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Richmond Amateur Radio Club to Carry Out Annual 'Field Day' Radio Communications Exercise with Richmond Emergency Programs at Garry Point Park on June 25, 2016

Richmond, B.C. (June 7, 2016) - The Richmond Amateur Radio Club (RARC) will be sharing Garry Point Park with Richmond Emergency Programs on this year's Field Day - a 24-hour emergency radio communications exercise during the weekend of June 25-26 with radio operations starting at 11 AM on Saturday and ending at 11 AM on Sunday.

Every year on the fourth weekend of June, RARC members join more than 35,000 Amateur radio operators from across Canada and the U.S. in the most publicized on-the-air event by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) to contact as many Amateur radio stations as possible.

For RARC, the weekend at Garry Point Park is also an opportunity for club members to:

- Demonstrate radio communication capabilities using the club's own equipment,
- Practice emergency radio operations in less than ideal conditions, and
- Promote Amateur radio in emergency communications to the general public

Richmond Emergency Programs, who has joined RARC on previous Field Days, will return this year with their new communications vehicle. There will also be a demonstration on Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF), or 'fox-hunting,' to introduce the public to another increasingly popular aspect of Amateur radio, also known as radio sport or radio orienteering.

Amateur radio operators have provided communications support to major emergency operations such as the recent floods in Calgary and southern Alberta, and wild fires in Washington State. Exercises like Field Day enable RARC to improve its radio communication practices so its members can be better prepared to support local emergency programs.

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About Richmond Amateur Radio Club – RARC is a registered BC Society to promote the interests of Amateur Radio, assist in the provision of communication services in the event of an emergency, and provide communications for public service events as requested. RARC is a member of Emergency Management BC, a supporter of City of Richmond Emergency Programs, and an affiliated club with Radio Amateurs of Canada. Programs for RARC are partially funded by grants from the City of Richmond and Province of BC. Additional information about RARC is located at: www.rarclub.ca

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