



Richmond Amateur Radio Club

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Richmond Amateur Radio Club to Test Emergency Response Capabilities of Club Station at Gulf of Georgia Cannery for Field Day on June 23-24

Richmond, B.C. (June 6, 2018) – This Field Day 2018, Richmond Amateur Radio Club (RARC) will be testing emergency radio communications as well as showcasing different aspects of the Amateur radio hobby from its club station VE7GOG situated on the grounds of Parks Canada Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site in Steveston, Richmond on the weekend of June 23-24 from 11 AM Saturday to 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 “ham radio’s open house” to demonstrate the science, skill, community service and emergency preparedness of Amateur radio. American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the national association for Amateur radio in the USA, has been organizing the annual event since 1933.

Field Day at the club station VE7GOG is an opportunity for RARC members to:

- Test capabilities of the club’s radio station and its communications equipment,
- Inform the public about the role of Amateur radio in emergency communications, and
- Demonstrate different activities in the Amateur radio hobby.

On Saturday afternoon of June 23, visitors in the Steveston Village area will be able to drop by the parking lot of the Cannery and see how radio contacts are made by bouncing signals off satellites using handheld antennas, use Morse code, try Amateur radio direction finding (ARDF) with special 80m receivers, send messages using the club’s emergency go-kit, or watch RARC members make radio contacts across North America on different HF frequency bands.

“This year, RARC has decided to hold Field Day at VE7GOG instead of its usual location at Garry Point Park because the club is in the process of making upgrades to its station and Field Day is an opportune time to test the station’s emergency response capabilities,” says Urey Chan, president of RARC. “The club station has participated in recent emergency exercises but it has been a while since the equipment operated continuously for 24 hours, especially off-grid using alternate power sources.”

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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 supporter of Emergency Management BC and 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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