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“IARU, RAC AND AMATEUR RADIO VIS-A-VIS THE GOVERNMENT”

Wednesday 28 October 1998
Ragchew and Fleamarket: 19:30
Club meeting: 20:00

St. Thomas Anglican Church, Corner Somerled and Rosedale
(Please use side entrance off Rosedale)

Jim Dean, VE3IQ, is the RAC man in charge of government liaison. He also attended the recent IARU conference and will give us an overview of IARU and RAC as well as open the floor to any questions you may have. Being well versed in the recent proposals by Industry Canada and also the various discussions which have taken place between RAC and Industry Canada (including the September CARAB meeting) this is an important meeting for anyone interested in the future of Amateur radio and promises some interesting discussions.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello,

First off due to the combination of the error in the notice of our annual general meeting, as published last month, and the importance of the meeting topic this month it has been decided to postpone our annual meeting to November.

I intend to stand for election as President again this year but I would like to see greater participation by the members in club activities such as the hamfest, Field Day, communications events and even assisting with our meetings.

Following last month's meeting and Earl Paris', VE2ESP, appeal for assistance the HF beam at the MAB has been repaired following the ice storm and we expect to have the wire loop back in the next few weeks. Thanks to Rafael Celedon, VE2HKL, for his invaluable assistance with this project.

With the beam repaired Earl would like to see MAB participation in the CQWW contest in November but this will require assistance with the logging. I urge you to contact Earl if you can help out.

I have to apologize to our British visitor Bill whose surname I cannot locate at the moment. Not only did he attend our last meeting (he's here on a nine month contract) but he attended the Go-For-Guide-Dogs Walkathon at the Morgan Arboretum along with Ray and Steven Faguy, VE2SJA and VA2SMF, and

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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 location changed.

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George, VE2GW

Bob and Shirley Watson, VE2WRE and VE2SLO, to lend assistance. We need more folks to lend this kind of assistance.

The Carriage Driving event at Windedge Farm on September 30 was a success thanks, in part, to what was reported by the organizers as the invaluable help provided by the radio amateurs. The next event will be at the end of May and will require more operators. If you haven't assisted please give this serious consideration. This will be a national event and should attract some needed positive publicity for amateur radio. You'll be hearing more about this event as the winter progresses.

This month's meeting promises to be interesting and the discussion lively. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the meeting.

73 de Jim, VE2VE

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

With the seasons changing, fall moving to winter and taking two steps forward and summer taking 1 step back its now the last chance to prepare your outdoor equipment for the tough periods coming up. Remembering last January you might also want to consider a backup power source for your rig as well as other needs.

This is also a time of year you might wish to consider upgrading your skills, and or knowledge in a area were you have that special interest. Whether it be QRP operation, Morse code, or APRS to name only a few areas there is sure to be something to keep you active over the winter.

Keep an eye open for potential recruits for our hobby. The club intends to offer a basic course early in the new year. So if you know of any possible students you might want to mention this course to them. Amateur radio covers a vast number of fields and can often a be a complement to other activities and interests.

I am always looking for articles for the Marcogram, so if you have an article in the back of your mind how about putting it together and sharing it in the Marcogram with the membership. You can contact me about submissions.

73 de Craig, VE2YGK

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Montreal 911 Centre	280-2121
Laval 911 Centre	662-4240
Longueuil 911 Centre	646-8570
Surete du Quebec	598-4242
Kahnawake Peace Keepers			632-6505

These numbers are for emergencies ONLY

CONTEST CALENDAR

The interesting autumn contest season is here! Try some of the following even if only part-time. It's a great way to boost your country or state totals as well as to improve your operating skill and station equipment.

It is not necessary to be "in the contest" to work a contest station and it is not necessary to submit a log unless you want to see your results in QST, CQ or The Canadian Amateur etc.

Please note that you may not be able to operate during all of the total hours of the contests listed below. See individual contest rules for allowed operating hours.

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z Oct 24 -2400Z Oct 25
High Speed Club CW Contest and	0900Z -1100Z Nov 1 1500Z -1700Z Nov 1
ARRL Sweepstakes, CW	2100Z Nov 7 -0300Z Nov 9
Japan Int. DX Contest, Phone	2300Z Nov 13 -2300Z Nov 15
RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest, CW	2100Z Nov 14 -0100Z Nov 15
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, Phone	2100Z Nov 21 -0300Z Nov 23
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z Nov 28 -2400Z Nov 29
ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z Dec 4 -1600Z Dec 6
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z Dec 12 -2400Z Dec 13
RAC Canada Winter Contest	0000Z -2400Z Dec 27

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COMING EVENTS

OCT 24

LONGUEUIL

Montreal South Shore Hamfest - Hamfest de la rive-sud de Montreal. Saturday, October 24, 1998, Place Desaulniers, 1023 Boul. Taschereau, Longueuil, QC. Open 9 AM, Adm. \$5. Talk-in: VE2RSM 145.390(-) Info Francois Drien VE2FDA ph. 514-672-9994 E-mail ve2clm@amsat.org Web page: <http://www.cam.org/~ve2clm>

summer amateur radio activities. Andy's summer QTH was South Truro, Mass, USA better know as "Cape Cod", located at a site 15m above sea level and 200m from the shore.

VHF operations on 2 meters were done with a Radio Shack HTX-202 utilizing its rubber ducky antenna from both inside and outside a small wooden house. Power came for the handy talkie came from its own rechargeable battery operating with 1 watt input.

With the help of the "Dennis" repeater WA1AIC on 147.045Mhz, VA2 ASS/W1 was able to enter some Cape Cod networks which included the "The Weather Net", "The Message Net," and "the Emergency Net."

"The Emergency Net" participation was done on simplex over the frequency of 145.580 MHz. Power was supplied from a 12 Volt gel Motormaster power system by Canadian Tire. The Antenna was a 1/4 wave whip from a coat hanger installed on the roof (and joined with coax). The emergency net was directed by WQ10, Frank, for The American Red Cross and the ARRL. On simplex the signals were all Q5 but S1 to S3 only. We were 13 participants and the message handling was satisfactory.

The weekly "Emergency" was organized through the Dennis Repeater with actual the operation conducted exclusively on Simplex and battery power for all participants.

The Dennis repeater had a constant S9 signal for all participants on the Cape.

DXing on 2 meters on Simplex with 4 to 5 watts and the roof antenna was quite good and occasionally reaching Boston, Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and even southern Maine.

Social activities for the Cape Cod hams included a weekly get together for breakfast at Harwich and once a month for a pic-nic lunch. OM's, XYL's and family were present. (in Orleans).

The members of the emergency net had a meeting every 2 weeks with a speaker on the subject. (Otis Air Force Base, and Regional Schools)

Andy concludes his thoughts on his Cape Cod adventure by saying, "I made made good friends and had a lot of fun. HF reception is excellent on the Cape, and I was sorry I didn't have my rig with me. But, there is always a next time!"

73 de Don, VE3RM

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SPECIAL PREFIXES - DECEMBER 1998

In commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the first two-way trans-Atlantic exchange between Amateur Radio Operators. The following special prefixes have been assigned by the Toronto Regional Office for use across Canada for the time period December 1 to December 31, 1998.

Regular Prefix	Special Prefix
VA2	CF2
VA3	CF3
VE1	CG1
VE2	CG2
VE3	CG3
VE4	CG4
VE5	CG5
VE6	CG6
VE7	CG7
VE8	CG8
VE9	CG9
VO1	CJ1
VO2	CJ2
VY1	CK1
VY2	CK2

The request was made by Edward Swynar of Newcastle, Ontario and this information taken from the RAC web site, <http://www.rac.ca/prefix.htm>

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SUMMER REPORT FROM VA2SS/W1, ANDY

This month Andy gives us some details on his

N.B. For VHF a High point is the main asset.(high above ground) Second asset is a good antenna.

73 de Andy, VA2 ASS, back at home QTH

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SCANNERS HEAR IT FIRST
BY FREDERICK HART VE2LSQ

Unfortunately to due technical and logistical reasons, Fred's column is unavailable this month. We hope to see it's return for the next issue.

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RADIO COURSES

The MARC is planning to have a basic radio course early in the new year. The course details have yet



to be finalized. If you are interested leave your name with Jim Hay at 697-7205

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CLASSIFIED

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

1) **FOR SALE** - A **packet station** including a -TNC -Kantronics KPC-3, all manuals and components, real-time module option; and a Regency 2m FM crystal radio, 20W (average radiated), crystals for 145.030MHz. Asking 160\$Cdn (105\$US) + shipping
Contact: Email: <angus@hamgate.concordia.ca>
"AngusMarch", 514-636-5928 - VE2 UFP,

2) **FOR SALE**

a) **Kenwood 440** with speech synthesizer and 2 CW

Articles Wanted

Articles are required to help fill this space in the Marcogram.

This can be your space to share with others some of your knowledge , skills, adventures, and activities that involve ham radio.

For information or for submissions
Contact the editor, Craig,
VE2YGK

488-5109

Thank-you.

filter with matching power supply, low pass filter, and miscellaneous items. An excellent radio which is also suitable for a visually impaired or blind person. This unit is in mint condition with packaging and manuals, with approximately 40 hours of use.
Price to be discussed .

b) **Cushcraft ATB34 Beam Antenna** - Good for 10-15-20 metres and a Ham 3 Rotor with console. Manuals for both items. These two items are currently installed and would need to be taken down. Price to be discussed.

For more information contact Earl Paris, VE2ESP at 524-4633 (home) or 489-8201 local 300 (work - Montreal Association for the Blind Tuesdays to Thursdays).

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A NOTE OF THANKS

The Chapter of the Canadian Guide Dog School for the blind and Earl Paris wish to thank Raymond and Steven Faguy, and Bob and Shirley Watson for providing communications support and to Bill from the

UK for lending a helping hand at a recent Dogathon. The Dogathon was held the Sunday morning of 12 October at the Morgan Arboretum. This worthwhile event raised over \$1500 for this good cause. A good time was had by all and the help greatly appreciated. Thanks once again to those who shared their time to help out at this event.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Earl Paris, VE2ESP, 524-4633 is looking for volunteers to help the Montreal Association for the Blind radio station, to operate during the ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, Phone from 2100Z Nov 21 to 0300Z Nov 23. For more details and information contact Earl.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Montreal Amateur Radio Club, Inc. will be held at St. Thomas Anglican Church, corner of Somerled and Rosedale, in the City of Montreal on Wednesday, November 25th, 1998, at eight o'clock in the evening.

The meeting is called for the purpose of:

- Receive and if thought fit, approve the reports of the officers,
- Receive, and if thought fit, approve the report of the auditor,
- Elect a President for the ensuing year,
- Elect a Board of Directors for the ensuing year,
- Transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Given at Montreal this 15th day of October, 1998.

(sgd) Jim Hay

Jim Hay, VE2VE
Secretary.

