



THE ISLAND BEACON

CHARLOTTETOWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the **February 2026** edition of the [Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club](#) Newsletter! We'll try to keep you up-to-date with what's happening this month and any future events we're planning or are aware of. This newsletter is automatically distributed to club members, prospective future students who have reached out to us in the last year, and other interested amateur operators in the region. If you do not wish to receive these monthly newsletters, let us know and we can remove you from our distribution list. Alternatively, if you are not included on the mailing list, but would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please reach out to our secretary.

February 2026 Club Meeting - Tuesday night February 3rd, Stratford Town Centre

We hope you're staying nice and warm in front of the fire (and in your ham shacks!). This month's club meeting will be held Tuesday, January 6th, at the Stratford Town Centre. Start time: 7:00 P.M. As always, everyone is welcome to attend, not just club members. If you're a licensed radio operator and would like to become a member, or you're perhaps interested in becoming licensed and would like to find out more about us and the hobby, then please come and join us. We would love to meet you. For anyone who would like to become a member, membership dues are \$30 for those who are not currently members of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). For RAC members, it's \$20 for the year. Our students and graduates from the Fall 2025 class will automatically be members of the club for 2026. Our meetings run from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (1900-2100) in the Southport room at the Stratford Town Centre on Shakespeare Drive. Alongside monthly club reports we usually enjoy an information exchange. After so many delays and cancellations, we're hoping that this time we'll finally get to enjoy Brent VY2HF's update from his trip to Brazil for the IARU Region 2 General Assembly.

Canadian Ski Marathon – February 6th–8th, 2026, Montebello, QC

The Canadian Ski Marathon (CSM) is North America's longest and oldest Nordic ski tour, held annually in the Outaouais region of Quebec. Amateur radio volunteers play a key role in ensuring safety and communication across the multi-day course. Operators are stationed at checkpoints, transport points, and mobile units along the trail. For more info, click this [link](#).

NPARC Big Event 45 – February 7th, 2026, Fireman's Park, Niagara Falls, ON

The Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club's annual hamfest returns for its 45th year. This is one of Ontario's well-known winter hamfests, featuring vendors, flea market tables, prize draws, and opportunities to meet operators from across the region. Event details can be found at: <https://nparc.ca>

Orlando HamCation - February 13th-15th, Orlando, FL

HamCation 2026 is host of the ARRL Southeastern Division Convention. It is the 2nd largest gathering of radio amateurs in the world annually. It's sponsored by the Orlando Amateur Radio Club and will be held at the Central Florida Fairgrounds and Expo Park in Orlando, an 87-acre lakefront fairground.

Contest Calendar - February

[Vermont QSO Party](#) – 0000Z, Feb 7, 2026 to 2400Z, Feb 8, 2026

[AM Rally \(AM On-Air Event\)](#) – 0000Z, Feb 7, 2026 to 0700Z, Feb 9, 2026

[British Columbia QSO Party \(CW, phone\)](#) – 1600Z, Feb 7, 2026 to 0359Z, Feb 8, 2026 and 1600Z-2359Z, Feb 8, 2026

[CW WW RTTY WPX Contest \(digital\)](#) – 0000Z, Feb 14, 2026 to 2359Z, Feb 15, 2026

[ARRL International DX Contest \(CW\)](#) – 0000Z, Feb 21, 2026 to 2400Z, Feb 22, 2026

[6th annual Pluto Discovery Anniversary special event](#) – Feb 14 - 22, 2026:

Using the call sign W7P, operations will be based at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Suggested frequencies are 14.266, 21.366, 28.366, and 7.266 MHz. A certificate and QSL card will be available.

Also check out <https://contestcalendar.com> for other contests.

Meetings and Events Calendar - February

2: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW

3: Monthly club meeting

4, 11, 18, 25: Wednesday night 2M net at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

5, 12, 19, 26: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 7:00 P.M. (1900)

7, 14, 21, 28: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets, 8:00 A.M. (800) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

7, 14, 21, 28: Actual real life breakfast at Sam's Restaurant in Charlottetown (121 St. Peters Rd), ~8:00 A.M. (800)

Future Events:

March 7-8, 2026 - [ARRL International DX Contest \(SSB\)](#)

June 27-28, 2026 - ARRL Field Day

September 12, 2026 - [Ottawa \(Carp\) 2026 Hamfest \(Advanced Notice\)](#)

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