



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.



FEBRUARY, 2008

PACKET UPDATE

The month of January found Amateurs from Halton and Peel meeting to discuss the future of a working packet network for A.R.E.S. use. While many topics were covered, of note is the immediate testing of the existing nodes in the area. This has resulted in packet activity that we haven't seen in decades. If you have a packet station sitting around now is the time to bring it online. The next meeting for the packet group is in February and I hope to be able to attend.

FEBRUARY MEETING

On February 10, 2008 the group will hold it's by-monthly meeting at the Red Cross office in Oakville. Due to a conflict with other users we will be holding the meeting upstairs, where we held the SET in November. Topics will include:

- Report on the Jan., 2008 HRECT meeting:
- Membership: The A.R.E.S. Group needs more active members and more discussion on defining what the groups mission statement is or should be, training material, training certificates and incentives.
- Donations of equipment: If you have any of the following equipment that you wish to donate please bring them to the meeting;
 - VHF, UHF, Dual Band mobile/base radios
 - HF radio (6 & 10 mts in particular)
 - Power supplies
 - VHF, UHF, Dual Band HT's
 - TNC's
 - Tools, tool boxes or cases
 - Feedline(coax), powerline, outlet strips
 - Antennas
 - Laptops, older Dot Matrix Printers (working)
 - Pelican cases for storage/transport
- Nets: The future of our nets will be discussed.
- Future Meetings: Alternate locations for:
 - April 13, 2008
 - June 8, 2008
- Operating practices, Codes of Conduct (to be in line with our sponsoring agency)

R.A.C. ID.'s

The latest TCA has a notice on page 66 that all authorized ARES are requested to obtain official ID from RAC. For more info see the web site at:

www.rac.ca/fieldorg/

This ID will not replace any other that we may be required to have from the Region, but will be a standardized national photo ID.

*****REMINDERS*****

*****Oakville A.R.E.S. Meeting*****

Sunday, February 10, 2008

Oakville Red Cross

1400 Cornwall road

Unit 15

1 – 4- p.m.

*****Big Event 30 Flea Market and Hamfest*****

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008

St. Catharines, Ontario

www.nparc.on.ca/content/bigevent30

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*****Burlington ARC Spring Flea Market*****

Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008

Burlington, Ontario

www.barc.ca

**SUPPORT YOUR A.R.E.S. GROUP, YOUR CLUB and the RAC.
GET INVOLVED AND PARTICIPATE!**

“Wisdom is knowing what to overlook.” WILLIAM JAMES

