



Midwest Report

Ensuring radio amateurs in the Midwest are informed!

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Resignation of Midwest Director

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Due to increased demands on his personal and career schedules, Midwest Director Devon Racicot, VE5DWR, has regretfully submitted his resignation from the Radio Amateurs of Canada Board of Directors. The RAC Board and Executive extend its sincere thanks to Devon for his past service, and best wishes for the future. As required by the RAC Constitution, a call for nominations to fill the remainder of the director's two-year term will appear in the July-August 2009 issue of The Canadian Amateur magazine, as will nomination procedure details. Qualified RAC members who reside in Manitoba or Saskatchewan are encouraged to take the necessary steps at that time to fill the post and ensure representation for all Radio Amateurs in the Midwest Region.

Appointment of Midwest Region Director

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At a Special Meeting of the Radio Amateurs of Canada Board of Directors, held May 5, 2009, Derek Hay, VE4HAY, was unanimously appointed Midwest Region Director to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of former director Devon Racicot, VE5DWR. Derek brings to the Board a wealth of experience and will hold the post in accordance with the RAC Constitution until a formal election can be conducted in the Region. A call for nominations to elect a permanent Midwest Region Director will appear in the July- August 2009 issue of The Canadian Amateur magazine, giving full details of the election process.

News from the Board Meeting in Cornwall

Looking for Assistance

With the changing of the Midwest Director, also comes with the re-appointment of the Assistant Directors. As such I am contacting the current assistants but I am also looking for new blood and new assistants. So if you live in Regina, Saskatoon or rural Saskatchewan or you live in Brandon, or rural Manitoba and you would like to assist me in RAC duties, I really could use your help. In fact, it does not matter if you live in these areas or not. I need your help. So if you are willing to help your national association, please send me an email (see the front page for my address)

Membership Goal

I would like each of you to approach you fellow hams, and with in the next 12 months see if you can extend the virtues of being a RAC member to them and convert them into a RAC member. It is a simple goal. Use this web link as a guide as to what RAC provides <http://rac.ca/join.htm> and for more detail, check this link <http://www.rac.ca/en/rac/membership/benefits.php>

Saskatchewan Hamfest,

July 11, 2009 at Lanigan. Cost \$10.00 to get in, FleaMarket tables are \$3.00 Doors open at 9:00am There will be a great deal of activities... Contact Val ve5aq@sasktel.net

RAC - Annual Board Meeting – Cornwall

After only being a Director for 1 week, I attended the RAC annual Board meeting in Cornwall. This was a whirl wind trip, flying in on Thursday, driving to Cornwall right from the airport, and getting into the meetings with in a couple of hours of the arrival. I can tell you that the board is all business. This is not to say that we get not have time to socialize, we did but, only after a long day of board meetings, and most of us were pretty tired by then. The agenda was well laid out, and for the most part strictly followed. Most of the reports and decisions were routine yearly reports submitted by the various Directors, Vice-Presidents, or Committee chairs, etc. But lots of discussion was generated as the day went on. The one thing that was made clear was that RAC is in a bit of a financial quagmire. And some fat will need to be trimmed, and belts tightened. As Such, as explained above, we are asking every member to bring in one new member. While the number of Hams in Canada is about even, the number of Hams who are members of RAC is down. And RAC relies on its membership revenue to support the services it has. As an example, did you know that it cost RAC over \$9,000.00 to manage the Outgoing QSL bureau? Yes, these were your cards being sent out to the various administrations around the world. I have a couple pages of notes from the Board meeting, so I will not bore you with all these details but, rest assured, that from what I observed and participated in, the Board of Directors and the Executive of RAC has it's members and the services it provides to them as the top priority.

RAC's QSL Bureau

Another RAC membership benefit

At the Board meeting in Cornwall, I learned a lot about RAC's QSL bureau, and I thought I would share some of this with you.

The Outgoing Bureau

In 2008 total of 484 kg in Canadian QSL cards were sent to foreign and domestic QSL bureaus. Additional cards sent in 2008 were held from previous year to package in bigger boxes. Total of 297 mailings was shipped. Total expenses (\$9665.04) were contained to the level less than 10K, applying policy to package bigger boxes and increase waiting period, from typically 3 months to 4-5 months.

The Incoming Bureau

For 2008 QSL volumes have picked up again after 2 years of falling volumes. 2005 volume 194200 QSL's, 2006 volume 143700, 2007 volume 115100, 2008 volume 162200, The cost of shipments and taxes for 2008 was \$734.69, For PO Box rental \$136.73, Shipping Supplies, (tape, elastic bands) \$ 22.54, Total Cost \$893.96

VO1	VE1	VE2	VE3	VE4	VE5	VE6	VE7	VE8	VE9	VY1	RAC HQ	O/G	Total
12600	14450	26900	67850	1325	3100	10100	18400	215	5525	245	400	1110	162200

CPC-3-14-01

Determinations of Harmful Interference with Respect to Radio-Sensitive Equipment

There is a new CPC out from Industry Canada, which deals with harmful interference that I encourage all hams to have a look at. This seems to be tighter in energy levels than Safety Code-6, which were all familiar with.

Teachers Wanted

If you are a teacher in high school, please get in touch with me. Is your school short on funds? Would you like to have greater resources to provide quality education to your students? Of course the answer to these questions is, Yes. Well, The RAC Youth Education Program will provide financial and personal support to teachers and schools in all regions of the country. Teachers who wish to include an element of radio technology in their classroom programs will be eligible for assistance in acquiring the necessary equipment, books and other resources. As such, I am looking for teachers who would be interested in showing Amateur Radio to their students, in an effort to plant the bug we all have.

Club Listing

The Club listing on the RAC.ca website will be deleted for all listings that have not been updated since 2007. Below are the listings as they currently stand.

Please cut your club listing out of the list below,

Paste it into a word or Notepad document.

make the changes required

Then email the file to Geoff Smith, VE3GS - Geoffrey.Smith@sac.on.ca

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