

RAC Ontario Sections Bulletin for 18 April, 2026

This is V_3___, Official Bulletin Station for Radio Amateurs of Canada with this week's bulletin.

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ONTARIO SECTION NEWS

1. Golden Horseshoe - AUXILIARY COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES UPDATE

APRIL 22 2026 19:00-20:00 hrs

Join us to hear about the progress of ACS in the past year, process for deployment, role of the deployed, practical information, radio GO kit demonstration, and future ACS training sessions.

Presented By Jason Tremblay VE3JXT RAC Community Services Officer.

Register with your Canadian Call Sign and email address by April 21st at reupva3rie@gmail.com

-- Rosemarie Upfield VA3RIE, Communications, Education/Training Coordinator
ACS - Golden Horseshoe (GH) Section

ITEMS OF INTEREST

2. ITU Corporation purchases Hy-Gain and Cushcraft brands from MFJ Enterprises

Martin F. Jue, President and founder of MFJ Enterprises, Inc., is pleased to announce the sale of the renowned Hy-gain and Cushcraft antenna, rotator, and communication product lines to ITU Corporation, a 25 year old Indiana engineering and manufacturing company.

"After nurturing these brands for decades it was vital to me that hy-gain and Cushcraft - - premier brands that have served radio operators and stations worldwide for generations - - landed in the hands of someone who understands their legacy."

The designs, tooling, specialized equipment, manufacturing and marketing rights for Hy-gain and Cushcraft antennas and rotators are included in the sale. With this exciting announcement, the production of these trusted high-performance products marks a new chapter for the brands, combining their rich history with the expertise and dedication of the Indiana-based manufacturer.
-- Amateur Radio Weekly

3. SteppIR is back in the amateur antenna business

You can see the announcement popup at <https://consumer.steppir.com/>

-- submitted by Ian, VE3JI (on groups.io CCO reflector)

4. ARRL Seeks Input on Qualifications for the DXCC Honour Roll

The DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) is a group of DXers appointed by the ARRL's Divisions in the US and by the Board of Directors of RAC in Canada. As the RAC representative, I have been meeting with the DXAC representatives every three weeks or so via Zoom for about a year doing a complete review of the DXCC rules. An item of concern to DXers is the number of countries/entities required to make Honour Roll. At present there are 340 entities on the DXAC list so the Honour Roll means at least 331 credited entities.
I would like to hear your opinions so that I can provide the views of Canadian Amateurs

to the committee. Should the number of such entities be reduced? If so, how far?

300, 315, 325, or Not at all

I would appreciate it if you would send your comments and thoughts to me at
ve1js @ myrac.ca as soon as possible.

BTW if you have any questions at all about DXing, DXCC Rules or the DXAC please ask!

More info <http://arrl.org/dx-advisory-committee> and <http://arrl.org/dxcc-faq>

-- John Scott, VE1JS, RAC Representative on DX Advisory Committee

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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