



News Release



Wells Gray Country-Electoral Area 'A' TNRD



Wells Gray Amateur Radio Club Vice President Cliff Olson,
TNRD Director Tim Pennell, Doug Fenwick and Lorne Barber

Vice President Cliff Olson and members Lorne Barber and Doug Fenwick with great appreciation accepted a cheque from Wells Gray Country TNRD Director Tim Pennell in the amount of \$750.00 for funds toward a High Frequency Radio . This radio will help provide emergency communications in the event of disasters in our area like the fires in 2003 where amateur radio played a important role. Grant in Aids are provided to organizations within Area 'A' based on need and value to area residents.

This radio will help the club keep in touch with the emergency centers in Kamloops and Victoria.

In 2003 when the McLure Fire took place, Cliff Olson received a call from Dr. Thomas at the Dr. Helmcken Memorial Hospital and was asked if he could get in contact with the emergency center in Kamloops. There was a patient suffering from a heart attack and a helicopter was needed to fly this patient to the Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops. At the time the phone lines were down and the road was closed due to the fire. So the call was made and a life was saved. This is one of the many instances where the club provided emergency assistance.

Wells Gray Amateur Radio Club has 16 members and has been active in the Clearwater area for over 25 years. They also aid Search and Rescue with communications and are part of the disaster plan for the North Thompson Valley.

If anyone is interested in amateur radio and would like to get their license please contact one of the Club members at:

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