

"Even if I do like the RAC services, why should I join if I don't agree with all of the RAC policies?"

Most of us who belong to RAC do so because we value the various services RAC provides for us and our fellow amateurs. We also belong to produce a united voice in defence of Amateur Radio, whether or not we agree on every public position taken by RAC or by the Regional Director that we elected to represent us.

Don't be put off by the fact that you don't agree with the majority of the seven RAC Regional Directors on any particular issue. Remember that not all Board votes are unanimous. There are probably some Directors, as well as many RAC members who may support your position.

Why not join RAC, and work with your elected Director to have your viewpoint heard and understood?

If your Director doesn't agree with you, and can't be convinced to put your position forward, and you think that their *overall* performance is not adequate, then you may wish to gather enough support to nominate and then elect a different Director, when the two year election time comes around for your Region.

We all ultimately want the same thing - an improved Amateur Radio Service, and a strong united voice to make that happen. Join RAC and help us to bring that about.

About Radio Amateurs of Canada

Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) is the national amateur radio society for Canada.

RAC was organized:

- for the promotion of Amateur Radio communication and experimentation,
- for the establishment of amateur radio networks capable of providing emergency communications in the event of disaster, and
- for the representation of Canadian radio amateurs to Industry Canada and other government agencies, and internationally as the Canadian member society in the International Amateur Radio Union.

RAC is incorporated as a non-share capital non-profit corporation under the Canada Corporations Act - Part Two, and is governed by a seven person elected Board of Directors, each Director representing a geographic region of the country. The Executive Officers are elected by majority vote of the Board of Directors, and are not on the Board. Although the only essential qualification for RAC membership is a genuine interest in Amateur Radio, full voting membership is granted only to licensed amateurs.

Membership in RAC includes a subscription to *The Canadian Amateur* magazine. Address membership inquiries and general correspondence to:

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a great
magazine!*

Radio Amateurs of Canada cordially invites you to join our organization, and to enjoy the many benefits of belonging to Canada's national amateur radio association:

- You receive 6 issues a year of the popular magazine **The Canadian Amateur**.
- Your reps in Ottawa ... **RAC** is your single, national voice representing you to the federal government (Industry Canada) on important national issues such as tower legislation, RF interference and spectrum grabs by big business. It costs **RAC** thousands of dollars to maintain membership in the **Radio Advisory Board of Canada** and to attend spectrum planning and interference meetings on your behalf.
- The **RAC Web Site** gets you surfing the **World Wide Web** with amateur radio news, info, call sign directory, antenna programs and a pile of links to other powerful resources. Visit us at <http://www.rac.ca/>
- **RAC** is actively involved in the IARU **International Amateur Radio Union** which works with the UN's **International Telecommunications Union (ITU)** to preserve and expand our frequency spectrum allocations. No amateur radio spectrum - no amateur radio!
- **RAC** provides members with a free Outgoing QSL Service to countries around the world. Fifty outgoing cards in a year pays for your whole membership fee, and the rest is free. Look in **The Canadian Amateur** for the address of the free Incoming QSL Bureau in your area.
- Add to your QSL card collection by participating in the two annual **RAC** contests: the **RAC Canada Day Contest** and the **RAC Canada Winter Contest** in late December. Join the fun from 160m to 2m.
- Work towards any of the **RAC Operating Awards** - the **Canadaward**, **Transcanada**, **St. Lawrence Seaway**, and **Provincial Capitals**.
- Beginners need our **Basic Study Guide**. If you're upgrading, get the **Advanced Study Guide**. Both **Question Banks** are available too! All hams

need the **RAC Operating Manual** - a universal desktop reference. Get them all from your favorite amateur radio dealer.

- The **RAC Field Organization** coordinates the activities of traffic-handling, emergency communications, and bulletin services across Canada. You can make a difference to your community by joining the **RAC sponsored Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)** or **National Traffic System (NTS)**.
- The **RAC Certified Emergency Coordinator Program** provides certificates to recognize those ARES Emergency Coordinators who pass a rigorous examination on emergency measures structures and procedures
- **RAC** now issues the **CEPT** and **IARP** international permits so that you can operate your station in many countries without additional permission. This can save you a lot of time and effort. (Details on website at <http://www.rac.ca>)
- The **RAC Foundation** applies member donations to provide financial support through scholarships, research and equipment grants.
- The **RAC Affiliated Club Program** provides various documents and other useful material to help local amateur radio clubs to be more efficient and to provide more useful programs for their members.
- The **RAC Affiliated Club Liability Insurance Program** provides affordable liability insurance for local radio clubs.
- The **RAC Audio-Visual Program** includes VHS cassette videos at nominal cost. Topics include amateur radio, emergency communications, new modes, radio history, contesting, new modes, space communications and DXpeditions.

Our volunteers are hard at work on more benefits for our members. But even with all those volunteers, we need your financial support to carry on the work!

We know that amateur radio is very important to you. You need **RAC** ... and **RAC** needs you.

Yes!

**I wish to join RAC today and receive TCA!
Enclosed is my payment In the amount of \$53.45
(\$57.44 in NF, NS, and NB) (Cheque/money order
accepted*)**

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Additional family members (same address) may join for \$20 per extra person. (1 copy of TCA per household.)

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Signature _____

**Enclosed is a SASE (92 ¢ stamp, 9 x 12 envelope)
so that I may receive the following:
Information on RAC Foundation ()**

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