



FD 2008 Report

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SITE UPDATE

Thanks to Derek, VE3DDL, for confirming with the Region our intent to use the parking lot.

Directions and site maps outlining the suggested stations setup and locations are now available on the web site. If you have any suggestions concerning these, please let me know.

THE SCHEDULE

With FD fast approaching here is the tentative schedule for the weekend:

- **SATURDAY**
- 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at GK Fifties Diner
- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Site Arrival, Sign In, Groups and Briefing
- 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. Site Policing (clean-up) and Tent(s) Setup
- 10:00 - 12:15 p.m. Generator Setup, Distribution, Grounding, Tests
- 10:30 - 1:30 p.m. Stations Setup
- 10:30 - 1:00 p.m. Antennas
- 12:00 - 2:15 p.m. Lunch available *
- 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. Stations Operational Tests
- 2:00 ***** EVENT START *****
- 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. GOTA / Education Activity Setup
- 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner Break
- 6:10 - 6:15 p.m. Gen Set Refuel and Oil Check (1)
- **SUNDAY**
- 12:10 - 12:15 a.m. Gen Set Refuel and Oil Check (2)
- 6:10 - 6:15 a.m. Gen Set Refuel and Oil Check (3)
- 11:15 - 12:00 p.m. Solar Station (one of 2A stations)
- 2:00 ***** EVENT ENDS *****
- 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Site Breakdown and Clean Up
- 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Final Policing

***At this time lunch is planned to be a cold meat buffet etc. Drinks will be water and various sodas. Bottled water will be available throughout FD.**

IMPORTANT INFO

- ❑ Safety First**
- ❑ This is a parking lot so bring suitable headwear and lots of sun protection**
- ❑ We are guests of the Halton Region, please conduct yourselves accordingly**
- ❑ NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PLEASE**
- ❑ There are no plans to provide dinner**
- ❑ Water and pop will be available during the event.**
- ❑ This is an opportunity to promote our hobby, please take the time to introduce yourselves to any visitors.**
- ❑ Unless the buildings are open for other events there will be NO washrooms available; (Tim Hortons down the road is 24hr.)**
- ❑ Please bring your cameras/video so we can post on the web site.**
- ❑ If your just visiting please bring some chairs and enjoy**

FD RULES CHANGES

A reminder of the rule changes for this year's field day. The GOTA station is now allowed to operate in the VHF bands. This does not affect the VHF bonus station for 2A and up categories. Who can operate the GOTA has changed slightly, but this should not be a problem for us. If you operated the GOTA station last year you are not eligible for this year but if you have been inactive on HF for about 1 ½ to 2 years your good to go. Also you can still go and operate on the regular stations after your stint on the GOTA station. If in doubt talk to the FDC before going on the air.

Visitors and family can also operate the GOTA station with the supervision of the control operator. Youths (18 and under), who make one QSO at any of our stations will earn us additional bonus points.

Also in the bonus area, the "Demonstration Bonus" has been replaced with an "Educational Activity Bonus". One suggestion for this would be showing how the A.R.E.S. Powerpole connectors are setup and installed. If you have any other ideas please let me know.

EQUIPMENT

Last year actual radio gear was not a problem and I hope that to be the case again. However we did have a need for tents or shelters (free standing preferred), fans, table lights, chairs etc. We were able to gather what we needed, but if you have something you think we can use please let me know as soon as possible so that I can plan ahead. Don't be afraid to throw that old dipole in the trunk "just in case".

PERSONEL ON SITE

When you arrive on site please check in with me at the First aid station. There will be an operator/logger sign up sheet for each station available for you to choose a time/task if you want, (on a first come basis). If there is a time you know you would like before hand, just drop me an email and I will pencil you in. Time slots are divided in 1-hr. increments.

As in previous years logging will be done on the computers, the 2A stations will probably be Writelog and the others on a generic program I have.

"Field Day" is for the entire weekend but you don't have to be there all the time. For instance, you may want to help with the set up then come back and operate or log at a later time, (just make sure to call on the repeater for a "Timmies run" before coming back!). If you what to do something in particular or aren't sure of what is needed please contact me at oarc.fd@interhop.net.

THE LAST PAGE

Included with this report is a notice that you might want to print and put up at your work, school or other local community bulletin boards. It is the modified version of our press release that Peter, VE3HG, wrote for us.

FINALLY

I hope to see you all out on June 28-29, your participation is critical to our success and fun.

George, VE3OGP, F.D.C.

The O.A.R.C.

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Oakville Amateur Radio Club

Ham Radio Operators show off Amateur Radio for Halton Region residents

Public Demo of Emergency Communications June 28-29

Oakville, Ontario – Thousands of Ham Radio enthusiasts from across North America will be showing off their emergency capabilities June 28 to 29 and operators from Halton Region amateur radio clubs will be part of the action.

Operating from the parking lot of the Halton Regional Centre on Bronte Road (north building parking lot on east side of Hwy 25/Bronte Road, north of the QEW), Ham operators will setup a simulated emergency communications network capable of communicating with other Hams from around the world on June 28 to June 29.

Over the past year, the news has been full of reports of ham radio operators providing critical communications in emergencies including the California wildfires, Oregon and Michigan storms, tornadoes and other events world-wide. During Hurricane Katrina, Amateur Radio – often called “Ham radio” - was often the ONLY way people could communicate, and hundreds of volunteer “hams” traveled south to save lives and property.

In China, Ham Radio is relatively new but Hams from across that vast country are still providing emergency communications following the recent wide-spread earthquakes which claimed so many lives and destroyed entire communities.

The annual Field Day event helps local Hams and Hams across the continent to practice their emergency communications skills using voice, digital modes and even good old fashion Morse Code over a 24-hour test of equipment and endurance.

The public is always welcome to see this demonstration of Ham Radio from noon Saturday to noon Sunday.

For more information see www.oakvilleamateurs.net/

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