



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.



MAY 2008

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK

The week of May 4-10, 2008 is Emergency Preparedness week in Canada. Public Safety Canada promotes this on their web site at www.getprepared.ca. They encourage everyone to have an emergency kit that will make sure you and your family can take care of yourselves for at least 72 hours. As A.R.E.S. members we tend to prepare ourselves for the callout but in a real emergency are your family members also ready to fend for themselves if you are busy with A.R.E.S. activities? Do you have a pre-arranged meeting place if they need to evacuate? Contact information?

FOX HUNT

The A.R.E.S. Fox hunt was held on Sunday, May 4, 2008. While poorly attended those that did participate had a great time. Thanks to those who came out. Congratulations to our winning team, Judy VA3JDA and Dave VA3DDA for finding the fox and having a perfect copy of the NTS message "clues". Pictures are posted on the web page. Thanks also goes to our fox, Mike, VE3QSK. Mike has indicated that he is already planning for the next one...so be warned, he is very tricky!

FIELD DAY

May is here and that means Field Day is less than 2 months away. We need people to participate for the fun and experience of setting up and operating a field station(s) that Field Day offers. Setup people are needed in the morning and operators are needed through out the contest. You don't have to be there for the whole time so if you can spare a few hours on that weekend for some Amateur Radio let me know. Please note that there is a new e-mail address for FD, oarc.fd@interhop.net

MEETINGS

Our meeting in April was cancelled due to a booking conflict. I haven't had confirmation about the June date yet so watch for a special e-mail about that.

Our membership AEC, Mike VE3QSK, is planning on having some technical sessions at his

home soon. Some of the topics include PowerPole workshop, antenna construction and RDF equipment and techniques. Space will be limited so if you are interested in coming out I would let him know as soon as the dates are announced. If you have another topic that you think might be of interest please contact Mike.

ON THE WEB

There is a new forum on the web for A.R.E.S. members at

www.aresontarioec.ca

It is open to any one interested in A.R.E.S. and registration is required if you wish to post any messages. Check it out!

Also if you need to send an e-mail to our anyone in our group or to our group in general you can send it to

oarc.ares@interhop.net

and I will forward it on to the right people

"Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises" DEMOSTHENES