

Are you ready for
Hamfest 2012????

The QSO

May/June 2012

Have you got Treasures
to sell— need a ta-
ble—call Val (or email)

Ladies and Gentlemen Our Outgoing President's message.

I was listening to a QSO on 20 metres between a ham from a (unnamed) place in North America and a ham in Wales. The Welshman was having a very hard time of it. Obviously, his QSO partner had never heard of Wales before and was sure that this guy, whose call began with GW1, must be from the USA because there was a "W" in the prefix. The Welshman kept spelling "Wales" phonetically, to no avail. Finally, the guy asked, "well, are you in the UK or are you in Britain?" The Welshman hung in there, but he finally gave up on Wales and went on to explain that he was located 80 km south of Liverpool. Big mistake. The guy had never heard of a strange name like that (obviously, not a fan of the Beatles) but the Welshman was game: he kept trying and eventually the guy had the spelling of Liverpool correct but was unable to pronounce it and he never did manage to make sense of "Wales". The GW1 was very patient but you could hear that he was suppressing a giggle. Clearly, he felt that some schools must do a better job of teaching geography than other schools do.

Among the many things that I value from my rather long experience with Amateur Radio is the excellent grasp of geography that it has given me. Of course I am not alone in this and those of us

who work DX have certainly learned the general location and beam heading of each of the 300 plus countries on the ARRL DXCC list. When we hear a "GU" prefix, we know that it is the Island of Guernsey and that the beam should be pointed north-east for best results. And this is rather common with most DXers, worldwide, I have found. Never have I worked a non-North American operator that didn't know that VE5 is Canada and nearly all of them know that it represents Saskatchewan and they can probably pronounce it correctly as well. Amateur radio is a great geography teacher.

I suspect that by now, many of us have started to sort through the treasures in our own ham shacks, deciding what should go to the July Hamfests flea market and what should stay home for another season. I'm sure that many of us have interesting boxes sitting around that are not being used and that could well serve a purpose in someone else's shack. Be generous: bring them along and let someone else enjoy them for a while. There is happiness in hooking up a new device and getting it to work.

I look forward to seeing you at Watrous this summer.

73, Bj. Madsen - VE5FX
SARL President

The Secretary's Corner

Hello everyone. Well July is

fast approaching, and we all need to get organized for the Hamfest which will be held in Watrous. I am a little concerned, that my fellow hams out there have not booked a table for the fleamarket. I know that we had a lot of silent keys last year, and I was hoping that some of you good hams would have contacted some of their families and offered to take some equipment to the fleamarket for them, or offered to help them bring it to the hamfest. If you know of other hams who for some unknown reason are not SARL members and may not know of our July happenings, you would let them know.

So far I have only had one lovely YL inform me that she is coming and wants to go for a dip in the pool. Where are all you gals. I have been getting some great prizes for you, and really, do we want to give ladies products to the guys???????

I also had a number of members pay for their next year dues at the Moose Jaw Flea market and for that I really do thank you. I know some of you don't use cheques anymore, so to save a whole lot of problems, why not pay your dues at the hamfest. I know it's a month earlier than you need to, but sure beats having to mail it in. I really do appreciate everyone paying in advance.

Please call me or email me if you would like a table, or if YL's are coming. I really do need to

know asap

Next, I really need to know what trophies you want to see at the hamfest. If there are no nominations for some, they won't be coming. The Hammond, the Centennial, the QC, and the SARL New Ham awards the only ones I am bringing at the moment. Please check the website for the other trophies, and if you want folks nominated for a special trophy, go and get the nomination forms from the website and get them sent into me no later than July 18th.

Don't forget your homebrew articles for the table for the other hams to vote on. I know that some of our new hams are quite good at making things.

So far we have 16 new hams and I am hoping that they will all show up at the hamfest.

Now before I close, also we have 1 ham who is willing to be president for the next 2 years. It is not a hard job folks, (*everyone knows it's the secretary that does all the work*). You have to preside over the meetings, and have meetings with the directors—we do it telephone conference style, so we don't even have to travel. So if you want a chance to be president, then get your name in to me or nominate someone, and we can have elections if need be. Oh just one other thing, you have to sign cheques for me so I can spend money.

Lastly, make sure you see the timetable on the back page of the QSO, and as you will see, we will now have 2 guests with presentations. Wow, that is just fantastic.

That's it for now folks, see you July 28th at the Spa in Watrous. One very last thing, any-

one who sends in their dues between now and hamfest, I will bring your receipt and card to the hamfest, please see me when you come in and I will give it to you then. Thanks. **73 Val-VE5ACJ**

Moose Jaw & Area

Not too much happening around the area. We had our last club supper on May 8th, as it is now summer time, and everyone has so much to do, that is if the rain ever stops. Val VE5ACJ has her potatoes and carrots in the garden, which she calls her Saskatchewan Cash Crop.

The MJ Pioneers radio club helped out at the WDM Learning Days June 7th, at this time, can't tell you for sure who showed up, as the editor wants this publication out before she runs away for some R and R.

So that's it for now, hope everyone has a wonderful summer and we will see you in Watrous.

73 Harv VE5AC

Hi from Saskatoon

Well we just got home from our grandson's 2nd birthday party. By the end of the party he was already telling people to go home. To many people and to much noise.

The Meewansin Amateur Radio Club held their spring meeting on May 31/12. Planning for the up coming Field Day is well under way. Last years field day was well attended and enjoyed and this years is proving to be even better. The Saskatoon Club is also planning their Field Day which will be held on the grounds of the Western Development Museum. Hopefully the weather is

good that weekend.

The Saskatoon Amateur Radio club provided communications for the Saskatchewan Marathon on May 24/12. The weather held up without rain till the marathon was finished.

May saw another balloon launched done by the Saskatoon club. The date for the next launch has not been determined as of yet.

Well we hope to see as many of the Saskatchewan Amateurs at this year Ham Fest July 28/12. This year the Ham Fest is being held at Manitou Beach, which is a fairly central location. Also for those that would like to go for a swim after the meetings the pool will be open.

See you there.

73's Doris VE5DJQ

Greetings from Regina & Area

Well due to circumstances way beyond my control, I did not get to write my article. So thanks Val for phoning and trying to put my thoughts into something good.

First off the Regina UHF Repeater has been moved to City Hall and is now running direct.

Avonlea Repeater is down, and Doug VE5DA doesn't know when it will be up and running again. To get there everyone has to wait until the ground has dried up, and even though we think it has something to do with SaskPower, even they can't get up the hill. When it's up, we will let you know.

Field day is coming fast, and the club has not decided whether to go to Burnside again or have it in Regina. I will be going to Wolseley this time around.

All of our new hams in

Regina are having lots of fun. One of them Bernie VE5BFB is really getting involved with the club and hands on projects. Sure hope he decides to bring a couple of his projects to the hamfest to put on the Home-Brew Table.

Other than that, I have antenna projects that I think are finally done, will have to wait and see if conditions improve this coming fall and winter.

That's it folks, I've already booked my room at Watrous and looking forward to the Hamfest. My XYL Sandra is coming along as well thanks to Val's insisting ways.

73 Bob VE5LTD

South-East Saskatchewan & Area

News is brief from the South-East.

Farmers are out on the land working feverishly to get their crops in.

Joan VE5TAW and myself went out to check the 146.82 repeater, and it is all ready for the summer travellers. All the other repeaters in the area are also working at full capacity, so no one should have any complains, I hope.

Farmers in the Macoun area are not so lucky, as there is just a highway with lake on either side. CPR isn't doing much better as the tracks are just 1 foot about the water. Not a good scene.

Also alkali is bad this year, too much water still around.

Larry VE5AJ had his hip operation and is doing very well. He works out in the pool.

Blair VE5BAM has retired

and is thinking of coming to hamfest..

That's all there is folks from this end of the province, and yes, I have my room booked for July 28th. See you all there.

73 Marv VE500

I Asked for It.

Some times it is not good to be a good Samaritan or a Helpful Harry.

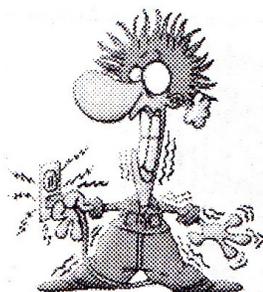
I ran into this in April when it was warm and the kids were out running through the sprinkler and spraying themselves with the garden hose and water pistols. When they started spraying the power lines, that was a NO-NO. So I says "I don't think It's a good idea to be spraying the power line with the water hose—you could get electrocuted." (we live in an older neighbourhood where the lines are quite old).

Well, I got an earful, that I was impeding their fun, I didn't know what I was talking about, plus a few four letter words. So I said "Fine" and walked away.

That 220 volt line with poor insulation could give you a jolt, but some of these children could decide to upgrade to that 14,400 volt power line in the back alley-then it would be instant.

So this Helpful Harvey found the following article and is still trying to save the world. I don't know I why our city keeps the water pressure at 40 psi or why these pumper water pistols have such long range. Gonna change my name to "Safety Sam"

Harv
VE5AC



Why do we get a shock from electricity???????

Electricity shocks us, because it is an outside force that interferes with the internal electricity our bodies' nervous systems generate.

To fully understand why the chance encounter of those two electrical forces results in a shock to our systems, we must first understand the fundamentals of electricity itself.

In scientific terms, electricity is considered a fundamental force, one that is extremely basic, and has been in existence since the beginning of time. Further simplified, it is so basic, that it defies explanation and is Mother Nature's way of saying "Because I said so"!

Electricity comprises positive and negative charges, opposite charges attract each other and similar charges repel each other. Those charges attracted to each other can be separated, with the end product being potential energy, that is, energy that will be released as voltage, should the tow reunite. We pay electric companies to separate the positive and negative charges for us, so that we have electrical energy at our disposal.

In order for the charges to reunite and for the potential energy to be released as voltage, a conductor, a channel that they can flow through, is needed. Insulators, such as paper and glass make poor conductors, while wire and water make excellent conductors. Unfortunately, since the human body consists primarily of water, it too provides a superb conductor for electrical energy or voltage.

If, by chance, outside electrical energy enters our bodies, now conductors, we will be shocked

when the voltage encounters and interferes with the internal electrical energy our nervous systems produce. The shocks to our bodies and the amount of damage the electricity does to them, depends upon the voltage our bodies are subjected to, upon its level of energy and upon how much our bodies resist the flow of the electrical energy.

When we are shocked, a variety of things may occur, none of which is desirable. Our muscles may twitch, we may experience problems in the nerve centers that control our breathing, or we may experience problems with our heart rhythms. The worst case scenario from being shocked is DEATH.

Well folks that is it for now, it's a small version of the usual QSO, but one of our directors is working real hard out in the fields going steady these days with his International Harvester tractor and seeder.



Even the net counts are down, cause folks are real busy:

The only other thing is that Murray VE5MC has given me the official presentation

K4M Midway Atoll.
 "Stepping Stone of the Pacific" DXpedition to Midway Islands 2009.
 This Ancient Volcano is

well known as a WW2 Battleground but now serves and entirely different purpose.

Hear about the challenges involved in mounting this DXpedition, who was involved, and how tragedy has since struck the islands.

Presented by: Murray Crandon, VE5MC.

Corrections from last issue:

Thanks for another newsy edition of the QSO Newsletter. I would like to point out one small error in the item about early callsigns. The "10" prefix callsign did not precede the VE prefix. The "10" prefix was assigned to stations in the Amateur Experimental Broadcast Service. Only about 30 licenses were ever issued across Canada. There was no exam and no requirement to be ham, in fact a large number of licensees were not hams. This license was available to anyone who put out \$10 and only allowed them to transmit non

-commercially in the AM Broadcast band. These stations were on the air in the same era as the "regular" hams who were operating with the VE prefix in the Amateur Radio Experimental Service. Note that those were two different licensed services. You were correct in stating that pre-war Saskatchewan amateurs were VE4s (along with Alberta and Manitoba). Post-war Saskatchewan got its own VE5 call area, while Alberta became VE6.

Stan Ewert VE5SC

Now one last thing before I sign off, there are still tables available for the fleamarket, if you have hidden treasures that you would like to see go to a better home, please email me for a table. If you know of other hams who are not SARL members and who would like to have a table, please give them my email.

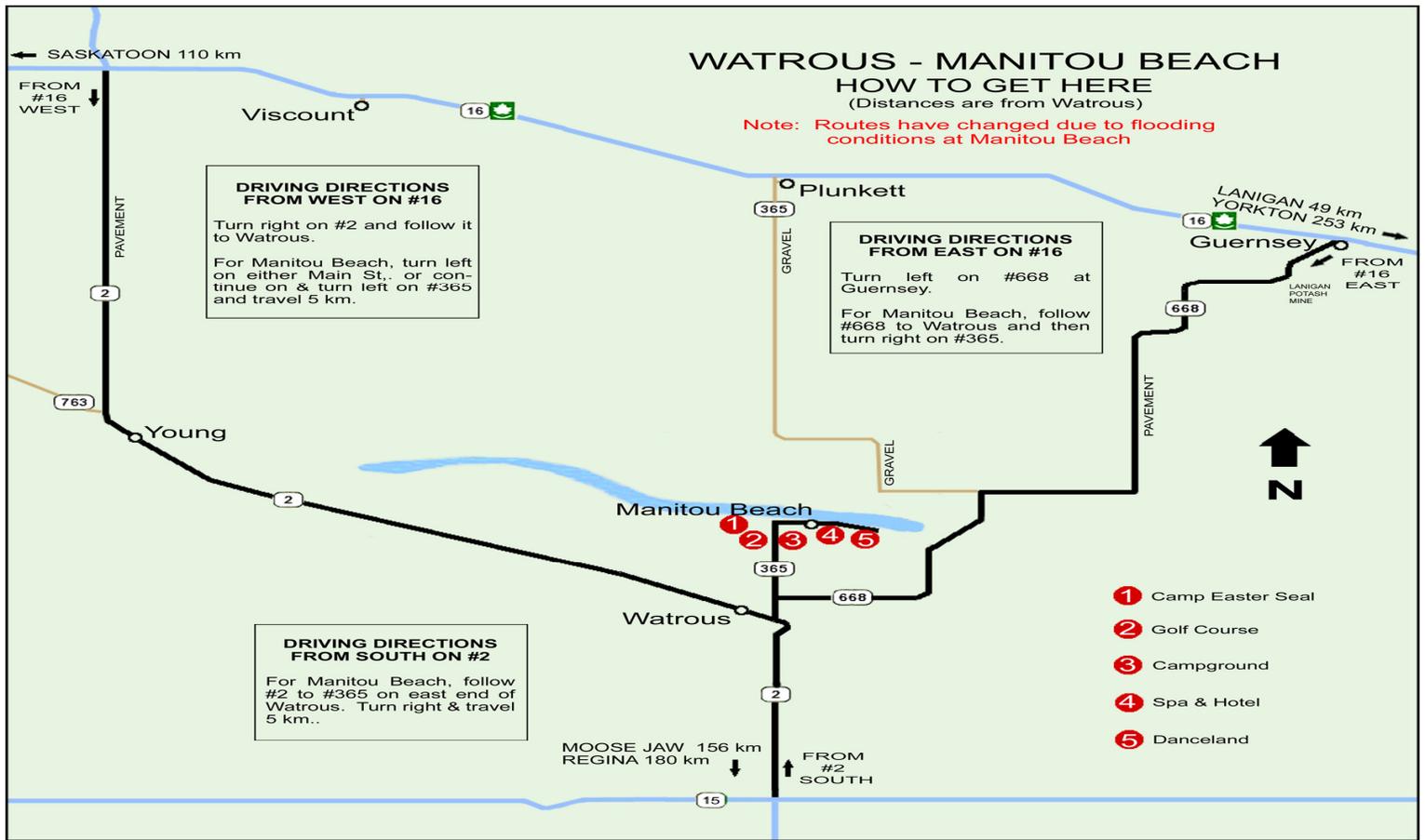
If the XYLs or YLs that are coming still want to go swimming, please let me know, we will get you on the list.

Sure hope to see you all there, invite other hams who are not SARL members,

The more the Merrier — — — Val VE5ACT

PROVINCIAL NETS					
Name	Date	Sessions	Check-ins	Traffic	Bulletins
IRLP 9300	May	21	514	98	11
Avonlea ARG 147.0600-	April	29	49	0	0
Sask Evening Phone/CW 3.735					
Sask Wx Net 3.753					
Ares					
TOTALS	Apr/May	50	563	98	11

Just heard that the ARG is back up and running



7:30	VENDOR		SET UP
8:00	SET UP AND	↕	↕
8:30	REGISTRATON	↕	↕
9:00			LADIES
9:30	FLEAMARKET		FIRST AID
10:00			
10:30			
11:00			
11:30			
12:00	LUNCH		LUNCH
12:30			
1:00	GROUP		GROUP
1:30	PHOTO		PHOTO (Including the Ladies)
2:00	AGM AND		Swimming DANCELAND TOUR or Just go
2:30	TROPHY PRESENTATION		CRAFTS
3:00	Moon Bounce Presentation - Kees VE5KKZ		SWIMMING
3:30	DX PEDITION PRESENTATION Murray VE5MC		
4:00			
4:30			
5:00			

Hamfest 2012

July 28, 2012

Manitou Springs Hotel & Convention Center

Manitou Beach

9:00 AM—5:00PM

Flea Market

Ladies Program

Group Photo

AGM

Trophy Presentation

Guest Speakers

Kees VE5KKZ

Murray Crandon VE5MC

Lots of Door Prizes for Men and Women

Main Door Prize: Yaesu FT-60R Dual Band

NOTE: you must have a Valid Callsign in win this unit.

Tickets for Door Prize: \$5.00 each

To book tables for flea market, please get hold of Val VE5ACT

ve5aq@sasktel.net

Or

vallemko@gmail.com

\$5.00 each

SARL Members Free Admittance (unless you want a table)

Non SARL members \$5.00

Must have Valid SARL Membership to get in for Free

Val has book incase you leave it at home.