# 2019 Puddle Jumper Classic

On Saturday June 8th, nine club members and two hams from the community spent the day providing communications for the 25k and 50k Puddle Jumper Classic trail runs. The club prepared extensively for the event with multiple site visits, meetings, and online information sharing.

The club used their UHF repeater that was stationed close to the race location for the majority of communications with some additional VHF simplex use.

Each station manager was responsible for outfitting their stations with gear and transportation of gear and personnel to the stations.

Here is a description of the four stations:

## Cliff Gilker

At Cliff Gilker Park, Gord VA7GRF, Barry VE7YEE, and Patrick VE7HZF setup their station a bit too close to the DJ and later had to move further away from the speakers:



Good thing we brought comfortable chairs and a small table...

Randi (the race organizer) was very busy all day and often came to us with traffic for the other stations, or to ask for updates.



## Aid Station 1

At Aid Station 1 (49.42969, -123.55971), Bryan VE7HZN, Alan VA7AGG, and Robert VE7RBE had to manage two loops, and a few injured runners.

## Aid Station 2

At Aid Station 2 (49.45311, -123.58193), Bill VE7RG and Marc VE7TBP were logging runners as the 25k went one way back toward the finishing line and the 50k continued on to Aid Station 3.

## Aid Station 3

At Aid Station 3 (49.46238, -123.63411) Jim VA7JJR and Sieg VE7LEH saw the last runners from the 50k race run by as they ended toward the finish line. They also had to deal with a few injured and exhausted runners.

## Mobile Support

Steven VA7SMI provided communications for the mobile support station that was dispatched to different Aid Stations all day. Installing the Kenwood with APRS enabled was a really good idea. For the first little bit, we were able to follow Steve around using APRSDroid on our phones. Unfortunately, due to technical issues, that radio stopped working later that morning.