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“ARRL FIELD DAY”

Saturday - Sunday June 26-27 1999

Setup Saturday 10:00, Contest Operation 14:00 - 14:00

Talkin: VE2RED 147.270 MHz(+)

Karonhianonhnha School - Kahnawake

Near the corner of Blind Lady's Hill and the Old Malone Highway (details pg 6)

This year MARC will be holding its annual ARRL Field Day at the Karonhianonhnha School, (or the Kahnawake Immersion School) in Kahnawake. Field Day is a chance to test our ability to operate under emergency conditions without grid power being available. The exercise offers an opportunity to experience HF operations for those who have not yet earned a cw endorsement and contest operations for those who have never tried it. This year there are some local community groups are planning to visit and with Y2K problem in the back of some people's mind it is an excellent opportunity to showcase our hobby. Weather permitting there will be an informal club meeting at 19:30.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello,

Well, its been an eventful month since I last wrote this column. The Lake St. Louis International Soccer Tournament was held on June 5 and 6 with amateur radio operators providing communications between the parks. Next year with more advance warning I am looking forward to seeing more operators volunteering their services. To all of those who helped - thank you. Unfortunately I haven't received the list of operators yet but I know that I heard Ken Magee, VE2EXC, Steven Faguy, VA2SMF, Paul Johnstone, VE2WED and Jean-Francois Gagnon, VE2TBH among the operators who are also MARC members. I apologize to any I may have missed and will have the full list for the September issue.

In other news, it took almost exactly a year but the VE2BG repeater is now operating in Pointe Claire. You

will read more about this elsewhere in this issue. The City of Pointe Claire have been most co-operative and we owe a debt of gratitude to the then mayor Malcolm Knox and his successor Bill McMurchy, the city's Electrical Superintendent Mr. Earling Nielsen and the director of the fire department M. Jean-Pierre Dufour all of whom have been extremely helpful and co-operative. Part of the agreement is that the club will provide emergency communications to the city during an emergency. We look forward to working with the city.

The repeater is multi-coupled to the fire department's mutual aid antenna and this gave us a good idea of what to expect in coverage but when the repeater went on the air at 17:10 on June 2 we were very pleasantly surprised by the wide coverage which the repeater has.

I'm sure that the repeater will offer good service from its new location. With a back-up generator it will also prove most useful during power failures.

There are several equestrian events on the calendar of events this summer and I hope that I'll see many of you at these events. Canada Day at Dorval is also

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Repeaters

VE2BG 147.06 MHz (+)
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 near Decarie and Cote St. Luc Road.

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

coming up and is a great opportunity to show amateur radio to the public. We may also have some added safety related duties at Canada Day so give me a call if you would be available that day - especially in the evening during the fireworks.

Field Day is coming on June 26 and 27 and I hope to see many of you there. If anyone is able to help with transporting things and with the setup please let me know. Set-up and tear-down are the two labour intensive times. Also, if we use the same tent we had last year then we'll need someone to retrieve it from Oka and return it and it requires several people to put up and take down.

I look forward to seeing you all at the coming events and hope that you have a good summer.

73 de Jim.
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Big thanks go out to Jim Hay and everybody who helped in the VE2BG relocation project. Early indications show that it will be a well used repeater. Fred Hart has some signal reports in his column this month from VE2BG's new location. The performance seems to be very good.

Have a safe enjoyable summer and when the opportunity arises why not promote our hobby. Plant a few ideas about the hobby and we will harvest some new students for the fall courses.

I have received a few inquiries about creating a web page on alternate or backup energy. Unfortunately it is not finished yet. The address will be:

<http://www.total.net/~craigyl/aei.html>

Right now all you will find are a few links.

73 de Craig, VE2YGG
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CONTEST CALENDAR

Here are reminders of some contests coming up. Rules for these can be found in The Canadian Amateur, QST or CQ magazines or on the internet.

It is not necessary to be "in the contest" to work a contest station and not necessary to submit a log unless you want to see your results published. Please note that you may not be able to operate during all of the total hours of the contests listed below. Total operating time may also vary by entry category. See individual contest rules for allowed operating hours.

June 1999

All Asian DX Contest, CW	0000Z Jun 19 - 2400Z Jun 20
Kid's Day Contest	1800Z - 2400Z Jun 19
Marconi Memorial HF Contest	1400Z Jun 26 - 1400Z Jun 27
ARRL Field Day	1800Z Jun 26 - 2100Z Jun 27

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

July 1999

RAC Canada Day Contest	0001Z-2359Z, Jul 1
Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest, SSB	0001Z, Jul 3 to 2359Z, Jul 4
MI QRP Club July 4th CW Sprint	2300Z, Jul 4 to 0300Z, Jul 5
IARU HF World Championship	0000Z, Jul 10 to 1200Z, Jul 11
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	1800Z, Jul 10 to 2100Z, Jul 11
SEANET WW DX Contest, CW	0001Z, Jul 17 to 2359Z, Jul 18
Pacific 160-Meter Contest	0700Z-2330Z, Jul 17
North America QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z Jul 17 to 0600Z, Jul 18
Six Club 6m Sprint	2300Z, Jul 17 to 0400Z, Jul 18
Colombian Indep. Contest	0001Z-2359Z, Jul 18
Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest, CW	0001Z, Jul 24 to 2359Z, Jul 25
IOTA Contest	1200Z, Jul 24 to 1200Z, Jul 25
USI W/VE Islands Contest	1600Z, Jul 31 to 2359Z, Aug 1
Georgia QSO Party	1800Z, Jul 31 to 0359Z, Aug 1 and 1400Z-2359Z, Aug 1

73 de Vern, VE2MBS
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COMING EVENTS

JUNE 19

MARMORA ON

Marmora Hamfest (Tri-County ARC) - Marmora Area Curling Club, Crawford Drive, Marmora, Ontario. Vendors 07.00 Public 09.00. Information: Paul (613)-472-3449, Pete (613)-473-1171

e-mail: rhobson@lks.net

JULY 10

MILTON ON

Ontario Hamfest 99 (Milton Hamfest) - Milton Fair Grounds, Milton, Ontario. - <http://www.bigwave.ca/~ve3coj/barc/filter> or Ontario Hamfest '99, PO Box 85037, Burlington ON. Opening times: Indoor Vendors @ 0700; Tailgaters @ 0800; General Public @ 0900. Talkin VE3RSB 147.210 or 146.52 simplex for more info Hamfest General: Tom Montgomery, VA3TM -Chairman Email: Spruce@bigwave.ca Phone: (905) 632-7710.

JULY 30 - AUG 1

DRYDEN ON

CAMP 807 Hamfest/Fleamarket. Dryden, Ontario - Amateur Radio Society of Dryden, Birchland Trailer Park just west of Dryden on Highway 17, Talk-in 147.240 (+) This is a hamfest/flea market for Amateurs of NW Ontario, Manitoba, and northern Minnesota. Information: ARSD, Box 368, Dryden, ON, P8N 2Z1 or via Email va3rga@rac.ca



to know about, a hot internet topic that you're just dying to discuss, or you're a computer expert and want to help others, come by the net and check in. The net usually lasts a half hour but I certainly won't silence anyone who still wants to discuss something. Anyone with traffic for the net can

send it via email to va2smf@rac.ca

AUG 7

ST ROMUALD QC

Hamfest 1999 -Association Radio Experimental du Sud de Quebec, (ARES) at the St Romuald Arena, St Romuald
<http://www.webnet.qc.ca/~ares>

73 de Steven, VA2SMF

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For information contact Serge Berube VE2ABC, 418-839-4846 or email: ve2abc@globetrotter.qc.ca
Talk-in on 145.450(-)

VE2BG Now OPERATIONAL AT NEW HOME

For those of you who may not be aware the VE2BG, 147.060 (+) repeater was taken off the air at approximately 10:30 AM on May 31, 1999 and the repeater was removed from its location at Burnside Hall at McGill University. At 5:10 PM June 2, 1999 the repeater was returned to the air from its new location on the water tower in Pointe Claire.

AUG 7

BURK'S FALLS ON

Hamfest. Location: Burk's Falls Arena Vendors 07:00 public 09:00 A.M., Tables \$10.00 ea.. admission \$3.00 per person Talk-in 146.520 Tailgate vendors welcome as space provides. Information: J.Keizer, RR 1 Burk's Falls, ON P0A 1C0 Email va3jdk@accglobal.net

Initial indications indicate that the repeater has excellent coverage of the West Island. It is hoped that this will eliminate many dead spots which exist on the West Island for other repeaters. We are looking for signal reports. (Fred Hart, VE2LSQ, in his column this month, has some preliminary signal reports to give you an idea of the repeater's coverage.)

AUG 14

BRANTFORD ON

Brantford ARC Hamfest Burford Fairgrounds, Highway 53 - 15 KM West of Brantford Talk-in 147.150 (+) Vendors 07.30 Public 09.00 Information: Bob McKellar (519)-442-4699 or Brantford ARC, P.O. Box 25036, Brantford, Ontario, or e-mail: ve3ba@bfree.on.ca

Since there is emergency backup power on the site the repeater will also be available during power failures. We hope that VE2BG will prove to be of benefit to the amateur community in its new location.

SEPT 4

CARP ON

OARC Fleamarket and Hamfest - Carp, Ontario Location: Carp Agricultural Fair Grounds, 3970 Carp Rd, (at Falldown Lane), Carp, Ontario. Highway 417 to Carp Road exit, North to the fairground. Vendors 09:00 Public 10:00. Cost \$10/table (plus admission) \$5/tailgate (plus admission) \$3 general admission. Talk-in VE2CRA 146.940 (-) Information: Jim Cummings (VE3XJ) tel: (613) 446-1225 (home) or via e-mail: fleamarket@oarc.net WWW page <http://oarc.net/fleamarket>

Many thanks to these fellow amateurs for their help and support in terms of time and materials donated for this project:

73 de Vern , VE2MBS

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Donald R. Dashney, VE3RM - James R. Hay, VE2VE

Rafeal Celedon, VE2HKI - Kenneth Fraser, VE2KLF

Stu Smith, VE2JSS - Steven Faguy, VA2SMF

Raymond Faguy, VE2SJA - Frank Torontour, VE2TOR

Eric Meth, VE3EI - Bill Letovsky, VE2QL

Vernon Ikeda, VE2MBS - Stan Patacic, VE2QXP

MARC COMPUTER NET

For those of you who still don't know, the Montreal Amateur Radio Club has a new net. The net now starts an hour later, 8pm on Thursday evenings on VE2RED (147.270+.) So for those of you who have computer problems of any type, favorite web sites you'd like everyone

Special thanks to Ken Fraser for hosting the repeater at McGill for the past six or seven years and for modifying the radio, Don Dashney for tuning up the radio and making the final adjustments to the GE Exec 2, Jim Hay for arranging for the site, Rafeal Celedon for tuning up the combiner/duplexer, Steven Faguy, Frank Torontour and Stu Smith for helping take down the old machine from Burnside Hall. Many thanks to Eric Meth of Monklands, Ontario for locating a multi-coupler for the club and Bill Letovsky for donating a power supply.

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SCANNERS HEAR IT FIRST

BY FREDERICK HART VE2LSQ

Some signal reports for VE2BG from its new home:

Station	Location	S/S	Power (1)	Antenna
VA2JAY	Rockburn, QC	F/Q	5	Omni
VA2MCB	Laval, QC (Chomedy)	F/Q	1	rubber duck
VA2MOO	Pierrefonds, QC	F/Q	1	ground plane
VA2SMF	Pierrefonds, QC	5	2	rubber duck
VA2TPY	Richeleiu, QC	30	5	Omni
VE2BJS	Hudson, QC	F/Q	25	Mobile
VE2CYY	Montreal-Villeray	F/Q	5	Yagi
VE2DC	Ste. Martine, QC	F/Q	5	Omni
VE2DWT	LaSalle, QC	F/Q	5	Mobile
VE2DQO	Pointe Claire, QC	F/Q	5	Yagi
VE2EXC	St. Lazare, QC	5	5	rubber duck
VE2GOP	East end Montreal	F/Q	5	Omni
VE2HKI	Downtown	30	3	Mobile
	St. Hubert, QC	10	3	Mobile
	St. Basile le Grand, QC	40	3	Mobile
	Henri Bourassa/Pie IX	5	3	Mobile
VE2ICF	Pierrefonds (East), QC	F/Q	5	Omni
VE2II	Morin Hights, QC	F/Q	45	Omni
VE2JGS	St. Anne de Bellvue	15	2	rubber duck
VE2KLF	Montreal West/Ouest	20	1/2	rubber duck (2)
	Beaconsfield, QC	F/Q	3	rubber duck
VE2LSQ	LaSalle, QC	F/Q	1	Omni
VE2MBS	Autoroute 13 tunnel (4)	5	5	mobile
VE2MG/W2	Mooers, N.Y.	F/Q	30	Omni
VE2MPD	Verdun, QC	F/Q	10	Omni
VE2QXP	Pointe Claire, QC	F/Q	5	rubber duck
VE2NGQ	Dollard des Ormeaux	F/Q	5	Mobile
	St. Zotique, QC	20	25	Mobile
	Techno Park - Montreal	5	5	rubber duck

Station	Location	S/S	Power (1)	Antenna
VE2SHW	Greenfield Park, QC	F/Q	5	Mobile
VE2SJA	Viger/St. Denis	5	5	Mobile
	Dorval, QC	F/Q	5	Mobile
VE2TBH	Vaudreuil, QC	F/Q	25	Omni
		10	5	Omni
VE2TUN	Pierrefonds, QC	F/Q	5	Mobile
VE2UFO	Downtown to			
	St. Jerome	F/Q	5	Mobile 1/2 wave
	Decarie Tunnel	F/Q	5	Mobile
	St. Colomban, QC	40%	5	rubber duck (3)
VE2VE	Pointe Claire (5)	F/Q	1	rubber duck
	Beauharnois Tunnel	15	25	Mobile
VE2VCD	Brownsburg, QC	F/Q	5	Omni
VE2WED	LaSalle, QC	F/Q	1	rubber duck
VE2WRE	Lery, QC	5	2-1/2	rubber duck
	Sherbrooke Street-Viau	5	25	Mobile
VE2XGP	Decarie Circle	F/Q	5	Mobile
VE2YW	Montreal-Villeray	F/Q	5	Omni
VE3EI	Cornwall, ON	5	5	

Via VE3PGC link

VE3RM	L'Orginal, ON	F/Q	25	Mobile
VE3PYP	Hawksbury, ON	F/Q	5	Omni
VE9NKJ	Chateaugauy, QC	F/Q	5	Omni
		10	5	rubber duck

Notes:

- (1) Power in watts
 - (2) On commuter train!
 - (3) From home in kitchen!!!
 - (4) Mostly all the way through the tunnel
 - (5) Sofa portable!!!!
- S/S = F/Q Full Quieting - otherwise various percentages of white noise

73 de Fred, VE2LSQ

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Emergex V - In the rush to get (and a late night to boot!!), I forgot to mention one of the organizers of the event, Mark MacPherson, VE2JT is also a member of the Montreal Amateur Radio Club. Sorry to Mark for the omission.

73 de Vern, VE2MBS

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

ST LAZARE - HUDSON AREA

On Saturday, May 22, 1999, These MARC members participated in providing communication for the CAN-AM Carriage Driving Competitions held in Ste Justine de Newton, QC near St. Clet, QC. MARC was represented by: Raymond Faguy, VE2SJA, Steven Faguy, VA2SMF, Vernon Ikeda, VE2MBS, Mark MacPherson, VE2JT, Bob Watson, VE2WRE, Shirley Watson, VE2SLO, Paul Johnstone, VE2WED, Frank Torontour, VE2TOR,

ARRL FIELD DAY 1999

Gillian Magee, VE2EXX and Ken Magee, VE2EXC. Other amateurs at this event were: Croydon Snowdon, VA2CLS, Don Kinnear, VA2DJK, Carole Albert, VA2MOO, Jacques Boucher, VE2CT, Margaret Dawson, VE2DXA, Thomas Ryan, VE2EIR, Mel Martin, VE2DC, Jim Lyons, VE2KN, Shirley Ovens, VE2SMO, Rob West, VE2WRJ, Mike Johl, VE3AET, and Geoffrey Owens, VE2OGJ. Scott West (son of VA2MOO and VE2WRJ) assisted his father during the event My father, Howard Ikeda assisted me during the event.

Please note that the Harmony Horse Trials will be held on June 20th at the Windedge Farms in Ste. Justine de Newton and the St. Lazare Challenge will be held in St. Lazare on Sunday, July 4, 1999.

73 de Vernon, VE2MBS

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OTHER 1999 EVENTS ORGANIZED BY VE2EXC

Marathon Course Combined Driving Event

Date: 28 August 1999

Location: Sandridge Farm, St. Lazare, QC

Pleasure Driving Event

Date: 2 October 1999

Location: Windedge Farm, Ste-Justine de Newton, QC

Ken is the contact if you wish to get involved with these events. Contact Ken VE2EXC via: the Covey Hill swap net (VE2REX 146.685) on Friday evenings at 8:00, by phone (450) 458-7447, or by e-mail: kmagee@hudson.net.

73 to all

Ken and Gillian Magee (VE2EXC and VE2EXX)

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CANADA DAY - JULY 1ST

July 1 - Pine Beach Park, Dorval - Canada Day Festivities MARC will be setting up a Canada Day Special Event Station VE2VVV. The goal of the station will be to display amateur radio to the public as well as do some Canada Day contesting at the same time. Contact Jim Hay VE2VE.

GO FOR GUIDE DOGS WALKATHON

September 19, 1999 - Go for Guide Dogs Walkathon - Make a date for the fall season. If you are interested Earl Paris, VE2ESP is the contact.

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FESSENDEN RADIO DAY

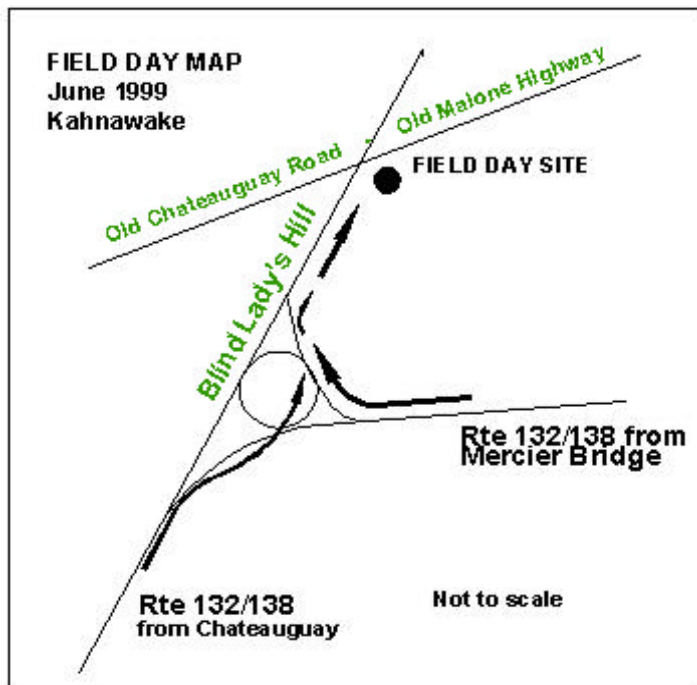
Saturday June 19 the Knowlton Museum will hold Fessenden Radio Day 1999 with the theme "Old Wires and New Waves." For information contact the Brome County Historical Society at 450-243-6782.

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June 26-27 1999 - The Montreal Amateur Radio Club will be holding field day the at grounds of the Kahnawake Immersion School in Kahnawake this year. Help will be needed for transportation, set-up, knock down and operating. If you would like to help coordinate and or participate please contact Jim Hay, VE2VE at 514-697-7205 or by email at jrhay@haya.qc.ca

So come on out, operate and have some fun. If you aren't participating in field day why not come by for a visit and say hello. Bring a guest and introduce them to ham radio.

Some reminders for when you come. It is important to note that we are guests of the Mohawk Council and the people of Kahnawake. Alcohol is prohibited, and the site is to be kept clean and tidy. The area where we are located is used for other activities so we will have make sure the site is clean when we leave. Please bring your own food and a chair. Remember to bring a sun hat to protect yourself from the elements. Sun screen, insect repellent will be useful items to bring as well rain gear if it rains.



DIRECTIONS TO FIELD DAY

From Montreal, Chateauguay, Delson/St. Constant take route 132-138 to the Kahnawake traffic circle
- enter Kahnawake from the traffic circle
- continue along Blind Lady's Hill until the first intersection
- turn right at the first intersection, onto Old Chateauguay Road, (Old Malone Highway)
- turn right into the school parking lot
- Talkin on VE2RED 147.270 MHz (+)

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