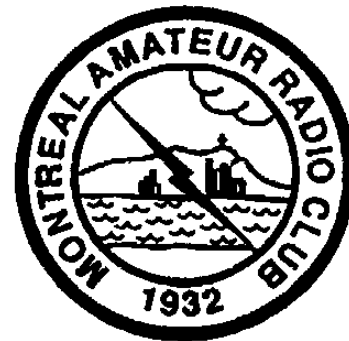


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“COMPETITION IN AMATEUR RADIO”

Wednesday November 26 2014

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

Gilles Renucci, VE2TZT will be talking about the various competitive aspects of Amateur Radio including an overview of awards including the various DXCC and WAZ awards and contests including Field Day as well as related topics which need to be considered when participating in a contest or trying to achieve an award.

A WORD NOT FROM THE PRESIDENT, BUT THE SECRETARY- TREASURER

Hello,

Well, here we are at the MarcOgram publishing deadline and I don't have Paul's message of inspiration and wisdom. I'm a forgiving type and I can well understand why Paul's words of wisdom haven't arrived.

At the October meeting those of you who were present will remember that Paul was absent owing to his hospitalization for colitis. Contrary to what I had reported at the meeting Paul's innards remain intact however he is under treatment to correct the situation and, hopefully, avoid surgery.

From my own experience I know what gastro-

intestinal problems do to one and recovery is not always a quick process. Stamina is always a problem which means that getting things done is a new adventure in perserverance and patience as frequent rests become the order of the day.

Paul is on the mend and I am optimistic that we will see him at the Christmas dinner although he may not be dancing a jig.

Since this is the last MarcOgram before the holidays, on behalf of the board of directors I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and the best of health, happiness and prosperity in 2015.

See you all at the meeting.

73 de Jim, VE2VE

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Club Activities Monthly Meetings

29 October 2014 - Annual General Meeting
 2 November 2014 - Competition in Amateur Radio
 28 January 2015 - TBA
 25 February 2015 - TBA
 25 March 2015 - TBA
 29 April 2015 - TBA
 27 May 2015 - Show & Tell

Radio Classes

A basic level course is starting in January. If you know of anyone interested in taking the course they should send a message to classes@marc.ca.

MARC Hamfest

The club will be holding its annual hamfest Saturday morning, 11 April 2015 at the Lasalle Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch. Please contact Jim Hay for more information or to participate in the organization and running of this event.

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Repeaters

VE2BG 147.06 MHz (+)

Owned and operated by the Montreal Amateur Radio Club. Located on the Pointe Claire water tower.

VE2RED 147.27 MHz (+)

Owned and operated by the Montreal Amateur Radio Club. Located near Decarie and Cote St. Luc Road.

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

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

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

These numbers are for emergencies ONLY

FROM THE (TEMPORARY) EDITOR'S DESK

Thus far no one has come forward to take on the duties of editing the MarcOgram. If you enjoy writing or if you enjoy working with computers and want to have a go at the layout this is a good way to gain some experience.

Please let any of the directors know if you are interested in assisting with the MarcOgram.

I'll keep this message short but remind you that we have details of the Christmas dinner in this issue as well as information about the St. Patrick's Parade and our annual fleamarket.

This month's meeting topic promises to be an interesting presentation by a good speaker and I look forward to seeing you all there.

73 de Jim, VE2VE

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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>

December 2014

ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Dec 5 to 1600Z, Dec 7
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Dec 6 to 2359Z, Dec 7
Ten-Meter RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 7
SARL Digital Contest	1300Z-1600Z, Dec 7
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 13 to 2400Z, Dec 14
ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	1800Z-2359Z, Dec 21
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 22
DARC Christmas Contest	0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
RAC Winter Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 27

January 2015

WW PMC Contest	1200Z, Jan 3 to 1200Z, Jan 4
ARRL RTTY Roundup	1800Z, Jan 3 to 2400Z, Jan 4
North American QSO Party, CW	800Z, Jan 10 to 0600Z, Jan 11
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Jan 17 to 0600Z, Jan 18

CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	2200Z, Jan 23 to 2159Z, Jan 25
ARRL January VHF Contest	1900Z, Jan 24 to 0359Z, Jan 26

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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 2listings, go to the American Radio Relay League Hamfest website at:

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

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SPECIAL EVENT CALLSIGNS

VC7SJAM	2015-01-01 to 2015-01-31	Sir John A MacDonald's 200th birthday
VG3SJAM	2015-01-01 to 2015-01-31	Sir John A McDonald Bicentennial of his birth
XM3G	2014-12-06 to 2015-01-05	200th Anniversary of Treaty of Ghent
VC3D	2014-12-05 to 2015-01-05	200th anniversary of the treaty of Ghent
VC7M	2014-11-29 to 2014-11-30	CQWW CW DX contest
VB7C	2014-10-25 to 2014-11-30	CQ WW DX SSB Contest
VC3C	2014-10-25 to 2014-11-30	CQ WW DX SSB
VC2T	2014-10-24 to 2014-11-30	CQWW DX SSB and CW
VC3V	2014-10-24 to 2014-11-30	CQ WW DX SSB Contest
CF, VA	2014-10-01 to 2014-11-30	Empress of Ireland 100th Anniversary
CG, VE	2014-10-01 to 2014-11-30	
CH, VO	2014-10-01 to 2014-11-30	
CI, VY	2014-10-01 to 2014-11-0	

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CHRISTMAS DINNER

This year's Christmas/Holiday dinner will be held at 18:30 on Saturday Dec. 13 at LA GRANGE URBAINE, 1866^e Boul. des Laurentides in Laval. (450-669-1609).

The restaurant is on Boul. Des Laurentides north of Autoroute 440 in Laval.

So that we can let the restaurant know how many to expect please confirm your attendance either by e-mail to ve2arc@marc.ca or telephone to 514-990-1965 (leave a message if there is no answer).

The meal should be in the range of \$25 to \$30 before taxes and promises to be an enjoyable time. .

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ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

March 22, 2015 will be the 192nd continuous St. Patrick's Parade in Montreal. Since 2014 Vernon Ikeda, VE2MBS/VE2QQ and I have operated the control station for the various radio channels used by parade marshals and security personnel. With Vern's untimely death I have been asked to find a person to replace Vern in the control room.



Jim Hay, VE2VE and Vernon Ikeda at net control for the 2007 St. Patrick's parade.

While I will be confirming their needs at a meeting of the United Irish Societies parade committee during December I expect that we will need three radio operators to assist with

position information during the parade as we have done for the past several years.

If you are interested in helping out with the 2015 parade please let me know. I expect to have more

73 de Jim, VE2VE

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INCOMING QSL CARD SERVICE

As has been mentioned in previous MarcOgrams we are resuming the club's service of having incoming QSL cards sent to the club for members to pick up at meetings. This is a service which we are offering to our members which both saves the individual members money as well as makes more efficient use of our collective resources.

IF you would like to avail yourself of this service please send an e-mail to qsl@marc.ca and we will add you to the list of cards that the incoming bureau sends to the club and bring them to the monthly meetings.

CLASSIFIEDS

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

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This picture was taken after the 2007 St. Patrick's parade and shows the amateur radio operators who provided communications assistance

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