



Radio Amateurs of Canada

Youth Education Program

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I am very pleased to announce that another school has been added to the Youth Education Program! The **Grand Manan Community School** on Grand Manan Island is a K-12 school. Teacher Roger LaChaine (VE9BO) is the head of Technical Studies and intends to offer Amateur Radio as part of his program for grades 6 to 12. In addition to developing possible Amateur Radio operators, he also wishes "to develop some skills that would provide students with a good base for operating the radio equipment on the family boat and become aware of the dangers of the sea."

To find out more about this school, check out the link found on the YEP WEBSITE.

Roger may be getting in touch with some of you in the near future so that he can avoid 're-inventing the wheel' as much as possible.

Welcome aboard, Roger.

Through the efforts and contacts of RAC's Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Jim Dean (VE3IQ), the YEP has acquired a new (to us) HF radio system which consists of:

- ! Kenwood TS830s
- ! Kenwood VFO 230
- ! Kenwood Antenna Tuner AT230
- ! Kenwood speaker SP820
- ! no microphone is included, but it does come with a manual

This equipment has been at the Telus Mobility company club station and comes to us courtesy of Serge Bertuzzo (VA3SB).

Evidently, there is some minor refurbishment required.

If you feel that your school could benefit from this equipment and fit it into your program, please let me know. The YEP committee will go over all submissions and get the equipment placed as soon as possible.

RAC's General Manager, Debbie Norman (VA3RGM) has obtained a quote on having Tee-shirts made for the Youth Education Program. They will be available in youth's X-small, small, medium and large as well as adult small, medium, large and X-large. They will be a coloured shirt with a four-colour print on them of the YEP logo.

They will be a 50/50 blend of polyester/cotton.

It sounds like the price will be in the order of \$15 or so for each. We haven't ordered them to be made up yet, but

Would you and your school and students be interested in obtaining a Tee-shirt? If so, please let me know. Give me an idea of sizes and quantities. If there is sufficient interest, we will get them printed.

I am going to initiate a discussion, at this spring's RAC Board of Directors' meeting, about the merits of instituting a "Foundation License" in Canada. This concept was started in Great Britain some years ago, and has been responsible for getting a great many young people licensed as entry-level Amateur Radio Operators. It would make it practical for even younger students to join the ranks of Amateur Radio and perhaps help them to make career choices in fields of science and technology.

A great deal of information about the program can be found at <http://www.rsgb.org> and the syllabus for the British license can be found at <http://www.rsgb.org/foundation/syllabus.htm>

What do you think about this kind of program for Canada?

Please give me your feedback. It certainly won't happen without the support of the Canadian Amateur Radio community and particularly those of you who work so closely with young people.

Please send me a write-up about what you and your school are doing, so that I can share it with everyone else out there. If we know what each of us is doing, we will all benefit.

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