive, and from the meeting, it looks as if there is lots of work to be done if SARL is going to survive. I really hope that we do continue to exist. After 57 years, our priorities are changing, and I guess it's time to go with the flow and keep moving forward.

Just a reminder to all that the membership dues are due August 31<sup>st</sup>. Please make sure you fill in the form on the back and mail in your memberships. Those that have already paid, you should have found your 2010 membership cards and receipts in with your QSO. Those that haven't yet paid, once I receive your cheques, your new membership card and receipts will be in with the next QSO (hopefully by the end of October). If you know of others who would like to join our fraternity, please print off the "New" membership application from the website. *Also, if you would like to receive this QSO via email, please send me an email with your current and correct email address. I have 5 members so far. My email address is [ve5aq@sasktel.net](mailto:ve5aq@sasktel.net).* Okay, that's it from this chair for now. Hope the weather stays good for our farmers, we don't want early frost or snow...not yet please.

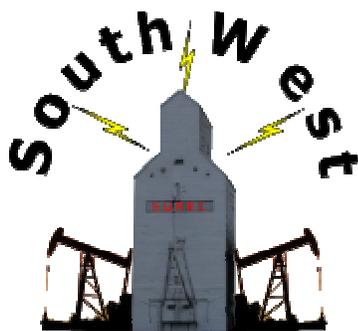
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## Moose Jaw and Area :

First off, I'd like to thank those that voted for me at the Lanigan AGM. I figure seeing as I have to drive Val to the meetings anyways, I might as well be useful, hi hi.

Moose Jaw and area wish to thank Murray Crandon, VE5MC/VE5ISS and all the students at King George School that talked to the astronauts on the ISS. They now have their QSL cards and I am sure they will be cherished forever. Maybe we can get some of these students into our Ham Radio Fraternity. It is nice to see hams do public relations events to promote our hobby.



### **Amateur Radio Club**

Many thanks to the Lanigan crew for another good hamfest, attendance at the AGM were 53 members (that signed the book) and interesting topics presented. It seems our directors have some important financial decisions to make at the next Director's meeting in October at the RARA. 73 from MJ Area Director de VE5AC, Harv

Hello to everyone from the southwest region of Saskatchewan. After a few years of little to no activity we are starting to get things moving again in the southwest. We had our first major, organized event on July 25, 26 2009 when we provided communication support of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Cycling Classic ([www.cyclingclassic.ca](http://www.cyclingclassic.ca)) in Swift Current. Dan Tombs from Big Sky Cycles ([www.bigskycycles.ca](http://www.bigskycycles.ca)) in Swift Current, the race organizer, was very happy with our service. We also received thanks from the race officials and the racers themselves. We had 8 ham operators and 2 ham students that were able to provide the communications during the four races.

I would like to give a special thank-you to Eric and Doris Quiring (VE5HG, VE5DJQ) who came all the way from Saskatoon to help us out. I would also like to



thank John Howlett (VE5JAH) and Shara Marzouca (VE5AF), who overcame health problems to help. This to me shows that even those that are up in years or have health problems can participate in exercises and events, something that I would like to encourage more. Those of us that are the younger generation of hams can and should be learning as much as we can from the older generation before they become silent keys.

In other news we were able to get one more emergency ham antenna installed on July 31/09 at the Cypress Health Region office building in Swift Current. This leaves us with just one more ham antenna to install, that being at the Cypress Regional Hospital in Swift Current. We are hoping to have this done before the fall. These are the last two antennas to be installed for ham emergency services by the Swift Current Fire Department.

We are working on other projects as well but we will have to save them for another update when we have more information to convey. We are hoping to have our website back with in the month. We will post a message on the SARL website (sarl.ca) when we are operational.

73's to all from the South West

Calvin Vosper VE5CAL. IRLP Node # 1570

### **Hello Fellow Hams from Prince Albert & North**

Bad news from Lakeland Radio, it's with a sad heart I have to report that Rolly VE5RO has left Lakeland. Our loss is Saskatoon's gain, Rolly has moved to the Saskatoon area and the Lakeland radio group will miss his help with classes and group function also his warming smile at breakfast on Saturday morning.

On Saturday August 8 2009 Lakeland Amateur radio association volunteered to assist in the Christopher Lake village "Town and Country" days by supplying radio communications and traffic direction for the parade. Members were Debbie Woroniuk VE5DEB, Bob Robinson VE5MY, John Alexandersen VE5JJA, Harry Heleta VE5HFH, Randy Canning VE5QU, Wayne Thompson VE5DWT and assisting were Lynda Russell, Florence Heleta and Cody Canning.

On Sunday August 9, 2009 The Prince Albert Radio Group volunteered to assist with communications for the Annual Frank Dunn – CKBI Triathlon. P.A. members were Art Pederson VE5AAP, Walter Pope VE5PJP, Peter Vis VE5VIS, Harold Slack VE5BCS, Blain Witherow VE5ZC, Harry Enequist VE5HAE, Craig Langlois VE5CE From Lakeland were Bob Robinson VE5MY, Debbie Woroniuk VE5DEB, with extra help from Lynda Russell and Christina Vis.

As you can see I managed to get in the way at both events.

73 David Russell---VE5DJR

### **President's Message:**

Wow! Here we are in the middle of 2009 and the start of the terms for the new executive for SARL. A big thank you goes to Devon as past president for guiding SARL so well during his term as president. I would like to wish Devon well in his personal endeavors, and hope to see him get radio active again when his personal life will allow it.

I am a new comer to the Amateur community and sort of new to Saskatchewan. I was born here but we moved to Alberta when I was one year old and I only moved back to Saskatchewan in 2005. Although I have only just recently got my Amateur license I have been interested in radio and electronics since I was 10. I had built my own mixer / stereo by the time I was 14. I can still remember hearing, on my scanner, the



“CQ North America” from Owen Garriott (W5LFL) on board the STS-9 Space Shuttle Columbia that flew from Nov. 28-Dec. 8, 1983, the first time that a lay person could talk with an astronaut in space. I even had a recording of it that I have since lost. Today we have many Amateur Radio satellites and the ARISS program to continue in that legacy.

In the last 100 years radio has changed a lot. From the spark gap transmitters of the 1880's to our modern gigahertz digital network links, radio has become an essential part of our lives. Radio is used for all types of communication - from cellular phone service and computer WiFi networks to our remote car starters and air pressure sensors in our car's tires - most communication systems rely on radio to deliver at least some of the message.. Let not over look the traditional areas of commercial broadcast radio (which first started in April 1909) and TV. Amateur radio has driven a lot of that change and innovation. Amateur radio to me is a place to play and experiment with technology. With it is the mechanics of the broadcast itself or different methods, protocols such as packet, FSK, ASK, etc; or even how those methods are used. It is much more than just CW, voice communications or digital communication methods. Even within Saskatchewan we have had experimenters that have combined various passions and used Amateur Radio for the communications side of things.

In order to attract the younger generation to Amateur Radio we need to communicate this to them. Last December in Moose Jaw one school did have a chance to see some of the things that are possible with Amateur Radio. It would be nice to see more projects like this or the balloon flights in Saskatoon involve school students so they can learn and get excited by Amateur Radio.



This is but one reason why I feel that there is a very real need for organizations like SARL. Another one is that in the past governments have reserved blocks of RF spectrum for Amateur Radio and let us (the Operators) police things ourselves. But now there is a real demand from commercial interests for RF Spectrum including areas that are traditionally assigned to Amateur Radio. Governments do not listen to the individual person, but they will listen to organizations. So for even this reason alone it is good to be part of SARL so that your voice can be heard.

I will endeavour to guide SARL in a manner that will respect Amateur Radio heritage but will also look forward to embracing new technology as it comes along. With such a low density of population that Saskatchewan has I would like to see linked repeater coverage all a long the major transportation routes of Saskatchewan for emergency preparedness. I also think that it would be good to add newer technology, such as APRS or digital modes (Internet not packet) to those same repeater locations. With the north of the province I think an HF net system should be investigated to support the mines, logging and recreational camping that takes place in that vast territory. 73's Calvin Vosper, VE5CAL - President

### **Director Updates:**

While Val (VE5ACJ), Devon (VE5DWR) and myself were working on typing up the Constitutional updates from the AGM it occurred to us that we were missing one director and that we should have ten and not the nine that were nominated. Some how in the editing / retyping of the constitution from paper to electronic the East Central area was missed. Devon and I were going to work on cleaning up the definitions of the area boundaries but we defiantly should have ten area directors as was set out in the constitution from 1970. What I propose then to fix this is that Larry Davis (VE5LBD) be moved from South East Area to the East Central Area as that would be his home territory.

Unfortunately Joe Musgrave (VE5CEM) has had to resign for personal reasons which left the Regina area empty. Bob Wilks (VE5LTD) has volunteered to be an Interim Director.

As a recap the proposed changes would be:

- Move Larry Davis (VE5LBD) to be the East Central Director
- Appoint Bob Wilks (VE5LTD) as the Regina Director
- Leave South East Area open for nominations

I would like to leave this open for comments until Sept. 30/09, at which time the appointments would be permanent for the directors terms. **This will be in place for the director's meeting October 31/09 at the Regina Fleamarket.**

73's Calvin Vosper VE5CAL - President

### **Hamfest Coordinator's Report:**

On Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, the Saskatchewan Amateur Radio League held the Hamfest 2009 at the Lanigan Recreation Complex. More than 70 participants attended from across Saskatchewan, as far west as B.C. and from south of the border. The morning fleamarket went very well, and we noticed a lot of treasures being exchanged. The AGM after lunch had the most attendees (someone claimed) since 2001.

A big thank you is due to Murray VE5MC, first of all for orchestrating the group photo, and then for the excellent video presentation of the ZL8R Expedition to Raoul Island in the Kermadec Islands. Also, we wish to thank Val VE5ACJ, and hubby Harv VE5AC for the tremendous amount of help making the 'Fest a success - and, we are much indebted to everyone who helped move tables and chairs and kept things rolling. You folks were terrific!

Appreciation is extended to the community of Lanigan, to the businesses which supported this event by contributing door prizes, to Pound Maker Adventures for their major sponsorship, and last but not least to the Lanigan and District Youth Centre for their delightful and greatly appreciated barbeque. Otherwise known as The HUB, this centre was the beneficiary of any surplus Hamfest revenues. See y'all next year.

73 from the local arrangements committee. David VE5GN, Lorne VE5CM, Grant VE5JU



**To remain a member of good standing, please make sure that you fill out the renewal membership at the back of the QSO and send it along with your renewal fees. I will give you 1 month's grace, until the end of September, then if I haven't received your money, you will not get the October QSO I know a couple of the fellas from RARA usually give me their memberships at Fleamarket time. [ve5aq@sasktel.net](mailto:ve5aq@sasktel.net) 1-306 694-6127. Thank you, Val Lemko, VE5ACJ Sec/Treas.**

**Summer happenings** Gordon VE5UJ

### **June 27 & 28 2009 Field day**

Sunday morning I drove to the Burnside School field day location for the Regina Field Day Group.

It was a beautiful but cool morning with brilliant sun and a very green landscape.

I was met by Erin, VE5ERN and her dog Kaleigh whom I had met at last year Field day. The Sunday morning crew included Erin VE5ERN, VE5RJR Rick. VE5SF Sam and VE5CTM Clayton. Later, breakfast was ably served up by Con, VE5CON and Clayton.

Clayton and Sam also do antenna installations and other technical connections at the site.

Other field day participants that I didn't meet on Sunday Morning, VE5LTD Bob, VE5ZG Malcolm, VE5SC Stan, VE5WN, Bill and VE5JAK Jake.

Burnside is one of the few remaining country schools that is still useable. It has been a local community project including the Regina Amateur Radio Association; members who help maintain the building. It is located east of Craven, over looking the scenic Qu'Appelle Valley. From the large multi pane windows on the East exposure to the "Black" Chalkboards on the walls, it takes little imagination to return to the days of the one room country school. For field day use, the operating positions have been fitted with partitions and comfortable chairs to assist operator efficiency. Thanks to the Regina group for their hospitality.

**July 19, 2009** we contacted Gerry VE5DC on the Grenfell Repeater, 146.670 Mhz. while Peggy VE5ACT and I were returning from a family gathering in East Saskatchewan. "We are 6.2 Km. South from Sintaluta" and Gerry told me where to turn off highway #1. One of the finest farmstead locations you will ever see and very nice gardens that Gerry and Kay, VE5ADN tend during the summer.

After a tour of Gerry's "shack", more people from the Wolseley/Grenfell area arrived for a cook out and visit. Fred, VE5FAW, Jean Stewart (VE5KF) Norm and Cec Stetner, VE5LA and VE5CEC, Slater and Myrna Tubman, VE5OA. After some group photos and some cold drinks, (it was one of the warm days this summer) we hurried on to our family appointment in Regina.

Last Thursday, **August 6**, Brian VE5BJM and I drove to Jansen, to visit Arnold VE5HV. He had some tower work to be done so I set about to do that work under supervision of the Purple Martins from the residence next door to Arnold's house. The birds seem to consider his Amateur Radio tower installation their private domain and showed their displeasure with my presence.

Arnold had been working on his own repeater on 146.820- and also a new installation of the former Wynyard Repeater on 146.910-, which is now installed at the farm of Bob, VE5RKH near Leroy. Just a note about the Wynyard repeater, it had been located in the Touchwood Hills, South of Kandahar for many years. Recently the site has been sold so Arnold looked for a site which was more easily accessible. Bob, VE5RKH offered his farm site and tower so the repeater has a new home.

The day previous to our visit, a group of Radio Amateurs from the Parkland Club had installed the antenna and cables and made the repeater operational. Those involved with that project were Randy, VE5RJM, Larry, VE5LBD, Grant, VE5SS, and Nick, a very able antenna tower man who did that part of the installation. Both repeaters should be accessible while traveling Highway 6 from the area North of Raymore; from Highway 20 between Nokomis and Lanigan and from the Yellowhead #16 while traveling from Lanigan to Wynyard.

Brian and I continued North in the afternoon and while approaching Melfort I was able to talk with VE5XF mobile, Mark from Carrot River as well as VE5AMI, Dave from near Love, Sk. While driving to Kinistino we arrived at a detour and were talked through the local short cut by Gerald, VE5YD from Melfort. We arrived back in Melfort from Kinistino in time for coffee with Mark and Bonnie and their Farm Manager Eileen, all of whom were on their way South for a weekend in Moose Jaw. Also heard on the repeater was Bayne, VE5BKO who was unable to join us for coffee.

Brian and I drove home down #6 highway and were able to work 146.82- for most of the trip from Dafoe to Lanigan on #16, and then again south on #20 toward Nokomis. The repeater on 146.91- at Leroy was not working that night. It is planned to link that repeater with 146.85- at Last Mountain in the future.

Thank you to Val for getting this issue of QSO out during the summer. 73, Gordon.



### **Battlefords & Area:**

Greetings from the Battlefords. Summer is almost over and Don, VE5WT has already reported having frost at his QTH. It makes you wonder just how much time we have left to work on any antenna projects. At my QTH, after waiting most of the summer a crew finally started working on what is call yard improvements. To me it is just a make work project that has made a lot of work & trouble for me. My shed ... the center of my antenna setup, has to be moved, so I'm off the air on HF for a while. Hopefully they will get good WX and get the job done quickly. The joys of renting, it really makes me miss having my own place and more control of my life.

The main 146.88 Battlefords repeater was off the air for quite some time. Ray, VE5RAE has been working on the repeater recently and currently has it operating at his QTH, complete with a new controller that talks to you. If you are traveling through the Battlefords note that the coverage of the 146.88 machine is not as good as when it is operating at the main repeater site. There is also a problem with one of the radios that

link our 146.88 and 147.24 (local rpt). If you don't raise anyone on one machine try the other.

Have you listened to 6 meters this summer? I finally made my first 6 meter contacts this summer after years of never hearing anything on that band. What clued me into the opening was receiving a strong FM radio signal in my car, on a frequency with no local stations. The station IDed as being in Peoria, Illinois, I quickly check around the FM radio band and found it full of strong stations from all over the USA. I rushed home and found the 6 meter band was wide open. I had several QSO with the best one lasting over 30 minutes.

I hear lots of complaints about there not being much activity on the bands lately. On HF there are times when the bands may be open but we all listen so the band sounds dead... Get on and make some noise, you never know who might answer. 2 meters also has its problem with no one being around. I know people are busy these days but take some time and try to be a bit active. Sadly, I've hear a few operators say they gave up turning on their 2 meter rig because no one is on the air anyway. I think a lot of us may be in this situation. So now there is often no one on when you call. Remember when the 2 meter repeaters were active most of the time? I remember when there were those who complained that some operators used a repeater too much. I wonder if that helped drive away some stations. We need to be as active as possible to keep our bands... **Remember use it or lose it.** 73 Ken - VE5KC

### Regina

Hello from Regina. Not much information just yet, as Val, VE5ACJ just sort of asked me to do a bit for the QSO and also asked if I would be the Interim Director. Sorry I was not at the hamfest, but personal reasons kept me close to home.

The only news that I have at the moment, is the annual RARA Fleamarket, to be held October 31, 2009 at the SGI Claim Centre N. More information will be announced on both 2 M and HF. If you want tables, please get hold of Bart, VE5CPU at [ve5cpu@imagewireless.ca](mailto:ve5cpu@imagewireless.ca) or myself at [rwilks@accesscomm.ca](mailto:rwilks@accesscomm.ca)

That's all for now folks. till next time. 73 Bob, VE5LTD.

Anyone wishing to send articles or pictures in for the QSO please feel free to do so. Please send article is word doc if possible and add pictures as attachments. We welcome all to participate in the QSO. Deadline for next issue is: October 19, 2009. Thanks, Val, VE5ACJ - Editor



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