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Reasons for Running

My primary reasons for seeking the position of RAC Director are:

- to advance the hobby of amateur radio,
- enhance the service of the hobby to our communities,
- promote the RAC organization across the region and
- represent amateur radio for region to RAC.



Relevant Experience

I bring my:

- organizational experience of 11 years as a senior executive staff officer with the Alberta Teachers' Association,
- experience as a teacher for 25 years of which 22 years of those were as a school administrator, as well as
- my education which includes a BSc (Physics), MEd (Administration) and an EdD (Doctorate in Education).



My Estimation of RAC's Role

The Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC), in my estimation, is a very important and necessary advocate for the hobby internationally and nationally where it not only advances our personal amateur radio interests but also the interests of the larger community where "hams" serve in supportive volunteer communication efforts.

Amateur Organizations and Clubs I belong to

I joined RAC in 1995 and have been a member ever since. In 2004, I was an inaugural member of the North Central Alberta Amateur Radio Club (NCAARC). Since 2011 I have acted as NCAARC's secretary with prior involvement as a director. In addition, I am a member of the Northern Alberta Amateur Radio Club (NARC), Quarter Century Amateur Radio Club (QCARC) and the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). Since the 10 metre band is of interest, I joined Ten-Ten International as a life member.



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My History with Amateur Radio

Amateur radio has been an interest of mine since age 12 when I found a kit-built crystal radio in our attic along with a set of surplus magnetic headphones. After stringing a 100-foot antenna, grounding the radio and adjusting the coil and variable capacitor, I enjoyed crisp and clear AM signals from across North America. This event began my interest in electronics. My mother took me out to visit Bonar Wilt VE6HU (SK) who became my first Elmer. He demonstrated his station, talked about the hobby and encouraged me to get my ticket.



It was not until much later that I was able to realize my dream of being assigned a call sign. In 1992 I took one of NARC's basic classes, passed the exam and was assigned the call-sign VE6ECK (April, 1992). I have gained my advanced certificate (October, 1992) followed by my 12 wpm certificate (August, 1995).



Over the past 23 years in amateur radio, my interests have been focused on the HF spectrum and contesting. This has caused me to have put together a modest HF station which can be heard, depending on conditions, during many contests. I am particularly interested in those sponsored by RAC.



My wife, Linda, supports my hobby but does not wish to gain her license.

My Belief about the Fraternity

As Bonar Wilt told me and David Gervais (VE6KD), another Elmer, has demonstrated to me that, "the ham radio fraternity is honourable and populated by upstanding, selfless and supportive individuals." My experience of the fraternity does reflect their belief and actions. I have gained a number of good friends in the hobby and enjoyed operating. Over the years I appreciated what the hobby has many different facets; however, it is important that we think of what we can do to introduce the public to our hobby and its value to society. We can do this by demonstrating the hobby at public events and by supporting our communities with volunteer emergency communication as well as communication support for community events.



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