



Radio Amateurs of Canada

Midwest Report

Ensuring radio amateurs in the Midwest are informed!

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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

The Board of Directors has been considering the transformation of TCA into an electronic format for several months now. I think it is a good idea for many reasons. Firstly it would allow the use of hotlinks to be embedded in the articles, as I have done in this report. If you are looking for more information on a subject a quick click will let you obtain it. It would also allow full colour and there would be no limit on the size of the magazine, subject to bandwidth issues. It would also allow us to get it to you faster as compared to snail mail. And it will be lot cheaper to get it to you as we would not have printing and mail costs. There was some concern about some Amateurs not being able to receive it electronically but I think all Amateurs are pretty tech savvy and will enjoy this new format. Let me know what you think.

Join RAC

It will come as no surprise that it takes money to keep RAC afloat. And where we get most of our revenues is from members. I would encourage you to talk to your fellow Amateurs in your club to consider joining RAC.

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.

Travelling within Canada

Each province in the last few years has passed or in the planning stages of some sort of Distracted Driving

	Exemption	Pending	Restricted
NFL/LAB	OK		
NB			YES
NS	OK		
PEI	OK		
QC			YES
ON		2013	
MB	OK		
SK	OK		
AB	OK		
BC	OK		
YK	OK		
NWT	?		
NU	?		

Legislation. While the background for this is to stop people from using cell phones while driving, amateur radio has been caught up in the process in many instances. Below is a chart that shows where you can operate your radio while driving and where you can not.

Remember that this is only a guide and is not official. As such I would caution everyone when they refer to what is and is not permitted in a given province or territory to refer only to the official text of the law (usually a section in the Highway Traffic Act or similarly named statute) or the regulation which establishes amateur radio as an exempt user if that is the way the statute works.

Word has now come down that the two RAC directors in

Ontario and some ARES people have a meeting with the Ontario Deputy Minister of Transportation in an effort to be granted an exemption in Ontario. Stay tuned and in the meantime do your research before you venture out of your home province.

Do you know these RAC members?

The following listings of Callsigns are all RAC members who are living in Manitoba or 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

VA5DX, VA5LIZ, VA5SAM

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

VE5AAD, VE5AF, VE5AFK, VE5AG, VE5BAP, VE5BBH, VE5BBK, VE5BF, VE5BFD, VE5BGF, VE5BPS, VE5CD, VE5CT, VE5DA, VE5DF, VE5DGD, VE5DZ, VE5EN, VE5FAW, VE5GW, VE5GY, VE5GZ, VE5HFD, VE5IBK, VE5IM, VE5JAR, VE5JN, VE5JRM, VE5JZ, VE5KK, VE5KRB, VE5LPP, VE5LQ, VE5LTD, VE5LY, VE5MC, VE5MCD, VE5MDC, VE5MHR, VE5ML, VE5PT, VE5RC, VE5RH, VE5RO, VE5RY, VE5SAR, VE5SC, VE5TK, VE5TL, VE5TX, 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.

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