

DONATING TO THE MARITIME DX FORUM 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 put together an excellent program without incurring many expenses. For example, we were just plain lucky to locate top notch speakers who did not require travel support.

In 2007 we reached the point in the MDF's development that in order to continue growing and offering a world class program, we needed to cover some speaker travel expenses. It was recognized, moreover, that some financial resources were required to develop and try new, innovative programming. Thus beginning in 2007 funding of the MDF has been 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 Fund. Established in 2007, *The Fund* is designed to manage financial donations for the purpose of 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 the Maritime DX Forum and mailed directly to the attention of Frank Smith, VE1FIS, 65 Greendale Court, Halifax, NS, Canada B3T 1J6. A donation also can be added to your MDF registration submission.

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. It will be generally administered by the Halifax Amateur Radio Club, but managed on an operational basis by Scott Wood, VE1QD, Howard Dickson, VE1DHD, who will act as the treasurer, and the HARC MDF Planning Committee. A report will be issued annually following the 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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