



**Radio Amateurs of Canada**

*Midwest Report*

*Ensuring radio amateurs in the Midwest are informed!*

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## Directors Ramblings

Well I thought I would be forced to abandon all effort of providing expiration of your RAC account and to personalize the newsletter because of the inability to perform an email merge of the document. But I have loaded in a legal copy of Outlook as a pop3 mail client that allows for MAPI, so I am once again be able to do email merges.

The monthly teleconference meeting of the Regional Directors was held on January 21st, 2010 starting at 0130Z. Your new president Geoff, VE4BAW has now taken the wheel and it looks like he is fully prepared to be there for the long run. A couple of items on Geoff's report to the board are 1) - For 2010/11 complete a redraft of the Administrative Manual even if only at a high level and point form to provide consistency for operations, internal and external communication. 2) - learn where the RAC had come from over the last ten years and data to say where it is now. Other than financial numbers there is little data on hand. There are 45K certified amateurs in Canada and we currently have 5K of them as members [how does that compare in % to ARRL I wonder?]. I am told that in 1997 that we had 6K members. 3) - Consider whether a specific executive position would be useful to promote member services and strategies to increase membership [VP of Client Services]. Please see the adverts for the positions at the end of this newsletter.

This is a completely different direction than RAC was on before, and I truly think the new set of eyes is a good thing. Spread the word, RAC is back, and it's time to join and support our only national voice.

## **New Radio Communications Act and Regulations**

At our Board of Directors Teleconference in February, there was mention that there is a new version of the Radio Communications Act and new version of the Radio regulations <http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/showtdm/cr/SOR-96-484> that came out at the end of January. I am hold that there were some minor changes in the act dealing with Amateur Radio. You may want to have a look and see what has changed. I have tried to find the web link for the ACT, but I can't seem to negotiate the Industry Canada's web site. hi hi

## **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](http://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 you information with Industry Canada. It's New Year, so why not start it off right

[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

## **Paid Position at the RAC Ottawa Office**

The RAC is seeking a client focused, people oriented individual to manage member relations and sales; this would include member renewals, answering questions from members and prospective members of the services that RAC offers, fielding concerns and complaints as well as managing RAC's store operations. The successful applicant must have a high degree of inter-personal skills, be proficient in English and French [both written and spoken], have a background in sales or marketing, and be a certified amateur radio operator. The individual must be a problem solver and interested in a challenge and must be able to work with and motivate a team of

amateur radio volunteers. The successful candidate would report to the RAC Office Manager and be expected to undertake the duties of the Office Manager in the event the Manager is away. Hours; part time to full time, Pay; \$13.00 per hour (+). Please send questions and a resume to the President at [ve4baw@rac.ca](mailto:ve4baw@rac.ca).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:wunger@confederationnc.on.ca) or Geoff Bawden, President at [ve4baw@rac.ca](mailto:ve4baw@rac.ca).

I thought this was a nice colourful map of Canada showing call sign areas and CQ zones. I am not sure why Sandy Lake Ontario gets mention. Maybe the author came from there. Shamelessly stolen from the cover of January 2010 *Feedline*, the Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club newsletter. And again from the Ottawa Groundwave newsletter.

