



Radio Amateurs of Canada

Midwest Report

Ensuring radio amateurs in the Midwest are informed!

October, 2011

Directors Ramblings

60 Meters

Industry Canada is still trying to get this out. Now it appears that the consultation will actually be on the Canadian Table of Frequency Allocations, where a footnote will have to be inserted. Their plan is to do the update to RBR-4 as a consequential administrative update that won't require a second public consultation. They are hoping to get the consultation on the Table out by early October, which would still allow the whole process to be completed this calendar year.

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.

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

e-TCA

RAC is moving ahead with an electronics version of our bi-monthly magazine The Canadian Amateur (TCA). Starting with the January/February issue, we will create an electronic edition of the magazine. The e-TCA will be identical to the hard copy with the exception of clickable links, colour photos and possible other enhancements and additional content in the future. The delivery of the e-TCA will be passive, meaning it will be post it in the member section of the RAC web site for any member to download rather than pushing it out to the members. The only thing we will push out to you will be a link for accessing the magazine. To do this we will need you email address in our database. As you are getting this little newsletter by email, we obviously have your address on file. But there are at least a large number of RAC members in the Mid-West region that we do not have an email address for. True some may not have email, but the majority does. So, please check the listing elsewhere in this newsletter and if you know any of the callsign listed, please ask them to register their email address with RAC. They are currently missing out on my newsletter and the bi-monthly RAC report and soon the e-TCA

Amateur Radio Operator Certificate Services

Industry Canada has now opened up their online Amateur Radio Operator Certificate Services web site. I was part of the testing team while in the beta mode and was impressed with what we can do online as compared to what required mailing and/or faxing in the past. Any changes to your account are immediately updated within 30 minutes or less. As I write this the page is just newly available for use. But note there is a pre-text in the margin that says the entire Industry Canada site will be unavailable from 8:00 a.m. Saturday, October 29, 2011 to 9:00 a.m. Sunday, October 30, 2011 (EDT). So be aware that URL address may change.

When you get a chance, please check out the new site (see side bar for URL address). To sign up for your account you will need your certificate of proficiency. Make a note of your password and you are now free to make changes to your account. Most of the things you can do are no charge, including possible some things that used to cost money to make changes. Items that do require payment will be noted. Enjoy your new access and if you have any problems please contact the service centre.

Deputy Director

I have had this item in the newsletter for many, many, many months now and not one person has tried to contact me about this. Please read on and truly think about helping out. I do not want to be the only region that does not have a 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.

D-Star

Congratulations to the Winnipeg Digital Repeater Group Inc on their new D-Star UHF repeater on the air in Winnipeg - VE4WDR 444.575+ DV (Program your radio for Port "B"). Their connection to the internet gateway will be operational shortly.

Amateur Service Centre

http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/h_sf01709.html

<http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/025.nsf/eng/home>

The Amateur Radio Service Centre's new Amateur Radio Operator Certificate Services page is up and running.

As an Amateur Radio Operator, you can access your account online, make address changes apply for call signs etc. all online in real time. Almost all items that required either faxing or mailing can now be done online. Have your certificate of proficiency with you and sign up today.

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P.O. Box 9654 Postal Station "T"
Ottawa, ON
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Telephone: 1-888-780-3333
Fax: 1-613-991-5575
Email: spectrum.amateur@ic.gc.ca

Hours of Operation: 8:30 a.m. to
4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time)

Do you know these RAC members?

The following listings of Callsigns are all RAC members who are 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 them 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, VE4ABL, VE4ABW, VE4ACN, VE4ACX, VE4AHZ, VE4BA, VE4BI, VE4CS, VE4DIG, VE4DY, VE4EDE, VE4EME, VE4FGR, VE4FI, VE4GDH, VE4GIL, VE4GR, VE4LES, VE4LIZ, VE4MG, VE4NC, VE4PF, VE4RD, VE4SD, VE4SR, VE4TP, VE4VO, VE4ZD,

VA5LIZ, VA5SAM, VE5AAD, VE5AF, VE5AFK, VE5AG, VE5BBH, VE5BBK, VE5BF, VE5BFD, VE5BGF, VE5BPS, VE5CD, VE5CT, VE5DA, VE5DF, VE5DGD, VE5DZ, VE5EN, VE5FAW, VE5GW, VE5GY, VE5GZ, VE5HFD, VE5IM, VE5JAR, VE5JN, VE5JRM, VE5JZ, VE5KK, VE5KRB, VE5LEE, VE5LPP, VE5LQ, VE5LTD, VE5LY, VE5MCD, VE5MDC, VE5MHR, VE5ML, VE5PT, VE5RC, VE5RH, VE5RO, VE5RY, VE5SAR, VE5TK, VE5TL, VE5TX, VE5VP, VE5VT, VE5WW, VE5XO, VE5YD, VE7JCR

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

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