



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.



JUNE, 2007

A.R.E.S. MEETING REPORT

NETS

A.R.E.S. Members and other interested operators are reminded of the formal net on Mondays at 8:00 p.m. If the regularly scheduled NCS has not opened the net by 5 minutes after the regular start time any other operator on frequency should assume the NCS status and begin running the net for the duration.

The National organization is asking that all local A.R.E.S. groups try to have a H.F. Net Representative who would check in at least once a week,(more if possible), to the Ontario Phone Net on 80 Mts. The net runs 365 days a year on or around 3.7425 Mhz. Check in time would be around 7:15 local. Any one interested should contact Rick, VA3NV, E.C. at radio62a@hotmail.com.

CANWARN

A discussion was held concerning CANWARN in the Oakville area. Rick gave a brief history of the weather reporting group and asked if the Oakville A.R.E.S. members were interested in reestablishing and participating in CANWARN, noting that many members of A.R.E.S. already have taken the training.

More info on CANWARN can be found at these web sites:

<http://www.on.ec.gc.ca/canwarn/home-e.html>

and

<http://emoares.org/canwarn.shtml>

RED CROSS BUILDING

The new Red Cross building poses some challenges for our A.R.E.S. group, so members attending the meeting discussed some ideas related to setting up a station during an emergency. Topics included antenna placement, power concerns, instructions and storage of equipment. Some excellent ideas were suggested which will be followed up at later meetings.

OTHER UPDATES

Members attending this meeting were asked to fill out new A.R.E.S. information sheets so that the groups resource info may be kept up to date. The I.D. badges were not given out at this time but hopefully will be available at our next meeting.

The old O.A.R.C. packet TNC was delivered to VE3OGP and hopefully a digi/KA-Node will be set up soon at the repeater site. This will serve the Oakville L.A.N. until a proper node system can be built and integrated into a Halton L.A.N.

A sample Powerpole connector was passed around the room so members could see how this system goes together. We are still trying to find a supplier that will give a discount on a bulk purchase of these connectors.

HANDOUTS

The following Handouts were made available at the meeting:

Guidelines for the Amateur
Modified "Go Kits"
EMCOMM EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST
and
NVIS: Near Vertical Incidence Skywave

FIELD DAY

Field Day is at the end of this month, June 23 and 24, 2007. Operators are needed, as this is a 24-hr. event. Please contact the Field Day Coordinator, VE3OGP, if you are interested in participating. This year it will be held at the Halton Region Building on Bronte Rd., just north of the QEW. We have the upper north parking lot, right beside the golf course, set aside for us.

REMIDERS

NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY JULY 29, 2007, 1-4 p.m.

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

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

"If I can't understand what you are sending we ain't communicating..."
Gunny Cotton's Rules of Radio Communication.