

Quinte 'QRM'

Newsletter of the Quinte Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
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REMINDER:

DATE / TIME: Wednesday, December 14, 2011 @ 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Red Rock Canyon Restaurant,
365 North Front St, Belleville

PROGRAM: Annual Christmas Social and Get-together.

Please RSVP to Mike Papper VE3OX at 613-969-1744
if you will be attending. Everyone Welcome!

The next monthly meeting of the Quinte Amateur Radio
Club at Loyalist College will be on
Wednesday January 18, 2012.

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North East Ontario Regional Directors Report for December, 2011



I will dispense with the details of the November Board of Directors meeting as it dealt with administrative issues primarily. I would like to highlight some of the items that are of interest to you.

RAC membership is increasing. Yep you read that correctly. Albeit it's at a small rate but for the last 4 months membership is actually increasing. This is a good trend and suggests Canadian Amateurs realise that RAC will be here for the long haul. Expect more on this in 2012 as continuing to increase membership will be a focus for RAC executive in the New Year.

The Maple Leaf Memberships are also rising and are now in excess of 120. I know these are difficult economic times but these folks have stepped up and said supporting RAC is worth a \$100. If you find it within your means I hope you will consider supporting RAC at this elite level so we can continue to advocate for Canadian Amateurs.

The companies who joined RAC as Corporate Members are now advertising on the RAC web page. You may want to check them out and then visit their web sites.

Our Treasurer, Margaret, VA3VXN announced that RAC will finish the 2011 fiscal year in the black. It has been a while since this happened so it's very good news. Unfortunately for RAC Margaret has decided that she needs to focus more time on her schooling and home life so will complete her term and not seek re-election. If you have financial training and would be willing to volunteer please contact me.

Stephen Mayne, VE3LWX is starting to ramp up in his position as Co-Coordinator of Philanthropy and is building a team to assist him. If you could help with graphics, legal expertise, have experience in philanthropy or fundraising please contact Stephen at ve3lwx@rac.ca.

In the last few weeks I have been active on 30, 20 and 15 Metres with my Elecraft K1 running 3 watts into a homebrew vertical. The band conditions have been GREAT and now have a dozen new countries in the log. I will be sending my QSL's to Nenad at the outgoing RAC QSL bureau for forwarding. Canada Post charges a \$1.75 per card; I will send a dozen to the bureau for less than the price of one.

In the last few days there have been stories on the number of American Amateurs increasing and reaching new highs. The obvious question is "What about Canada?" While talking to Garry, VE6CIA from Red Deer he told me that his group just turned out 21 new Amateurs in Alberta in the last few months. It sounds like we are also attracting new Amateurs in Canada as well. If you or your club has Amateur classes let me know.

I hope to work you in the RAC Winter Contest on December 17th. Good luck.

Finally on behalf of Rita, and me, we would like to wish each of you all the best this Christmas season. Hopefully you will get a few moments to spend some time in front of your rig and enjoy the good conditions. Merry Christmas and all the best in 2012.

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at ve3xt@rac.ca.

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