

RAC Ontario Sections Bulletin for 19 Apr, 2025

This is V_3___, Official Bulletin Station for Radio Amateurs of Canada with this week's bulletin.

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. Former RAC V-P Ian MacFarquhar VE9IM, SK

Radio Amateurs of Canada has received the sad news that former RAC Vice-President, Ian MacFarquhar, VE9IM, became a Silent Key on April 8, 2025, at the age of 75. RAC would like to extend its sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Ian held several volunteer positions with Radio Amateurs of Canada including Vice-President, Acting President, and as RAC's representative on the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program. He was also instrumental in organizing RAC's successful Affiliated Club Insurance Program.

-- more details on RAC website

ONTARIO SECTION NEWS

2. Simcoe County Hamfest

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2025
Location: Grenfel Community Center, 1989 Sunnidale Road
Springwater Township. (on County Road 40) .
Times: Setup 0800 open 0900 Cleanup 1200
Cost: Vendors \$5. Attendees Free.
Donations for Grenfel Centre building fund welcome.
Talk-in: 146.55 Mhz simplex no tone
Description: Since 2016 by popular demand, we do this twice a year,
2nd Saturday May and September. Tailgate or bring
your own table. Lots of room no reservation required.
It is outdoors but we do have a large covered area if
weather gets nasty.
Door prizes generously provided by Radioworld,
Hock Shop Canada and Simcoe County Radio Enthusiast
drawn at 1000.
Info: call or e-mail Brent VE3UME, ve3ume @ yahoo.com
705-733-0554
Webpage: <https://scare-radio.com/Scare-Radio.com/Home.html>

3. Ottawa issues Proclamation for World Amateur Radio Day

Mayor Mark Sutcliffe proclaimed April 18, 2025 as World Amateur Radio Day in Ottawa and Ottawa-area Amateur Radio enthusiasts celebrated with community engagement events across the region.

Read more – Radio Amateurs of Canada News

<https://www.rac.ca/city-of-ottawa-issues-proclamation-for-world-amateur-radio-day/>

ITEMS OF INTEREST

4. The World Wide Award

Italian hams are the team behind the World Wide Award—a ham event that has grown from a single spark during WRTC Italy in 2023 into a full-blown phenomenon lighting up the HF bands twice a year.

Their goal: make something simple, engaging, and powerful enough to stir interest well beyond the contesting elite. What began as the WRTC Award became a platform that now powers World Wide Award, or WWA.

The best part? Anyone can join. Activators run like mini-DXpeditions, while hunters chase them down across modes and bands, including the warc bands. It's not a contest, which means less pressure, more flexibility, and a whole lot of fun. Operate when you want, however you want—and watch the pileups follow.

The January event runs all month. The July sprint is a one-week frenzy.

Looking ahead, the team is rolling out Ham Copilot—a real-time assistant for DXers—and HamStream, a livestreaming integration for QRZ profiles. They're not just building tools; they're reshaping how we experience the hobby.

Head to hamaward.com/wwa. Whether you're an activator, a hunter, or just someone tired of hearing "ham radio is dying," this might change your mind.

--- QRZ News

This concludes this week's bulletin. Does anyone require repeats or clarifications?

Hearing none, This is V_3___ returning the frequency to net control.

Bulletin sent from Official Bulletin Manager VA3PC