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RAC Affiliated Club Program Application Approval

On behalf of the Executive and the Board of Directors of RAC, I am pleased to advise that your application for affiliation with Radio Amateurs of Canada has been approved. Welcome to the all new RAC Affiliated Club Program for 1998.

If you have provided us with an e-mail address, you will have received your RAC web site password so you can download at no charge the various RAC Affiliated Club Program documents. If you cannot download the documents and print them locally on an ink jet or laser printer, photocopies are available on request from RAC HQ for the nominal cost of handling and postage.

RAC does not require any minimum percentage of RAC members for affiliation (though we hope that an 11- issue subscription to our excellent magazine *The Canadian Amateur* and our new and growing member benefits have earned the support of all your members). As you will recall from the published RAC Affiliated Club Program description, the only requirements for club affiliation are the same as ARRL applies to their 2000+ affiliated clubs in the United States. We think they are well considered and quite reasonable for RAC to use in our similar program:

a) that the club have a constitution

A constitution ensures a minimum level of structure for the protection of both executive and ordinary members, whether or not your club is incorporated.

b) that the club policies do not conflict with those of RAC

This requirement is not there so RAC can dictate to affiliated clubs. Our intention is to be a resource. On the other hand, club affiliation with RAC is completely voluntary. RAC does not expect that a club whose policies conflict with their national society would want to affiliate, as the purpose of affiliation is to form a homogeneous organization for unity of action in matters affecting the welfare of amateur radio. We expect that members of our affiliated clubs will want to participate in our national programs for the mutual benefit this brings to both the club and to RAC. Now more than ever unity of purpose and action is essential to protect our increasingly threatened frequency spectrum; to reinforce our ranks with new amateurs having the proper training and positive attitudes towards the Amateur Radio Service; and to better serve our communities through ready, proficient and effective public service.

- c) that the club has submitted an application/report form to RAC HQ at the beginning of each year**

A new application form and report should be submitted at yearend, listing your then-current officers and programs. Look for the form for the RAC Affiliated Club Program for 1999 on the RAC web site in December, or request a copy from RAC HQ.

- d) that 51% of the club members are licensed, except for clubs in Category 3 (school, youth and seniors clubs) and Category 4 (club councils or societies, including provincial societies)**

The current affiliated club listing is shown on the RAC web site. Unless it was obvious from your club name or the wording of your application, our RAC HQ volunteer has recorded your club in Category 1 (local club). If you should be recorded in Category 2 (regional club), or the above Category 3 or Category 4, please advise RAC HQ so we can correct your record for 1998.

In accepting your application, we are extending the benefit of the doubt on any requirements compliance questions. If you are not presently in compliance with the above four requirements, please consider what steps you might take toward compatibility, so we can work together without reservation. If you need some help or advice to work out any incompatibility, send me a letter or memo, e-mail me at ve3xk@rac.ca or telephone 613 729 4866.

It was our hope that the various documents provided in the RAC Affiliated Club Kit would contribute to increasing the effectiveness of your club operation and to the greater enjoyment and satisfaction of your club executive and ordinary members. To save time, and to benefit from their years of experience, we are starting by adapting (with permission) the highly regarded ARRL club program material. We want to add to the present 25% Canadian content, as new ideas and material come to our attention. Please let me have your comments on the value of the kit to your club, and your suggestions for improvement or additions.

73

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