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Richmond Amateur Radio Club to offer annual Basic Qualification Radio Course from Feb. 6 to Mar. 19, 2016

Richmond, B.C. (Dec. 18, 2015) - The next Richmond Amateur Radio Club radio course starts on Saturday, February 6, 2016. This course prepares students for the Industry Canada Basic Qualifications Level Operator Certificate exam to operate on allocated Amateur radio frequencies.

The course consists of six Saturday morning classes from 9:30 AM to 12:30 noon, with the exam on the seventh Saturday, March 19, 2016. Classes will take place in an office boardroom located at No. 2 Road and Blundell Road in Richmond.

A fee of \$95 for the course includes about 18 hours of instructions (in 6 classes), course study guide (text book), instructors' notes, course exam, and call sign registration with Industry Canada upon passing of exam. Successful students passing the course will each receive one year free membership with the Richmond Amateur Radio Club.

Radios courses offered by RARC serve the following purposes:

- Introduce new individuals to the Amateur radio hobby,
- Help interested parties obtain their operator certificates so they can provide volunteer assistance to the local community through Amateur radio communications, and
- Generate interest in becoming a member of RARC and the Amateur radio community.

RARC has been successfully graduating students into the Amateur radio hobby, with many operators becoming active participants and contributors to the Amateur radio community. Its faculty of instructors includes long-time club members who are Amateur radio operators with varied practical experience in both the hobby and related professional fields.

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About RARC - 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 communications for public service events as requested. RARC is a member of Emergency Management BC, supporter of Emergency Programs with the City of Richmond, and an affiliate with Radio Amateurs of Canada. 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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