



GUYWIRE

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GENERAL MEETING

Feb. 8th @ 7:00 p.m.

Regent Place Library - Regina Market Mall - 331 Albert St.

"Video Presentation"

Special Notice

from the Editor

I would particularly like to have pictures from past club events.

Send to ve5rara@gmail.com

**I really need more content
from members.
I can't do it all.**

2017 PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORGANIZER</u>
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UPCOMING

RPS 1/2 marathon -April 30- Terry VE5TLW

MS Super Cities Walk - April30 - RicVe5RJR

COMPLETED

Notes from Here and There

This year the Saskatchewan Hamfest will be held in Yorkton. The Parkland Amateur Radio Club has agreed to host it. Preliminary information indicates it will be held August 12th at the Painted Hand Casino. Stay tuned.

The Saskatoon club has a CW net each Sunday at approximately 8:30 on a frequency of 28.479 MHz. This is a chance to exercise your dormant 10 Meter equipment with the challenge of contacting Saskatoon.

Notes from Midwest Director's Newsletter

BJ Madsen, the Midwest director for RAC raises some interesting points in his latest Newsletter.

One of the concerns which affect the availability of callsigns is the issue of Silent Keys. If ISEC is not informed by the receipt of either an obituary or a death certificate of the passing of an Amateur, they will keep that callsign registered to that individual until the age of 125 years! Please take the time to inform them of the passing of any of your licensed friends or relatives.

*Editors note: ISEC, (Innovation, Science and Economic Development) is the new name of the department formerly known as Industry Canada.

As you know, Canada is celebrating 150 years as a country this year and Amateurs may use the special prefixes to draw attention to the occasion and generally confuse the rest of the world.

o VE4 may use CG4, VE5 may use CG5

o VA4 may use CF4, VA4 may use CF5

If you use the special callsigns, be prepared for QSL card requests, of course.

Interesting Websites

ARRL Reports Rise in U.S.Ham Numbers Last year — 2016 — was another outstanding one for Amateur Radio licensing. So says ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM.

“New Amateur Radio licenses issued were up by 1% over 2015, and this is the third year in a row that the total number of new licenses has exceeded 30,000,” Somma reported. She said 32,552 were granted in 2016, 32,077 in 2015, and 33,241 in 2014.

For more on this story go to: <http://www.arrl.org/news/another-outstanding-year-for-amateur-radio-licensing>

Go to Ham Radio Daily for up-to-date news about amateurs from all over the world. <http://www.hamradiodaily.com/>

If you want your amateur information in audio form, try the Radio Amateur Information Network (RAIN) at <http://www.therainreport.com/sound/rainreport.mp3>

Last Months Puzzler

In a power supply what is the advantage of full wave rectification over half wave rectification?

Answer: Full wave rectification requires less filtering to provide clean DC power

This Months Puzzler

Can an amateur who moves to another call area, keep his or her callsign at the new location?

Answer next month.

Moose Jaw Amateur Radio Club 2017 Flea Market 22nd of APRIL

Time : Open to vendors 0800 (or earlier)
Market starts at 0900 (public & non vendors)

Place: Moose Jaw Western Development Museum
Diefenbaker Drive, Moose Jaw

Entrance Fee: \$5.00 per person
With each entrance fee you get a free table
Extra tables are \$5.00 each

There will be a 50/50 draw and a prize table.
Tickets for both are \$2.00 each/3 for \$5.00

Coffee and Doughnuts will be served

Directions:

Can't be easier, if you come from the east take the main street exit (at the overpass), turn left at the stop sign, go south over the overpass, and take your first left. Watch for the old grader.

If you come from the west, find the same main street exit and take the off ramp, get into the left lane and take the first left you see. Watch for the old grader.



Talk in frequency : 146.34 / 94 146.52
Your Hosts: VE5TRF Barry, VE5TRG Brenda ,
VE5BBB Frank and VE5REN Erin

Special Thanks To The WDM for the location.

Shack Report VE5DLD

My radio shack has a tendency, over the course of a few months, to get quite messy and cluttered.

Ultimately, I decided to completely empty my homemade 2x4 and plywood built radio desk in order to reorganize and rewire my equipment to make things more practical and efficient.

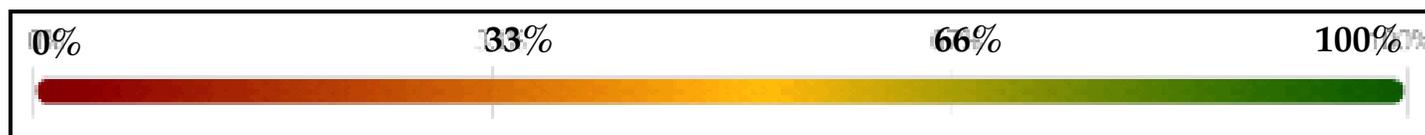
Access to the back of the desk makes routing coax and other cables much easier, therefore, I decided to install caster wheels. Now, if I need to access the back of my equipment, a simple and easy pull gives me full access.



Eds note: If you have any interesting information about things you have done with your station or stations you have contacted, please send it along to Guywire. Send it to ve5rara@gmail.com.

FOC QSO quality metric

By Gary ZL2iFB



Short QSO, seconds	QSO lasting a few mins	Long QSO, 15+ mins	QSO lasted hours or still going on!
Seemed like an age	Dragged on a bit	Ended too soon	We crave more
Minimal info sent	Useful info sent and received	Interesting info shared and acknowledged	We really opened up for a good ol' chat
Just another point, maybe a duplicate	A band/mode multiplier or bonus	A new DXCC or IOTA	A very rare (top-N) DXCC or IOTA
Tedious, dull, mind-numbing	A bit boring, frankly	Interesting, worth recounting	Gripping! Absolutely fascinating!
Humorless, stern	Raised a (wry) smile	Fun, made me laugh	ROFLMAO
Would not repeat this sad experience	Not that bothered if we never meet again	Looking forward to the next time	I'm desperate for more QSOs like this
Good path, easy	Some difficulties	Tough path, hard work	Took superhuman effort
Big ERP & S9 sigs both ends	Big ERP one end	Barefoot both ends	2x QRP or QRPp with ESP level signals
FM or data	SSB	Boatanchor AM	CW (of course)
2x riceboxes or rent-a-rigs	1 x homebrew or kit	2 x homebrew	2x breadboard creations still under development
2x dry strings with corroded coax	2 x damp strings or commercial antennas	2 x homebrew antennas or 1 x stealth antenna	2 x stacked-and-bayed or phased homebrew antennas
Computer keying	Electronic keying	Hand keys	Bugs, well-tamed
QLF, embarrassing	Poor technique but trying hard	Good technique, still trying	Perfect technique and beautiful fist
Inept, clumsy, hard going	Slow / inconsistent, a bit of a slog	Not bad at all, a fairly good rate	Super-slick like well-oiled Teflon
Rubberstamp	Run-of-the-mill	"Different" (in a good way)	Unique, truly exceptional
Rude, ignorant	Banal, perfunctory	Polite, kind	Charming, effusive
>One a minute	Once a month	Once a year	Once in a lifetime

Courtesy First Class Operators Club and VE5SDH