



Radio Amateurs of Canada

Midwest Report

Ensuring radio amateurs in the Midwest are informed!

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Directors Ramblings

Arrrgh. My issues with Microsoft seem to still be happening. As the technology evolves the issue get deeper. For some people, it seems that if I attached a PDF file to the email they can not open it, it appears as a dat file. When I sent the newsletter out in HTML the formatting of the document is lost in translation to HTML. So what I think I will be doing is sending out both versions (of course when I can remember to do this) as separate emails. I hate to fill your inbox like this but, I need to make sure everyone get a copy. Hopefully one day Microsoft will fix this issue.

On another note, the date format that RAC is using for the membership database is DD/MM/YYYY. Please take this into account when looking at your expiry date above

As your director I will be heading to Ottawa at the end of April for the Annual Board Meeting. While we meet via tele-conference each month, the constitution requires us to meet once per year in person and ratify all our tele-conferences as well as any new business. This is a full 2 days of meetings and brainstorming. I will report back in the next newsletter in May the results of this meeting.

RAC Annual General Meeting

The RAC Annual General Meeting of members will be held in conjunction with the <http://www.halifax-arc.org/mdf>, on August 7th, 2010 in Halifax, NS. The cost for the RAC forum and AGM is free, costs for the DX forum is \$80.00 and the banquet is \$30.00. If you are in the area please make an effort to attend. If you are thinking about a vacation, I strongly suggest the East coast, with a bonus of a RAC Annual General Meeting.

RAC General Manager - resigns

I was just informed that Office Manager Denies has tendered her resignation effective April 13th, 2010. The Directors & the executive are now on the hunt for a replacement.

RAC Bulletin 2010-11E - RAC requests Industry Canada for 60m Spot frequency assignments.

A formal request has been sent to the Director, Spectrum and Radio Policy, Industry Canada for consideration in authorizing for the Canadian Amateur Service the same five 5 MHz frequencies that are now authorized in the USA.

In addition, two spot frequencies are also requested for exclusive Canadian Amateur use. The ground work for this was established at previous meetings of the Canadian Amateur Radio Advisory Board (CARAB).

RAC anticipates this request will go through a lengthy due process of analysis and review at Industry Canada before being published as a Canada Gazette Notice for public comment. If all goes well, we may see authorization within a year.

Are you a member of a local club

If you are a member of a local club in your area that has regular meetings, I would appreciate it if you could make an announcement for me at your next meeting. All RAC members, thank you for continuing to support Radio Amateurs of Canada. I in turn would like to support each of you, by keeping you informed on what is happening with RAC. To do this I need your email address. Please log on the www.rac.ca web site, register as a member (set your password) and update your contact information to include your current mailing address and email address. I, like you, are watching our pennies and I can not afford to snail mail newsletters to every member in VE4 & VE5. But I am more than willing to email the monthly newsletter. Thank you for your support of the only National voice for Amateur Radio.

Where R U

Is your address correct with industry Canada? Have you moved since you were last actually issued a license renewal (how many years ago was that?) Did you know that you are required to keep industry Canada informed of any address changes? Please use the following form to update your information with Industry Canada. [http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/vwapj/ic2381bh.pdf/\\$FILE/ic2381bh.pdf](http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/vwapj/ic2381bh.pdf/$FILE/ic2381bh.pdf)

Still Looking for Assistance

I can not understand why no one (other than those listed one page one) have not come forward to act as an assistant Director for your area of your province. I thank the two assistances Bill and Richard for stepping forward. But why not anyone else? I can not afford to travel to all areas of both provinces, so having an assistant to help out would be much appreciated. Hint hint

More help wanted

Membership and Service Enhancements

Looking for a Part-Time Volunteer Career in Helping Amateur Radio Operators? Want to work with dedicated, like minded radio people?

The dynamic national organization representing Canadian amateur radio operators is looking for a people person and service oriented leader to enhance member services. Duties include: assessing members wants and needs, analyzing the effectiveness of existing service delivery and measuring member satisfaction with services. Duties will also include developing strategies to attract and maintain members to the Radio Amateurs of Canada. This position will report to the President of the Radio Amateurs of Canada.

Remuneration: nowhere near what you are worth. You will be doing it for the love of radio. Like the rest of us.

Title: negotiable.

Start date: anytime.

Submit a resume and your availability to the President, Geoff Bawden, ve4baw: ve4baw@rac.ca.

Questions freely accepted.

The RAC Insurance Program

The RAC is looking for a dynamic, motivated, client oriented amateur with a background in insurance to help the RAC administer and expand its insurance program. The position includes insurance administration, liaising with clubs and members and marketing of the RAC Insurance program.

Questions and resumes should be directed to the First Vice President, Mr. Ian MacFarquhar, ve9im at ve9im@rac.ca.

The RAC Philanthropy and Grants Program

The RAC is looking for a dynamic, motivated volunteer to establish a Philanthropy and Grants Program at the RAC. Many amateurs look for ways to leave a legacy and other amateur radio associations [such as the ARRL] have mechanisms in place to both provide a memory for such amateurs and an opportunity for amateurs to help amateur radio. Potentially coupled with the Philanthropy Program is a new Grants Program to look for third party funding to enhance amateur radio. If you have any ideas or questions or are interested in submitting a resume for either or both of the Philanthropy or Grants Program please email Bill Unger, Ontario NorthEast Director at wunger@confederationnc.on.ca or Geoff Bawden, President at ve4baw@rac.ca.