

Signal Hill

*“The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.”*

Psalm 19:1 (NIV)

Our holiday in Newfoundland allowed us to see wonderful scenes of God’s creation and to examine some fascinating historical sites. One such site was Signal Hill at the entrance to the harbor in the city of St. Johns.

I know many people have never heard of this place and possibly do not have any understanding of its historical significance. However, to a ham radio operator like myself it was very exciting to be there and read the story of its significance once more.

On December 12, 1901 Guglielmo Marconi received the first trans-Atlantic wireless signal on Signal Hill. For centuries this hill—at the mouth of St. Johns harbor in Newfoundland—has been strategic place to look out and

signal ships and to warn of naval enemies approaching.

In 1909 Marconi shared the Nobel Prize in physics with Karl Braun for their work in the development of wireless communication. Along with countless millions of people, I have enjoyed talking around the world to people using a “wireless” transceiver, Morse code, and an antenna in my back yard.

Many lives have been saved through the use of wireless communications. It is thought by historians that wireless communication saved the lives of many people on board the Titanic ocean liner in the Atlantic off the coast of Newfoundland (April 14, 1912).

In many ways our Creator has communicated to us

things about His eternal power and glory (Romans 1:19-20). The world around us is filled with evidence of how great, wise, and powerful God is. It is only the fool who has told himself there is no God (Psalm 14:1).

Do you listen as you observe the beauty of a sunrise? Are you singing His praise as you drive through the mountains? Does the delicate beauty of a flower cause you to ponder how great an artist the Lord is? Listen to His voice in creation and then bow in wonder, love and praise.

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