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World Amateur Radio Day

April 18 is **World Amateur Radio Day**, an annual celebration of the Amateur Radio Service.

You can celebrate World Amateur Radio Day in Canada by getting on the air and making contacts. Many Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) stations will be on air and active from 00:01 to 23:59 hours UTC.

The official RAC stations on Monday include: VA2RAC, VA3RAC, VE1RAC, VE4RAC, VE5RAC, VE6RAC, VE7RAC, VE8RAC, VE9RAC, VO1RAC, VO2RAC, VY0RAC, VY1RAC and VY2RAC.

As an incentive RAC is awarding a special certificate to any amateur radio operator who makes contact with one or more of the RAC stations. This certificate will note your participation in RAC's Get on the Air on World Amateur Radio Day Event.

To claim the certificate, check for details on the RAC website (www.rac.ca). No logs need to be submitted.

World Amateur Radio Day celebrates the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) in Paris in 1925, established to support Amateur Radio worldwide. Had it not been for the IARU radio amateurs would likely not have obtained amateur radio bands at the International Radiotelegraph Conference two years later. At that 1927 conference the fledging amateur radio service was granted the 160, 80, 40, 20 and 10 metre amateur bands.

From the 25 countries that founded the International Amateur Radio Union it now has member societies in more than 160 countries, including Canada.

Each national society supports amateur radio in their own country and has a voice when the IARU supports and attends the International Telecommunications Union World Radio Conferences. Since establishing the five original bands the IARU has coordinated the addition of the 30, 17, 15 and 12 metre bands, as well as supporting the development of bands above 30 MHz and below 1.8 MHz.

By supporting RAC and World Amateur Radio Day you help support what many recognize as one of the world's great hobbies.

To quote the IARU: *"World Amateur Radio Day is the day when IARU Member-Societies can show our capabilities to the public and enjoy global friendship with other Amateurs worldwide."*

Join in the fun on Monday April 18.

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