



The RAC Report

A TCA supplement: July 2016

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RAC President's Report

Glenn MacDonell, VE3XRA – RAC President and Chairman
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I am very happy to welcome Devon Racicot, VE5DWR, as our new Treasurer. Devon is a longtime member of RAC who helped organize our annual general meeting (AGM) in Saskatchewan last year and has experience as Treasurer of amateur radio clubs and a not-for-profit organization similar in size to RAC. For more information on Devon's achievements please see the article on page 2.

June is always a hectic time with many local amateur radio clubs holding AGMs and deciding on their Executives for the coming year and also planning for and delivering their Field Day activities.

My personal activities in recent Junes included competing in a multi-op in the June VHF and above contests and this year also some mountain-top microwave activity!

Field Day has many objectives. It provides an opportunity to set up and operate off-grid, exercising some of the skills needed to deliver public service and emergency communications. It is an opportunity to demonstrate amateur radio to those who are not radio amateurs. Field Days can promote an interest in some who will go on to join us. Demonstrating our hobby can also pay off in other ways. When members of the public and government officials see what we can do, they value our activities and it is certainly easier to explain what we need to operate such as antennas and spectrum. And, of course, Field Day is a great time for local radio amateurs to get together socially and to compete to see who can work the most stations!

Many clubs announced their Field Day activities on social media, as shown by the large number of clubs sharing information and photos of their activity using the hashtag #RACFD. Searching for #RACFD on Twitter will give you a quick snapshot of activities that took place across Canada. RAC used Twitter (<https://twitter.com/ractweets>), Facebook (www.facebook.com/radioamateurscdn) and our website to report on Field Day and the RAC Canada Day Contest (#RACCD) that took place shortly afterwards. Watch for the September-October 2016 TCA for some reports on Field Day activities.

I hope you're noticing the ongoing changes to our website. We're working to use more photos of amateur radio activities across the country and provide news of domestic and international amateur radio events to the home page of the website. We depend on members across the country for images so if you have some good ones please send them to tcamag@yahoo.ca or use our "Member's Stories" upload feature at <http://wp.rac.ca/member-stories/>. We're also continuing to make improvements to our website in how the information is organized – such as the new ARES, How To Start and Downloads hubs – and are making important "under the hood" improvements to improve our membership renewal section.



We are also busy preparing some new brochures and handouts for you to download such as our "Getting Started" and "Introduction to ARES" brochures.

I'm really looking towards the future as there are two key activities for RAC and Canadian amateur radio in the coming months. The first is the election of four of RAC's seven Directors and the second is our Annual General Meeting.

RAC Directors serve two-year terms and regular elections are held each fall for positions that take effect the following January 1. The timing of the terms is staggered with approximately half of the positions being decided each fall. This year members will elect **Directors for the British Columbia/Yukon, Midwest, Ontario North/East and Atlantic Regions** (see page 3). Your national organization depends on strong leadership from committed volunteers willing to take on these positions. I thank all those who are doing this work and in particular want to thank Bill Gipps, VE7IS/VE7XS (BC/Yukon Director) and Derek Hay, VE4HAY (Midwest Director) who will complete their third and final term at the end of December.

On September 10, the RAC Annual General Meeting will take place at the Heart's Content Cable Station Historic Site in Newfoundland (see pages 5-7). As in previous AGMs we will make it possible for members across the country to see the AGM via Webinar. Information on how to access this will be published on the RAC website. The meeting will begin at 1 pm Newfoundland time so areas to the west of the Atlantic region will see the event on Saturday morning.

This year the AGM will consider proposed changes to our constitution and bylaws. The changes will maintain the intent of the original bylaws but will modernize and simplify the rules under which we operate to allow the use of processes such as electronic balloting that were not possible when the bylaws were written. The proposed changes were published in the July-August 2016 TCA and are also included on page 7 of this newsletter.

New RAC Treasurer

Glenn MacDonell, VE3XRA – RAC President and Chairman

The RAC Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Devon Racicot, VE5DWR, has been appointed to the position of Treasurer.

Devon was born and raised in North Battleford, Saskatchewan. In 1993, he developed an interest in radio communications after borrowing a scanner and reading information on a local dial-up bulletin board system (BBS) that happened to be owned by an Amateur Radio operator. He obtained study materials and in February 1995 he attended the Industry Canada office in Saskatoon and walked out with a licence and the call sign VE5DWR. Over the next decade he obtained his 12 WPM CW endorsement and Advanced qualifications.

Devon strives to be as well rounded as possible in the Amateur Radio Service and can be found locally on VHF/UHF repeaters including all digital modes as well as PSK31 on HF and Pactor/Winlink. He has recently become interested in satellites, and portable HF/satellite operation while camping is the most enjoyable.

He is a member of several area clubs and has served as President of the Saskatchewan Amateur Radio League, Saskatchewan's provincial organization. He has been a Radio Amateurs of Canada member almost continuously since obtaining his licence and he served as the RAC Midwest Director in 2009. He was part of the organizing committee for the Saskatchewan Hamfest in 2015 at which Radio Amateurs of Canada held their Annual General Meeting.

Devon has several years of experience as Treasurer with two Amateur Radio organizations and a large non-Amateur membership-based Association and he is familiar with accounting software, budgeting and reporting requirements for non-profit organizations.



Notice to RAC Members Residing in the Atlantic, British Columbia/Yukon, Midwest and Ontario North/East Regions for the 2017-2018 Term

Sukwan Widajat, VA3WID – RAC Corporate Secretary

Call for Nominations of Candidates for Regional Director to serve on the Board of Directors of Radio Amateurs of Canada Inc. (<http://wp.rac.ca>)

The Secretary of Radio Amateurs of Canada Inc. hereby solicits nominations for the positions of Director for the Regions of Atlantic, British Columbia/Yukon, Midwest and Ontario North/East (postal codes K and P). If required, elections for these positions will be held in October 2016 to take office on January 1, 2017 for a two-year term.

Incumbents:

Atlantic: Everett Price, VO1DK

British Columbia/Yukon: William (Bill) Gipps, VE7ISV/VE7XS; tenure completed

Midwest: Derek Hay, VE4HAY; tenure completed

Ontario North/East: Allan Boyd, VE3AJB

1. The Candidate:
 - ✓ must be a Full Voting Member of RAC
 - ✓ must have reached the legal age of majority
 - ✓ must reside in the Region for which he or she is nominated
2. A candidate may not nominate himself/herself.
3. The nomination form will:
 - ✓ be printed or typed
 - ✓ clearly indicate the candidate's name, call sign and RAC membership number
 - ✓ clearly indicate the names, call signs, RAC membership numbers and original signatures of ten (10) or more full voting members of RAC
4. The nominators must have reached the legal age of majority and must reside in the same Region as the candidate whom they are nominating.
5. Each candidate must:
 - ✓ sign the nomination form, indicating a willingness to be nominated
 - ✓ include with the nomination a brief biographical sketch/CV limited to 500 words succinctly setting out his/her background and qualifications. A candidate choosing to submit a biographical sketch in both English and French languages will be allowed 500 words in each language. The biographical sketch will not include any campaign platform material.
6. **All original nominations and supporting documentation, including the biographical sketch, must be received by the Secretary of RAC at the address indicated below on or before Friday, September 16, 2016.**

Candidates should consider the time required for delivery to ensure their nomination documents are received on time.

Faxed or emailed documents will not be accepted.

- ✓ Clearly indicate on the mailing envelope that Nomination Documents are enclosed.
- ✓ The envelope will be held unopened until after the closing deadline of **September 16, 2016**. After this date, the Election Committee, under the supervision of the RAC Secretary, will open all submissions, review the documentation for accuracy, completeness and validity, and then announce the results of the Call for Nominations. The decision of the Election Committee is final.
- ✓ Should a balloted election be required in any of the regions, ballots will be mailed from RAC Headquarters on or before September 30, 2016.

Nominations must be sent to the following address:

Secretary, Radio Amateurs of Canada
720 Belfast Road, Suite 217
Ottawa, ON K1G 0Z5

Clearly indicate on the envelope: "Nomination Documents".

Distracted Driving Regulations Update

Richard Ferch, VE3IAY/VE3KI – RAC Regulatory Affairs Officer
regulatory@rac.ca

Rules on distracted driving may be set and updated by each province or territory.

The following are links to rules that we know of in these jurisdictions:

Alberta:

http://www.qp.alberta.ca/1266.cfm?page=T06.cfm&leg_type=Acts&isbncIn=9780779791880&display=html

http://www.qp.alberta.ca/1266.cfm?page=2011_113.cfm&leg_type=Regs&isbncIn=9780779758609&display=html

British Columbia:

http://www.bclaws.ca/Recon/document/ID/freeside/96318_06

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/driving-and-transportation/driving/publications/electronic-devices-while-driving.pdf>

Manitoba:

[http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/h060e.php#215.1\(5\)](http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/h060e.php#215.1(5))

Newfoundland and Labrador:

http://www.assembly.nl.ca/legislation/sr/statutes/h03.htm#176_1

New Brunswick:

<http://laws.gnb.ca/en/showfulldoc/cs/M-17//20160714>

Northwest Territories:

<https://www.justice.gov.nt.ca/en/files/legislation/motor-vehicles/motor-vehicles.a.pdf>

<https://www.justice.gov.nt.ca/en/files/legislation/motor-vehicles/motor-vehicles.r17.pdf>

Nova Scotia:

<http://nslegislature.ca/legc/statutes/motor%20vehicle.pdf>

Nunavut:

No links at present

Ontario:

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90h08>

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/090366>

Prince Edward Island:

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/law/statutes/pdf/h-05.pdf>

Quebec:

<http://legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/ShowDoc/cs/C-24.2>

<https://saaq.gouv.qc.ca/en/road-safety/behaviours/distractions/cell-phones-texting/what-the-law-says/>

Saskatchewan:

<http://www.qp.gov.sk.ca/documents/english/Statutes/Statutes/T18-1.pdf>

Yukon:

http://www.gov.yk.ca/legislation/acts/move_c.pdf





Photo by Doug Mercer, YO1DTM

RAC AGM & Heart's Content Cable Station 150th Anniversary Hamfest



NOTICE TO RAC MEMBERS: 2016 RAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Radio Amateurs of Canada is pleased to hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Heart's Content in Newfoundland.

The AGM event will be held in conjunction with the Heart's Content Cable Station 150th Anniversary Hamfest (see page 6) which is being sponsored by the Society of Newfoundland Radio Amateurs (SONRA), the Baccalieu Amateur Radio Klub (BARK) and the Upper Trinity Amateur Radio Club (UTARC).

All RAC members are encouraged to attend the Annual General Meeting.

Date: Saturday, September 10

Time: 1:00 pm (Newfoundland Daylight Saving Time)

Place: The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Heart's Content Cable Station Provincial Historic Site, which is located on Highway 80 in Heart's Content about 90 minutes from St. John's, Newfoundland.

Agenda items will include:

- Report of the President
- Review of the 2015 finances
- Appointment of auditors for 2016
- Amendment to RAC Constitution (see page 7)
- Question and Answer period

This is your opportunity to hear what your representatives have been doing over the past year, to raise questions, and to make suggestions about how RAC is managed and where it is going in the future.

The meeting will be attended by some of the members of the RAC Board of Directors and Executive and is open to all RAC members.

In addition there will be a planned Webinar which RAC members can attend remotely. Details on how to connect to the Webinar will be published on the RAC website at <http://wp.rac.ca>.



Photo by Doug Mercer, VO1DTM

HEART'S CONTENT CABLE STATION 150TH ANNIVERSARY HAMFEST

The Society of Newfoundland Radio Amateurs (SONRA), Baccalieu Amateur Radio Klub (BARK) and the Upper Trinity Amateur Radio Club (UTARC) are pleased to host the RAC Annual General Meeting on **Saturday, September 10** as part of the Heart's Content Cable Station 150th Anniversary Hamfest.

Place: The Heart's Content Cable Station in historic Heart's Content, the site of the first permanent transatlantic cable coming ashore from Europe in 1866. The Cable Station is 90 minutes west of St John's, Newfoundland along the Trans-Canada Highway.

Time: Doors open to the public and vendors at 9 am.



Photo by Doug Mercer, VO1DTM

Featured events include:

- Tours of the Museum
- Amateur Radio Presentations
- Fleamarket
- Lunch compliments of SONRA
- Coffee compliments of BARK and UTARC
- RAC Annual General Meeting at 1 pm
- An evening social at Doug Mercer, VO1DM's summer residence in Green's Harbour on Route 80 (30 minutes from the Hamfest). The event is BYOB.

Cost: \$15 per person;
The evening social is BYOB.

Talkin: VO1GT 146.940- or VO1TCR 146.970-

For more information please contact Doug, VO1DM, at dougvo1dtm@gmail.com or visit <http://www.sonra.ca>.

RAC CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE NOTICE



The RAC Executive has reviewed the governance structure of Radio Amateurs of Canada and the proposed changes are provided below. No changes will be made without first presenting them to the RAC membership at the Annual General Meeting which will be held on **September 10, 2016**.

It is the recommendation of the RAC Board of Directors:

- 1) That the by-laws be amended to permit any required voting of members to take place electronically provided that at least 10 votes are received.
- 2) That the by-laws relating to Notice of Meetings be simplified to read as follows (changes from the current shown by italics):

Notice of any annual or special meeting of members and a summary of the purposes of the meeting containing enough information to allow a reasoned decision, shall be published in the organization's official publication, and *may be sent electronically* to the members not more than 60 days and not less than 21 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Any vote of the members to be conducted may be in paper or electronic means in the specific form and fashion to be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. The sending of any notices to the members may, unless a form and fashion are specifically prescribed by the Act, be in paper or electronic means in the specific form and fashion to be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. In the case of any notices sent to members, the Corporation may rely on the last physical or electronic address that a member has given notice of.

Directors Elections

- 3) That the by-laws relating to the method of election of Directors be simplified to read:

From time to time the Board of Directors shall establish a procedure for the election or appointment of Directors in each of the regions. Such procedure shall include:

- the establishment of a committee to oversee any election comprising no less than three (3) members;
- a solicitation of nominations from among the members of a period of no less than 30 days;
- nominations shall require the support of no fewer than the number of members in good standing established by the committee based on the size of the region and the distribution of members;
- the provision of information on the background of nominations;
- the conduct of the vote in paper or electronic means as determined;
- the declaration as elected of a sole nominee when the period for nominations closes; and
- in the event that no nominations are received, the ability of the Board to appoint someone for the region.

- 4) That the by-laws relating to filling vacancies on the Board of Directors be amended to allow the Board to fill any vacancy if no one is nominated for the position. Preference in such an appointment will be given to someone who has most recently served as the Deputy Director for the region concerned.

- 5) That the by-laws relating to Assistant Directors and Deputy Directors be amended to confirm that such offices are appointed by the Director concerned and that when such Director vacates their office, all positions of Assistant Director and Deputy Director are continued subject to a new appointment by a new Director.

For information: No other changes are currently proposed. Issues relating to term limits and regional distribution of Directors and the appointment of officers were considered. However, at present, no other changes are proposed.

At the 2016 Annual General Meeting, RAC members who are in attendance will be invited to vote on and give final approval to the special resolution.

I look forward to your attendance.

Glenn MacDonell, VE3XRA
President – Radio Amateurs of Canada

Simulated Emergency Test

*Doug Mercer, VO1DTM –
RAC Vice-President and Community Services Officer*



Date: Saturday, October 8

Note: In Ontario the Simulated Emergency Test will be held on Saturday, October 8 but at Emergency Operations Centres that are located in Municipal offices, that can't get access on the weekend, the SET will also be held on Wednesday, October 5.

The Simulated Emergency Test is a North America-wide exercise in emergency communications, administered by the ARRL and the RAC Emergency Coordinators and Net Managers. Both the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) and the National Traffic System (NTS) are involved. The SET weekend gives communicators the opportunity to focus on the emergency-communications capability within your community, while interacting with NTS nets.

RAC administers our Canadian SETs. Among other objectives we aim to strengthen the relationship between ARES and served municipalities and relief agencies. It is vitally important that this be done at the local EC level.

The deadline for receipt of all reports is **January 31, 2017**.

Note: Please use the SET Report Form at <http://wp.rac.ca/set-form/>. No other format is acceptable for reporting SET activities.

After their chosen SET weekend, participating ECs, Net Managers or others must send their completed forms online.

Please send a copy to your Section Manager (SM) and to your Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) or Section Traffic Manager (STM) as applicable. See form to submit an email copy for your own records.

Purpose of SET

- To find out the strengths and weaknesses of the ARES, NTS and other groups providing emergency communications.
- To provide a public demonstration – to served agencies such as Red Cross, Emergency Preparedness and, through the news media, of the value to the public that Amateur Radio provides, particularly in time of need.
- To help Radio Amateurs gain experience in communications using standard procedures and a variety of modes under simulated-emergency conditions.

Format

The scoring format reflects broad objectives and encourages use of digital modes for handling high-volume traffic and point-to-point welfare reports out of the affected simulated-disaster area. Participants will find SET an opportunity to strengthen the VHF-HF link at the local level, thereby ensuring that ARES and NTS are working in concert. The SET will give all levels of NTS the chance to handle exercise-related traffic.

Test messages should carry the word "TEST" before the precedence; that is, "Test Priority" on phone and "TEST P" on CW. The text of such messages should also begin with the words "TEST MESSAGE."

Preparing for SET

Emergency Coordinators

- 1) Sign up all available Radio Amateurs in the area under your jurisdiction and work them into your SET plans. Make special efforts to attract newly licensed Amateurs.
- 2) Call a meeting of all ARES members and prospective members to briefly outline (no details) SET activities and to give general instructions. Do not divulge the exact time or nature of the test to them at this time. This should come as a surprise. Take this opportunity to register new ARES members and get up-to-date information on others. Hold an on-the-air meeting if it's not possible to meet in person.
- 3) Contact served agencies and explain the intent and overall purpose of the SET. Offer to send test messages to other branches of their agencies and invite officials to your ARES meetings and SET operating sites.

- 4) Contact officials of any adjacent communities having no active Amateurs and offer to provide representation in Amateur networks for them as well.
- 5) Arrange publicity in local newspapers and radio/TV stations by preparing an announcement and/or inviting the press to observe your group's SET operation.
- 6) Set up liaison with one or more NTS local/section nets (if you don't already have liaison) so you will have an outlet for all messages out of the local area.
- 7) Formulate your plans around a simulated disaster. Possible "plots" include: a flood, a serious fire, an ice storm, a missing person, a serious accident (automobile, bus, aircraft, for examples), a broken gas line, a tornado and so forth. Elaborate on the situation by developing a scenario but please be realistic.

During the SET

- 1) Announce the emergency situation. Activate the emergency net. Dispatch mobiles to served agencies.
- 2) Have designated stations originate messages on behalf of served agencies. Test messages may be sent simulating requests for supplies. Simulated emergency messages (just like real emergency messages) should be signed by an authorized official.
- 3) Emphasize tactical communications for served agencies.
- 4) As warranted by traffic loads, have liaison stations on hand to receive traffic on the local net and relay to your section net. You should also be sure that there is a representative on each session of the section net to receive traffic going to the local area.
- 5) Operate at least one session (or substantial segment of a session) of the local net on an emergency-only basis. Or, if a repeater is on emergency power, allow only emergency-powered stations to operate through the repeater for a certain time period.

After the SET

An important post-SET activity is a critique session to discuss the test results. All ARES members should be invited to the meeting to review good points and weaknesses apparent in the drill. Emphasize ways to improve procedures, techniques and coordination with all groups involved. Report your group's effort to RAC and TCA and include any photos, clippings and other items of interest.

National Traffic System

The main function of NTS in an emergency situation is to tie together all of the various local activities and to provide a means by which all traffic destined outside of a local area, section or region can be systematically relayed to the addressee. NTS routing should be followed. A valid exception is the handling of emergency traffic which should be routed as rapidly and efficiently as possible, bypassing various levels of nets when delivery can be expedited. Another exception is when one station is loaded down with traffic for one region or section. At the discretion of the Net Control Station (NCS), the station may be directed to bypass a normal channel and go directly to a lower (or higher) echelon net.

The interface between NTS and ARES lies in the liaison function between local nets and other NTS nets, particularly at the section level. Responsibility for representation of the local network on the section net lies with the local net manager who may or may not be the EC. Although we usually think of ARES members being the representatives in section nets, it is equally valid to expect NTS personnel to act as liaison to local nets.

At least one net session or substantial segment of a session should be conducted on emergency power. Plan a surprise session or two. Advise the NCS just before net time. If the NCS is unable to operate on emergency power, then someone else must be net control. Only stations operating on emergency power may report in during this time.

Summary

One of the first steps on the way to a successful SET is to try to get as many people involved as possible, especially new Amateurs. In a real emergency, we find Amateurs with all sorts of varied interests coming out of the woodwork. Let's get them involved in SET so they will know more about how emergency communications should be handled. Promote SET on nets and repeaters. Sign up new, enthusiastic Amateurs. Many of those offering to help will be inexperienced in public-service activities. It's up to you to explain to them what's going on and provide them with useful roles. They may like it so much that they will become a permanent fixture in your ARES or NTS group.

RAC Board Reappoints Two Trustees for the Hall of Fame

Ed Frazer, VE7EF – Chair of Board of Trustees of the Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame

At the July 21 meeting of the RAC Board of Directors, two trustees, whose terms had expired, were reappointed to the Board of Trustees for the Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame.

They are:

- **Rob Brennen, VE6TR**, Redwater, Alberta
First appointed: 2010; New term expires 2019
- **John Grow, VE2EQL**, Greenfield Park, Quebec
First Appointed: 2013; New term expires 2019

The Hall of Fame is administered by an independent Board of Trustees, one Trustee per province. The Board has sole discretion and authority to appoint Members and Honorary Members of the Hall. The Trustee's term of office is three years, which may be renewed.

TRUSTEES OF THE HALL OF FAME

Alberta: Rob Brennen, VE6TR, Redwater, AB
First appointed: June 2010; Expires: 2019

British Columbia: Fred Orsetti, VE7IO, Surrey, BC
First appointed: October 2009; Expires: 2018

Manitoba: Roger Froebe, VE4RLF; Winnipeg, MB
First appointed: 2015; Expires 2018

New Brunswick: Yvon Hachey, VE1VON, Dieppe, NB *
First Appointed: April 2015; Expires 2018

Newfoundland and Labrador: Frank Davis, VO1HP, St. John's, NL
First appointed: 2006; Expires 2018

Nova Scotia: Roger Porter, VE1VCE; Antigonish, NS **
First appointed: 1992; Expires 2018

Ontario: Tom Haavisto, VE3CX, Kaministiquia, ON
First appointed: 2011; Expires: 2017

Prince Edward Island: Ella McCormick, VE1PEI, Kensington, PE
First appointed: 2015; Expires: 2018

Quebec: John Grow, VE2EQL, Greenfield Park, QC
First Appointed: 2013; Expires: 2019

Saskatchewan: Ned Carroll, VE5NED, Davidson, SK
First appointed: 2009; Expires: 2018

Notes:

* Hugh Clark, VE9HC, was the original Trustee for New Brunswick and he served until he became a Silent Key in 2014.

** Roger Porter, VE1VCE, is the original and ongoing Trustee for Nova Scotia.

CHAIR OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Directors of Radio Amateurs of Canada appoints the Chair of the Board of Trustees. The following are the Chairs since the inception of the Hall of Fame.

- 2009 to present: Ed Frazer, VE7EF, West Vancouver, BC
- 1999 to 2008: Jim Hay, VE2VE, Montreal, QC
- 1989 to 1998: Maurice Gladden, VO1FG, Carbonear, NF

Thanks to all Trustees, past and present, for their diligent service in reviewing nominations to the Hall of Fame.

SPONSORSHIPS

Like most things in life, there are costs associated with these awards, and we are grateful to two clubs for underwriting the costs for the Hall of Fame. The Ottawa Amateur Radio Club has sponsored the awards since 1998. The North Shore Amateur Radio Club (BC) began sponsorship in 2014. Thanks to both clubs for their support.

What is the Hall of Fame all About?

Radio Amateurs of Canada recognizes deserving Amateurs by appointments to the Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame. A person who is not a resident of Canada may be appointed only as an Honorary Member of the Hall. Nomination or appointment for Member or Honorary Member of the Hall may be after the death of the nominee.

The Constitution of the Hall specifies that the appointment as Member of the Hall is for "outstanding achievement and excellence of the highest degree, for serious and sustained service to Amateur Radio in Canada, or to Amateur Radio at large". So what does all that mean?

The Trustees of the Hall have interpreted the Constitution to mean that the person has performed significant service over many years to enhance the well-being of Amateur Radio. For example, the Amateur may have served on: Canada's national Amateur Radio organizations (the Canadian Radio Relay League, the Canadian Amateur Radio Federation or Radio Amateurs of Canada); technical, regulatory or international committees; and/or Provincial or local associations such as repeater or emergency councils.

He or she may have become proficient in one or more areas of expertise and then shared this knowledge with other Amateurs by publishing articles, giving classes or providing seminars. They may have given back to Amateur Radio by becoming Accredited Examiners or teaching classes (Basic, Advanced and Morse Code) for several years.

No single achievement would necessarily qualify an Amateur for the Hall of Fame, but a lifetime of service would be favorable. Look at the list of Hall Members provided below and you will find Amateurs who have made distinguished contributions in many areas.

Please get together with your fellow Amateurs or club members and submit a nomination or two. Let us avoid the situation where no nominations are received as in past years. Let's not wait until a worthy Amateur becomes a Silent Key before he or she is honoured.

How do you nominate someone?

A Call for Nominations is issued annually in the July-August issue of The Canadian Amateur magazine. Nominations may be submitted at any time of the year, but nominations for consideration in the current year must be submitted to RAC Headquarters by the last business day of September.

Nominations must be submitted by using the Nomination Form which is available for download from the RAC website at <http://wp.rac.ca/>. Click on "Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame" under the "Programmes" header, and look in the "Call for Nominations" section. All nominations must include a biographical sketch and three references. If you have questions concerning the process, contact the Chair of Trustees at ve7ef@rac.ca.

MEMBERS OF THE HALL OF FAME

Honorary Member

2015 – Larry Price, W4RA

Members

2015 – Jim Dean, VE3IQ

2015 – Farrell (Hoppy) Hopwood, VE7RD

2014 – George Spencer, VE3AGS

2014 – Don Dashney, VE3RM

2013 – Ken Pulfer, VE3PU

2013 – Earle Smith, VE6NM

2012 – Bob Nash, VE3KZ

2011 – Jack Belrose, VE2CV/VE3CVV

2010 – No nominations

2009 – Croft Taylor, VE3CT

2008 – No Nominations

2007 – Murray Ronald, VE4RE

2005 – No nominations

2004 – No nominations

2003 – No nominations

2002 – Tom Atkins, VE3CDM

2001 – No nominations

2000 – No nominations

1999 – Dave Snydal, VE4XN

1998 – Allan Davies, VE5AQ

1997 – Bill Wilson, VE3NR

1996 – Fred Hammond, VE3HC

1995 – Bill Loucks, VE3AR

1994 – No nomination

1993 – Noel Eaton, VE3CJ

1992 – Art Blick, VE3AHU

1991 – No nominations

1990 – No nominations

1989 – Doug Lockart, VE7APU

Prepared by Ed Frazer, VE7EF

Chair of Board of Trustees

Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame

ve7ef@rac.ca – West Vancouver, BC

RAC Director Heading to CY9 St. Paul Island DXpedition

RAC Ontario South Director, Phil McBride, VA3QR/VA3KPJ, is heading on a DXpedition to St. Paul Island (IOTA NA-094) as part of a team of 11 operators led by Randy Rowe, N0TG and Murray Adams, WA4DAN.

Phil provided the following report:

“We’ll be operating from two different sites separated by approximately 3 kilometres, and are hoping to have a station operating on 20m CW and SSB simultaneously, 24/7 throughout the duration of the expedition.

I am going as an operator, I.T./Network Manager and am the call sign licensee. The logo we are using for the DXpedition is shown on the right.

The website is www.cy9dxpedition.com, the call sign is good on QRZ, and I’ll be posting pictures and updates to my website (www.va3qr.ca) and to my Twitter account (@VA3QR) while on the island.

We’re planning on having stable, broadband access to the Internet, both sites will be linked via a 70 cm Wi-Fi solution, and we’ll be posting QSOs to ClubLog in realtime.”



Watch for an article about the DXpedition in a future issue of *The Canadian Amateur* magazine.

Radio Amateurs of Canada – Maple Leaf Legacy Circle:

Your Personal Legacy: Making A Difference for the Future of Amateur Radio



RAC would like to recognize and honour Amateur Radio operators who have made the ultimate gift by voluntarily including Radio Amateurs of Canada in their will or other estate plans by welcoming them into the RAC Maple Leaf Legacy Circle.

One of the most important matters that everyone must manage and establish at some point in life is proper financial due diligence in estate planning for your family and loved ones.

One may also choose to express their gratitude to those organizations that meant the most to you in your life.

Professional advice should be sought in estate planning and your legal rights and tax laws must be considered when planning which estate vehicle best meets your needs. Your goals and priorities can then be consolidated into a customized plan.

RAC is well aware of many testimonials whereby Amateur Radio played a very important role in many people's lives as a fulfilling hobby and for some it even became a stepping stone to their financial success in professional life.

Choosing to enroll in this RAC program is a very thoughtful and generous action we wish to recognize.

RAC Maple Leaf Legacy Circle Benefits:

- Custom-designed RAC Maple Legacy Circle pin with engraved call sign
- Two automobile window decals
- Personalized certificate (signed by the RAC President)
- Credit for purchasing RAC items

Contact RAC for further information: 1-877-273-8304 – racomms@gmail.com

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RAC Affiliated Club Program

RAC is proud to recognize the following clubs which are participating in our Affiliated Club Program.

- Abbotsford Amateur Radio Society
- Algoma Amateur Radio Club Inc.
- Almonte Amateur Radio Club Inc.
- Amateur Radio Society of Dryden
- Avalon Radio Amateurs Club
- Barrie Amateur Radio Club
- BC FM Comm. Association
- Border City Radio Club Inc.
- Brandon Amateur Radio Club Inc.
- Brockville Amateur Radio Club
- Bulkley Amateur Radio Society
- Burlington Amateur Radio Club
- Burnaby Amateur Radio Club
- Calgary Amateur Radio Association
- Calgary Communications Club
- Calgary Regional ARES
- Cambridge Amateur Radio Club
- Central Alberta Amateur Radio Club
- Central Toronto Club
- Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club
- Chatham-Kent Amateur Radio Club
- Club de radioamateur Vallée du Richelieu
- Coast Emergency Communications Association
- Contest Club Ontario
- Coquitlam Amateur Radio Emergency Services Society
- Covey Hill Amateur Club
- Cowichan Valley Amateur Radio Society
- Delta Amateur Radio Society
- Digital Ham Radio Group of Manitoba Inc.
- East Kootenay Club
- Elmira Radio Club Inc.
- Festival City Amateur Radio Club
- Foothills Amateur Radio Society
- Fort McMurray Amateur Radio Club
- Fort Saskatchewan Amateur Radio Club
- Fraser Valley Amateur Radio Emergency Service Society
- Fredericton Amateur Radio Club Inc.
- Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club
- Guelph Amateur Radio Club Inc.
- Halifax Amateur Radio Club
- Halton Amateur Radio Club
- Hamilton Amateur Radio Club
- International Repeater Group
- Kamloops Amateur Radio Club Inc.
- Kingston Amateur Radio Club
- Lake Simcoe Repeater Association

- Lambton County Radio Club
- Lanark North Leeds ARES
- Langley Amateur Radio Association
- Lethbridge Senior Citizens Amateur Radio Club
- London Amateur Radio Club Inc.
- Loyalist City Amateur Radio Club
- Manitoba Repeater Society Inc.
- Manitoulin Amateur Radio Club
- Maritime Contest Club
- Melfort Repeater Group Inc.
- Mid Island Radio Association
- Mississauga Amateur Radio Club
- Mobile Emergency Communications Club
- Moncton Amateur Radio Club
- Montreal Amateur Radio Club
- Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club Inc.
- North Bay Amateur Radio Club
- North Central Alberta Amateur Radio Club
- North Okanagan Radio Amateur Club
- North Shore Amateur Radio Club (BC)
- North Shore Amateur Radio Club (ON)
- Northern Alberta Radio Club
- Northern Saskatchewan ARC
- Northwestern Ontario Radio Club
- Nortown Amateur Radio Club Inc.
- Orillia Amateur Radio Club
- Ottawa Amateur Radio Club
- Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club
- Pathfinders Amateur Radio Club Inc.
- Peace Country Amateur Radio Club
- Peel Amateur Radio Club
- Penticton ARC
- Peterborough Amateur Radio Club
- Pinoy Amateur Radio Association of Alberta
- Playland Amateur Radio Repeater Association
- Powell River Society
- Prescott-Russell Amateur Radio Club Inc.
- Prince Edward Amateur Radio Club
- Prince George Amateur Radio Club
- Quarter Century Amateur Radio Club
- Quinte Amateur Radio Club
- Regina Amateur Radio Association Inc.
- Richmond Amateur Radio Club
- Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club
- Salt Spring Amateur Radio Club
- Sask Alta Radio Club
- Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
- Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

- Shelburne County Amateur Radio Club
- Shuswap Amateur Radio Club
- Society of Newfoundland Radio Amateurs
- South Pickering Amateur Radio Club
- Southern Alberta Repeater Association
- Southern Ontario Repeater Team Inc.
- Southpoint Amateur Radio Club
- Sudbury Amateur Radio Club
- Sun Parlour Amateur Radio Club Inc.
- Surrey Amateur Radio Club
- Terrace Amateur Radio Club
- The Renfrew County Amateur Radio Club Inc.
- The Sun Parlour Retirees Amateur Radio Club Inc.
- Three Hills Amateur Radio Club
- Timmins Amateur Radio Club
- Tri-County Amateur Radio Club Inc.
- Truro Amateur Radio Club
- Upper Trinity Amateur Radio Club
- Vancouver Emergency Community Telecommunications Organization (VECTOR)
- Victoria New Horizons Club
- West Carleton Amateur Radio Club
- West Island Amateur Radio Club
- West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club
- West Side Radio Club
- Westcumb Amateur Radio Club
- White Rock Amateur Radio Club Society
- Wild Rose Amateur Radio Society
- Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club
- Winnipeg Amateur Radio Emergency Service
- Winnipeg Digital Repeater Group Inc.
- Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club
- Yellowknife Amateur Radio Society

If your club is not listed above and your club would like to affiliate with Radio Amateurs of Canada, please go to the following link to find out more about the Affiliated Clubs Program:

<http://wp.rac.ca/affiliated-club-listing/>

Also at this link is an up-to-date list as clubs are added, a list of benefits of affiliation and an application form if your club would like to affiliate and support RAC.

One of the major benefits of club affiliation is being able to participate in the Liability Insurance Program provided. There are great savings on club liability and equipment insurance.

You can find more information at: <http://wp.rac.ca/p1520/>

The RAC Affiliated Club Program and RAC Liability Insurance Program are administered by RAC headquarters staff.

All matters relating to these programs, must be directed to the following address:

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