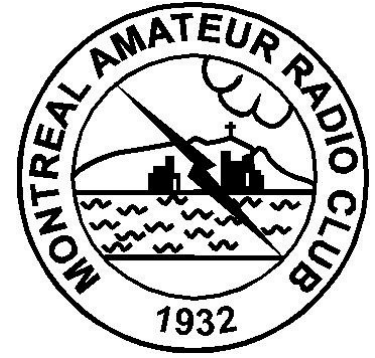


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NEXT MEETING

IN PERSON!

Ragchew and getting used to physical people: 19:30

Club meeting: 20:00

St. Thomas' Anglican Church

6897 Somerled (corner of Rosedale) in N.D.G. - Montreal

**** Tino VE2GCE ****

Award hunting

Finding, working and nailing awards.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As predicted in last month's MARCOgram, the April General Meeting will, after almost two and a half years, be held

IN PERSON! With real live people!!

Both the General Meetings for April 26 and May 31 will be held in St. Thomas' Anglican Church meeting hall, 6897 Somerled, corner Rosedale, **IN PERSON**, with coffee and cookies!

Parking is on the surrounding streets, and bus access via #51 on Fielding (shorter walk south) and #102 on Somerled (longer walk north). The entrance is at the back of the north side of the church on Rosedale.

SEE YOU THERE!

73 de Nora, VA2NH

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New Hams!

news from Eamon VE2EGN

Here are the results from our Basic Course. Six students from the MARC Basic Courses took the exam, plus one recent club member, for a total of seven and all seven got their Basic with Honors! The rest of the group took courses at l'Ecole Polytechnique and passed.

So we welcome to the hobby the following:

Martin Morris, VA2LLZ
Carl Dion-Buteau, VE2RNG
Gijo Augustin, VE2GIJ
Mersudin Kozo, VE2KME
Peter Jacobs, VA2AKL
Jean Viger, VE2JVZ
Donato Lavecchia, VE2DLE

Emile Dumas, VE2CUH
Israe Zakaria, VA2ISZ
Gabriel Roland Dube, VA2GGQ
Alexis Angers, VEA2AXI
Maxime Fromentin, VE2VXW

Gijo VE2GIJ and Jean VE2JVZ have already exercised their new powers and joined the VE2RED weekly net.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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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

(last Tuesday of the month)

26 April - Tino VE2GCE, on Award hunting.
31 May - Show and Tell

Every Wednesday, @ 20:00 (00:00Z), go to the net on VE2RED.
See page 3.

Radio Classes

The 2022 January Basic level course has ended. If you know of anyone interested in taking the course, please direct them to <https://marc.ca/course/> for more information. The next planned Basic course will start in January 2023.

MARC Hamfest

The 2022 MARC flea market is back!

We've found a good venue to hold the 2022 MARC hamfest! The date has changed: 5 June 2022, **Sunday** (not Saturday). The locale is the Royal Canadian Legion Hall in Lachine, 3015 Henri-Dunant, from 09:00 to 12:00. 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: NEAR-Fest XXX

Who: New England Amateur Festival, Inc.

When: Fri & Sat, 29 & 30 Apr, 2022

Where: Deerfield Fairgrounds
Deerfield, NH

What: **Montreal Amateur Radio Club Hamfest**

Who: **Montreal Amateur Radio Club**

When: Sunday, 5 Jun, 2022

Where: Legion Hall, Lachine, QC

What: London Vintage Radio Club Flea Market

Who: London Vintage Radio Club

When: Saturday, 11 Jun, 2022

Where: Guelph, ON

What: 36th Annual Smiths Falls Flea Market

Who: Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club

When: Saturday, 18 Jun, 2022

Where: Smiths Falls, ON

What: Carp 24th Annual Hamfest

Who: Ottawa Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

When: Saturday, 10 Sep, 2022

Where: Carp Agricultural Fair Grounds,
Carp, ON

2023

What: Iroquois ARC Fleamarket

Who: Iroquois Amateur Radio Club

When: Saturday, 1 Apr 2023

Where: Iroquois 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 looking for more net operators!

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

2022-03-23 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z

Net control Leo, VE2ARC (VE2SI)

Net closed: 21:02

Check-ins: 11

Discussion: Should RSGB & CQ exclude Russian amateurs from contests?

2022-03-30 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z

Net control Leo, VE2ARC (VE2SI)

Net closed: 20:50

Check-ins: 8

Discussion: How do you document your station's equipment? Do you document the equipment?

2022-04-06 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z

Net control Leo, VE2ARC (VE2SI)

Net closed: 21:25

Check-ins: 13

Discussion: Is a DMR radio a good first radio for a new ham?

2022-04-13 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z

Net control Leo VE2ARC (VE2SI)

Net closed: 21:34

Check-ins: 13

Discussion: What happens to amateur radio communications when earth's magnetic poles flip?

2022-04-20 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z

Net control Leo VE2ARC (VE2SI)

Net closed: **20:51**

Check-ins: **8**

Discussion: What is your favourite topic of discussion with non-hams?



OUR FIRST IN-PERSON GENERAL MEETING IN TWO YEARS!

Leo VE2SI has negotiated a physical venue to hold our last two General Meetings, 26 April and 31 May, for the season.

St. Thomas' Anglican church, at 6897 Somerled, corner of Rosedale, in NDG, has a nice large meeting hall. The Amateur Radio exam was held there, and we have held general meetings there in past years.

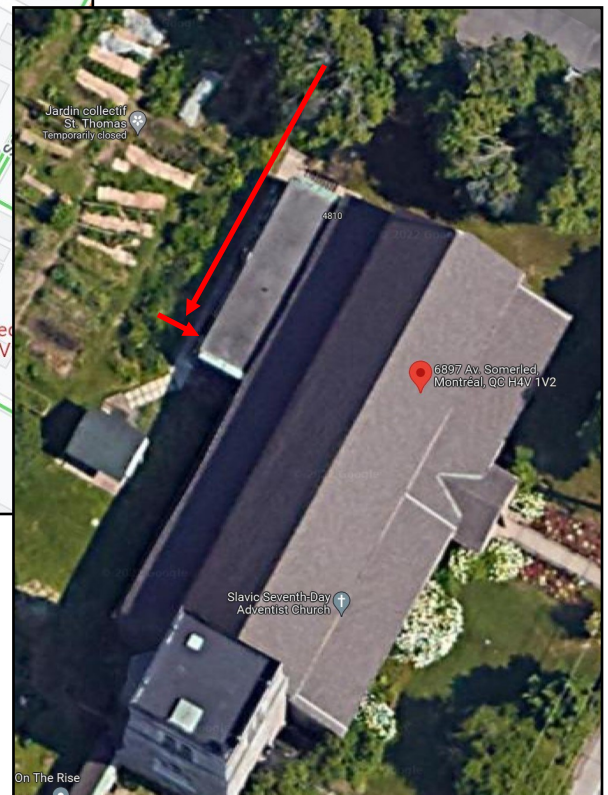
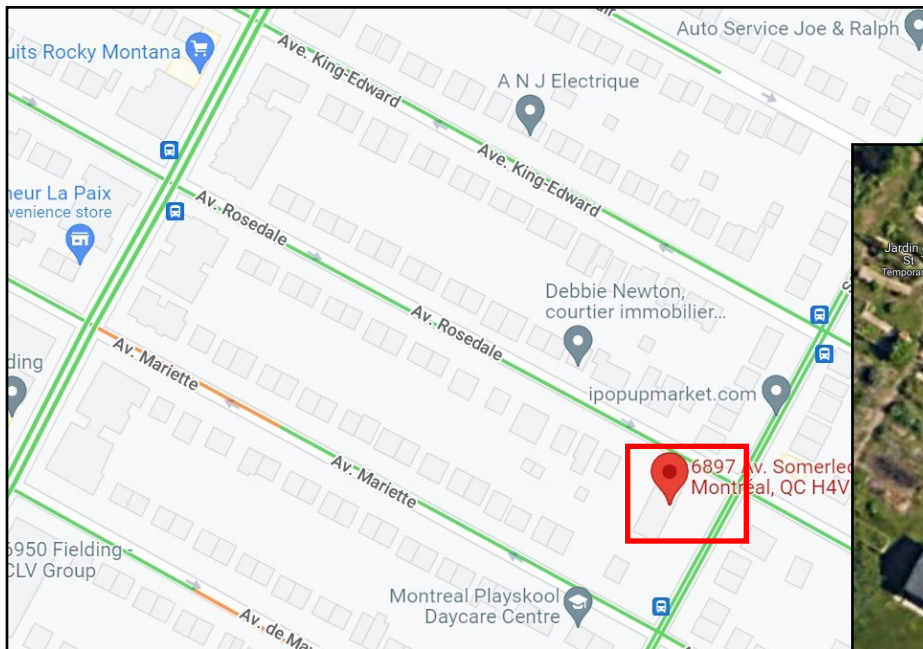
The best busses to get there are either the 102 along Somerled, or the 51 along Fielding. If you like exercise, there is also the 162 along Monkland.

We will provide coffee and cookies. The entrance is on the northerly side of the church, at the end of a pathway.

We hope to see a large turnout and everyone can practice actually being in a room with other physical people!

The presentation will be by Tino VE2GCE, on the strategy and skill involved in award hunting, chasing down those decorative awards and certificates to hang on the wall.

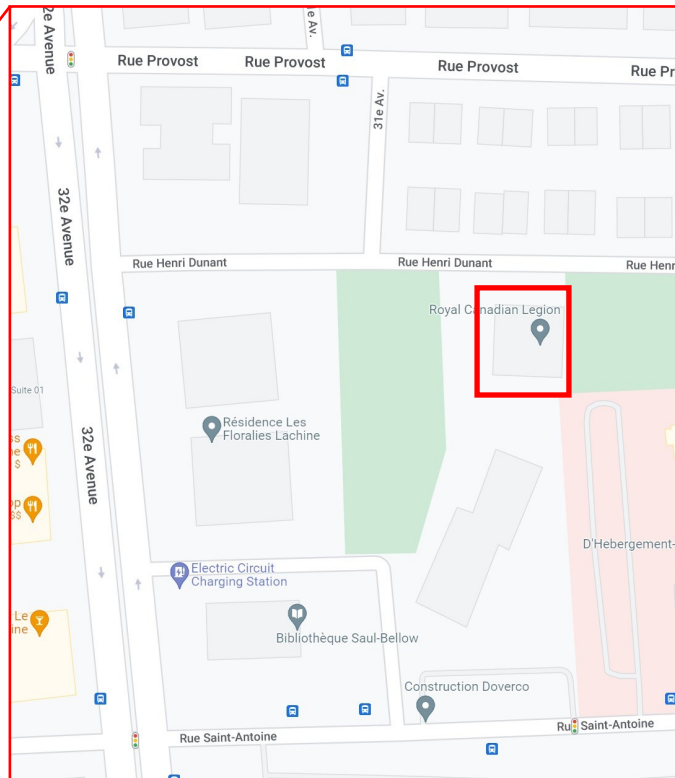
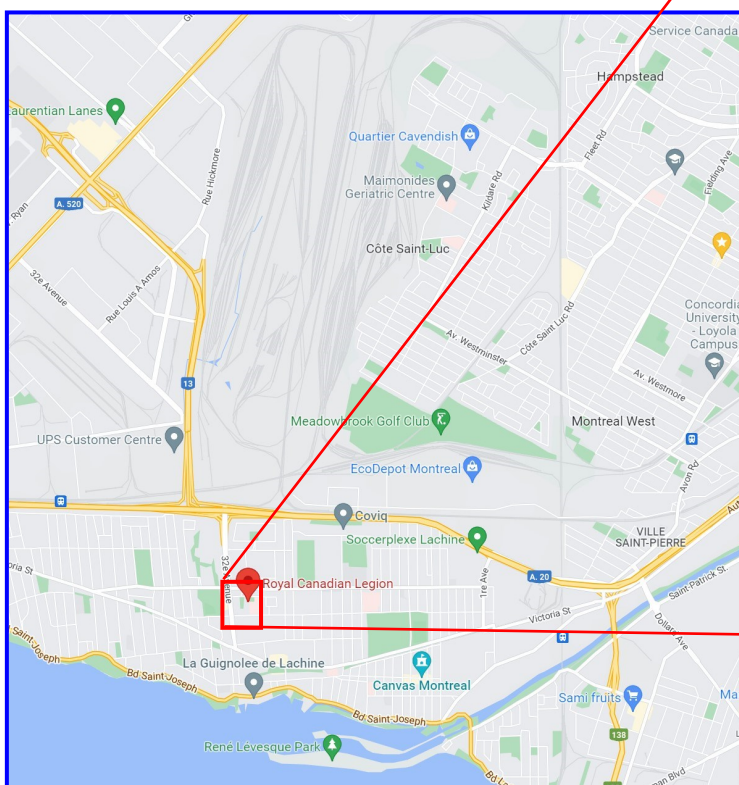
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IT'S BAACK!

THE MONTREAL AMATEUR RADIO HAMFEST !!

The Royal Canadian Legion Hall
3015 Rue Henri-Dunant,
Lachine, QC, H8S 1R5



New locale, same event, with all the good stuff you're used to seeing at our hamfest. The date is a little later in the year than our usual April fest; it's on 5 June 2022, from 09:00 to 12:00 EDT.

NOTE: This fest is on a **SUNDAY**, not Saturday.

Details: <http://marc.ca/fest/>

CONTEST CALENDAR

By George, VA2EN / VE2NGH

Welcome to the MARC Contest Calendar. As you are most probably aware, you can participate in a contest practically every weekend but I will list only the major and most popular contests scheduled for the upcoming month. The most popular contests are **highlighted in bold**. You can check out the list of all the various contests on the “Contest Corral” available on the ARRL website.

As you can see from the list as we approach the summer months, the number of major contests starts to diminish but there are many smaller contests in which you can always participate. Don't forget the big IARU HF World Championship which this year will be held on the weekend of July 9, 2022. I also must note that the WRTC (World Radiosport Team Championship) which was supposed to take place this year in Italy during the IARU contest has been postponed to 2023 due to COVID restrictions.

For all contests, remember to carefully read over the rules, study the entry categories, and familiarize yourself with the exchange. Make sure you have proper contest logging software installed as all contest submissions are now done electronically. N1MM+ is the most popular contest logging software and is available free for download. It can interface to almost any radio, is fully supported, and can handle most contest exchanges. Rules for all contests can be found on the various sponsors' websites. Another very useful resource is to subscribe to the ARRL Contest Update which you can receive via e-mail every two weeks and is available to ARRL members. You can also find third-party contest listings for free on the internet.

All dates and times are in UTC (Zulu time).

Have fun and CU on the air!
73' de George VA2EN/VE2NGH

Editor's note:

George's Contest Calendar was so informative it deserved more space than that afforded by a vertical layout. On the next page please find a list of challenges for May, 2022.

May 2022								
Date - Time				Bands	Contest Name	Mode	Exchange	Sponsor's Website
Start		Finish						
3	0100	3	0159	3.5-28	Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	Ph	RS, OM/YL/Youth	http://wwsac.com/rules.html
4	1700	4	2000	144	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	FT8	4-char grid square	http://ft8activity.eu/index.php/en
6	0145	6	0215	1.8-21	NCCC RTTY Sprint	Dig	Serial Name QTH	http://ncccsprint.com
6	0230	6	0300	1.8-21	NCCC Sprint	CW	Serial Name QTH	http://ncccsprint.com
7	0001	8	2359	28	10-10 International Spring Contest, CW	CW	Name, mbr# or "0" SPC	http://www.ten-ten.org
7	1200	8	1159	3.5-28	ARI International DX Contest	Ph CW Dig	RS(T) 2-letter Italian province or serial	http://www.ari.it
9	1900	9	2030	3.5	RSGB 80-Meter Club Championship	Ph	RS serial	http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf
11	1700	11	2000	432	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	FT8	4-char grid square	http://ft8activity.eu/index.php/en
14	1200	15	1159	1.8-28	CQ-M International DX Contest	CW Ph	RS(T) serial	http://cqm.srr.ru/en-rules
14	1200	15	1200	3.5-28	VOLTA WW RTTY Contest	Dig	RST serial CQ zone	http://www.contestvolta.com
14	2300	15	0300	50	50 MHz Spring Sprint	All	4-char grid square	http://sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints
15	2300	16	0100	1.8-28	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	RST SPC mbr or power	http://qrpcontest.com/pigrun
18	1700	18	2000	1.2G	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	FT8	4-char grid square	http://ft8activity.eu/index.php/en
18	1900	18	2030	3.5	RSGB 80-Meter Club Championship	Dig	RS serial	http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf
21	1200	22	1200	1.8-28	His Majesty King of Spain Contest, CW	CW	RST EA province or serial	http://concursos.ure.es/en
26	1900	26	2030	3.5	RSGB 80-Meter Club Championship	CW	RS serial	http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf
28	0000	29	2359	1.8-28	CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	CW	RST serial	http://www.cqwpw.com