



Richmond Amateur Radio Club

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Richmond Amateur Radio Club Looks Forward to Another Eventful Year in Providing Radio Communications to Support Local Community

Richmond, B.C. (January 18, 2015) – Richmond Amateur Radio Club (RARC) members have been providing radio communication services to support City of Richmond's Emergency Programs and local community events, as well as advocating interest in the Amateur radio hobby and 2015 is expected be another eventful year. The following dates are already on RARC's activities calendar for the first part of this year.

February 7 - RARC will be holding its Basic Qualification radio course for interested Amateur radio enthusiasts to obtain their Industry Canada operator certificate and call sign. The 7-week, 20-hour course covers the basics of Amateur radio operations, government regulations and general practices that apply to a certified Amateur radio operator.

April 19 - Annual Vancouver Sun Run for RARC and other radio Amateurs from the Lower Mainland to provide radio communications for Canada's largest 10k road race.

May 9 – Safe and Secure Living Fair presented by Chinese Christian Mission where RARC is an invited guest to talk about the role of Amateur radio in emergency communications.

May 24 - 7th SOS Children's Village Run and Walk where RARC has been invited every year to provide radio communications and logistical support for this popular community fundraiser.

June 27-28 – Field Day for RARC and all Amateur radio organizations and operators across Canada and the U.S. This annual 24-hour event is an emergency exercise that is part radio operations, part education and part public relations.

July 1 – RARC members work with event organizers, parade marshals and local authorities in radio communications for the annual Steveston Salmon Festival and Canada Day Parade.

“Participation at these events not only supports local community activities but also creates training opportunities for our members to become better prepared in assisting local emergency programs,” says Eric Scott, president of RARC. “We see the volunteer efforts of RARC members an integral part of the Richmond community working together for a common interest.”

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About RARC - The Richmond Amateur Radio Club 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 and supporter of Emergency Social Services with the City of Richmond. Programs for the club 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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