

Nominating Karl Domes for an NCRA volunteer award comes across my desk as the easiest task, and the easiest decision, I've made all year. Karl has been with CFUR Radio for the entire school year, and now with full time employment, he continues to indenture us with his unlimited generosity. Karl arrived on our stoop at the beginning of the year and expressed some mild curiosity as to the nature of College Radio. After a short explanation of some of our goals, including the Northern Audio Archives Project, he leapt on board and we've been sailing the airwaves and mail-ins for local content ever since.

Swashbuckling his way through stacks and piles of audio content blasted in from all over the stretches, inlets, and eddies of the Yellowhead Highway, and the great Northern yonder, Karl has turned a metric ton of dusty boxes into curated, digitized, local media. With our daily routines aboard CFUR FM [scaling the mast, swabbing the charts, and running a tight schedule (or "ship," gotta' keep with the metaphor)] pulling red dawn down around us, the jolly Karl keeps morale high as he plays yet another awesome local shanty from his carefully preserved archives stored away in an obsolete mac-mini. He does this daily, even now as I type this letter without his knowledge. We want to surprise him with this incredible honor among members of the air-faring community. Please let him have that reward. If we could rig the lottery so that loads of booty fell into his dinghy, we surely would. With that scenario dashed by the cruel limitations of reality, we wish the next best thing upon him, an NCRA Volunteer Appreciation Award!

With no aspirations of becoming an On-Air personality, Mr. Domes simply wanted to contribute when he signed our volunteer application. Only after several months did he decide that one of the best ways to expose the Northern Audio Archive Project was to curate the best discoveries On-Air. It's rare that a person with no ego, or selfish grandiose imagery (I'll admit, I have a bit of that), walks in to volunteer at our radio station, yet here he is. The altruistic nature of Karl Domes, along with his admirable work ethic, and attention to detail make him the Pirate King of College Radio.

Regards,

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