



OAKVILLE A.R.E.S. GROUP

Newsletter

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HALLOWEEN REPORT

Well, an interesting Halloween has come and gone. Our turnout for the Hell Night and Halloween patrols was fantastic to say the least.

Here are the figures:

Hell Night (Oct 30) participants:

NCS - VA3NV, VE3OGP

On the road - (Oakville ARES) - VA3DDA, VA3JDA, VE3QSK, VE3RHF, VA3GGF, VA3HFB, VE3CPQ, VA3PRS

(Non-Oak ARES) - VA3KRA (BARES), VA3GPC, VA3SNZ, Ann McKeachnie (prospective ham)

for a total of 14 people.

Halloween (Oct 31) participants:

NCS - VA3NV, VA3RWY

On the road - (Oakville ARES) - VE3OKD, VA3HFB, VE3QSK, VE3DDL, VE3RHF, VA3GGF, VE3HG, VE3CPQ, VA3PRS, VA3PRE

(Non-Oak ARES) - VA3KRA (BARES), VE3HEN, VA3GPC, VA3SNZ, VE3XPJ, VE3OBP, Ann McKeachnie (prospective ham)

for a total of 19 people.

VE3HEN, VE3HG and VE3OKD were surprise participants - we had no idea they were coming out till they showed up on the air.

Their offers of assistance we quickly accepted.

The APRS worked quite nicely both nights. We need to figure out a larger scale map though - we need to be able to see large areas of Halton at the same time. VE3XPJ was helping Peter up in Milton and had APRS in his vehicle. In order to watch him on the screen I had to scroll up to the Milton area and thus lost coverage of my vehicles in Oakville. We definitely need to explore APRS further.

Rick
VA3NV

H.F. STATION TRAINING

At a Field Day debriefing meeting in October those present thought that it might be interesting to our A.R.E.S. members if they could have an opportunity to operate a H.F. station prior to Field day. As a result Mike, VE3QSK (A.E.C.), has offered to run a few seminars/operating sessions from his home.

More details will be given at the next A.R.E.S. meeting.

ON THE WEB

The O.A.R.C. web site now has a member's only page which requires a password and user name. If you would like to log onto this page the information will be available at the next A.R.E.S. meeting.

Need to find the location of a repeater? Check out:

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&msa=0&msid=114112314865398732709.00044853bb4a45876d461&ll=44.762337,-79.255371&spn=6.89571,14.941406&z=6>

EQUIPMENT DONATIONS

Thanks to Dave, VA3DDA and Judy, VA3JDA for a cabinet to store our equipment at the Red Cross office.

Ian, VE3IAN has donated a number of UHF handhelds, FRS radios, a VHF rig and 2 boxes to be used to store our shelter kits. Thanks Ian.

Do you have equipment hanging around the house that you don't want? Before you throw it out please contact Oakville A.R.E.S. to see if we could use it.

ONE LINERS

You may be a HAM if:

You walk carefully in your back yard to avoid being "clotheslined".

You have deep anxiety or panic attacks during high winds or heavy Ice storms.

Your wife threatens you with divorce when you tell her that you are going on a "fox hunt".

(Deleted due to divorce)

(Deleted due to domestic homicide)

REMINDERS

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

Sunday, November 15, 2009

Oakville Red Cross

1400 Cornwall Road

Unit 15

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

"Nothing will work unless you do." - Maya Angelou

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GET INVOLVED, PARTICIPATE AND HAVE FUN!**

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