



# Queens County Amateur Radio Club

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Serving Amateur Radio in Queens County and the  
Scenic South Shore

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## WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?

*It has been obvious in the past few months that participation in Club activities is declining. There seems to be a lack of interest in being a net controller, attending meetings, maintaining a membership, participating in club activities, and showing an interest in how the amateur world exists. (I.e. siting repeaters, maintaining equipment, troubleshooting, etc.)*

*The amateur radio club has for its mandate:*

- ! Ensuring that there are Advanced Licenced Amateurs who take the responsibility of sponsoring repeater licences (a legal requirement),*
- ! Ensuring that the area has adequate repeater coverage so that minimal power rigs are able to carry on conversations reliably,*
- ! Ensuring that qualified personnel are able to keep the equipment serviceable and up-to-date,*
- ! Provide assistance to various community groups when asked to do so. (I.e. Privateer Day Canoe Race, Ground Search and Rescue, EMO Exercises and/or Emergencies, or whatever else might be requested in the methods of providing communications.),*
- ! Provide a voice to state concerns about legislation that would curtail or impede operations of the Amateur Frequency Spectrum both through the Federal Government by Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) or at the Provincial Level by Nova Scotia Amateur Radio Association (NSARA),*
- ! Conducting of an Amateur Nightly Net whereby amateurs who wish to pass on pertinent information to each other know that at that time is a good time to connect to each other by radio,*
- ! Maintaining a pool of test equipment that can be utilized by club members on the loaner system,*
- ! Having a supply of radios available to help start the new amateur on his or her way by providing loaner VHF radios.*

*So, you can see from the above that if there is nobody available to carry on with any of the above items, then what is the use of the radio club to continue?*

*If the repeaters go down, you will be left with simplex communication, no linking, no phone patches, and no tone access for various functions. Ducting on the VHF band is not as frequent as Skip on the CB Band.*

*The will also be no mentoring. (I.e. Who are you going to ask for assistance in an antenna problem, a high SWR problem or even a tuning problem with the handie-talkie?)*

*I hope that the above will motivate you into letting the club know what it is that keeps you from participating in club activities and what can be done to correct any deficiencies that seem evident to you and wish changed.*

*Your comments and/or suggestions may be given to any club executive or mailed to the Secretary (Bob Turner, ve1rst, Box 188, Greenfield NS B0T 1E0 902-685-2887). They will be brought to the attention of the membership at a future meeting for a decision.*