

## DONTATING TO THE MARITIME DX FORUM DEVELOPMENT FUND

**Background.** The Maritime DX Forum (MDF) began in 2004 with a meeting of 20 people in the front room of Scott Wood's (VE1QD) home on St. Margaret's Bay. It has grown steadily both in the numbers attending, and in the breadth and depth of the programming. For the first three years, we were able to create an excellent program without incurring many expenses. For example, we were lucky to locate top speakers who did not require travel support.

In 2007, we reached the point in the Forum's development that in order to continue growing and offering a world-class program, we needed to cover some speaker travel expenses. We recognized, moreover, that financial resources were required to develop and try new, innovative programming. Thus funding of the MDF is now augmented by donations. This also has helped us to keep the cost of annual MDF event affordable for the majority of the ham radio community.

**Maritime DX Forum Development Fund.** Established in 2007, *The Development Fund* is designed to receive and manage financial donations for use in developing MDF program excellence. This idea was originally suggested by Garry Hammond, VE3XN, who also made the first donation of \$42 – one dollar for each year he had been a ham. We invite you to follow suite, but not necessarily to feel constrained by Garry's formula! Every dollar will help. A tear-off form below can be used to **make a donation**. Cheques should be made out to the Maritime DX Forum and either mailed to: Fraser MacDougall, VE1WO & MDF Treasurer, 33 Ridgeview Dr., Lower Sackville, NS B4C 1L8 Canada, or dropped off at the registration desk while attending this year's event.

**Administration and Accountability.** The money collected will be used only for Maritime DX Forum development purposes, including, when needed, financing the cost of travel for presenters. The Fund is administered through the Halifax Amateur Radio Club and managed on an operational basis by Howard Dickson, VE1DHD; Fraser MacDougall, VE1WO; and Scott Wood, VE1QD. An annual report is issued following each MDF to account for the revenues and expenditures from the Fund. We are investigating the possibility that a tax number can be obtained so donations will be tax deductible.

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: (Check one) \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque in the Amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_