



# Midwest Report

*Ensuring radio amateurs in the Midwest are informed!*

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## RAC Web Site

### Ads are now available

RAC is offering space to anyone who wants to place an ad on its web site. These ads will be as described below and will be clickable. They will appear as a side bar or banner type advertising.

Ads will appear on every page on the site.

Ad size: 468x60 and 125x125

Pricing:

Member: \$7.50/week (468x60)

\$5.00 (125x125)

Non Member: \$10/week (468x60)

\$7.50 (125x125)

Link: Ad will include a link

Minimum commitment: 13 weeks.

Rotation: Maximum 4 advertisements in rotation at any given time.

Exclusivity:

Members: \$22.50 (468x60)

\$15.00 (125x125)

Non-member \$30 (468x60)

\$22.50 (125x125)

All for rotations during  
13 week minimum commitment.

Ads must relate to radio or are of interest to amateur radio operators and subject to approval by Radio Amateurs of Canada.

## Directors Ramblings

### *Board meeting*

I was not able to attend out monthly teleconference of the board and executive on January 27<sup>th</sup> as my daughter graduation dinner was that night. However, the agenda was once again a full one and the meeting carried over to February 3<sup>rd</sup>, where I was able to attend. Out of the teleconference came the following'

- The A&F committee did incredible work over the year on trimming expenses and thus was able to present a budget for 2011 showing a slight profit. (Considering that the last 3 years or more were all losses). This budget was approved by the board.
- A formal motion to introduce a RAC Volunteer Appreciation Program was approved.
- The Board of Directors approved a motion that the email aliases will only be available to RAC members.
- The board looked at limiting the bulletins to RAC members only, but this motion was defeated as it was felt that the bulletins are for the public good and also provide a means of promoting RAC to non-members. Also a lot of clubs reproduce the bulletins in their club newsletters for all to view. So any attempt to limit the bulletins would be futile. If you wish to subscribe to the bulletin service (to get news delivered to your email box) then, please look at this web site.  
<http://rac.eton.ca/racbullemail.htm>
- The board approved a motion that the Life Membership Fund be amortized over ten years to transfer said funds over to earned revenue. This fund was a result of the merger of CRRL and CARF to form RAC and was funds derived from that merger for

their lifetime members, which RAC inherited.

- Lastly The A&F committee has developed a plan for adjusting the membership categories that RAC offers, the benefits of membership for any category and the fees for each category. The board will be asked to approve this plan in stages as it is presented and discussed at the board & executive level.
- The 2012 RAC AGM has been approved to be held in Montreal, and Vancouver is also looking at hosting a future AGM.

### *Deputy Director*

With the approval by the federal government of our bylaws revisions (passed by the members a couple of years ago) each Director of RAC is now authorized to appoint one Deputy Director from among RAC members residing in their region. Deputy Directors may attend all RAC Board meetings and teleconferences as observers. In the event that a Director is unable to attend a Board meeting, that Director may authorize his or her Deputy Director to attend and vote the Director's proxy on any matter before the Board.

So I am looking for someone who is willing to be a deputy director.

### *The RAC report*

Now that all the details have been finalized I can tell you about a new feature coming in February (any day now). At the Directors meeting in October we decided to begin an e-newsletter, called "The RAC Report". It will come out in the months between TCA. So you should see the first one in February. To ensure you receive it you may want to check your email on the membership page. Follow this link, log in with your membership number and password and verify your email:

<http://www.rac.ca/en/members/myprofile/>

While you're updating your information at RAC, you may want to verify your address with Industry Canada as well.

### **DX Code of Conduct**

I will listen, and listen, and then listen again before calling.

I will only call if I can copy the DX station properly.

I will not trust the DX cluster and will be sure of the DX station's call sign before calling.

I will not interfere with the DX station nor anyone calling and will never tune up on the DX frequency or in the QSX slot.

I will wait for the DX station to end a contact before I call.

I will always send my full call sign.

I will call and then listen for a reasonable interval. I will not call continuously.

I will not transmit when the DX operator calls another call sign, not mine.

I will not transmit when the DX operator queries a call sign not like mine.

I will not transmit when the DX station requests geographic areas other than mine.

When the DX operator calls me, I will not repeat my call sign unless I think he has copied it incorrectly.

I will be thankful if and when I do make a contact.

I will respect my fellow hams and conduct myself so as to earn their respect.

### **Attention Local Clubs & Members**

#### *Members*

The insurance that RAC is offering to affiliated clubs can help you bring in members. Right now if a RAC member is not a member of a local affiliated club who has taken the insurance plan, then they do not have any liability coverage from RAC. In order for RAC members to be covered under the Liability insurance plan for all the Amateur Radio activity, they must be members of both RAC & an insured Affiliated Club. So the simple cost of a membership to your local club could save money on your home insurance plan. Most home insurance requires a separate rider for coverage of Antenna Support Structures. Check with your agent on how much this will cost you. Then compare it to the cost of joining one of the local clubs who are already affiliated and insured through the RAC plan.

#### *Clubs*

Clubs can save money on their insurance by encouraging their members to join RAC. The clubs who are on the RAC liability insurance plan pay a premium for every club member who is not also a member of RAC. By encouraging your member to join RAC the Club will save money on their insurance. In the same process your club members will then be covered for liability insurance for all their Amateur Radio activity, not just the club functions. This is a win- win - win advantage for the Club, the Member and for RAC. Think about and encourage your members to join RAC.

## Webmasters

Are you the web master for your club or have a personal web page? Would you consider putting a link on your home page to RAC, in an effort to promote our national organization? If so, then please let me know & I will send to you the RAC logo.

## Repeater owners

Does your repeater offer a Digital Voice system? If so, then maybe you can put an announcement up "Join Radio Amateurs of Canada today - WWW.RAC.CA"

## 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)

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