



# ***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, 2009**

### **IN THE NEWS!**

The last newsletter had a report on the Regions Operation “LONGHORN”. Shortly after the issue went to the web one of our local newspapers arrived at our door and in it was a story about the exercise. I am happy to report that the “Halton Region Emergency Communications Team (amateur radio)” was included in the list of participants.

### **OAKVILLE A.R.E.S. MEETING DATES**

A.R.E.S. Group members should mark their 2009 calendars with the following meeting dates:

January 11, 2009 \*\*\*

March 15, 2009

May 10, 2009

July 19, 2009

September 13, 2009

November 15, 2009

\*\*\*Note: This date was originally set for Jan. 25 but the Red Cross was not available.

Keep in mind that there are additional events such as Field Day, (June 27-28), the annual S.E.T., (sometime in the Fall) and other Public Events through out the year in which we can participate.

### **R.A.C.**

The Radio Amateurs of Canada Field Services Organization have made a number of announcements that should be of interest to our members.

First is the introduction of the updated RAC ARES Operations Training Manual with plans to offer for sale, sometime in '09, a hard copy of the book. The manual can be downloaded for free at:

<http://www.rac.ca/fieldorg/RACARESTrainingManual.htm>

In addition a new ARES-Alert system for Radio Amateurs who are part of ARES or another Emcomm service has been set up by the R.A.C. Field Services. Using e-mail to alert members of “emergencies or disasters, or threat of same, where Amateur Emcomm services are or maybe required.”

Any Canadian Radio Amateur may register for this service. For more information go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ARES-Alert/>

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Also of interest to Amateurs is the changing of the frequency of the Canadian time broadcast station CHU. As of January 1<sup>st</sup> CHU will move from 7335 Khz to 7850 Khz.

## ON THE WEB

Gary, VE3TGH forwarded an article about “Top 25 things vanishing from America: #16 – Ham Radio...” Written by Tom Barlow, N8NLO it is a very interesting read. Check it out at:

<http://walletpop.aol.com/specials/top-25-things-vanishing-from-america>

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Those of us who check out other A.R.E.S. or club web sites might have been surprised to find many of them were gone on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.

K3TKS, who was the force behind QSL.NET and QTH.NET, has retired, making those servers go offline until KA9FOX takes over and moves them to another host. Many A.R.E.S.groups, clubs and personal web pages worked out of QSL.NET

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## \*\*\*REMINDERS\*\*\*

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

Sunday, January 11, 2009

Oakville Red Cross

1400 Cornwall Road

Unit 15

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

**Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**  
**Saturday, February 7, 2009**  
**St. Catharines, Ontario, ON**  
**Merriton Community Centre**  
**7 Park Ave.**  
**St. Catharines, Ontario**  
<http://www.nparc.on.ca/content/bigevent>

**Burlington Amateur Radio Club**  
**Saturday, February 28, 2009**  
**Burlington, Ontario**  
**Royal Canadian Legion - 828 Legion Rd., Burlington**  
<http://www.barc.ca>

**Peel and Mississauga ARC**  
**Saturday, March 28, 2009**  
**Brampton, Ontario**  
**Brampton Fair Grounds, Heartlake Road.**  
<http://www.ham-ex.org/>

**North Shore ARC & South Pickering ARC**  
**Saturday, April 18, 2009**  
**Whitby, Ontario**  
**Iroquois Park Recreation Center.**  
<http://www.drhamfest.tripod.com>

**SUPPORT YOU'RE A.R.E.S. GROUP, YOUR CLUB AND THE RAC.**  
**GET INVOLVED, PARTICIPATE AND HAVE FUN!**

**"The most important thing about having goals is having one" - Geoffrey F. Abert**

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