



OAKVILLE A.R.E.S. GROUP

Newsletter

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



APRIL, 2007

Welcome to our 2nd issue of our newsletter. I hope that the information provided helps all our A.R.E.S. Members. George, VE3OGP, editor
PHOTO OPS

In the recent March/April TCA, Public Service/ARES Section, Bob Cooke, VE3BDB, called for A.R.E.S. members to start taking photos of their participation in A.R.E.S. activities. What a great idea! If you don't have a camera phone then maybe the last piece of equipment to go in the mobile should be your old camera. Aside from the P.R. side of it, in a real emergency, accident or disaster those photo shots may provide follow up investigators with that tiny bit of evidence they need in their review. Never underestimate the amount of information that the pros can get from a simple shot. Who knows...you might get to be famous!

A.R.E.S. MEETING REPORT

A.R.E.S. Net

For years the Oakville A.R.E.S. Group has been operating an informal Net on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. At our meeting on March 18, 2007 it was suggested to move the time to 8:00 p.m., giving people more time to get home etc. Also the format of the Net will be changed to a more formal mode to enhance the groups training and Rick, VA3NV, requested members to takes turns running the Net on a scheduled basis.

This is an excellent training opportunity for A.R.E.S. Members and can be done from the comfort of your home QTH. Contact Rick at radio62@cogeco.ca for more info and to schedule a time.

COURSES

Continuing on the topic of training possibilities our E.C. announced that in the near future the Oakville A.R.E.S. Group will once again offer the Basic and Intermediate A.R.E.S. Training Courses. Some revisions are required and when done the dates will be announced.

A.R.E.S. I.D.'s

Halton Region is currently in the process of updating all of their I.D. cards, including those volunteer radio cards issued to A.R.E.S. Members. This prompted a discussion at the meeting as to what type of I.D.'s our group should be carrying. It was decided to go with the RAC/A.R.E.S. Photo cards and the new Halton Region cards, (when they are available). Next meeting we hope to issue the cards to those who need them. The A.R.E.S. info sheets will also be updated at that time , so please plan on attending the May meeting.

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RED CROSS

With the March meeting being held in the new location of the Oakville Red Cross, it gave the attendees the opportunity to see the limitations of the facilities from a radio operator's point of view. No permanent station can be set up and antennas can not be mounted on the building. Space is very limited, so all equipment will have to be stored until required. There is no provision for back up power generation on site at this time.

The group discussed various solutions and ideas for some of the problems. More on this as it develops.

POWERPOLE CONNECTORS

The group discussed standardizing the 12-volt D.C. power connectors. The use of the higher current capable Anderson Powerpole 15/45 system was presented and after some discussion it was decided that we adopt this type of connector. A technical specification will be drafted giving the part numbers, assembly instructions and alternate sources.

Other A.R.E.S. groups have done something similar.

*****REMINDERS*****

**NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY MAY 20, 2007, 1 –4 p.m.
OAKVILLE RED CROSS**

**HAM-EX 2007 FLEAMARKET SAT. MARCH 31, 2007, 9a.m.- 1p.m.
BRAMPTON FALL FAIRGROUNDS
www.ham-ex.ca**

**CENTRAL ONTARIO HAMFEST JUNE 9, 2007
FURGUS, ONTARIO
www.hamfest.on.ca**

**33rd ONTARIO HAMFEST JULY 7, 2007
MILTON, ONTARIO
www.barc.ca**

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"Communications without intelligence is noise, intelligence without communications is irrelevant"

-- General Alfred M. Gray, USMC