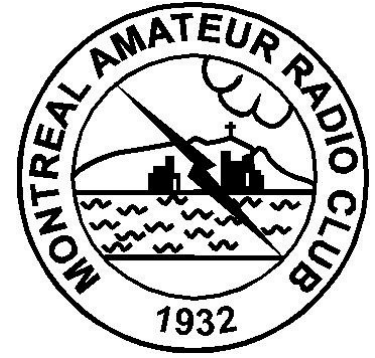


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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 30 November 2021 at 20:00 via ZOOM.

THIS MONTH: Marc-André VA2EI, Summits on the Air.
SOTA, all you were wondering about and hadn't asked yet.

General meetings are being held via the Zoom platform. Below are the details you need to join the meeting. A rag-chew session starts at 19:30 with the formal meeting starting at 20:00.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99313399988?pwd=YXcwMGJQdStkYVBwa3Fkc2hxa21oZz09>

Meeting ID: 993 1339 9988 Passcode: 898003 Or by phone 438-809-7799 using the above meeting ID and passcode.

Important: Please use a headset or headphones and make sure to test your mic/camera ahead of the meeting.

We hope to see you there.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This is the last issue of 2021, the most unusual year we've had in a long time. However, things are beginning to get back to the previous normal: we are holding our Christmas Party IN PERSON! See the last page for the details.

The restaurant will be holding to the provincial COVID-19 rules; masks must be worn if not seated at a table, and they will be asking to see a proof of vaccination, either paper or the app on your phone. Compliance is not optional or negotiable.

We think we've found a good place to hold our hamfest! Research is continuing, but it's always a good idea to have a backup so we're still open to ideas about other venues just in case. Anyone with an idea please contact any one of the Directors.

73 de Nora, VA2NH

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Christmas Party!

YES! IN PERSON!! PARTY!!!

See the last page for the details and

(this is important so pay attention)

YOU MUST RSVP!

To comply with provincial COVID-19 precautions, the restaurant has to know how many guests to expect. Send an email to Marc-André with the number of people.

Marc-Andre Gingras, VE2EVN
President - Montreal Amateur Radio Club

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Repeaters

VE2BG 147.06 MHz (+) 103.5

Owned and operated by the Montreal Amateur Radio Club. Back on the air but still looking for a new location..

VE2RED 147.27 MHz (+) 103.5

On the air from Ridgewood Ave. in Montreal; CTCSS tone of 103.5 Hz for access. Thanks to Claude Everton, the VE2RMP group and Metrocom for making this possible.

The repeaters are open to all amateurs.

Meetings of the Board of Directors

Meetings of the Board of Directors are held on the first Tuesday of the month (Aug to June) at 19:30 on-line using the Zoom platform. The club no longer holds in-person board meetings. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions for the Board to discuss, please send an email to ve2arc@marc.ca for inclusion in the meeting agenda.

Club Activities

Monthly Meetings are by ZOOM

(last Tuesday of the month)

November - Marc-André, VA2EI, Summits On The Air.

December - Annual Christmas Party

January - TBA

February - Caglar VA2AKG, µController tuned MagLoop

March - TBA

April - TBA

May - Show and Tell

Every Wednesday, @ 20:00 (00:00Z), go to the net on VE2RED.

See page 3.

Radio Classes

A Basic level Course is held starting in January of each year. If you know of anyone interested in taking the course, please direct them to <https://marc.ca/course/> for more information. Online registration is now closed until the next session.

MARC Hamfest

The 2022 MARC flea market is back!

We think we've found a good venue to hold the 2022 MARC hamfest. Research and negotiations are on-going but we still welcome other ideas as back-up. Please contact any of the board members if you have an idea.

Go to <http://marc.ca/fest/> for more information as it happens.

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 we will get them to you somehow.

SolderSpot

Group build Power Supply Project - By Leo VE2SI

If you're interested and even if you've spoken with me before, please send an email to VE2ARC@marc.ca and indicate your level of interest.

Participation is open to everyone and MARC membership is not a requirement. Due to COVID-19, SolderSpot is temporarily on hold. Other options are being considered.

This project is standing by due to COVID-19.



UPCOMING FLEAS/EVENTS

2022

What: Iroquois ARC Fleamarket
Who: Iroquois Amateur Radio Club
When: Saturday, 2 Apr 2022
Where: Iroquois ON

What: NEAR-Fest XXX
Who: New England Amateur Festival, Inc.
When: Fri & Sat, 29 & 30 Apr, 2022
Where: Deerfield Fairgrounds
Deerfield, NH

What: London Vintage Radio Club Flea Market
Who: London Vintage Radio Club
When: Saturday, 11 Jun, 2022
Where: Guelph, ON

What: Carp 24th Annual Hamfest
Who: Ottawa Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
When: Saturday, 10 Sep, 2022
Where: Carp Agricultural Fair Grounds, Carp, ON

Note from the editor.
Due to COVID -19, the list of hamfests and events is severely limited. Please check with the organizing authority before planning to attend as some may be cancelled.

VE2RED TUESDAY NET REPORT

Any discrepancies, please inform Leo, VE2SI

Please join us every **Wednesday** evening at 20:00 local on VE2RED on 2m output frequency of 147.270 MHz (+600 kHz input offset) CTCSS tone of 103.5 Hz. Everyone is welcome. If you have something to sell, or are looking to buy, feel free to mention it.

We have a few Net operators hosting it, but we're always interested in adding to this team if you're interested. Send me an email if you would like to try out Net Operations for an evening.

Leo, VE2SI
leo49@videotron.ca

ERRATA: Editor's note. I sincerely apologize for the Net Report in the October issue. It was totally scrambled. I hope this month's report is more accurate.

2021-10-20 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z
Net control Leo, VE2ARC (VE2SI)
Net closed: 21:11
Check-ins: 9
Discussion: Have you installed lightning/surge protection?

2021-10-27 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:01Z
Net control Leo, VE2ARC (VE2SI)
Net closed: 21:22
Check-ins: 11
Discussion: Amateur radio in other technologically advanced species: does curiosity = amateur radio?

2021-11-03 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z
Net control Leo VE2ARC (VE2SI)
Net closed: 20:51
Check-ins: 09
Discussion: What would you say to someone to encourage them to get an amateur radio license?

2021-11-10 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z
Net control Leo VE2ARC (VE2SI)
Net closed: 20:51
Check-ins: 12
Discussion: Should MARC conduct a DXpedition somewhere?



OBITUARIES - SK

Robert (Bob) Loranger VE2AXO, 1931 - 2021

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Robert (Bob) Loranger at the Teresa Dellar Palliative Care Residence in Kirkland, Quebec on November 4, 2021 at the age of 90.



Bob was a man of great integrity who loved to laugh, he was generous with both his time and extensive knowledge in diverse fields. He was an executive with IBM and president of RBA Technologies, a division of RBA. Bob was a passionate ham radio operator for over 70 years. Bob was an avid contest operator specializing in RTTY and CW and was a member of the Contest Group du Quebec. He was also involved with the West Island Amateur Radio Club and was very active during the joint Field Days with MARC. He always copied the ARRL Field Day message for us, helped with setup and teardown, and often operated CW during the night.

He was a very kind and generous person, always there to help. He will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by all who had the great honour of sharing their lives with him.

He leaves to mourn his wife Francine (Frankie) Brousseau, his children Jacques, Pierre (Pauline), Maryse (Aad), step-children Tracey (Orson), Shawn (Liz), his grandchildren, step-grandchildren, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, many dear nieces and nephews as well as numerous friends and colleagues.

The family wishes to thank the CLSC Pierrefonds, the NOVA West Island nurses, the entire team at the Teresa Dellar Palliative Care Residence and, especially, Dr. Louise Moreau for their exceptional care and compassion. In accordance with Bob's wishes, there will be no funeral service.

Memorial donations may be made to the Teresa Dellar Palliative Care Residence (palliativecareresidence.ca) or NOVA West Island (www.novawi.org). Funeral Arrangements entrusted to Voluntas Funeral Services (514-695-7979, voluntas.ca).

Robert (Bob) Rouleau VE2PY (ex VE2BFT), 24 September 1944 - 12 November 2021

On Friday, November 12 at 9:15 PM, the world lost someone special. Robert Rouleau was a man that left a mark on whatever he touched, a man that truly made the world a better place.

Devoted husband to Maryse Lachance, loving father to Christian (Myriam) and Matthew (Natalie), caring step father to Grégory and Catherine Wilson, good friend to all who knew him. He will be missed greatly. Sincerely missed by his colleague Norman VE2BQS, his friend, packet pioneer, business partner and onetime brother-in-law.

Mme Rouleau would like to take this opportunity to thank the Radio Club of America for having honoured my husband with the prestigious Sarnoff Citation award last year. He was touched to have been recognized for his work in the field of electronic communications. We were saddened that we were unable to attend the award ceremony due to unforeseen circumstances at the time.

To honour Robert T. Rouleau, the family invites you to make a donation to Habilitas Foundation's Early Supported Discharge (ESD) program to recognize the exceptional support he received this year from the staff at Constance-Lethbridge Rehabilitation Center. To do so, visit www.habilitas.ca or call 514 488-0043 ext 1406



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James R. Hay VE2VE, 1960 - 2012, SK

It is with deep regret that we inform you of the death of James R. Hay, VE2VE, long-time member of the MARC. Jim had just moved into a new apartment but was unable to enjoy it for long. Jim died 22 October 2021 at the Teresa Dellar Palliative Care Residence (formerly known as West Island Palliative Care Residence) after battling cancer and other medical conditions for several years. His half-brother Dave Wilson was with him.

A Morse code operator's unique way of sending CW is called his "fist" and in Jim's case this individuality extended to his helpful personality. Jim's key is now silent, his station is QRT for the last time, and we have lost an enthusiastic volunteer and promoter of amateur radio.

Born 10 May 1960, Jim graduated from John Rennie High School in Pointe-Claire in 1977, went to CEGEP Vanier College from 1977 to 1980 earning a diploma in Social Studies, then attended Concordia University from 1984 to 1996, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Library Studies.

Jim was heavily involved with the MARC, having joined the club about 23 years ago. He sat on the Board and was a member of the Executive in various positions for many years. He was a moving spirit in the Club's ARRL Field Day operations, providing support and guidance for a variety of activities, and organizing volunteer amateur radio communications for the annual St. Patrick's Day parade, run by the United Irish Societies of Montreal.

Jim manned the MARC table at any hamfest within range, promoting the club and amateur radio to anyone who expressed an interest. Jim also provided the expertise to set up the web page for the MARC and kept its information up to date. At various times, Jim was a director for Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC), and deputy director for Radio Amateurs de Quebec Inc (RAQI). Jim publicized and organized the MARC fleamarket, and his list of venues and contact people for those venues was extensive. Jim also worked with VE2MAB operators and provided insights and knowledge to the visually challenged group. Latterly, Jim was teaching the MARC Basic course of instruction, by Zoom due to COVID-19, leading to at least 10 new amateur radio operators.

What really made Jim a stand-out amongst others in the radio community was his technical understanding. He was well versed in operating procedures and very knowledgeable about the safe operation of a station. He held various radio licenses, Radiotelephone Operators restricted Certificate Maritime (1982), the same in the field of Aeronautics (1992), Amateur Radio Operators Certificate Basic and Advanced (1992). His list of amateur radio callsigns is impressive: VE2CRM (Quebec division of the Red Cross), VE2ILE, VE2MBS (his friend the late Vern's callsign), VE2TCP, VE2VVV, and the ultimate callsign, VE2VE.

Jim loved boating, specifically yachting, and was a member of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons (CPS) and was also on their Executive for many years. He taught a course in Marine Electronics from 1985-1988 and wrote a monthly column "High Seas Radio" for the Monitoring Times magazine from 1982-1996.

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He and his close friend the late Vern Ikeda VE2MBS/VE2QQ were avid train spotters and dabbled in spotting fire, police, and ambulance teams as they handled calls. Jim took the time to understand how they worked, and even knew what kind of equipment was carried by fire trucks, down to the type of siren they had! Jim also had a more than passing interest in genealogical research, both into his own ancestors and those of others, sometimes locating missing heirs to estates in Canada and the U.S., producing reports, and performing archival searches for others.

There is much more that could be written about Jim's many talents. What is most important to note is that the Montreal amateur radio community has lost not just a member, but a repository of knowledge and skills that Jim would bring to bear on problems. Jim, we hope all signals are Q59 and there is no QRM, QRN or QSB wherever you are. You will be missed greatly.

Cliff Tooher VA3UCT / Nora Hague VA2NH



Manning the MARC table, South Shore Ham Fest, 2017. Photo: VE2EVN.



At a VE2RM meeting, 2011, photographer unknown.



[Above] The RAC table, South Shore hamfest, 2011, photographer unknown.

[Below] The MARC table, Laval-Laurentide hamfest, 2018. Photo: VE2EVN.

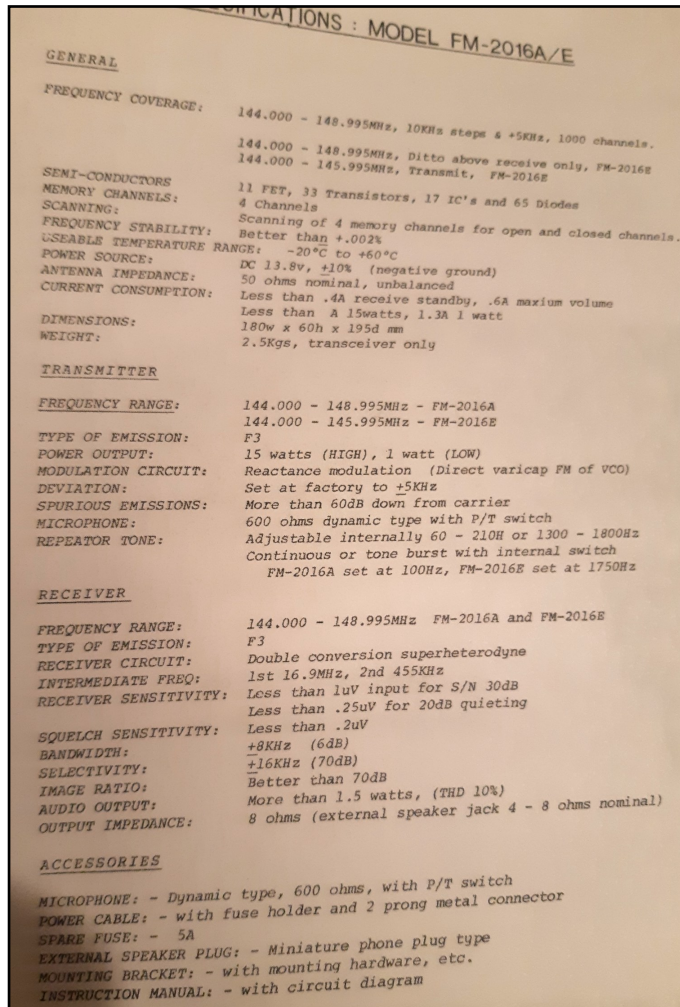


For Sale

Model FM-2016a/e 2meter transceiver with power cord and DTMF microphone.

Great winter project for a new ham. Spec sheet below.
Asking \$15 or best offer.

email: samuel.galet@outlook.com, VE2LJV.



For Sale

Peak Atlas LCR40 passive component analyzer

While your multimeter might be able to measure resistance, the LCR40 makes it easy to measure inductance and capacitance quickly.

Measures capacitance (1pF to 10,000uF), inductance (1uH to 10H) and resistance (1 ohm to 2 Mohm)

Manufacturer:

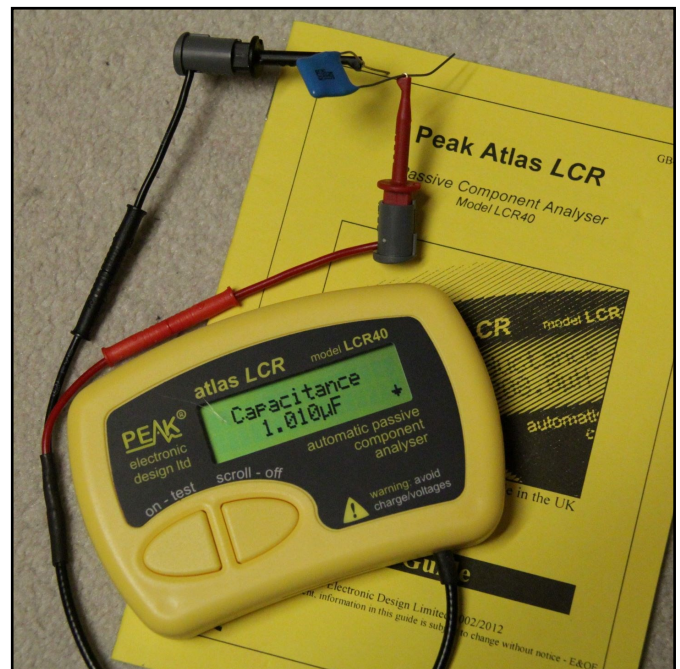
<https://www.peakelec.co.uk/acatalog/lcr40-atlas-lcr-meter.html>

Like new: \$60

Email: leo49@videotron.ca

Home: 450-424-6355

Leo, VE2SI



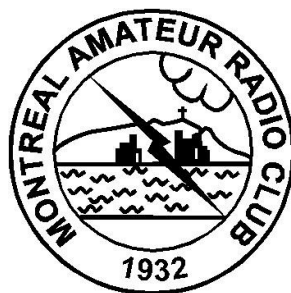
FOR SALE

GW Instek GOS-620 dual trace oscilloscope

New, complete with probes. I've owned it for several years, but never used it. I'd like to get \$50 for it.

Norm VE2KFC

Contact: norman.lapierre2@gmail.com



Annual Christmas Party!

With the recent loosening of the Quebec health restrictions regarding indoor dining, we can finally hold an indoor event. Current government rules make it possible for us to hold our annual Christmas Dinner this year!

Wearing a mask and showing a vaccination passport are mandatory for this event.

A maximum of 10 people per table means **you need to RSVP** so we can confirm to the restaurant how many they are to expect.

Date: Wednesday December 1st, 2021.
Time: 19h30 to 22h00. Don't arrive earlier than 19h10!
Where: La Casa Grecque,
7218 Newman Blvd,
LaSalle, QC, H8N 1X2
(<https://goo.gl/maps/1Xco9EiN1bE2>)

Please RSVP to ve2arc@marc.ca along with your +1,+2, etc., before December 1st so we can advise them of the size of our group. Places are limited, so don't wait until the last minute to confirm your attendance to this event.

We hope to see you there.

Marc-André, VE2EVN
President, Montreal Amateur Radio Club, Inc.