

This is V\_\_3\_\_\_\_, Official Bulletin Station for Radio Amateurs of Canada, with this week's bulletin

#### NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS

##### 1. The RAC Challenge Award: An Overview

Radio Amateurs of Canada is pleased to present a new Canadian Portable Operations Challenge Award for RAC members.

The objective of the new award is to recognize and encourage portable operations by RAC members from locations throughout Canada.

The new program will run from Canada Day, July 1 to Dec 31, 2021 and we hope it will become an annual event for RAC members.

Rules will be published on the RAC website at <https://www.rac.ca/rac-challenge/>  
Stay safe and play radio.

-- RAC Website

#### ONTARIO SECTION NEWS

##### 2. Sprint 2021 Canwarn Training Announcement

Radio Amateurs of Canada, the national association for Amateur Radio in Canada, is pleased to announce that we have now partnered with the Ontario Storm Prediction Centre Team (OSPC) to provide CANWARN Training this spring.

This will be a one-time session for this season, offered through the Zoom online meeting platform.

Date: Wednesday, May 26, Time: 7 pm EDT

To register for the training session please visit the RAC CANWARN webpage at:  
<https://www.rac.ca/emergency-services/canwarn/>

Topics covered in the training session will include the basics of thunderstorm formation, the types of damage severe thunderstorms can produce and what to look for in the sky. Winter severe weather will be touched on as well.

The training also provides ways that storm reports can be provided to the OSPC and a number of safety tips to keep storm spotters safe.

-- RAC Website

##### 3. Ontario Qso Party.

Thanks to the more than 400 entrants who sent in logs for the OQP. Its our best showing ever, and there is still a couple of weeks to submit entries for those who were operating casually. You never know if you are in one of the rare counties that might get you awarded a high score certificate.

Entries are being accepted until May 18th. see <http://www.va3cco.com/oqp/index.htm> for details.

-- VA3PC, CCO Communications Director.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

4. Metrolinx adding Morse Code overlay to transparent barriers.

Millions of birds in Canada are dying every year thanks to the city's masses of clear glass, and Metrolinx is trying not to add to that distressing death toll by using Morse code.

Metrolinx is installing panels with bird-friendly Morse code patterns.

Those dots and dashes will help birds perceive the solid panels, while harkening back to Canada's telegraph system, which allowed railway companies to control trains starting in the 1850s.

The Morse code on the glass will also spell out the names of areas that Metrolinx serves as an extra fun touch.

According to the agency, it'll be a few years until we see protective barriers installed at 90 bridges across the regions that GO serves.

-- BLOG.TO social media site.

This concludes this week's bulletin. Does anyone require repeats or clarifications? Hearing none, This is V\_\_3\_\_\_ returning the frequency to net control.

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