



# ***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.



**JANUARY, 2008**

Happy New Year

## **PACKET UPDATE**

The holidays allowed some of us to move another step closer to establishing a working packet network.

First, the Oakville node, VE3OAK, has been delivered to the sites key holder for installation beside the OAK repeater.

As well the actual node hardware that will be used for the HAL node was installed at Mike's, VE3QSK, QTH and is now operating as :

VE3QSK-0 DIGI  
VE3QSK-1 PBBS  
VE3QSK-7 KA-NODE  
ALIAS QSK

The HAL KA-NODE continues to operate at VE3OGP's QTH and there is an excellent path between both nodes. QSK reaches Oakville and Burlington well.

Tests were conducted between HAL and VA3DDA with good results. While we testing QSK we established a connect with VE3DDL but the Oakville station redirected us to its PBBS and then froze. Some minor work will be required there.

## **DECEMBER MEETING**

On December 9, 2007 the group held it's by-monthly meeting at the Red Cross office in Oakville. Here are some of the items that were discussed,

- **Report on the Nov. 28, 2007 HRECT meeting:** There have been changes to the Regional Frequency list with updates to tone freqs., packet freqs. and emergency capabilities of the various sites. The most important change for our group is the removal of the VE3OAK VHF Repeater for the use as the Common Team Frequency. This frees up the repeater for our use and after some discussion by those in attendance it was thought that we should leave it free for back-up emergency coms.
- **Report on the SET that took in Nov.:** There was a round table discussion about the activities during the SET with many excellent comments and ideas for the future.
- **Membership:** The A.R.E.S. Group needs more active members and the discussion included defining what the groups mission statement is or should be, training material, training certificates and incentives. Possible events that would be both fun to participate in and at the same time would allow us to practice our EMCOM procedures were suggested. More on this as plans are formalized.

- **Donations of equipment:** The group is in need of the following equipment;
  - ❑ 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 Oakville A.R.E.S. will remain at 8:00 p.m., Mondays on the OAK UHF machine. While the meetings attendees preferred that the net to be more informal it was decided to remain as a formal net at the start. The need of NCS volunteers was discussed and the script will be made available on the web site shortly. Copies will also be handed out at the next meeting.
- **Future Meetings:** Dates for future meetings were set pending conformation of site availability. These are:
  - ❑ February 10, 2008
  - ❑ April 13, 2008
  - ❑ June 8, 2008

All will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Red Cross office in Oakville.

## SOFTWARE

Here are some links for various software sites,

- ❖ <http://www.w1fn.org/fnpack/index.html>
- ❖ <http://www.ares.org/>
- ❖ <http://www.washcoares.org/res-docs.html#manuals>
- ❖ <http://www.kc2rlm.info/soundcardpacket/>

## \*\*\*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](http://www.nparc.on.ca/content/bigevent30)

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

**Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008**

**Burlington, Ontario**

[www.barc.ca](http://www.barc.ca)

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**“Experience enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.” FRANKLIN P.  
JONES**