

## REPORT ON CLUB PROJECTS

The start of 2009 saw a new Executive team for the Chilliwack Amateur Radio Club and the start of a new direction for the Club. Having fulfilled the requirements of Amateur Radio Emergency Service in the past year, it was decided that the Club should take a new direction. After listening to the requests of the Club members, it became apparent that the current thrust of the Club should be back to Amateur Radio and what the hobby stands for. As a result, a course was offered for interested new hams by VE7BXN, VE7DOJ offered CW practice to anyone interested on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm on 6550 +/- qrm , and CW training at the Club House on Wednesday evenings and some interest has been expressed in an Advanced Amateur Course. A suggestion has also been received that we consider using the Thursday night club meetings, other than the monthly General Meeting, to further bring amateur radio as a hobby forward and that a volunteer or volunteers might be interested in passing along their knowledge of Amateur Radio such as: Antennas and Propagation, Packet Radio, Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP), computer remoting and home brew projects. All of the above will depend on the interest of Club members and availability of knowledgeable Club members who are willing to donate their free time.

With the upcoming relocation of the Ham Shack from Number 4 Firehall to the Twin Rinks site, arrangements are being made to have volunteers from the Club help with removing antennas and radio equipment and locating it to the new premises. The new site will make it easier for Club members to attend and is also equipped for wheel chairs. The new site committee will organize and co-ordinate our move. It is hoped that as many Club members as possible will come out to assist.

In the meantime, our Amateur Radio Emergency Service is still a viable concern and VE7HJJ, our Emergency Co-ordinator, will be conducting an exercise once our new premises are occupied. This exercise will allow us to keep current with our Club responsibilities to the City of Chilliwack. We have increased our Club membership with several new licensed Amateurs since the beginning of the year and we are hoping to help them along as they enter this exciting hobby.

As always, we are open to constructive ways that we might move our Club forward. Don't be afraid to make suggestions on topics for future discussion by Club members, we are all interested in furthering our Hobby.

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