



# Richmond Amateur Radio Club

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## INFO RELEASE

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#### Richmond Amateur Radio Club Swap Meet on April 8, 2017 to set up radio station to contact Commemorative Amateur Radio Station operating from France to commemorate 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Battle of Vimy Ridge

**Richmond, B.C. (March 20, 2017)** – The Richmond Amateur Radio Club (RARC) is proud to host a swap meet (a.k.a. hamfest) on Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 9 AM to 1 PM at the South Arm United Church in Richmond, B.C. The event will also include a display of emergency communications equipment from local municipalities and Amateur radio organizations, as well as a ham radio station on site for the public to contact a station at Vimy Ridge in France.

The date of the swap meet has been chosen to fall within the period of operations for TM100VIMY (from April 1 to April 9), call sign for the commemorative Amateur radio special event station operating from Vimy Ridge summit during the centenary ceremonies for the WW1 Battle. Burnaby Amateur Radio Club (BARC) and Surrey Amateur Radio Club (SARC) will set up the Amateur radio station at the event for the general public to try contacting the Vimy Ridge station.

Such swap meets bring together ham radio operators and like-minded enthusiasts to exchange information about Amateur radio. “The radio station to contact Vimy Ridge and display of emergency communications equipment not only provide added value for the event but also showcase to the public the role of Amateur radio in the community and how radio Amateurs work together,” says Urey Chan, president of RARC and organizer of the event.

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RARC swap meet Web site: <http://www.richmondarc.ca/swapmeet2017.html>

Vimy Commemorative Station Society: <http://ve100vimy.ca/>

BARC Web site: <http://ve7bar.org/>

SARC Web site: <http://ve7sar.net/>

**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 service events as requested. RARC is a participant 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 on the club’s Web site at: [www.rarclub.ca](http://www.rarclub.ca)

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