



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.



OCTOBER, 2008

READY SET, SET, SET

The next few weeks will be very busy with Simulated Emergency Tests.

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The first one is from Emergency Management Ontario (EMO). They have advised all Ontario A.R.E.S. members that they will be conducting a Pandemic Exercise from September 23 through September 26, 2008. Of particular interest to the A.R.E.S. community will be the communications infrastructure failure test sometime on Thursday. EMO will be testing A.R.E.S. communications to provide auxiliary comms support into certain locations in the province to the Provincial EOC. These locations will not be disclosed until the exercise begins. A.R.E.S. members are requested to monitor their local IRLP equipped repeater.

A list of these is available on <http://www.emoares.org/irlpnodes.shtml>

Oakville A.R.E.S. members please note that the Oakville IRLP node is currently offline.

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On Saturday, September 27, 2008 from 9:00 to 15:00 and from 19:00 to 22:00 hours the 2008 Province-wide SET will take place. The Ontario SET will be a joint exercise with the State of Michigan. All A.R.E.S. members are welcome and encouraged to participate. For more information on this go to <http://www.emoares.org/set2008.html>

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The Oakville A.R.E.S. Group will be holding our annual SET on

*****OCTOBER 4th, 2008*****

It will start around 8 a.m. and finish up near noon.

This date corresponds to the date chosen by the Mississauga and Brampton/Caledon A.R.E.S. groups and we will attempt to co-ordinate through the GTA West Repeater Network via the District Net Control Station which should be located on VE3ADT, (444.125, tone 131.8 Hz), located in Milton.

Oakville A.R.E.S. member should be check their equipment and Go kits prior to the SET date. It is hoped that the packet network will also be used.

Our standard frequencies will be used for Oakville operations and members will be advised of specifics at the time of activation.

A.R.E.S. members are reminded that when passing any message during the SET they should include the words "TEST MESSAGE" at the beginning of the text body.

MEMBERS NEEDED!

Our A.R.E.S. Group needs more members. If you know of someone that might be interested in joining Oakville A.R.E.S. please let us know. While Radio Amateurs are preferred, anyone who is interested in learning the in and outs of emergency communications, as they apply to A.R.E.S. operations, are welcome to apply. Perhaps this will be their introduction to Amateur Radio and motivate them to getting their ticket, a win-win situation for our fine hobby!

An orientation kit for all of our members is now being put together and it is hoped that funding for the production of the book can be obtained from outside sources.

*****REMINDERS*****

*****The Ontario VHF Association Annual Meeting/Seminar***
Humber College North Campus in Etobicoke, Ontario, Canada.
(205 Humber College Blvd. Toronto, Ontario M9W 5L7)
on September 27, 2008.**

For more information visit the web page at: <http://home.cogeco.ca/~ovhfa/>

*****Halton-Peel A.R.E.S. Joint S.E.T.***
Saturday, October 4, 2008**

*****Oakville A.R.E.S. Group Meeting***
Sunday, October 5, 2008
Oakville Red Cross
1400 Cornwall Road
Unit 15
1- 4 p.m.**

*****York Region Hamfest***
Saturday, October 25, 2008
Markham Fairgrounds
McCowan Road at Elgin Mills Road E.
www.yrarc.ca**

*****Hell Night and Halloween Night Patrols***
October 30 – 31, 2008
Details to Follow**

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

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does." - William James