



Richmond Amateur Radio Club

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NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Richmond Amateur Radio Club to Carry Out 24-Hour Radio Operations at Garry Point Park on Weekend of June 24-25 for Field Day 2017

Richmond, B.C. (May 19, 2017) - The Richmond Amateur Radio Club (RARC) will be carrying out radio operations and other Amateur radio activities around the clock at Garry Point Park on the west side of Steveston Village in Richmond on the weekend of June 24-25 for Field Day 2017. The 24-hour event for RARC to demonstrate Amateur radio activities and exercise its emergency communication capabilities begins at 11 AM Saturday and ends at 11 AM Sunday.

Every year on the fourth complete 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 Amateur radio event organized by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the national association for Amateur radio in the USA, to contact as many Amateur radio stations as possible.

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

- Demonstrate radio communication capabilities using the club's equipment,
- Practice emergency radio operations in less than ideal field conditions,
- Promote Amateur radio in emergency communications as a public service, and
- Showcase Amateur radio activities to the general public.

On Saturday afternoon June 24, visitors to Garry Point Park will be able to use the radio at the 'Get On The Air' (GOTA) station to contact other Amateur radio stations, take part in Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) fox hunts using an 80m receiver, try to contact a satellite with a Yagi antenna, or watch RARC members operate radios using alternative energy sources.

ARRL refers to Field Day as "ham radio's open house." Field Day "is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur radio to organizations that Amateur radio might serve during an emergency, as well as the general public." RARC members apply these radio communication skills to support local public events like the Steveston Salmon Festival Canada Day Parade, Terry Fox Run, The Vancouver Sun Run and Vancouver Celebration of Lights, as well as Richmond Emergency Programs emergency radio communications activities.

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About the 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 radio communication 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 British Columbia. Additional information about RARC is located at: www.rarclub.ca

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