



# Richmond Amateur Radio Club

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## INFO RELEASE

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#### Richmond Amateur Radio Club Partners with Gulf of Georgia Cannery to Bring Wartime Communications to Life on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Richmond, B.C. (August 9, 2016)** – The Richmond Amateur Radio Club (RARC) has partnered with Gulf of Georgia (GOG) Cannery Society to demonstrate wartime radio operations at the GOG Cannery’s “Dots & Dashes & Radio Waves: A look into 1940’s wartime communications” event in Steveston Village, Richmond on August 20, 2016 between 1 and 3 pm.

The demonstrations on the use of two-way ‘ham’ radios are part of the Cannery’s “Life Hacks of the 1940’s” series of programming where history comes to life by enabling museum visitors to experience sending radio messages, by voice and Morse code, on Amateur radio frequencies under the supervision of RARC members.

For the event, RARC members will be setting up a temporary (field) station inside the Cannery to communicate with other Amateur radio stations using VE7GOG, the call sign of the radio club’s station situated on the GOG Cannery National Historic Site. RARC is one of a few Amateur radio stations situated on Parks Canada property. Local radio Amateurs will be asked to monitor the airwaves during the event and respond to calls (CQs) from the Cannery to complete the contact.

Radio operation procedures and practices have not changed much since the 1940’s. Engaging the public to experience wartime radio communications at the GOG Cannery not only provides educational value in learning about the relevancy of radio in modern communications but also demonstrates that two-way radios are still being used today by industry and Amateur radio where those practices and procedures also play a role as back up communications in the event of an emergency.

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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](http://www.rarclub.ca)

Information on the Gulf of Georgia Cannery is available at: <http://gulfofgeorgiacannery.org/>

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