YARA Member Interest Survey 2009

Total Responses

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1. What are your personal interests in ham radio?	31*
HF	10
Social activities	9
Participating in community activities e.g. road races	7
VHF/UHF	7
EMO	4
IRLP	4
Kit Building	4
Trade Show	3
Antennas	2
CW	2
Echo Link	2
Learning new skills	2
NVIS	2
Portable kits	2
Volunteer	2
Access to communication in case of an emergency	1
Being able to communicate with other Ham operators.	1
Being part of a group that has an actual purpose that is very honorable	1
Emergency Preparedness	1
Experimentation	1
Field Day	1
Helping other members	1
HF digi modes	1
Hobby	1
Never want to build another kit in my life	1
Not a contest participant	1
Purposeful communications	1
Satellite	1
Teaching, training	1
Technical	1
Volunteering for events	1

2. What do you like by being a member of YARA?	22*
Social activities	7
Meetings	3
Opportunity to learn skills	3
Diverse membership	2
Each member we have is valued, no matter how technical or non-technical they are	1
Feel as part of a group that provides a service to the community	1
Field Day	1
Friendship	1
Gives me practice with operating a radio	1
Hanging out	1
Helping new operators	1
Hobby is really neat, meet some great folks, have pride in creating projects and getting them done	1
It is one of the best run groups with the best people of almost any volunteer group I have ever been in.	1
It's a great group of people	1
Like the networking	1
Members ideas are welcome	1
Participating in communication activities – races	1
Proud to be a member of a well-respected group that's active in the community	1
Seeing others' interests and equipment	1
Share a common interest in telecom with other like minded people	1
There's no point being an amateur radio operator in the Yukon without being a member of YARA	1
YARA is welcoming to new members and guests	1

3. What things do you think YARA as an organization should be involved in?	30*
Repeater system	9
EMO activities	7
Field Day	6
Putting on courses & training	6
Community communications, races	4
Kits	4
Trade Show	4
DStar repeater	2
EMO preparedness also need to do a better job of public events such as Canada Day and Boy Scouts.	2
Ham Fest	2
Antenna building	1
APRS	1
Continue to be involved with communications for/with other groups	1
CW course	1
Exactly what we are doing	1
Fox hunts	1
Fun things to do such as DX'peditions	1
Ham-based WIFI	1
Increasing membership	1
Loaner equipment for new hams	1
Meeting members interests – social activities	1
Not every member needs to be involved in everything	1
Other activities that perhaps don't cost a lot of money.	1
Other public events such as Canada Day and Boy Scouts.	1
Right now I see YARA as a completely political organization, it doesn't seem to be focused on the members very much	1

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Search & Rescue	1
See the technical stuff not as an end in itself	1
Support for Mt Sima and Mt MacIntyre	1
Weekends	1
Whatever else the members want to do are what we should be involved in	1

4. Where would like to see YARA in 5 - 10 years?	56 *
2m repeater system	4
EMO activities & strong organization	4
New technology	3
Better trained for emergencies	2
Community communications	2
Social activities	2
Ability of sending pictures from the suburban and text as well	1
Active participation in community events (Rendezvous?)	1
Amateur radio club established in at least one school, other than the college	1
APRS extended north and south	1
Awards given annually for membership development (achieving/demonstrating a particular skill level)	1
Better involvement of female members	1
Continue involvement with the Bike Relay and the Road relay as exercises for our network	1
Continue our social events	1
Continue to work on the Incident Command courses	1
Coordination of Search and Rescue Activities	1
Don't get too serious, it is a hobby not a career	1
Don't grow the membership too	1

fast- we want members to be active in some way	
Donate a ham radio course on the TV auction	1
EMO messaging, packet, PSK31, Etc.	1
Encouraging participation with HF radios.	1
Evolve with the hobby	1
Field days	1
Fill in the gaps in the repeater system and keep the maintenance up	1
Full length courses	1
Fully documented system design with operations/maintenance manuals	1
Get more people involved, not just a few	1
Getting up to date training for emergency response,	1
Great club	1
Have an official club house not A&W	1
I believe the direction we are going in is perfect.	1
International Field Contest	1
Involving schools	1
Involving younger hams	1
Keep access open to the community	1
Kit Building	1
Larger membership	1
Lots of different skills	1
Membership includes people in other Yukon communities	1
More robust repeater system	1
Need to get the new members involved	1
New members every year	1
Offering courses for new members	1

Participate in career day's at various schools (contact school science and physics teachers)	1
Post interesting amateur radio videos on You Tube	1
Repeater system extended north and south	1
Series of videos on amateur radio for Northwestel's Community TV channel	1
Some new directors every year	1
Strengthen our involvement with EMO	1
Strong diverse membership	1
Survival Training & equipment	1
The repeater system should include Whitehorse south to BC border by Watson, etc	1
We need to get a list of member skills, eg carpentry, auto mechanics,	1
Winter HF/ VHF exercise	1
Work on new technology to improve data transmission for those events	1
Working with EMO	1