

HAM HAPPENINGS

SMART NANAIMO



September 12, 2026



All-Day Event 9 am - 4 pm

Nanaimo is centrally located on Vancouver Island and is served by three ferries!



Flea Market: 9:45 am - 11:45 am

Traders have from 8:15 am to set up, that's 1.5 hours, so no need to rush!



Commercial Exhibitors & Tables

Table Bookings to market26@hamhappenings.ca See the Table Booking Information flyer



Amateur Radio Presentations

Mesh Networks, DXing & DXCC, 10 GHz Operation, POTA/SOTA, FT8/FT4 intergation and AREDN



On-site café open from 8 am - 2 pm

Breakfast / Lunch / Coffee / Snacks / Loads of seating



Door prizes and raffle

Door prize draw at 11:45 am. Raffle prize draw at 3:45 pm



Venue - The Nanaimo Curling Club

Plenty of free parking—there is overflow parking across the road from the Curling Club

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Venue - Nanaimo Curling Club at 106 Wall Street, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 1Z7

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Major Prizes at Ham Happenings

NARA is pleased to announce that this year's major raffle prize is the **Yaesu FT-891**, 160 - 6m, all mode, 100 W radio.

- ★ Raffle approved by BC Lotteries
- ★ Tickets only on sale at Ham Happenings on Sept. 12
- ★ Five tickets for \$10
- ★ Tickets available at the door or at the NARA table
- ★ The grand prize draw will take place at 3:45 pm in the flea market hall
- ★ Over 25 door prizes .
The door prize draw is at 11:45 am in the flea market hall. Many prizes valued at \$300 - \$100, or more
- ★ Special thanks to GPS Central of Calgary for their door prizes and assistance with the FT-981.
- ★ We have some exceptional door prizes, thanks to our sponsors:



Radio Amateurs of Canada, Burnaby Radio, Radioddity, Lanaya's Nails, Idiom Press/W9KNI, Alfa Antennas, AesApp, BC Robotics, VA7DDU, NARA, RT Systems and NI Comms.

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Symposium *for* Mainstream Amateur Radio Technology Presentations

Mesh Networks Meshcore and Meshtastic	Mesh networks at 900 MHz is one of the most exciting things to interest radio amateurs of late. We will be discussing the MeshCore & Meshtastic networks and be showing off equipment builds and other features of the mesh. Nanaimo area amateurs have been working hard on mesh nodes.	VE7PMD VE7DDU VE7NHJ
Emergency Communications	The Coast Emergency Communications Association (CECA) will be talking about their role in emergency communications and about the group.	Dave VE7TWO
HF FT8/FT4 station integration and logging	FT8/FT4 Station Integration with automated logging, propagation, and different receiver optimization techniques for crowded band conditions like DXpeditions or extremely large dynamic range signals such as on 60 meters.	Tom VE7TOM
Microwaves 10 GHz	Dino enjoys a challenge and has always been interested in special types of communication. He has now built a complete set of equipment for 10GHz . He will talk about his equipment and describe his 10 GHz contacts via a number of propagation modes.	Dino VE7XDT
SOTA Activations	A presentation about the Summits on the Air (SOTA) program, an international amateur radio award scheme designed to encourage portable, usually low-power operation from mountaintop locations.	Gabor VE7GH
DXing and DXCC	Chasing DX is still one of the most popular of amateur radio activities! The ARRL's well respected DXCC program awards hams for confirming on-the-air contacts with 100 countries. It is a stepping stone to the world of DX, to the DXCC Honor Roll and beyond.	Rick VE7TK
AREDN	Recent technologies now provide many ways for amateurs to send high speed data using RF. Many of these can now be integrated together with AREDN (Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network). You can now tie together 440, 900, 1296 and 5800 MHz operations to link services and get real results in our challenging West Coast environment. This presentation looks how this can be done easily, effectively and without major costs.	Chris VE7TOP

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★ **Tables are 8 feet wide at a cost of \$25 each**

Each table comes with two free day event passes

Flea Market times 9:45 am to 11:45 am

The event will be held on two floors

★ **Café and amateur radio talks on the lower floor**

Flea market, traders and clubs on the upper floor

There are stairs and an elevator for use by those selling equipment

There is 1.5 hours for traders to set up their tables so no rush

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★ **e-Transfer payments to: payments@ve7na.ca**

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