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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 30 November 2016

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

**** Marc-André Gingras VE2EVN****

DXpedition to Zone 2, Waskaganish, VB2W.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Annual General Meeting took place on 26 October. There were some changes to the Board. Craig Brander VE2YGK has left, and we extend our thanks to him for his years of service on the board, and hope he might repeat the experience at a later date. Two members joined, Nora VA2NH and Leo VE2SI.

Thanks again to Marc-André, VE2EVN, and Jim, editor and interim editor respectively, for their assistance in producing MARCOgram. Keep the articles coming, folks: more is better than less. As every editor has pointed out, MARCOgram is only as good as its contributors, so start writing.

73 de Nora, VA2NH

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SILENT KEY

Bob Goyeche, VE2PDT

It is with great sadness that I must report the unexpected death Thursday night of Bob Goyeche, VE2PDT. Bob suffered a sudden heart attack.

Although Bob was not a member of our club, he was very much involved with Field day efforts and was actively involved in our community. He was known by many of our club members and will be missed. Our condolences to his wife Cathy, his son Simon and his family and friends.

The service will be on Saturday 19 November at 19:00 at funeral home Guay in St-Eustache. There are visiting hours on Friday 18 November between 19:00 and 21:00, and Saturday 19 November from 15:00 to 17:00 and from 18:00 to the service.

Les Salons Funeraires Guay
146 Rue St-Louis
St-Eustache, QC J7R 1Y2

Marc-Andre, VE2EVN
MARC Vice President

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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 on Covey Hill in Franklin, QC.

The repeaters are open to all amateurs.

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 19:30 in the Wardens' Room, St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish, 4455 West Broadway. 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

30 November 2016 — Marc-André VE2EVN on VB2W.

Radio Classes

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

MARC Hamfest

We are planning to hold the flea market on 8 April 2017 at the LaSalle Legion. Please watch this space or go to <https://www.facebook.com/ve2arc> for more information.

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 gsl@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.

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

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



It's that time of year again; planning for the Saint Patrick's Day parade is underway.

The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be taking place on 19 March 2017 and Jim VE2VE is looking for amateurs to assist with certain communications. He needs three people to walk with the parade and provide position information. He will be contacting people shortly to assist him at parade headquarters.

Please contact Jim if you are interested, but remember that the parade will be held regardless of the weather so you'll have to dress appropriately.

Please contact Jim at ve2ve@marc.ca if you would like to help.

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VB2W DXPEDITION TO ZONE 2

By Marc-André Gingras VE2EVN

Well as you can see, I made it back safe and sound. The trip was actually pretty easy, as time passes along quickly when in good company. We traveled Montreal to Amos on Thursday, and Amos to Waskaganish on Friday to setup for the CQ Worldwide SSB Contest, in CQ Zone 2 land.

We, Martin Houle VA2AMH, Marc-André Boucher VE2MBT, Pascal Carrier VE2WHZ and myself, had planned to be on the air using two radios during the contest. We setup VE2MBT's Flex 6000 SDR radio as main calling station and my IC7000 as "chase/multiplier" radio. Now the original plan was to use trapped dipoles on masts, but these plans were scaled back to using an end-fed "Ultimax" wire antenna, and a loaded vertical for 20m-10m. This turned out to be a mistake given the lack of high enough structures (trees) and the conditions we faced during the weekend.

MARC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

MARC membership runs from 1 Sept to 31 Aug of the following year. The membership renewal was therefore due last September. If it's slipped your mind, I'll be happy to accept your renewal any time.

The Marcogram newsletter is sent to members via email. If you wish to receive your Marcogram by post instead of e-mail, please note there is an added \$5 to defray the increased postal costs.

You can renew your membership in person at the next meeting by handing me your completed renewal form, or by mail using the same renewal form.

For your convenience, you can also use the online form to renew your membership using PayPal at this address:

<http://www.hay-net.net/~ve2arc/memform/>

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting, and don't forget your completed form if you wish to renew in person.

Marc-Andre, VE2EVN, MARC Vice President

We got on the air a little late because of issues setting up the stations. We quickly realized that conditions were not very good, but we managed to get a few contacts on 15m and 40m. Around 11pm that evening the low bands got very noisy, and we weren't getting out anymore. We checked everything, and all seemed to be fine. It turned out to be that given our higher latitude, auroras were right on top of us. There was nothing we could do. I tried in vain to make contacts for a few hours more, with no results.

Saturday morning was a bit rough for me, as I had only slept about 3hrs, so it was a slow start. We managed more contacts on 15m using the main station, but the vertical was not getting out at all. We decided to drop the 2nd radio and take shifts on the main station instead. Saturday evening saw better conditions on 40m where I made a nice run of about 50 Qs, but then it suddenly ended. It was strange as we could hear many stations, but none could hear us. Reason was the auroras were back. Now I don't know if it's that the

MARC CHRISTMAS DINNER

Winter is coming, and with it the MARC Christmas dinner. It's a great time to get together for good food with good company.

Date:
Saturday, 26 November, 2016 @ 19:30.

Place:
Elio's Ristorante
351, rue Bellechasse (west of St-Denis)
Montreal, QC, H2S 1X1

Googlemaps : <http://goo.gl/maps/No6di7ckApC2>

Please only arrive around 19:30 and not much before, as we cannot be seated before 19:30-20:00.

There is plenty of parking available in their parking area, and it's also within walking distance from the Rosemont metro station.

Menu is open (a la carte) so price varies according to what you order but is in the range of \$15-20 for a full meal. You can find the restaurant's online menu here: eliorrestaurant.ca/menu.html and they have a full beer/wine license.

The MARC will graciously supply door prizes and take care of the service fees for all attendees. We're hoping to see many of you there for this event, but please note that space is limited.

Please RSVP by email to ve2ve@marc.ca.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

26 November 2016:
**MARC Christmas Party at Elio's
Ristorante.**

30 November 2016:
Mark-André Gingras VE2EVN will present information on VB2W, contest DXpedition to Zone 2, Waskaganish, QC.

28 December 2016: No meeting due to holidays.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

25 January 2017:
Norm Pearl VE2BQS will elaborate on the Automatic Identification System, AIS, marine vessel tracking.

22 February 2017:
Got something to say or to show? Say it here.

8 April 2017:
MARC hamfest! Bring out your fleas! Stuff sale!!

UPCOMING FLEAS

What: Big Event 39 Hamfest
Who: Niagara Peninsula AR Club
When: Saturday, 5 Feb, 2017
Where: Merriton Community Centre,
St. Catharines, ON

What: Burlington AR Flea Market
Who: Burlington AR Club
When: Saturday, 25 Feb, 2017
Where: 828 Legion Rd.
Burlington, ON

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