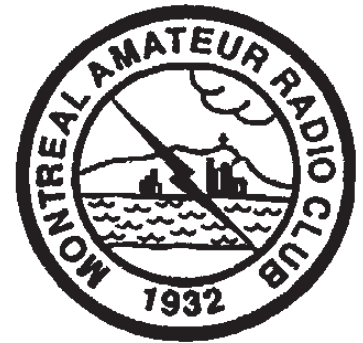


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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 22 February 2017

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

**** Leo Nikkinen VE2SI****

Electronic Measurements and Test Equipment.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

So having dug ourselves out of a big snow dump, here's your MARCOgram for February. Spring must be out there somewhere; keep looking.

Thanks again to Marc-André, VE2EVN, and Jim, editor and interim editor respectively, for their assistance in producing MARCOgram.

Keep any 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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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 operators** 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.

If you are interested, remember that the parade will be held regardless of the weather so dress appropriately.

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

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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

- 25 Jan 2017 — Norm Pearl VE2BQS, on AIS.
- 22 Feb 2017 — Leo Nikkinen VE2SI, TBA.
- 29 Mar 2017 — Marc-André Gingras VE2EVN, on SDRs.
- 26 Apr 2017 — Bob Paknys VE2JBP, TBA.
- 31 May 2017 — Show and Tell.

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 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.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

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 Laval 911 Centre 450-662-4240
 Longueuil 911 Centre 450-646-8570
 Sûreté du Québec 310-4141
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These numbers are for emergencies ONLY

BIG NEWS FROM RAQI

Source: Jim VE2VE; Marc-André VE2EVN

December 2016 marked a big step for RAQI (Radio Amateur du Quebec inc.). Following decisions taken at the Annual General meeting held 13 June 2016 at Trois-Rivières, RAQI has become, as of Dec 2016, a federation of amateur radio clubs rather than an association of individual members.

As of the end of November 2016, 32 amateur radio clubs representing 2232 members had already joined the RAQI federation and many of the remaining clubs will be joining soon.

Joining together in a federation provides access to services that are difficult to provide to individuals, as well as giving us a stronger voice in local and provincial political policies. It will also facilitate communication and consultation in the other direction, between the province and radio amateurs.

The RAQI federation is also more than that. Its main role is to offer services to clubs, and directly or indirectly to individual members of these clubs. Among these services are, to name a few, the RTQ net of coordinated repeaters across Quebec, the coordination of repeater frequencies, the hosting of web pages for clubs, a members' section of the web site, a reduced price for callsign license plates, insurance for club events, outgoing QSL card services, and the option to download digital versions of the newsletter and the Repeater/Members directory.

If your club is a member of RAQI, you have access to all of RAQI's services. To benefit from these services, please make sure you have an active account on the RAQI web site at <http://www.raqi.ca>.

Once registered, you should have access to, among other items, the members' section. If this is not the case, please contact the secretary of your club and make sure he has your callsign in the list of club members. If your callsign is not there, make sure s/he adds it. It's the club's responsibility to make sure that all their members are registered in the management section of the RAQI site that permits access by the club members to individual services.

NOTICE TO MARC MEMBERS:

You need to register before 28 Feb 2017 in order to have access to the members' section on 1 March. Those members without callsigns, please contact Jim VE2VE or Marc-Andre VE2EVN to get your ARC### with which to register. If you do not want any of these services, please contact Jim or Marc-Andre to opt out.

MARTY HORNSTEIN, VE2MH, SK

It is with sadness that I must pass on the sad news that Marty Hornstein, VE2MH, passed away on Sunday evening. Marty will be remembered by many who joined the gang for lunch on Thursdays, as well as having been active on two metres on VE2RED either from his car or his boat, Shayda II, when he ventured from the Lord Reading Yacht Club, or later, the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club. While he had not been a member since 2013 Marty was a long time member of MARC.

Here is the announcement at Paperman & Sons:

<http://www.paperman.com/en/funerals/2017-2-16-Martin-Hornstein>

73 de Jim

CQ CQ, ALL STATIONS!



The next MARCogram issue will contain a change concerning the location of the up-coming monthly meetings for **March, April and May**.

CONTEST CALENDAR

By Tom Haavisto, VE3CX, for Jan-Feb 2017 Canadian Amateur. magazine

ARRL Int. DX Contest CW	0000Z Feb 18 2400Z Feb 19
CQ 160-Meter Contest SSB	2200Z Feb 24 2200Z Feb 26
REF Contest SSB	0600Z Feb 25 1800Z Feb 26
UBA DX Contest CW	1300Z Feb 25 1300Z Feb 26
South Carolina QSO Party	1400Z Feb 25 0059Z Feb 26
North Carolina QSO Party	1500Z Feb 26 0059Z Feb 27
North American QSO Party RTTY	1800Z Feb 25 0600Z Feb 26
ARRL Int. DX Contest SSB	0000Z Mar 04 2400Z Mar 05



UPCOMING EVENTS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

22 February 2017:

Leo Nikkinen VE2SI, on Electronic Measurements & Test Equipment.

29 March 2017:

Marc-André Gingras VE2EVN, on software defined radio.

8 April 2017:

MARC hamfest! Bring out your fleas! Stuff sale!!

UPCOMING FLEAS

What: Vermont Hamcon

Who: Radio Amateurs of Northern Vermont

When: Saturday, 25 Feb, 2017

Where: Holiday Inn Convention Center, South Burlington, VT

What: Ham-Ex 2017

Who: Peel ARC & Mississauga ARC

When: Saturday, 18 Mar, 2017

Where: Brampton Fall Fairgrounds, ON

What: Annual Iroquois Flea market

Who: Iroquois Amateur Radio Club

When: Saturday, 1 Apr, 2017

Where: Civic Building, Iroquois ON

What: Montreal ARC Flea Market

Who: Montreal Amateur Radio Club

When: Saturday, 8 Apr, 2017

Where: Royal Canadian Legion ,
7771 Bouvier, Lasalle QC

What: 41st Annual Durham Hamfest

Who: North Shore ARC & S. Pickering ARC

When: Saturday, 29 Apr, 2017

Where: Pickering, ON

HAMFEST 2017



**Come celebrate the VE2CRL Amateur Radio Club's
35th anniversary on March 25th 2017
at the Georges Vanier High School
3995 boul. Levesque East, Laval, Qc, H7E 2R3**

**General admission 7\$
Doors open to the public at 9H00 am**

125 vendor tables available at 10\$ each

Door prizes, amateur radio license exams, food & drink

**For more information, visit www.ve2crl.qc.ca
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