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## Second Annual Richmond Amateur Radio Club Event on April 7, 2018 At South Arm United Church Brings Together Amateur Radio Enthusiasts and Emergency Communications Displays from the Lower Mainland

Richmond, B.C. (April 3, 2018) – Upcoming Richmond Amateur Radio Club (RARC) event on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> will bring together Amateur radio enthusiasts and emergency communications displays from across the Lower Mainland, and promote emergency preparedness to the community. The second annual Swap Meet and Emergency Communications Display event takes place from 9 AM to 12:30 PM at South Arm United Church in Richmond on 11051 No. 3 Road (at Steveston Hwy.).

Two interesting communications vehicle displays new to this year's event are the Community Emergency Response Vehicle (CERV) from Vancouver Emergency Community Telecommunications Organization (VECTOR), and a radio communications vehicle from 39 Service Battalion of the Canadian Armed Forces. Other municipalities to be represented at the event are: Abbotsford (AARESS), Surrey (SEPARS), Burnaby, Delta and Langley City.

"The annual RARC event on April 7<sup>th</sup> aims to promote awareness of: Amateur radio's involvement in emergency communications, emergency communications in our community, and emergency preparedness," comments Urey Chan, the event's organizer and President of RARC. "Cooperation, collaboration, and coordination are key elements for an efficient and effective plan to involve Amateur radio in emergency communications preparedness."

Additional information and updates on the event are posted at: www.richmondarc.ca

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**About Richmond Amateur Radio Club** – RARC is a registered BC Society of volunteers 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 community 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 on the club's main Web site at: *www.rarclub.ca* 

For questions about the RARC Swap Meet and Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Display or RARC, please contact:

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