



Radio Amateurs of Canada

Midwest Report

Ensuring radio amateurs in the Midwest are informed!

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.

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If your membership is about to expire, please consider renewing it at the following web site,

<https://www.rac.ca/store/membership-form-e.htm> where you can download the form, Print the form or enter it online. Your support of our national Organization is needed. If for some reason you do not wish to continue your membership, I would like to know why, so that I can see if I can change anything that would allow you to join once again.

WooHoo for Microsoft

– the long awaited update / service pack to Office 2007 & 2010 has finally come through and I can now attach files to email merges. So now I am once again going back to sending attachments for this newsletter. These will be in Word 2003 format as not everyone can read a *.docx (xhtml format). If this works like it should, then I can embed pictures and things in the document and expect it to properly format, which has been the issue when send out the newsletter in email format (html). Cross your fingers folks....

Do you know these RAC members?

The following listing of Callsigns are all RAC members whoa re living in Manitoba of Saskatchewan, but they have not furnished RAC with their Email address, as such they are not receiving this newsletter (which I of course work so hard on) nor are they receiving the RAC report and other periodic emails from RAC. If you know any of these fellow hams, please ask then to login to the <http://www.rac.ca> website and complete the member section with their email address any other information that may be missing.

VA4NRM

VA5DX, VA5LIZ, VA5SAM

VE3MKA

VE4ABL, VE4ABW, VE4ACN, VE4ACQ, VE4AHZ, VE4BA, VE4BG, VE4BI, VE4CCA, VE4CS, VE4DY, VE4EA, VE4EME, VE4FGR, VE4FI, VE4GDH, VE4GIL, VE4GR, VE4LES, VE4LIZ, VE4MG, VE4NC, VE4PF, VE4RD, VE4SD, VE4SR, VE4TP, VE4VO, VE4ZD

VE5AAD, VE5AF, VE5AFK, VE5AG, VE5BAP, VE5BBH, VE5BBK, VE5BF, VE5BFD, VE5BPS, VE5CD, VE5CT, VE5DA, VE5DF, VE5DGD, VE5DZ, VE5EN, VE5ERN, VE5FAW, VE5FEL, VE5FL, VE5GW, VE5GY, VE5GZ, VE5HAB, VE5HAE, VE5HFD, VE5IBK, VE5IM, VE5JAR, VE5JML, VE5JN, VE5JRM, , 5JZ, VE5KK, VE5KRB, VE5LQ, VE5LTD, VE5LY, VE5MC, VE5MCD, VE5MDB, VE5MDC, VE5MHR, VE5ML, VE5MX, VE5OO, VE5PT, VE5RC, VE5RH, VE5RO, VE5RU, VE5RY, VE5SAR, VE5SC, VE5TK, VE5TL, VE5TX, VE5UJ, VE5VP, VE5VT, VE5WW, VE5XO, VE5YD,

VE7JCR

If you are part of a local club executive and any of these ham's are members of your club, Please pass on this information to them - Thank you.

Directors Ramblings

Did you know that 78% of RAC member with a VE4's callsign have their email address registered with RAC but, only 50% of RAC members with a VE5 callsign? Come on Saskatchewan, you can do better than that. Check the listing above for a list of those RAC members who we are still looking for email addresses for.

Canada Day Contest

The Canada Day contest has come and gone. I want to thank Assistant Director Bill Till, VE5FN for operating wit the VE5RAC callsign. Bill stepped in early to help promote RAC and Saskatchewan. The VE4RAC callsign was a different matter. It was not until Field day that I finally secured someone to take on that callsign. And who better that the President of RAC, VE4BAW and a small group of dedicated operators. TNX guys for stepping forward at the last minute.

Field Day

Field day has also come and gone, and I made it till 4:00am until my internal batteries gave out and I crashed in my truck for a few hours of sleep. But the VE4BB field day site was abuzz with activity and operators for the entire 24 hour period. I just must be getting old as I used to be able to make it to sunrise.

Annual Board meeting

The board held their annual board meeting this past weekend. This time the meeting was rather short in duration and was just down to the basics to get the work done. Each director, executive and committee chairs submitted their reports in advance for all to read. The Directors passed all their required motions and the

finances were discussed. In total the meeting was a short 6 hours in length. Part of the discussion dealt with the recent CARB meeting in which safety code 6 was discussed, along with 60M, RBR-4, RIC-3, the certificate/callsign database and further encryption of digital signals. Look for something from Industry Canada to be released just in time for the RAC members AGM.

Member Annual General Meeting

The Annual General meeting of the Members of Radio Amateurs of Canada will take place on Saturday, July 30 at 1:30 pm.

For the first time in RAC's history the AGM will be held in historic St. John's, Newfoundland and will be held in conjunction with Hamfest NL 2011 hosted by the Society of Newfoundland Radio Amateurs. If you ever wanted to go out to the Rock, now is the time to do so. It is hoped that the RAC AGM will be broadcast via a web camera. With a Q&A session available via email to members only. This is a last minute thought and details are still being worked out. Watch the RAC web site or bulletin system for more information.

The RAC Store:

The RAC store is being liquidated and many items are on sale at only slightly above our cost. So if you are looking for a shirt, cap or other item, now is the time to buy, before everything is gone. You can check out the Merchandise available by going to http://rac.ca/store/catalogue_e.php. Buy before it is gone. If any club is looking at a group purchase of manuals or study guides (for an upcoming class) please email the RAC office. We will be happy to work with you on special pricing for bulk orders.

RAC HQ

Our office coordinator at RAC headquarters in Ottawa has moving to a different city and as such has left the position. A search is on for a replacement. We are looking for a motivated person with a business attitude and strong customer service skills, someone with experience using QuickBooks accounting system. This will be a full time position. If you are at all interested please let me know. There is a strong possibility that we may be able to have a virtual office which can be in any city in Canada with a high-speed internet connection. These plans were in the works, but only in the starting phases and have not been formalized yet. In the meantime we have in the office a temporary employee until August 4th. Please bear with us as she is on a learning curve. Her main duties are to document the process in the office, for use by all future employees.

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.

HamFests

MARMFEST 17 on August 13, 2011 at the Manitoba Amateur Radio Museum, in Austin Manitoba
<http://www.mts.net/~holderr/marm.htm>

Do you have a hamfest or flea market in your area you want to advertise to your fellow RAC members. Send me the details.

Silent keys

All silent keys are to be reported to the Amateur Radio Service Centre spectrum.amateur@ic.gc.ca and to RAC headquarters rachq@rac.ca for follow-up. Information on what is required is posted inside TCA magazine. In Saskatchewan, Joan Bahnman ve5wx.ve5jml@sasktel.net has also been tracking silent keys for the past 11 years, so please CC her as well.

Your mailing address

Amateurs are reminded of Section 15 of [Regulation By Reference 4](#) (RBR-4), which states:

"The holder of an Amateur Radio Operator Certificate shall notify the Department within thirty (30) days with respect to a change of mailing address."

Please note that this refers to a MAILING address and that it is not an option but **a requirement**.

You can inform Industry Canada of your change of address on-line at http://www.callsign.ca/ch_adr_ra.php or you can contact the Industry Canada Amateur Radio Service Centre at:

Phone: 1-888-780-3333 (toll free)

Fax:(613) 991-5575

E-mail: spectrum.amateur@ic.gc.ca

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