

# Coming Events | Hamfests

Please visit the RAC Events Database for other events and for more information about the events listed below: <https://hambone.ca/rac/events/upcoming.php>

## Kemptville Amateur Radio Ham Fest Kemptville Amateur Radio Group VE3NGR

**Date:** Saturday, March 15

**Place:** Kemptville, ON; WB George Centre, 48 Shearer Street

**Time:** Vendors 7:30 am; Public 9 am.

**Cost:** \$5 entry; \$15 for tables;

Kids under 15 for free

**Talkin:** 14550 -0.600 up/down 110.9 Hz

**Info:** To reserve a table, please email [donkempt@gmail.com](mailto:donkempt@gmail.com) and include your name, call sign email and number of tables.

**W:** <https://ve3ngr.ca/>

## Hamfest and Flea Market

**Sponsor:** The Iroquois Amateur Radio Club

**Date:** Saturday, April 5

**Place:** Cardinal, ON; Royal Canadian Legion Branch 370 at 24 Dundas Street.

**Time:** Vendors 8 am; Public at 9 am.

**Cost:** Admission: \$5; Table Rentals are \$10.

Does not include admission cost.

**Talkin:** Iroquois repeater VE3IRO 145.290 (-) CTCSS 100.0 Hz

**Info:** Contact [va3xar@gmail.com](mailto:va3xar@gmail.com); For table rentals contact Mike at [va3tufham@aol.com](mailto:va3tufham@aol.com).

**W:** <https://iroquoisARC.ca>

## Durham Hamfest

**North Shore Amateur Radio Club**

**Date:** Saturday, April 12

**Place:** Pickering, ON; Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex, 1867 Valley Farm Road South

**Time:** Public 9 am to 12 noon.

**Cost:** \$10

**Info:** Contact Laird at [VE3LKS@yahoo.ca](mailto:VE3LKS@yahoo.ca)

**W:** <https://durhamhamfest.com>

## CRALL Hamfest 2025 – St-Eustache Club Radio Amateur Laval-Laurentides VE2CRL

**Date:** Saturday, April 26

**Place:** St-Eustache, QC; Complexe Multisport 85 Rue Grignon

**Time:** Vendors 7 am; Public: 8:30 am.

**Cost:** Vendors \$10/table; Public \$10.

**Talkin:** VE2REL 449.025 MHz (-) 141.3 Hz  
VE2REL 146.970 MHz (-) 141.3 Hz Simplex on site: 446.900

**Info:** Contact [crall.hamfest.2025@gmail.com](mailto:crall.hamfest.2025@gmail.com)

**W:** <https://crall.ca/hamfest-2025/>

## Comox Ham Swap Market

**Sponsor:** DX Engineering & others

**Date:** Sunday, April 27

**Place:** Courtenay BC

Merville Hall (yellow building), 1245 Fenwick Rd at Hwy 19A. (just 15 min. North of Courtenay on the old highway).

**Time:** Vendors 8:30 am; Public 9 am – 1 pm.

**Cost:** Public \$5; Tables \$20.

**Info:** Brian Sellstedt, [VE7RD](mailto:VE7RD) sells795@telus.net

**W:** <https://www.comoxvalleyamateurradio.ca/>

## RAM Spring Flea Market Radio Amateurs of Manitoba

**Date:** Sunday, May 4

**Place:** Winnipeg, MB; Valour Community Centre – Clifton Site; 1315 Strathcona Street

**Time:** Vendors: 9 am; Public 10 am – 12 pm.

**Cost:** Vendors: \$20 (includes 1 admission)

Public: \$10

**Talkin:** 147.390+ 127.3hz

**Info:** Contact [info@ramb.ca](mailto:info@ramb.ca)

**W:** <https://ramb.ca/events/flea-market/2025>

## Spring Swap Meet

**Maple Ridge Amateur Radio Club**

**Date:** Sunday, May 4

**Place:** Pitt Meadows, BC; Heritage Hall, 12460 Harris Road

**Time:** Vendors 7:30 am; Breakfast 8 am;

Earlybird 8:30 am; General admission 9 am

**Cost:** Vendor & Table \$25; Admission \$10;

Earlybird \$20, Breakfast \$7

**Talkin:** VE7RMR 146.800 (-) Tone 156.7

**Info:** Reserve a table [swapmeet@mrarc.ca](mailto:swapmeet@mrarc.ca)

**W:** <https://www.mrarc.net/swap-meet/>

## Smiths Falls Ham Fest

**Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club /**

**Lanark North Leeds ARES**

**Date:** Saturday, May 17

**Place:** Smiths Falls, ON; Smiths Falls Civitan Club 12468 ON-15.

**Time:** Vendors 7 am; Public 8 am

**Cost:** Public \$5 (includes door prize ticket).

Youth under 16 admitted free.

Tailgaters \$10 + \$5 if they wish to shop inside (includes door prize ticket).

Vendors: Tables (approx 2.5 x 5 ft) \$15 + \$5 for each person (includes door prize ticket);

**Talkin:** VE3RLR 147.210 + PL 151.4Hz

**Info:** Contact [ve3rlr@gmail.com](mailto:ve3rlr@gmail.com)

**W:** <https://www.ve3rlr.ca/p/httpsgoo.html>

## Central Ontario Hamfest

**Sponsors GARC & KWARC**

**Date:** Sunday, June 1

**Place:** North Dumfries (near Cambridge) ON; 1128 Rife Road..

**Time:** Indoor vendors 7 am, Tailgate 8 am, Public 9 am to 12 noon.

**Cost:** Admission \$8, youths under 12 free.

Indoor Vendors: \$23 per 8-foot table includes 1 admission.

Tailgaters: \$18 per pad. Includes 1 admission

**Talkin:** VE3KSR repeater on 146.970, offset -0.6, CTCSS/PL 131.8 Simplex will be 146.520

**Info:** Contact [info@hamfest.on.ca](mailto:info@hamfest.on.ca)

**W:** <https://hamfest.on.ca>

## Steeltown Tailgate Treasures

**Sponsor: Hamilton Amateur Radio Club**

**Date:** Saturday, June 14

**Place:** Grimsby, ON; St. Joseph RC Church, Parking Lot, 135 Livingston Ave. Parking is free on site after going through "admission" area.

**Time:** Vendors 7:30 am; Public 9 am.

**Cost:** Public: \$5 each; children free.

Vendors \$15 per space included for you and your helper. You supply your own tables.

**Talkin:** HARC repeater 146.760 MHz -600hz 131.8 tone Simplex: 146.52 MHz no tone

**Info:** Vendors book your space/table with Barry VE3ISX at [ve3isx@gmail.com](mailto:ve3isx@gmail.com)

**W:** [hamiltonarc.com/Grimsby/index.html](http://hamiltonarc.com/Grimsby/index.html)

## SPRING ANTENNA CLEAROUTS

### Hy-Gain:

TH-3MK4 3-El 1.5 kW PEP 10,15,20 metres

### Hustler:

5BTV 5-Band Vertical 10,15,20,40,75/80m

### Cushcraft:

A50-3S 3-Element 8 dB Gain 6m Beam

A50-5S 5-Element 10.5 dB Gain 6m Beam

A270-10S 10dB Gain 2m & 70 cm

A124WB 10.2 dB 4-El Wide Band Boomer

ARX-2B 135-160 MHz 7 dB Ringo

AR-270B 5.5 & 7.5 dB Dual Band Ringo

### Refurbished Antennas :

A4S 4-Element Beam 10,15, 20m

A-3WS 3-Element WARC Beam

TH-5MK2 5-Element 1.5 kW 10,15, 20m

Force "12" 4-El 20m Mono Band Beam

Tower: Deluxe 70-ft Crank Up & Fold Over

### Wire and Cable:

RG8-Mini 0.95/ft 200 feet \$189

RG-213 50 Ohm NCV Jacket per ft \$1.89

75ft with PL-259 attached \$179

100ft with PL-259 attached \$229

LMR-400 50 Ohm Low Loss Cable \$2.09/ft

50 feet with PL-259 attached \$139

100 feet with PL-259 attached \$249

### Custom Lengths Upon Request

450 Ohm Ladder Line .95/ft | 200 feet \$179

### Hard Drawn Copper Antenna Wire

7-strand 14 gauge \$0.29/ft

7-strand 12 gauge \$0.35/ft

Yaesu or Hy-Gain Rotor Cable \$1.19/ft

### Dacron Rope

1/8" @ 0.22/ft | 3/16 @ 0.25/ft | 1/4" 0.35/ft

### Yaesu & Hy-Gain Rotors In Stock

## H.C. MacFarlane Electronics Ltd.

5683 Battersea Road, ON K0H 1H0

Call Harold, VE3BPM, or Tom, VE3UXP,

or Victor (B.Eng and MSc)

Phone 613-353-2800

Email: [macftd@kos.net](mailto:macftd@kos.net)

[www.macfarlaneelectronics.on.ca](http://www.macfarlaneelectronics.on.ca)

## 51st Annual Ontario Hamfest

**Burlington Amateur Radio Club**

**Date:** Saturday, July 12

**Place:** Milton, ON; Milton Agricultural

Fairgrounds, 136 Robert Street

**Time:** Tailgating Vendors: 7 am at Robert Street approach from the west only.

Public: 9 am at North Thomas St Gate only.

**Cost:** Public \$10; Vendors \$10 per Tailgate space plus \$10 each admission.

**Talkin:** 146.52 Simplex no tone.

**Info:** Contact [buckmelbuckmel@gmail.com](mailto:buckmelbuckmel@gmail.com)

**W:** <https://www.bar.ca/>

## Hanover Ham Haul

**Sponsored by local Amateurs**

**Date:** Saturday, August 9

**Place:** Hanover, ON; Hanover Drive-in Theatre and enter at the Ticket booth.

**Time:** Vendors 8:30 am; Public 9:30 am until 1 pm.

**Cost:** Admission \$5 per person and \$5 per

vendor space. Children under 12 free. This is a

BYOT (bring your own table) hamfest.

All proceeds after expenses go to local charities.

**Talkin:** 146.520 simplex, no tone  
**Info:** Contact [davemargetts@bmts.com](mailto:davemargetts@bmts.com)  
**W:** <https://www.ontars.com/>

**Parry Sound Hamfest  
Parry Sound Amateur Radio Club**

**Date:** Saturday, August 16  
**Place:** Seguin (Parry Sound), ON;  
Foley Community Hall, 60 Rankin Lake Road  
**Time:** Vendors 7:30 am; Public 9 am  
**Cost:** Tables \$TBD. 8-ft with 2 chairs included.  
**Talkin:** VE3RPL 145.490 minus pl 156.7  
**Info:** Contact [psarc@ve3rpl.com](mailto:psarc@ve3rpl.com)  
**W:** <https://www.ve3rpl.com>

**Ottawa (Carp) 2025 Hamfest  
Ottawa Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**

**Date:** Saturday, September 6  
**Place:** Ottawa (Carp), ON; Carp Agricultural  
Fairgrounds, 3882 Carp Road in the W. Erskine  
Johnston Arena at north end of fairgrounds.  
**Time:** Commercial Vendors: 7:30 am;  
Private Vendors: 8 am; Public: 9 am to 12 noon  
**Cost:** Vendor tables: \$17 per 8-foot table  
Admission: \$6. Children 12 and under are free..  
**Talkin:** VE2CRA, 146.94-, 100 Hz  
**Info:** Contact [Ed VE3WGO, hamfest@oarc.net](mailto:Ed VE3WGO, hamfest@oarc.net).  
Volunteer and table reservation forms on  
OARC website. Please use online reservation  
rather than email, to ensure that your requests  
are not missed. Pay for tables at the door.  
**W:** <https://oarc.net/hamfest/>

**Ancaster 2025 Hamfest  
Hamilton Amateur Radio Club**

**Date:** Saturday, September 27  
**Place:** Ancaster, ON; Ancaster Agricultural  
Fairgrounds, 630 Trinity Road.  
Vendors will use garage door starting at 7:30  
**Time:** Commercial vendors 7:30 am.  
Public 9 am. There will be no tailgating.  
**Cost:** Vendor tables \$15 includes admission.  
Public: \$5 each.  
**Talkin:** Hamilton VHF repeater 146.760/  
146.160 131.8 tone Linked to 442.525 MHz  
tone 131.8.  
**Info:** Contact [ve3isx@gmail.com](mailto:ve3isx@gmail.com)  
**W:** [https://hamiltonarc.com/Ancaster/  
Hamfest%202025%20Tickler/index.html](https://hamiltonarc.com/Ancaster/Hamfest%202025%20Tickler/index.html)

**Kingston Amateur Radio Club Hamfest  
Kingston Amateur Radio Club**

**Date:** Saturday, October 18  
**Place:** Kingston ON; Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch #560, 734 Montreal Stree.  
**Time:** Vendors 7:30 am; Buyers 8:30 am.  
**Cost:** Tables \$10; Admission \$5.  
**Talkin:** 146.94- Tone 151.4  
**Info:** For more information or to reserve a table  
contact Tim, VA3TIC, at [va3tic@gmail.com](mailto:va3tic@gmail.com) or  
Greg, VE3PJ, at [greg.foster@sympatico.ca](mailto:greg.foster@sympatico.ca).  
**W:** <https://www.ve3kbr.com/>

**York Region Amateur Radio Club  
45th Annual Hamfest**

**Date:** Saturday, November 8  
**Place:** Aurora, ON; Aurora Legion Banquet Hall;  
105 Industrial Parkway North  
**Time:** Doors open to public at 9 am.  
**Cost:** General Admission \$10  
**Info:** For Vendor information / Registration  
refer to our website or contact Hamfest  
Coordinator Jan VE3ZYL, [hamfest@yrcarc.org](mailto:hamfest@yrcarc.org)  
**W:** <https://yrcarc.org/>

# World Amateur Radio Day: April 18

## Message from IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH

Since its founding in Paris, France in 1925, the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) has worked tirelessly to promote innovation in Amateur Radio and to encourage the growth of the Amateur Radio Service in communities throughout the world.



The IARU has represented the Amateur Services at international and regional regulatory bodies by relying on our volunteers who come from many countries and communities. The IARU has been a sector member of the International Telecommunication Union since 1932 and the work of our volunteers has continued since that date with unmatched success. We have had remarkable success in protecting the Amateur Radio Services in the last 100 years. We need to ensure we continue to do that as we move into our second century.

World Amateur Radio Day is the day when Member Societies of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) can show our capabilities to the public and enjoy global friendship with other Amateurs worldwide. For 2025, the IARU is very pleased to adopt the theme of 'Entering the Next Century of Amateur Radio Communications & Innovation'. We look forward to the next century of Amateur Radio and how we can represent the services at the international level as our technology continues to evolve. Whatever changes we face will require use of spectrum. Continuing to maintain our allocations, especially above 144 MHz, will ensure Amateur Radio has bright future.

## RAC Get On The Air for World Amateur Radio Day Event

On **Friday, April 18, 2025**, Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) is once again organizing a special on-air event to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day. The "Get on the Air on World Amateur Radio Day" special event is designed to encourage as many Amateurs as possible to get on the air and contact as many RAC stations as possible. RAC official stations will operate across Canada from 0000Z to 2359Z on April 18.

Those contacting one or more of these stations will be eligible for a special commemorative certificate noting their participation in RAC's Get on the Air on World Amateur Radio Day Event.

Participants simply need to complete one or more contacts, on any band and mode, with RAC official stations to earn their certificates. For more information visit: <https://www.rac.ca/operating/world-amateur-radio-day-april-18/>

World Amateur Radio Day (Friday, April 18) is the day for all of Amateur Radio to celebrate and tell the world about the science we can help teach, the community service we can provide and the fun we have.

Groups should promote their WARD activity on social media by using the hashtag #WorldAmateurRadioDay on Twitter and Facebook. The IARU will list all WARD activities on its webpage. To have your WARD activity listed, please send an email to IARU Secretary Joel Harrison, W5ZN. We hope you will join in the fun and education that is World Amateur Radio Day!

<https://www.iaru.org/on-the-air/world-amateur-radio-day/>

