



Halifax Amateur Radio Club

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In 2018 **Halifax Amateur Radio Club (HARC)** with an assistance from the **Halifax Emergency Management Office (EMO)** moved to its new home at Fire Station #50 in Hammonds Plains. On **Saturday-Sunday, June 22-23, 2019** HARC will test its field preparedness and emergency communications abilities from our new location while participating in **American Radio Relay League Field Day**. The purpose of the Field Day is to demonstrate amateur radio's ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location and create an independent communications network in simulated emergency situations. Groups across the continent use Field Day as a literal "show and tell" exhibition. At sites from the High Arctic to the sandy beaches of Puerto Rico, amateur radio brings together its resources to show individuals, communities, officials in government and various agencies what "amateur radio can do" in the event of a disaster and under normal circumstances.

We will start our preparations after 3:00 p.m. on Friday. We will set up high frequency and satellite radio stations and erect antennas in order to have an emergency operations center capable of providing world-wide communications. We will operate the radio stations in various modes (phone, Morse code, digital) continuously for 24 hours starting at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. During the event we will demonstrate our amateur radio skills in action, meet challenges of emergency preparedness, and familiarize the general public with the capabilities of amateur radio. Interested visitors will be able to talk into a radio microphone to someone on the opposite side of the country or, maybe, the opposite side of the world. All visitors are welcome to participate in the event and taste the excitement of both contesting and emergency field operations. Feel free to come and join the HARC Field Day.

LOCATION: **Fire Station #50**
2050 Hammonds Plains Rd.,
Hammonds Plains, Nova Scotia

DATE / TIME: **June 22 @ 3.00 p.m. – June 23 @ 3.00 p.m.**

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