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“DON DASHNEY, VE3RM, ON THE HISTORY OF AMATEUR RADIO”

Wednesday 28 April 2004

Ragchew and Fleamarket: 19:30

Club meeting: 20:00

St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish Church

4455 West Broadway (corner of Terrebonne) in N.D.G. - Montreal

At the April meeting Don Dashney, VE3RM, will give a talk on the history of amateur radio. This will be a very informative and interesting presentation and will include highlights with historical video footage. This should prove to be a most entertaining evening. So come on out and join the fun.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello,

Another hamfest has come and gone and I want to thank everyone who helped make it a success. While we didn't sell as many tables as in past years and the attendance was slightly less than last year I noticed a steady stream of goods heading for peoples' cars which is always a good sign.

With spring finally here we will be organizing some work at the MAB where an errant antenna element needs to be repaired. I have heard from a

few volunteers and we could use a few more. If you're willing to help and haven't already done so let me know. I'd like to try to schedule it in the next month or so.

Ken Magee, VE2EXC, is also looking for volunteers for the St-Lazare Cyclo-Tour on May 30 so if you're not planning to go to the Sorel Hamfest consider contacting Ken. Ken is also organizing communications for the Harmony Horse Trials on July 3 where I hope to see a number of you there.

We have contacted the organizers of the Wheels in Motion event on June 13 in Pointe-Claire

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VE2RJS 449.975 MHz (-)
 Owned by the Montreal Amateur Radio Club and operated by the Cote St Luc Amateur Radio Association. Located near Decarie and Cote St. Luc Road.

The repeaters are open to all amateurs and VE2RED also offers a phone patch available to all amateurs during the day and evening.

Meetings of the Board of Directors

Meetings of the Board of Directors are open to any member to attend. Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month (Sept. to June) at 7:30 PM at the Montreal Association for the Blind, 7000 Sherbrooke St West. Should you wish to attend one of the meetings you are welcome. Just speak to one of the directors before-hand to make certain that the meeting has neither been cancelled, nor the location changed.

Club Activities Monthly Meetings

Tentative Schedule

Club meetings are held at the St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish Church which is located at 4455 West Broadway (the corner of West Broadway and Terrebonne) in the N.D.G. District of Montreal. The meetings will be held in the Lounge which is the rearmost door on the south side of the building unless we have reason to hold it in the Parish Hall which is the first door on the South side of the building. An informal fleamarket and ragchew session starts at 19:30 with the formal meeting starting at 20:00. The STM Buses 51, 162 and 105 stop nearby.

28 April 2004 - Don Dashney, VE3RM, on the History of Amateur Radio

26 May 2004 - Show and Tell

Radio Classes

Each year the MARC holds a basic radio course. The winter 2004 course has been completed. Thanks to Jim Hay and Vern Ikeda who ran the course.

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26 - 27 JUNE 2004

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

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These numbers are for emergencies ONLY

and hopefully at the meeting will have details of this event and also the Jay Challenge in July where we have been asked to assist.

Summer promises to have a few activities and I hope you'll all partake. In the meantime I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

73 de Jim, VE2VE
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Thanks to all those who participated with the MARC Montreal hamfest. The event was another success and your participation as a staff member, vendor or visitor were all important to making this event work.

Congratulations and welcome to amateur radio to the students who passed their basic course exam. We all encourage you and look forward to hearing you on the air.

Next month's meeting in May is scheduled to be the annual Show and Tell meeting. So if you have any projects or gadgets, now would be the time to plan and get them ready for the meeting.

73 de Craig, VE2YGK
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CONTEST CALENDAR

More on contests including full rules can be found on the Internet. Check:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>

This site has concise rules etc., for the current week's contests.

April 2004

SP DX RTTY Contest	1200Z Apr 24 to 1200Z Apr 25
Helvetia Contest	1300Z Apr 24 to 1300Z Apr 25
QRP to the Field	1500Z-2400Z Apr 24
Florida QSO Party	1600Z Apr 24 to 0159Z Apr 25 and 1200Z-2159Z Apr 25
Kentucky QSO Party	1600Z Apr 24 to 0400Z Apr 25
Nebraska QSO Party	1700Z Apr 24 to 1700Z Apr 25
EUCW/FISTS QRS Party	0001Z Apr 25 to 2359Z May 1

May 2004

US IPARC Annual Contest CW	0000Z-2400Z May 1
MARAC County Hunters Contest CW	0000Z May 1 to 2400Z May 2
UBA Welcome to European Union Contest	0000Z-2400Z May 1
10-10 Int. Spring Contest CW	0001Z May 1 to 2359Z May 2
Microwave Spring Sprint	0600 local -1300 local May 1
AGCW QRP/QRP Party	1300Z-1900Z May 1
Indiana QSO Party	1500Z May 1 to 0300Z May 2
ARI International DX Contest	2000Z May 1 to 1959Z May 2
New England QSO Party	2000Z May 1 to 0500Z May 2 and 1300Z-2400Z May 2
US IPARC Annual Contest SSB	0000Z-2400Z May 2
RSGB 80m Club Championship SSB	2000Z-2130Z May 3
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z May 4
FISTS Spring Sprint	1700Z-2100Z May 8
Oregon QSO Party	1400Z May 8 to 0200Z May 9
Mid-Atlantic QSO Party	1600Z May 8 to 2400Z May 9
50 MHz Spring Sprint	2300Z May 8 to 0300Z May 9
RSGB 80m Club Championship Data	2000Z-2130Z May 12
US Counties QSO Party SSB	0000Z May 15 to 2400Z May 16
Portuguese Navy Day HF Contest	0800Z May 15 to 2300Z May 16
His Maj. King of Spain Contest CW	1800Z May 15 to 1800Z May 16
ARCI Newcomer's Run	1800Z-2000Z May 15
RSGB 80m Club Championship CW	2000Z-2130Z May 20
2 GHz and Up Contest	0600 local May 22 to 2400 local May 23
VK/Trans-Tasman 80m Contest Phone	0800Z-1400Z May 22
AGCW Activity Week	0000Z May 24 to 2400Z May 28
CQ WW WPX Contest CW	0000Z May 29 to 2359Z May 30
Great Lakes QSO Party	0000Z May 29 to 2359Z May 30
MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint	2300Z May 31 to 0300Z Jun 1

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COMING EVENTS

For up to date Canadian Fleamarket listings, please check the Radio Amateurs of Canada site at:

<http://rac.eton.ca/>

or for up to date American listings, go to the American Radio Relay League Hamfest website at:

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfest.html>

2004 Season

April 24 Whitby ON
On Saturday, April 24, the Durham Region Hamfest - Whitby, Ontario at the Iroquois Park Recreation Centre - Victoria Street corner of Henry Street
Vendors 07h30 - Public 09h00 to 13h00 Admission 6.00\$
Tables 25.00\$ - includes 1 admission.
Talk-in: 147.375 (+) VE3SPA

Information/Reservations: Peter Henry, VA3PWH at 905-436-9236 or e-mail at:va3pwh@sympatico.ca

Reservations by mail only. See web site for more information.

<http://drhamfest.tripod.com>

April 30 - May 1 Hopkinton NH

On Friday, April 30 to Saturday, May 1 the Hosstraders 2004 at the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds, Warner Street, Hopkinton, NH Talk-in W1CPL - 146.895 (-) 100Hz CTCSS Gates are open at 9 AM on Friday through the night till the end of event on Saturday. Cost: Friday 09:00 to 15:00 (3 PM) - \$10 per person and \$10 per sellers space. After 3 PM on Friday, \$5 per person and \$10 per sellers space. Note: There is a \$10.00 fee for camping on Friday night. Information: Joe Demaso, K1RQG at: k1rqg@aol.com

<http://www.qsl.net/k1rqg/>

May 8 Smiths Falls ON

On Saturday, May 8, the 20th Annual Smiths Falls Amateur Radio Fleamarket at the Smiths Falls Youth Arena - Corner of Cornelia St. (Highway #43) and Elmsley St. (behind 150 Elmsly Street North), Smiths Falls, ON.

Vendors 07h00 Public 09h00 to noon Tables \$5.00 if paid in advance, \$8.00 if on the day of the hamfest. Contact the club for more information on this offer.

General Admission \$3.00.

Talk-in/ VE3RLR 147.210 (+)

Table reservations contact the Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club Inc., PO Box 1256, Smiths Falls, ON, K7A 5C7

E-mail: John Aikman, VA3JHA irmajohn@perth.igs.net

<http://www.falls.igs.net/~rlarc>

May 8 Etobicoke (Toronto) ON

On Saturday, May 8 the Skyward Annual Spring Hamfest And Fleamarket. Etobicoke (Toronto), Ontario at the Westway United Church, 8 Templar Drive, Etobicoke. Vendors 07h30 Public 09h00 to 11h30 Admission \$5.00 Tables \$12.00 {includes one admission}

Talk-in: VE3SKY 146.985 (-) or Simplex 146.520 MHz

Table reservations: Derrick Poulter, VE3JNK, Telephone 416-247-7728, E-mail: dmpoulter@sympatico.ca Other information: Gord Rumford, VE3OLH,

Telephone 905-821-0675, E-mail: gbr@sympatico.ca

<http://webhome.idirect.com/~jproc/sarc>

May 30 Sorel-Tracy QC

On Sunday, May 30, the Hamfest du Québec 2004 - Sorel-Tracy, Québec at the Curling A. Racine et Centre Culturel, Place du Centre Civique, Tracy, QC

Vendors 06h30 - General Admission 09h00
General Admission: \$5.00 Tables (indoors) \$15.00 -
(outdoors) \$7.00

Talk-in: VE2RBS 145.370 (-) CTCSS 103.5

Information: Denis Chouinard, VE2DSH at 450-746-0814,
e-mail at: ve2cbs@hotmail.com

<http://www.ve2cbs.qc.ca/>

May 30 Amherstburg ON

On Sunday, May 30, the Amherstburg Radio Club 2nd Annual Fleamarket at the Amherstburg Recreation Centre on the corner of Victoria and Richmond Streets next to the Amherstburg Arena, Amherstburg, Ontario. Vendors 07h30 and the Public 09h00 to 13h:30 (1:30 PM) Tables 5.00\$ General admission Free Talk-in: 145.290 (-) VE3EXT and 146.520 simplex Information and Reservations: Carey Collard, ve3cfq at 519-736-7694 or via e-mail at va3trl@rac.ca

June 12 Fergus ON

On Saturday, June 12, the Central Ontario Fleamarket and Hamfest at the Fergus & District Community Centre, 10 km north of Guelph off Highway 6, Fergus, Ontario. See www.hamfest.on.ca for a map. Vendors at 06h00, Tailgaters at 07h00 and the Public at 08h00 to 12h30. Admission \$5.00 -- Vendors - Inside tables \$10.00 plus admission, Outside Tailgater spaces \$5, plus admission. Talk-in: VE3ZGM 145.210 (-) and 146.520 Simplex in the Town of Fergus. Information/reservations: Mike Peleschak, VE3OGE, via phone (519)-822-3552 E-mail: info@hamfest.on.ca

<http://www.hamfest.on.ca>

August 7 Hamfest de ARES (St. Romuald Hamfest) - St. Romuald, Québec

<http://www.aresqc.org>

Sept 04 OARC 6th Annual Hamfest Carp ON

<http://oarc.net/fleamarket>

73 de Vernon Erle Ikeda, VE2MBS

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RAC NEWS RAC
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NEW INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR QUEBEC

The RAC Board of Directors has approved Murray Epstein, VE2AUU, as the interim Director for Quebec pending the results of an upcoming election in the next few weeks.

Murray has been an Amateur for more than 55 years, and is very active both on and off the air. He has been an important innovator both as a Ham and in the business world.

Comments to: rachq@rac.ca

73 de Vern, VE2MBS

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RAC POSITIONS TO FILL

RAC is looking for someone to act as the Quebec Region Assistant Director. A Section Communications Manager (SCM) is also being sought. The persons filling these positions would be required to work with the RAC director for Quebec as well as the RAC board at large.

Interested parties can contact the Interim Quebec Director, Murray Epstein, VE2AUU, by e-mail at ve2auu@sympatico.ca

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RAC DIRECTORS MEETING
06 MAY TO 10 MAY 2004

RAC will be holding a directors in Cornwall Ontario from May 6th to May 10th. Several important issue will be discussed, including:

- preservation of spectrum
- licensing issues which includes
 - how to determination proficiency
 - exams
 - Morse code
- the international arena including
 - international conferences
 - international organizations
- alliances with ham organizations across Canada

- give more transparency to RAC members

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Morse code has a new character for the computer age. A new sign, "commat" has been assigned to represent the @ sign. The commat is a combination of letters A (dot-dash) and C (dash-dot-dash-dot) without a space.

ARRL chief technology officer Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, conceived of the new character, necessary for transmitting e-mail addresses in CW, among other possible purposes. Official approval will be required from member ITU states. This will be the first change since before World War Two.

The popular National Public Radio afternoon news magazine All Things Considered ran a feature about the pending addition of the @ symbol to the official international Morse code. ARRL senior news editor Rick Lindquist, N1RL, was interviewed for some background on the change, which gave Lindquist an opportunity to mention his passion for mobile CW operation. For those who want to hear the short feature, "Morse Code Enters Cyber Age," is available on the National Public Radio Web site,

<http://www.npr.org/run downs / segment.php?wfid=1680529>

and includes some Morse code.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE
HARMONY HORSE TRIALS NOTICE

Please note that the Harmony horse Trials cross country event will take place on Saturday, July the 3rd with an estimated start time (this means a bright and early start for us) at 8:00 am at the Beaulieu farms (old Windedge farms) in Ste-Justine-de-Newton. All of you who would like to come and join the VE2LZR group in this event are invited to reply here so that we can get this very popular event on the go. We would like to add that this event has been a Ham favorite for the past 10 to 15 years (can't recall the exact number actually... as there are to many of them).

You are welcome to advise any of your friends of this event, so they can come and join us and gain valuable

operating experience...

<http://www.aidRAC.ca>

73 de Ken (VE2EXC) for the VE2LZR Group

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From your section manager for Quebec,
Claude Paquet, VE2OP
e-mail: ve2ocp@rac.ca

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE
MAB ANTENNA WORK**

SPRING 2004 FLEAMARKET

I was asked to pass along this message on behalf of Earl Paris, VE2ESP that repair to the tri-band antenna is required. If you are willing to help, please call Jim Hay at 514.697.7205 or via e-mail at ve2arc@rac.ca and Jim can relay it to Earl.

The 2004 Edition of the Montreal Amateur Radio Club Spring Fleamarket and Hamfest was a success. Many thanks to the vendors and those attendees who made it to the event on what turned out to rather nice Spring day.

73 de Vern, VE2MBS

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The Club Executive and Directors would like to thank Laurie Binns of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 212, her staff and Branch members for allowing us to have the event at their very fine location.

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As well, on behalf of the Executive and the Board of Directors I would like to thank the following organizations for assistance in providing Door Prizes:

73 de Vern, VE2MBS

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- * Radio HF
- * Radio Amateurs of Canada
- * Radio Amateurs du Québec Inc.

Lastly, and just as important, thanks from both myself and James Hay, VE2VE to those members who came out and helped set up tables, did crowd control and the all important talk-in:

**TO ALL RAC MEMBERS IN QUEBEC
A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SECTION MANAGER**

- * André Sipos, VA2ASS,
- * Donald Devey, VA2DWD,
- * Sheldon Werner, VA2SH
- * Steven Faguy, VA2SMF
- * Raymond Faguy, VE2SJA
- * Joseph Glover
- * Howard Ikeda

Things are happening at RAC that you should be aware of. I will not give you my own version but will ask of you that you inform yourself by asking questions to your director, your president, your section manager or any executives. There names and e-mail addresses can be found in TCA. You have been without representation for three months, from January 2004 to April 2004. This should not happen again. You can also have a look at:

In addition, Etienne Ali, VA2SSS upgraded his qualifications from Basic to Basic plus Advanced. As well, Sean Magowan and Hudson Vallieres passed their Basic Qualification.

73 de Vern, VE2MBS

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THE MONTREAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB HAMFEST
SATURDAY, 17 APRIL 2004



Picture courtesy of Murray Epstein, VE2AUU.

COURSE NEWS AND EXAM SESSIONS

On behalf of the Montreal Amateur Radio Club, I would like to announce that the following persons have passed their Amateur Radio examinations (Basic Qualification) at the completion of the Basic Course.

- * Wendy Brett
- * Brian Carpenter
- * Annie Golanowski
- * Graham Layton
- * Doug Yeudall

Good luck to all of the students of our Winter, 2004 course.

In addition, Armen Karlozian, KF6RCW/VE2

wrote and passed the Basic Qualification examination and will be taking the code exam at a later date.

Many thanks to Steven Faguy, VA2SMF and the Concordia University Amateur Radio Club for providing the facilities for this year's course and to James Hay, VE2VE for helping me with the teaching duties.

73 de Vern, VE2MBS

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CLASSIFIED

DEADLINE for classified ads is the second Wednesday before the monthly meeting.

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