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“???” - MEETING TOPIC - TO BE ANNOUNCED”

Wednesday 30 March 2005

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

(Please enter by the back door)

This month's meeting topic is still a work in progress. The club is still working to confirm this month's topic and it should prove to be another interesting meeting. Jim Hay, VE2VE, will also provide a report and overview of the club's participation in the this year's successful St. Patrick's Day parade as well as a last minute update on the upcoming hamfest.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello,

Spring is finally here and the warmer weather is starting to tempt us to head outdoors. We've completed our first public service event of the year being the St. Patrick's Parade and the organizers were extremely happy. This year we had an amateur

providing position reports at the head and rear of the parades and another dozen amateurs assisted with the security at the reviewing stand. While this may not have had visibility in the way we might prefer several senior municipal officials were aware of what the amateurs did and even the Prime Minister. Our participation this year can only enhance the image of amateur radio with the city and that is definitely A Good Thing. Thanks to all who participated for a good job well done.

Hamfest - Saturday Morning April 9th

Details on page 7 of this issue.

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VE2BG 147.06 MHz (+)
 Owned and operated by the Montreal Amateur Radio Club. Located on the Pointe Claire water tower.

VE2RED 147.27 MHz (+)
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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

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.

30 Mar 2005 - ??? - A work in progress
 27 Apr 2005 - Show and Tell
 25 May 2005- Murray Epstein, VE2AUU on RAC

Radio Classes

Each year the MARC holds a basic radio course. This year's course is currently underway. The course is run in association with the Concordia University Amateur Radio Club and is being held at the Loyola campus. For more information please contact Vern Ikeda.

MARC Hamfest

Saturday morning, April 9th, 2005, at the LaSalle branch of the Legion, 7771 Bouvier, LaSalle. . For more details please see page 7. For table reservations please contact Jim Hay.

Canada Day Station

Early preparations are ongoing to run a Canada Day station during the local Canada festivities. For more information contact Jim Hay or Vern Ikeda.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Montreal 911 Centre 514-280-2121
 Laval 911 Centre450-662-4240
 Longueuil 911 Centre450-646-8570
 Sûreté du Québec 310-4141
 Kahnawake Peace Keepers 450-632-6505

These numbers are for emergencies ONLY

The fleamarket is coming up on April 9 so if you know anyone who needs a table please let me know. Why not collect some of your surplus together and see what you can convert to cash? As usual we'll need some volunteers to assist with the set-up and tear-down of the hall so please let me know if you are willing to help.

Now that the weather is warming up please think about helping with some of our other events which are mentioned elsewhere in this issue. Also work is again needed at the MAB which we must attend to this spring. The first thing which needs to be done is an antenna removed from Earl Paris' tower where the base plat for the rotator is loose. This antenna will be going to the MAB but we first need to get it off its tower. Once that is done we can start working on the MAB tower.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

73 de Jim, VE2VE

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Saturday morning, April 9th, is the club's hamfest. Please make an effort to participate, whether it be by renting a table, volunteering to help man the event, or being a paying customer. Your involvement will help make the hamfest another successful event. Who knows, you just might pick up a special item or get an idea that will be perfect for the April Show and Tell 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.

March 2005

CQ WW WPX Contest SSB	0000Z Mar 26 to 2359Z Mar 27
UBA Spring Contest 2m	0600Z-1000Z Mar 27
Spring QRP Homebrewer Sprint	0000Z-0400Z Mar 28

Low Power Spring Sprint

1400Z-2000Z Mar 28

April 2005

SP DX Contest	1500Z Apr 2 to 1500Z Apr
EA RTTY Contest	1600Z Apr 2 to 1600Z Apr 3
QCWA Spring QSO Party	1800Z Apr 2 to 1800Z Apr 3
RSGB RoPoCo	0700Z-0900Z Apr
144 MHz Spring Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local Apr 4
RSGB 80m Club Championship CW	2000Z-2130Z Apr 4
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z Apr 5
YLRL DX-YL to NA-YL Contest CW	1400Z Apr 6 to 0200Z Apr 8
SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z Apr 7
JIDX CW Contest	0700Z Apr 9 to 1300Z Apr 10
ARCI Spring QSO Party	1200Z Apr 9 to 2400Z Apr 10
EU Spring Sprint SSB	1500Z-1859Z Apr
UBA Spring Contest SSB	0600Z-1000Z Apr 10
SARL Hamnet 40m Simulated Emerg Contest	1200Z-1400Z Apr 10
222 MHz Spring Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local Apr 12
YLRL DX-YL to NA-YL Contest SSB	1400Z Apr 13 to 0200Z Apr 15
RSGB 80m Club Championship SSB	2000Z-2130Z Apr 13
Holyland DX Contest	0000Z-2359Z Apr 16
TARA Skirmish Digital Prefix Contest	0000Z-2400Z Apr 16
ES Open HF Championship	0500Z-0859Z Apr 16
YU DX Contest	1200Z Apr 16 to 1200Z Apr 17
EU Spring Sprint CW	1500Z-1859Z Apr 16
Michigan QSO Party	1600Z Apr 16 to 0400Z Apr 17
Ontario QSO Party	1800Z Apr 16 to 1800Z Apr 17
432 MHz Spring Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local Apr 20
RSGB 80m Club Championship Data	2000Z-2130Z Apr 21
SP DX RTTY Contest	1200Z Apr 23 to 1200Z Apr 24
Helvetia Contest	1300Z Apr 23 to 1300Z Apr 24
Florida QSO Party	1600Z Apr 23 to 0159Z Apr 24 and 1200Z-2159Z Apr 24
EUCW/FISTS QRS Party	0001Z Apr 24 to 2359Z Apr 30
SBMS 2 GHz and Up WW Club Contest	0600 local Apr 30 to 2400 local May 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>

2005 Hamfests

Saturday, April 2

Laval QC

The Hamfest Laval-Laurentides 2004 at the Polyvalente Georges Vanier, 3995 boul. Lévesque Est, Saint Vincent de Paul (Laval), QC.

Vendors: 07h00 Public 09h00 Admission: 5.00\$ per person. Tables: 10.00\$

Talk-in: VE2REL 147.315 Mhz (+)

Information and reservations: (514)-708-8033 or via e-mail at hamfest@ve2crl.qc.ca

<http://www.ve2crl.qc.ca/hamfest.htm>

Saturday, April 02

Iroquois ON

The Iroquois A.R.C. 10th Annual Flea Market at the Iroquois A.R.C. 10th Annual Flea Market at the Iroquois Civic Centre, Iroquois, Ontario.

Vendors: 08:00 Public: 09:00 - 12:00

Free Admission / Tables 10.00\$

Talk-in VE3IRO 145.290 (-)

Table reservations/Information: Gordon Knights, VE3UGW (613)-657-3640 or E-mail ve3ugw@ripnet.com

<http://web.ripnet.com/~ve3ugw>

Saturday, April 09

LaSalle (Montreal) QC

The Montreal Hamfest and Fleamarket LaSalle (Montreal), Québec. Held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 212 (LaSalle), 7771 Bouvier, corner of Shevchenko. STM Bus 109 at the door.

Vendors 07h30 Public 08h30 to 12h00.

Admission - 4.00\$

Talk-in VE2RED 147.270 (+) -

Information: James R. Hay, VE2VE - (514)-697-7205

E-mail: ve2arc@rac.ca

<http://www.marc.ca/fest/fest.html>

Saturday, April 09

Brampton ON

HAMEX 2004 at the Brampton Fall Fairgrounds, Heart Lake Road corner of Old School Road, Brampton, Ontario.

Public at 09:00 to 13:00

Seminars 1300-1800

Talk-in VE3PRC 146.880 (-)

Admission: 6.00\$ - Tables TBA.

Information: ve3xr@rac.ca or 905-453-6096

<http://www.ham-ex.ca>

Saturday, April 23

Whitby ON

The Durham Region Hamfest at the Iroquois Park Recreation Centre, Victoria Street corner of Henry Street, Whitby, Ontario.

Vendors 07:30 - Public 09:00 to 13:00

Admission 6.00\$ Tables 25.00\$/50.00\$ - Hydro \$5.00 extra

Talk-in: 147.375 (+) VE3SPA

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

Reservations by mail only.

<http://drhamfest.tripod.com>

Fri May 6 and Sat May 7

Hopkinton NH

Hosstraders 2005 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 att: k1rqg@aol.com

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

Saturday May 14

Smiths Fall ON

The 21th Annual Smiths Falls Amateur Radio Fleamarket at the Smiths Falls Youth Arena (behind 150 Elmsly Street North, Smiths Falls, ON.

Vendors 07:00 Public 09:00 to noon

Tables 10.00\$ General Admission 3.00\$

Talk-in/ VE3RLR 147.210 (+)

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

E-mail: irmajohn@perth.igs.net

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

Saturday, May 14

Etobicoke (Toronto) ON

Skyward Annual Spring Hamfest And Fleamarket.

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

Sunday, May 29

Amherstburg ON

Amherstburg Radio Club 2005 Fleamarket

Information and Reservations: Carey Collard, VE3CFQ at 519-736-7694

or Carmine Cristofaro, VA3TRL at va3trl@rac.ca

Saturday June 11

Central Ontario Fleamarket and Hamfest.

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

Saturday June 18

NEW DATE

Oshawa ON

Whitby Hamfest

<http://www.whitbyarc.org/Activities.htm>

Saturday, September 03

Carp ON

Ottawa Amateur Radio Club 8th Annual Hamfest.

<http://oarc.net/fleamarket>

73 de Vernon Erle Ikeda, VE2MBS/VE2QQ

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Fergus ON

You can find the information on the Industry Canada website at

<http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/internet/insmt-gst.nsf/en/sf05353e.html>

and the French version at

<http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/internet/insmt-gst.nsf/fr/sf05353f.html>

73 de Vernon, VE2MBS/VE2QQ

<http://www.rac.ca/news/bulletins.htm#Current%20Bulletin>

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

On Sunday, March 13, 2005, the 181st edition of the Montreal St. Patrick's Day Parade headed down Ste. Catherine Street and local Amateur Radio Clubs provided communications as well as manned the main communications control centre. Many thanks to the St. Lazare Communications Group (VE2LZR), Union Metropolitaine des Sans-Filistes (VE2UMS), The West Island Amateur Radio Club (VE2CWI) and the Prescott-Russell ARES Group (VA3PRA) for providing operators and other technical assistance.

James R. Hay, VE2VE and Vernon E. Ikeda, VE2QQ operated in the control room and the following

RAC BULLETINS

BULLETIN 05-003:

NATIONAL ANTENNA TOWER POLICY

REVIEW

Report on National Antenna Tower Policy Review Now Available on RAC Website.

Industry Canada has announced the release of the Report on the National Antenna Tower Policy Review. This review was led by Professor David A. Townsend, Professor of Law at the University of New Brunswick, with the support and assistance of the National Antenna Tower Review Advisory Committee. Input for this study was received from Radio Amateurs of Canada, as well as numerous Amateur Operators across Canada. For more information and pointers to sites where the documents can be found, please visit the RAC Website and click on Latest News.

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



For this, 5 to 7 hams are needed.

Amateurs did communications duties near the Reviewing Stand.

- * René de Buck, VA2RDB
- * François Daignault, VE2AAY
- * Max Davies, VA2PMD
- * Donald Devey, VA2DWD
- * Raymond Faguy, VE2SJA
- * Steven Faguy, VA2SMF
- * Claude Gauthier, VE2CGV
- * Ken Magee, VE2EXC
- * Jean Massicotte, VE2JMK
- * Yvan de Montigny, VE2YMO
- * Stanko Paticic, VE2QXP
- * Normand Pitre, VA3NHK
- * Matt Salenius, VE2MTA
- * Frank Torontour, VE2TOR

Many thanks to the Concordia University Amateur Radio Club for allowing us to use the VE2RCU repeater as well.

73 de Jim, VE2VE

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ST. LAZARE CYCLO-TOUR

Ken Magee, VE2EXC is looking for volunteers to help with communications for the St. Lazare Cyclo-Tour on Sunday, May 29, 2005.

If you are interested in helping, Ken can be reached at ve2exc@rac.ca

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JAY CHALLENGE

Spring is here and summer is coming. And so are the summer events. How would you like to spend a nice 3 day weekend at Jay Peak Vermont at the end of July with free lodging and at the same time put your radio equipment to good use?

Here is a description of the event:

Friday the 29th of July is the " Jay Crossover" . This is a 26 mile kayak race from Magog Quebec to Newport Vermont.

Saturday the 30th is the "Jay Mountain Marathon". This is a 26 mile cross country run up to the top of Jay Peak and down and around Jay. For this, 9 to 12 hams are needed.

Sunday the 31st is the " Jay Mountain Bike Race" . This is a 64 mile cross country bike race also up to the top of Jay Peak, with over 10,000 feet of climbing for the cyclists. For this , 15 to 18 hams are needed.

As you can see this is a gruelling event. Our purpose at this event is to pass traffic from check point to check point.

If you want more info on the event, contact me, Ray, at ve2sja@rac.ca or visit the website at

<http://www.jaychallenge.com/>

73 de Raymond, VE2SJA

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MAB SPRING STATION WORK

Jim Hay is looking for volunteers to perform some work on the antenna of the Montreal Association for the Blind radio station. For the moment the required work will be done in two stages , first to remove an Earl Paris' existing antenna, and second to replace the existing MAB antenna. Please contact Jim as we would like to complete this work as early as possible in the spring.

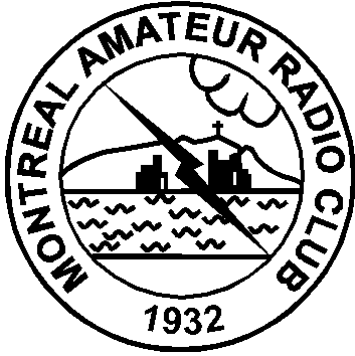
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THE NORTHERN NEW YORK EMERGENCY SERVICES NET

The Northern New York Emergency Services net operates EVERY DAY on the Whiteface Mountain Repeater near Lake Placid, NY at 7:30 AM and 7:00 PM. The frequency is 145.110 (PL Tone 123) (-600 offset) The Whiteface N2JKG/RACES repeater used for strictly emergency and public service use only.

The purpose of this directed net is to provide emergency auxiliary communication to local and state government in the Northern New York area, also to include training, skywarn, and public service operations. All areas including Canada and Vermont are encouraged to participate in the training nets and activations.

Most training traffic is weather reports with sky conditions first, followed by precipitation, followed by



Hamfest Montreal Amateur Radio Club



Information - Reservations
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E-mail: jrhay@haya.qc.ca
or ve2arc@rac.ca
<http://www.marc.ca>

Amateur Radio Flea Market

Saturday April 9, 2005

Royal Canadian Legion
7771 Bouvier
LaSalle

(STM bus 109)

TIME: DEALERS - 7:30 AM PUBLIC - 8:30 AM
until 12:00 noon

DOOR PRIZES - FREE PARKING - SNACK BAR

TALK-IN: 147.270+ (VE2RED)

GENERAL ADMISSION \$4.00

TABLE RENTAL \$8.00 (2 for \$15)

Table rental includes one admission

temperature, followed by wind, then other optional things like barometric pressure, etc. We have a good group on this net with stations participating on both sides of the lake and

Montreal. Often times, a ham from the weather service in Burlington checks in. (Eric). I am doing Net Control on Sunday mornings currently. Check this out. We'd love to have you join us.

73 de Ed Guild - W1OKH

From the BARC NEWSLETTER,
The Publication of the Burlington Amateur Radio Club
March, 2005

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CLASSIFIED

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

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