

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! **NO TAILGATING** in the car park



Commercial Exhibitors & Tables

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



Amateur Radio Presentations

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



On-site café open from 8 am - 2 pm

Breakfast / Lunch / Coffee / Snacks / Loads of seating / Cash only, ATM on site



Over \$1500 in door prizes plus raffle

Door prizes drawn between 10:45 am and 3:45pm. You must be present to collect a door prize.

Raffle prize draw at 3:45 pm, you do not need to be present to win the Yaesu FT-891



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, five tickets for \$10.00
- ★ Tickets only on sale at Ham Happenings on Sept. 12
- ★ You don't need to be present to collect the raffle prize
- ★ Tickets available at the door or at the NARA stand
- ★ The grand prize draw will take place at 3:45 pm in the flea market hall
- ★ Over 25 door prizes
- ★ **Door prizes valued at over \$1500.00.** The door prizes will be drawn between 10:45am and 3:45pm. You must be present to collect a door prize
- ★ Special thanks to GPS Central of Calgary for their door prizes and assistance with NARA's purchase of the FT-891
- ★ We have some exceptional door prizes, thanks to all of our sponsors:



Radio Amateurs of Canada, Burnaby Radio, Radioddity, Lanaya's Nails, Idiom Press/W9KNI, Alfa Antennas, AesApp, BC Robotics, Fleetwood Digital, NARA, RT Systems and NI Comms
& from individuals including VE7DDU and VA7DXX

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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 some equipment builds and other features of the mesh. Nanaimo area amateurs have been working hard on mesh nodes.	Darryl VE7DDU
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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TABLE BOOKING INFORMATION

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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, set up from 8:15 am

★ **The event will be held on two floors**

Café and amateur radio talks on the lower floor

Flea market, vendors and clubs on the upper floor

There are stairs and an elevator for use by vendors

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

No Tailgating allowed in the Curling Club Car park

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