



Communication between two parties only happens when the message is Sent, Received, Understood and Acknowledged. Everything else is just noise.

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VE3OAK-VHF

HRECT NET: Tuesdays @ 7:30
VE3PDX-VHF

CANWARN NET: VE3PDX

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Contributions related to A.R.E.S., Amateur Radio in general or emergency preparedness are welcome.

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CANWARN[®] Ontario region

Some folks have been hearing rumors about a possible "Winter Canwarn" and I thought I would pass along an "unofficial" advanced update on this item.

Ward Kennedy, our regional Canwarn coordinator says there is a winter Canwarn program that will be running this season, however Amateur radio will not be used.

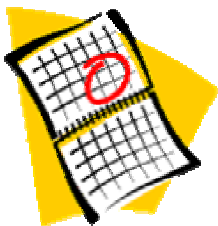
The 1-800 number and e-mail will be used to get the information to the OSPC. The weather office will be looking for reports of fog, freezing rain, ice pellets, etc. This will be the first year that the program will be running widespread...formerly they had been testing it in the Orangeville area and have decided to expand it.

So as we drive along thru the winter blizzards this season,

we might want to keep in mind a phone relay via a fixed station on the repeater should we have any of the above observations to pass along...or use your (Bill 118 compliant!!) hands free device in the car to phone it in! I will pass along the "official" announcement on this as soon as it is received.

John McKay
VA3BL

CANWARN COORDINATOR



Events & Links

- Remembrance Day—Nov. 11, 2010
- GlobalSet 2010 - November 13, 2010

NEXT MEETING: November 21, 2010

At the new Police Station near Dundas and Trafalgar
1 p.m.— 4 p.m.

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October SET

SET Saturday, October 16.



EMCOMM QUARTERLY TO CEASE PUBLISHING

FROM EMMCOMM QUARTERLY FALL 2010
EDITION

Here is a short list of indicators that are reflecting the need for some changes:

1. Our operating expenses (web and internet service fees, domain registry, etc.) remain fixed or have increased.

But (sadly), not one single monetary contribution has been received since the summer issue of EQ. This is the first time period between issues that this has happened. We acknowledge that "the economy" is in the toilet and that times are tough (except for the ruling elite). EQ and EMMCOMM.ORG do not carry paid advertising and have always depended upon voluntary contributions plus the sale of our EMMCOMM LICENSE PLATES, DVD's and RUBBER STAMPS -- some of which are sold at our cost.

This indicates that what we are doing isn't worth even few bucks to most of our readership. However, we do say THANK YOU to those of you who have sent a few "green stamps" our way over the years. We are NOT asking for any more donations. When our residual funds are exhausted...we will "sign off" for good. This meter reads: ZERO.

2. The stream of literary contributions of items of interest to emcomm operators that are original material has also dried up.

This meter reads: S1.

3. Sloppy, rude, incompetent, and ILLEGAL operations are more and more common on the airwaves. Jammers, hecklers, and other varieties of Neanderthals cruise around the bands demonstrating their shortcoming in the "manhood department."

Two meters is the new ham radio version of CB. And the HF bands aren't far behind. Our editorial staff is discouraged by this trend. Two of our staff have given up on amateur radio almost entirely. Others of us have reduced our emcomm activity to only a few surviving public service nets. Nets that don't sound like a "good 'ol boys" ragchew. It is hard to remain as "cheer leaders" for the amateur service when pure radio has almost been over-ridden by computers and other non-radio technologies and when your interest is waning. The meter on this subject reads: S2

4. Aging, fatigue, and burn-out are a significant factor. Let's face it, the "graying" of amateur radio is a reality, and every week we hear of another key going silent. EQ has now become pretty much a one-man show and the editor-publisher is experiencing the wear and tear of aging.

As he said in September 2009, "I'll not list all of the physical problems that I am experiencing, but will say that arthritis and bilateral Dupuytren Contractures have crippled my hands to the point that it is painful and increasingly difficult to type. And long hours on the keyboard exacerbate the condition."

This meter reads: S3.

(From the September 2009 EQ) <http://www.emcomm.org/em/2009/sept2009.htm>

5. Finally, no one likes to hear or read the same rhetoric over and over and we at EMMCOMM QUARTERLY have finally come to the realization that we have done just about all we can do.

We apologize to recent subscribers. Please do not think you are being left out in the cold.

Back issues of EMMCOMM MONTHLY and EMMCOMM QUARTERLY are archived at:

www.emcomm.org/em

There is a wealth of useful and entertaining information and we encourage you to review them. There is also a handy "site search" function to locate topics that have appeared in previous issues.

This meter reads: S3.

EMMCOMM.ORG will continue and our website www.emcomm.org will remain active at least until our residual funds are depleted. Also we will issue occasional EMMCOMM BULLETINS to our subscribers during widespread disasters and other occasions as needed.

Items for sale (E.g.- EMMCOMM LICENSE PLATES) will remain available while the current supply lasts.

Therefore the winter issue (December, 2010) will be the last issue of EMMCOMM QUARTERLY.

D. W. Thorne, K6SOJ

Editor - Publisher

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Editor comment: The lose of a resource such as EQ certainly will have, I believe, a much bigger impact than we can ever imagine

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E.C. / A.E.C. REPORT PAGE



D.E.C./E.C.— RICK HARRISON, VA3NV



HRECT

Oakville ARES, through the Oakville ARC, is a participant in HRECT, also known as the Halton Region Emergency Communications Team. An umbrella group, HRECT was originally proposed by the Region of Halton in the wake of the 1979 Mississauga rail disaster. Although it has gone through a few name changes over the years the group is currently celebrating its 30th anniversary.

Composed of the six radio clubs currently operating in Halton Region (Oakville ARES/ARC, Burlington ARES/ARC, Milton ARES, Georgetown ARES/Halton ARC, Oakville REACT, and TB Radio Communications) HRECT's mandate is to provide emergency and back up communications service to the Region of Halton and its agencies during disasters and serious day-to-day situations. It may also be activated to assist any of the constituent municipalities that make up the Region of Halton. Each of the member clubs has a signed MOU with HRECT and the Region of Halton. Each member group appoints two people to represent them at HRECT meetings. Although having two reps, each group has only one vote. HRECT meets on a bi-monthly basis.

HRECT affairs are handled by a management team consisting of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Public Relations Officer and a Technical Chairman. People serving in these roles are elected from the club representatives every two years.

There are several people who serve HRECT in an advisory capacity. These include the two Region of Halton Community Emergency Management Coordinators and the RAC District Emergency Coordinator. Members of the advisory group attend the bi-monthly meetings but have no voting privileges.

HRECT maintains a radio station in the Region's Emergency Operations Centre. It consists of two amateur radio transceivers capable of operations on 70 cm., 2, 6 and 10 meter FM. A laptop computer and a TNC allow for packet radio communications as necessary.

A VHF FM commercial radio is installed for Oakville REACT operations and a similar radio for TB Radio Communications will be installed in the future. The Region of Halton also maintains an amateur radio call sign for use in the EOC. The call sign is VE3HAL.

During an emergency or disaster HRECT may be activated by the Region of Halton CEMCs, the Halton Commissioner of Social Services, the Halton Regional Police Chief or Communications Bureau Supervisor, or the Red Cross Disaster Manager in charge of Shelter Operations.

HRECT operations are detailed in the Region's Emergency Management Plan, the Shelter Plan, and the Volunteer Emergency Communications Plan.

A.E.C.— PETER ELLIOT, VA3PRE, Milton



Last month I reported that VE3OGP George installed a dual band antenna and coax at the North Halton (Milton) branch of Red Cross. The installation performed well on October 16 when the group from Milton and Georgetown took part in the Simulated Emergency Test for Halton, Peel and Etobicoke. We had both packet and voice stations running on 2 metres.

I would like to thank VA3RJS Bob and VA3BHL Terry from Georgetown, VE3CEZ Glenn, VE3OXP Gord, and VE3OGP George from Milton for making the SET a success.

A.E.C.— DARREN HAGER, VA3EGG, Red Cross Operations

No report this month

A.E.C.— RUSS SCHWANDT, VE3JUZ, Halton Region

No Report this month

A.E.C.— MIKE CAUTERMAN, VE3QSK, Membership

No report this month

A.E.C.— GEORGE DAVIS, VE3OGP, Digital Operations, Equipment



The October SET went well this year. My thanks to Derek, VE3DDL, and Dave, VA3DDA, for their participation at the Oakville "Shelter". Derek provided his trailer and power, which made for an excellent operating position. Dave convulsed those up in the Milton Red Cross with his "On Site" report of dangerous levels of the chemical spill in question. See the pictures on page 2.

Here at the home shack we have had multiple failures of laptops. While I was able to recovery one unit the others are gone. That's the way it goes with old equipment. The old Panasonic Tough Boxes for ARES are still plugging away though.

Some preliminary work is now proceeding on a local full service packet BBS.

SIX METRE NET

Hi Folks, don't forget to join me on 6M during the winter months on 50.130 @ 20:00 hrs every night. If the band is open we operate an informal net and all are welcome even if you only check in, hope to hear you on the band ! 73 Darren, VA3EGG

BUY & SELL

FOR SALE

Bearcat BC245XLT trunktracker III ht scanner \$125
Standard GX3000 synth/prom VHF mobile \$50
Motorola Moxy UHF 1ch xtal mobile \$25
Several MOCOM 35's (mostly UHF) \$free to good home/as is

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FOR SALE

Panasonic 2.4 GHz Cordless Answering System

Model KX-TG2431C - in excellent condition with digital answering machine. Also includes expandable handsets (3). Main handset and base station is black; 3 expandable sets are silver. Also includes instruction manuals for both the answering system and the expandable handsets.

A GREAT DEAL for \$40!!!
VA3EGG

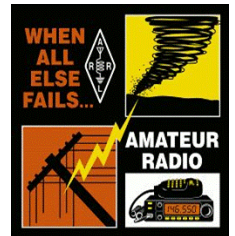
GOT SOME OLD CT MONEY?

The Oakville A.R.E.S. Group needs your Canadian Tire money! It will be used to buy tools and materials to stock up the Red Cross stations in Oakville and Milton as well as topping up the shelter deployment boxes at both locations. Bring your donation to the next meeting!

Present Balance: \$1.75



Page 6 has the updated Net Script for the Monday night ARES net. Print out a copy and keep it handy in case you're the NCS that night.



Check out the page 7 and join or renew your membership in the Oakville Club. Help keep the repeaters running!

OAKVILLE A.R.E.S. GROUP APPLICATION UPDATE TIME!

If you haven't filled out your ARES application now is the time to update your information to reflect all the new equipment you acquired over the year. Print out page 8, complete it and give it to Rick, VA3NV, our EC.

"Character is like a tree, and reputation like its shadow" - Abraham Lincoln



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OAKVILLE A.R.E.S. GROUP NET SCRIPT

Calling the OAKVILLE A.R.E.S. GROUP, Calling the OAKVILLE A.R.E.S. GROUP.

This is **VE3OKV***, net control, and my name is **<UR NAME and call>** and I will be the NCS operator for the net this evening.

This net is affiliated with the Radio Amateurs of Canada, and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service. The primary purpose of this net is to provide training in emergency net procedures and traffic handling.

This net convenes at 1930 hours, local time each Monday on 147.015 MHz, repeater VE3OAK VHF, located in Oakville, ONTARIO.

At this time Net control will stand by for ANY station with EMERGENCY or PRIORITY TRAFFIC. All other stations STAND-BY.

Net control will now stand by to check in stations alphabetically, according to the first letter in the suffix of your call. As stations check in, please list any announcements, bulletins, items of net business, and informal messages.

Stations A through H, Alpha through Hotel, call now.

Stations I through Q, India through Quebec, call now.

Stations R through Z, Romeo through Zulu, call now.

<If any announcements, bulletins, or items of net business are listed, handle them now.> <If any informal messages are listed, handle them now.>

Net control will now stand by for additional check-ins. Please call **VE3OKV*** or **NCS**.

<Training session is to be conducted now (if required). If another station is to conduct this, temporarily relinquish control to them. After training is complete, ask if there are any questions, then call for additional check-ins before closing formal portion of net.>

Net control will now stand by for anything further before the formal session of the net is closed.

This is **VE3OKV*** now closing this evening's net at **(####) LOCAL TIME**. Net control thanks those who participated in this net session and would like to encourage everyone to join us for next week's net. On behalf of the Oakville A.R.E.S. Group NCS also would like to thank the OAKVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB for the use of the REPEATER, thus making this net possible.

This is **VE3OKV***, **NCS**, returning the repeater to normal use and signing clear. 73.

** This is (call sign) now opening the informal portion of this evening's net. <Handle however you feel most comfortable, perhaps asking for additional check-ins. When all comments are made, repeat the closing paragraph above.> **

Notes:

(* The Call **VE3OKV** is used by Permission by the Licensee for purposes of this net only. No other use is implied or allowed without specific permission.)

(** Indicates optional format at discretion of net control.)

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OAKVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2010/2011

NAME: _____

CALL SIGN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$20.00 Regular _____ \$25.00 Family _____

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM AND FEE TO:

OAKVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
P.O. Box 69615
109 Thomas St.
Oakville, ON L6J 7R4

Attn: Membership

For M/D use only: M # _____ D/B _____ M/L _____

