

# Friends of CRC

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**MONTHLY MEETING Thurs 26 Sep**

## **THE NEW CRC**

**We are delighted to welcome the current CRC President Jean Luc BERUBÉ to be our first speaker this year. Many things have changed since most of us worked at CRC and this is a great opportunity to hear about them.**

*Since becoming CRC's President in 2011, Jean Luc Berubé has been instrumental in perhaps the greatest changes to CRC in its over 50 year history. Aligning the organization's research priorities to offer more focused service to its parent organization of Industry Canada and to provide better value within the organization for the*

***Canadian taxpayer have been just two of his priorities during his tenure. Jean Luc will talk about the challenges of the reorganization, as well as his ideas about CRC's future direction.***

***This talk promises to be interesting both to Friends of CRC and current employees, and will, no doubt, be well-attended. Seating in the CRC Auditorium is limited; please arrive early.***

Jean Luc Berubé received his B.Sc.E.E. at the University of New Brunswick and M.Sc.A. at the Université de Montréal - Ecole polytechnique de Montréal. He won his PhD at the University of New Brunswick. He then became a Design Engineer at Canadian Marconi Company, followed by a spell as Team Leader at Nortel.

In May 1997 he joined Motorola Semiconductors as a Senior Field Application Engineer/Market Development Manager after which he spent 7 years with Altera Corporation as a Senior Manager, Field Application Engineering. He then spent the next year and a half consulting in the Semiconductor industry after which he became Vice-President Broadband Network Technologies, Communications Research Centre. In May 2011 he was appointed President, Communications Research Centre

**All members are welcome to an informal lunch preceding the meeting in the cafeteria at about noon. Look for a table full of old guys and girls.**

## **Message from your Chairman - John Brebner**

At the conclusion of last year's session, I distributed an informal survey to those attending the Spring Luncheon. One of the questions asked was if members would be willing to pay an annual fee to cover some of our operational costs. In the past, CRC had generously supplied refreshments for our monthly speaker meetings, but with restructuring and belt-tightening, those days are gone! In the past, some of our Board members paid for these expenses out of their own pockets, which is hardly fair!

This annual fee would take the place of "toonie" requests at our luncheons, and would also cover the costs of the lunches that we buy for our speakers in the CRC Cafeteria prior to their talks. There is no plan to recompense speakers financially other than their lunch and coffee!

Most members thought this was a good idea, so the Friends Board are proposing a voluntary \$10.00 annual member's fee to cover these costs.

If you agree with the proposal, your personal cheque may be made out to "The Friends of CRC", mailed to:

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Annual membership will run from October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

Thanks!

John A. Brebner Chair – Friends of CRC

## ***Obituaries***

### ***ED LEAVER.***

*Ed served in the Merchant Marine in WWII and was Officer-in-Charge of the Ionospheric Station (South Camp) at Resolute Bay in the early 50s. His photo is in the famous 1955 National Geographic article on the High Arctic. He later served at the Wetaskiwin Monitoring station. Ed worked for many years in the Radio Regs Branch of DOT/DOC retiring around 1980.*

### ***LARRY NELSON, age 100.***

*When DOC was formed in April 1969 the regional radio regs organization, which remained with DOT until 1971, had six regional offices. Each was headed up by a regional superintendent. The Edmonton office was headed by Larry Nelson who retired that year. Larry has passed away in Penticton.*

### ***BOB WARREN age 87***

*Bob was a member of Doc Space Branch in the 1970s*

## **EDITORIAL by Colin Billowes**

**The role of CRC has radically changed over the years. Our work in CRC in the DoC days was guided by the objectives laid out in the DoC Act. As CRC became more independent, roles evolved and our work changed. This has continued with the recent changes at CRC.**

**This month's speaker, the president of CRC, is going to tell us where they are today, where they are going and give us an opportunity to ask some questions. It promises to be an interesting session.**

**Once we have heard this it will enable us to start to fine tune our role so that we can continue to be true Friends. Let's give the President a large audience to show him that we still care.**

**I am always happy to receive any personal news, reminiscences, or other CRC related material for this Newsletter.**

