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## **“AN EVENING OF SHOW AND TELL”**

Wednesday 26 May 1998

Ragchew and Fleamarket: 19:30

Club meeting: 20:00

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

It's time again for the annual show and tell meeting. Come on out and see what curiosities and projects will be presented this year. It will be an opportunity to share and discuss with fellow members that homebrew project you have been working on. Perhaps you have an interesting conversation piece that would make an fascinating presentation. One never knows for sure what will be presented, but possibilities include QRP or antenna projects, a report from the Dayton hamfest or maybe an alternate energy presentation. It's sure to be an fun and informative meeting. So come on out and join the fun. And remember why not bring something and be an active participant in the meeting.

### **A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hello,

Well, summer is on its way and the weather has been ideal for outdoor projects. By now I'm sure most of you have repaired all of the antenna damage from last winter.

The move of VE2BG to Pointe Claire is making progress. By the time you read this the multicoupler should be installed and work on getting the repeater itself in shape will be well underway by the time you read this.

June 5 and 6 is the Lake St. Louis

International Soccer Tournament and this year amateurs have been asked to provide communications between the various fields and the tournament headquarters. The West Island Amateur Radio Club was approached to provide this service and Jean-Francois Gagnon, VE2TBH, has in turn asked the MARC for help with the event. Jean-Francois and I are now working together to organize this ambitious project.

The tournament will offer a good opportunity to show off what amateur radio can do and possibly to interest young people in what we do. Numerous locations will be used ranging from LaSalle through Dorion and the VE2RWI and/or VE2RED repeaters will be used for this event. If the VE2BG repeater is installed by then (and I hope so) then it would likely be used.

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## Repeaters

VE2BG 147.06 MHz (+)

Owned by the Montreal Amateur Radio Club and operated on the Club's behalf by the Amateur Radio Club of McGill University. Located on the McGill University Campus.

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

The tournament will be between 0800 and 2000 hours on Saturday and 0800 and 1600 hours on Sunday and we are looking for operators at as many as a dozen locations. If you are willing to spend a few hours at one of the sites and have a radio then please give me a call. Not all of the sites will have electricity or chalets so operating from your car is possible from many locations.

This is a chance to show off the hobby so please spare a few hours.

We have received permission to use the grounds of the Kahnawake Immersion School for Field Day this year, June 26-27. The site should offer fewer mosquitoes and greater altitude. We're starting to get this organized so please let me know if you will be able to help. Some equipment will need transportation and also we'll need help setting up and tearing down the site. At least one cub or scout group has expressed interest in visiting the site so we'll have another opportunity to show off our hobby.

This month's meeting is the show and tell and I'm sure that many of you have interesting gizmos and gadgets which you'll be showing off. This should be an interesting meeting.

73 de Jim.

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### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

With the weather we've been having lately it is sure hard to believe there is another month till summer starts. There a number of activities in the near future. If you are available for some of the events make an effort to participate. They are good opportunities to get out and meet your fellow hams, contribute to the community and promote our hobby at the same time.

The monthly meeting is part of a long string of events that will keep some members out of mischief for a while. The May meeting, on the 26th will be our show and tell evening and looks to be a very interesting evening and can often bring a few surprises.

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

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. If you need rules or more info please get in touch with me by telephone or e-mail.

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 in QST, CQ or The Canadian Amateur etc.

N.B. Make a note of the dates of this years ARRL Field Day!

### May 1999

Baltic Contest 2100Z, May 22 to 0200Z, May 23  
CQWW WPX Contest, CW 000Z May 29 - 2400Z May 30

### June 1999

IARU Reg 1 Field Day, CW 1500Z Jun 5 - 1500Z Jun 6  
ANARTS WW RTTY Contest 0000Z Jun 12 - 2400Z Jun 13  
Portugal Day Contest 0000Z-2400Z Jun 12  
VK QRP Day 0700Z-1200Z Jun 12  
TOEC WW Grid Contest, SSB 1200Z Jun 12 - 1200Z Jun 13  
Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB 1230Z - 1430Z Jun 12  
ARRL June VHF QSO Party 1800Z Jun 12 - 0300Z Jun 14  
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

73 de Don, VE3RM

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## COMING EVENTS

### MAY 30

### SOREL

Le Hamfest du Quebec Sunday May 30 at Club de Curling de Tracy. Opens 6 AM for sellers, 9 AM for public. Adm.

\$5, tables \$15, info on tables: e-mail: [alaing@autrey.net](mailto:alaing@autrey.net) **SEPT 4**  
Info: Packet VE2DWE@VE2CBS.#MTL.PQ.CAN.NOAM,  
tel 450-836-3072, fax 450-836-6252 Talk-in: VE2RBS  
145.370(-) or VE2FCT 146.610(-), CTCSS: 103.5

## CARP ON

### JUNE 4-6 ROCHESTER NY

ARRL Atlantic Division/New York State Convention.  
Monroe County Fairgrounds, Route 15A, Rochester, NY  
Information: web page: [www.rochesterhamfest.org](http://www.rochesterhamfest.org)  
e-mail: [info@rochesterhamfest.org](mailto:info@rochesterhamfest.org)

OARC Fleamarket and Hamfest - Carp, Ontario  
Location: Carp Agricultural Fair Grounds, 3970 Carp Rd,  
(at Falldown Lane), Carp, Ontario, Canada Talk-in  
VE2CRA 146.940 (-) Information: Jim Cummings  
(VE3XJ) tel: (613) 446-1225 (home)

or via e-mail: [fleamarket@oarc.net](mailto:fleamarket@oarc.net)  
WWW page <http://oarc.net/fleamarket>

73 de Don, VE3RM and Vern , VE2MBS

### JUNE 12 FERGUS ON

Central Ontario Amateur Radio Fleamarket by The  
Guelph and Kitchener Amateur Radio Clubs  
Location: Fergus & District Community Centre  
Talk-in 145.210 VE3ZMG for general Directions  
146.520 for final talk-in Information: Bill Smith at  
[smith.ve3whs@sympatico.ca](mailto:smith.ve3whs@sympatico.ca) or [fleamarket@kwarc.org](mailto:fleamarket@kwarc.org)

### 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: [rhubson@lks.net](mailto:rhubson@lks.net)

### JULY 10 MILTON ON

Ontario Hamfest 99 (Milton Hamfest) - Milton Fair  
Grounds, Milton, Ontario.  
<http://www.bigwave.ca/~ve3coj/barc/flter>  
or Ontario Hamfest '99, PO Box 85037, Burlington ON.

### 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>  
For information contact Serge Berube VE2ABC, 418-  
839-4846 or email: [ve2abc@globetrotter.qc.ca](mailto:ve2abc@globetrotter.qc.ca)

### 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](mailto:ve3ba@bfree.on.ca)

OARC Fleamarket and Hamfest - Carp, Ontario  
Location: Carp Agricultural Fair Grounds, 3970 Carp Rd,  
(at Falldown Lane), Carp, Ontario, Canada Talk-in  
VE2CRA 146.940 (-) Information: Jim Cummings  
(VE3XJ) tel: (613) 446-1225 (home)

or via e-mail: [fleamarket@oarc.net](mailto:fleamarket@oarc.net)  
WWW page <http://oarc.net/fleamarket>

73 de Don, VE3RM and Vern , VE2MBS

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## MARC COMPUTER NET UPDATE



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 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](mailto:va2smf@rac.ca)

73 de Steven, VA2SMF

Editors note: Steven has set up a web site where you can  
find information on amateur radio activities in the  
Montreal area. If you are interested visit:

<http://pages.infinit.net/va2smf/>

For information on 2 metre nets go directly to:

<http://pages.infinit.net/va2smf/nets.html>

and for events check out:

<http://pages.infinit.net/va2smf/cal.html>

Thanks for your efforts Steven.

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**SCANNERS HEAR IT FIRST**  
BY FREDERICK HART VE2LSQ



**Outremont pump 222 in with its water cannon in operation at the 25 April fire on Dorchester Boul, Westmount, QC.**

Time to un-mush the mind and put another column to paper. I'm always telling you each month to get an earful, but those of you that attended the hamfest last April 17th got an eyeful!! There was really great lots of you, the readership up close and in person (Now you know what LSQ stands for.. Large Sized Quebecer.) Thanks to all that attended and took part and to those who passed by with their regards and compliments about the content in my monthly scribbles!! (Even the cats got mentioned several times). Special thanks to Jim Hay VE2VE and Vernon Ikeda, VE2MBS for a superb combined effort to put the show on. I enjoyed helping out where I could and I look forward to the next event. Also thanks to Ray, VE2SJA and his son Steven, VA2SMF as well as Vern's Dad, Howard Ikeda for their help and time throughout the day. P.S. Mrs. Hay.., The Walnut/Chocolate muffins were delicious... THX.

**LISTENING TIPS**

With last month's feature on the "Big Six" Mutual Aid system have you gone crazy yet? Learning more about this system each week, I have discovered that I do not hear all of the services involved. To hear the entire group you must be able to hear all three repeater sites. Of the fourteen frequencies, 3 are data channels. You should

be hearing these to know that you are receiving the St. Laurent/Outremont/Westmount sites. I hear only one here in LaSalle with another vary faintly if I turn the squelch is turned down to the threshold. During a major blaze in Westmount, I spoke to Jim, VE2VE on the phone at which time a flurry of activity was audible from the some of the St. Laurent apparatus on his scanner but not mine. I am currently experimenting with antennae to try and get the best reception of all three repeater sites. Also y found recently on a multiple casualty incident simulation on a Sunday morning, a new feature of this new repeater system was discovered. When the Department Director and the Incident Commander were overheard saying "go to sideband" their conversation became digitally encrypted (the activation is a button is called "individual call"). They later returned to analogue communications.

If you have any tips or tricks to listen in on these and other frequencies, leave a comment for me on the MARC web page ([www.marc.qc.ca](http://www.marc.qc.ca)). Thx es 73 de Fred.

Frequency Notes - In the search for a local missing child, there was a dragging operation in the Lachine Canal. MUC police divers were communicating on 413.6625 Simplex. Ray, VE2SJA was on the scene and discovered the rare use of MUC Police channel 14. Thx vy much Ray.

Montreal Fire Department Auxiliary members can be heard at fire scenes on 163.050 simplex. They operate the First Aid Squad truck 1230 and Canteen unit 1330 which also can be heard on 412.7625 .

Some South of the border Fire, Rescue and EMS frequencies from Vermont have been confirmed by our friendly firefighting undertaker, Jeff Levesque, N1YQA. Some of these frequencies are audible in the Greater Montreal Area.

- 155.820 St. Albans Central dispatch
- 145.265 Franklin County (VT) Fire Mutual Aid
- 153.815 Enosburg area Emergency Services
- 154.385 St. Albans City Fire Department CH #7
- 157.515 Town of St. Albans Fire Department CH # 6
- 155.175 AMCARE/Lamoille/Richmond Ambulance Services

461.175 Brady & Levesque Funeral Home - St. Albans, VT (Firefighting undertakers have been monitored here).

### **Regie de Securite Publique de LaSalle-Verdun**

412.5125R Main Dispatch  
159.450R West Island Mutual Aid/ Fireground

With budget cuts in all municipal areas across the province, certain municipalities have combined services to better serve the public and reduce costs. LaSalle and Verdun are two such municipalities. The above mentioned Regie is what fire/rescue services in these two cities is now called. Operating from these three stations and heard on 412.5125 are these pieces of fire apparatus:

#### **Station #1**

Pumpers 931, 941 - 105 foot Aerial Platform 951, 100 foot Aerial Ladder 959 (spare)  
Rescue unit 921 Zodiac rescue Boat 961  
Director 901 Chief of Operations 902

#### **Station #3**

Pumpers 933, 943  
75 foot Aerial Scope Platform 953  
Rescue Boat 963 Command Post (officer in Charge) 903

#### **Station #4**

100 foot Rear-mount Aerial with pumper 954  
Spare pumper 949

Note \* The apparatus listed are the prime fire attack/rescue vehicles. There are a number of other support/prevention units also heard on the air.

\* Ville St. Pierre is supposed to join in and will be Station #2. They are dispatched by LaSalle/Verdun for now with paging done on 156.030 for call-in.

Ville St. Pierre Equipment Pumper 431, 75 foot Aerial ladder/pump 451  
Duty Officer (Lieutenant) 411

gd listening es 73 de Fred, VE2LS and a Q

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## **VERN ' S MISCELLANEOUS RAMBLINGS**

For warm weather events such as EMERGEX or other outdoor events such the upcoming Horse and Carriage events held in the St. Lazare/St. Justine de Newton area, you can freeze bottled water bottles three days before the event, remembering to drain the bottle so that two to two and a half inches of air at the top to allow for expansion when the water freezes. Just throw the bottle in the back seat in the morning just before leaving and by mid-day you should have cold water to drink. In addition, I sometimes leave the cooler and the water bottles under a blanket or my jacket in the back seat or trunk to help keep it cool while in the car. (Thanks to Fred Hart for this great idea)

### **Emergex V**

The Montreal Amateur Radio Club was represented at EMERGEX V by James Hay, VE2VE; Craig Brander, VE2YGK; Ken Fraser, VE2KLF; Raymond Faguy, VE2SJA; Steven Faguy, VA2SMF; Jeff Reed, VA2JWR; Paul Johnstone, VE2WED and myself. In addition, Edward Wielgus, VE3VMF accompanied the 2-metre net rover car. Steven, VA2SMF in particular should be commended for the great job he did as one of the 2-metre net control operators.

### **M.A.R.C. Course graduates:**

Congratulations to Jeff Reed, VA2JWR, Mario Ciaramicoli, VA2MDX and Pierre Journal, VE2IPX on passing the exam and getting their amateur station call signs. Hope to see you on the air soon.

73 de Vernon, VE2MBS

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## **NEWS FROM THE RAC**

Here are a few recent news items from the RAC home page:

### **New RAC treasurer appointed**

In accordance with the RAC Constitution, the Board of Directors is pleased to announce the

appointment of Bill Rothwell, VE3FGW as Treasurer of Radio Amateurs of Canada to serve for the balance of this year's term.

Like all Directors and Executive Officers, the Treasurer is a volunteer, serving without compensation.

Bill has a distinguished accounting career, retiring in 1998 as Controller of a major Ottawa real estate and property management company with complex multi-building operations and budgets in the tens of millions of dollars. He has also served as treasurer for the Canadian national operations of another not-for-profit membership association like RAC. We are most fortunate to have the services a professional accountant with superb qualifications and experience, who is also a long-time radio amateur. Bill will be responsible for financial control, and will provide advice and support in the financial services area to the RAC General Manager and head office operations.

### **Emergency Preparedness Canada (EPC) looking for volunteers**

Emergency Preparedness Canada (EPC) is looking for volunteer amateurs in Ottawa, the provincial and territorial capitals who have experience with HF digital operation. Those who have experience with Pactor or Clover or both are highly desirable in the project. EPC is acquiring equipment to establish a digital HF network to support EPC needs in case there are any commercial communications failures during the Y2K timeframe. These activities will be undertaken in co-ordination of the SSB network established by the Canadian Forces Affiliated Radio Service (CFARS). Inquiries can be made to the following means of contact:

Jim Cummings, Telecommunications Manager  
Emergency Preparedness Canada  
2nd Floor, Jackson Building  
122 Bank Street,  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0W6  
Phone: (613)991-7006  
Fax: (613)996-0996  
E-mail: jim.cummings@epc-pcc.gc.ca or

jcummings@epc-pcc.gc.ca

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### **Proposal To Grant 28.0 To 29.7 MHz Privileges To Basic and 5 WPM Qualifications**

Industry Canada has asked for comments on a proposal to allow individuals holding an Amateur Radio Operator Certificate with Basic and Morse code (5 WPM) Qualifications to operate in the 28.0 MHz to 29.7 MHz (10 metre) amateur radio frequency band.

Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) submitted the proposal to Industry Canada at the Canadian Amateur Radio Advisory Board meeting held in May 1998, in response to requests from radio amateurs across Canada. Many radio amateurs believe that this would be an important step for the growth and stability of the amateur radio service. It would provide amateurs, who now meet basic international requirements, with the opportunity to operate world wide long distance (DX) communications and to increase their HF operating skills. It is also believed that this proposal would encourage operators with only Basic Qualification to learn Morse code (5 WPM) and increase the overall number of amateurs with HF knowledge and skills.

Details on the proposal and how to make comments before June 30, 1999 are posted on the Industry Canada Strategis web site at:

<http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/SSG/sf01772e.html>

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And a reminder if you need a membership form to join or renew with the RAC there is an application form available at the RAC web site at:

<http://www.rac.ca/apply.htm>

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### **OTHER RADIO INDUSTRY NEWS**

The following item came from a column of amateur radio related news called "What's the Frequency, Kenneth?", prepared periodically by Mr. John Norfolk, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and distributed through Glenn Hauser's Review of International Broadcasting. This material

comes from the May 4, 1999 edition.

**ICOM AMERICA INC TO SPLIT INTO US  
AND CANADIAN ENTITIES**

ICOM America Inc will split into two corporate entities--ICOM America and ICOM Canada--on July 1. ICOM America's President Bob Brunkow, K7NHE, will become sole owner of the ICOM Canada distribution business and will head north of the border to take over ICOM Canada as its new president and chairman. Brunkow, 52, has been with ICOM for nearly 28 years. He'll maintain a consulting role with ICOM America after the split, which he said was a result of internal restructuring on ICOM's part.

The Canadian company will be owned and operated independently by Brunkow and his family. Brunkow outlined the changes in an April 19 letter to the ARRL. Brunkow says he'll continue to operate ICOM Canada from its current offices in Richmond, British Columbia, with the existing staff of seven.

Hiro Nakaoka, JK3UZC, will become president of ICOM America. Nakaoka has been with ICOM Inc since 1984 and with ICOM America since 1994.

Brunkow is leaving ICOM America on a high note. He said the company completed its most successful business year ever in March. "It has been an exciting 'run' and a lot of fun seeing ICOM's progress in the North American market during this period of remarkable technological development," he said.

Brunkow said he and his wife, a Canadian, will establish a home in Canada and plan to get Amateur Radio call signs there. But he emphasized that he plans to continue to be a very active ham in the US and involved in the US Amateur Radio community. Brunkow is an ARRL life member. (ARRL Letter, April 30, 1999, American Radio Relay League)

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE  
ST LAZARE - HUDSON AREA**

**UPCOMING 1999 EVENTS ORGANIZED BY VE2EXC**

Ken's next event after the May 22nd Carriage Trials is the St. Lazare Cyclo - Tour. This is a city organized family event with participants aged from 4 to over 90 years old, with the possibility of a turnout

between 1000 to 1600 persons. The distance to cover is between 10 and 30 km. of roadway, with some small parts in the woods. (All very accessible.)

St. Lazare Cyclo -Tour  
Date: 30 May 1999 Location: St. Lazare, QC  
From 1000 to 1500 or more cyclists (30 km course).

The Harmony Horse Trails  
Date: 20 June 1999  
Location: Windaged Farm, Ste-Justine de Newton, QC

The St. Lazare Challenge  
Date: 3 or 4 July 1999 (to be confirmed)  
Location: St Lazare, QC  
An endurance ride (80km course)

Marathon Course Combined Driving Event  
Date: 28 August 1999  
Location: Sandridge Farm, St. Lazare, QC

Pleasure Driving Event  
Date: 2 October 1999  
Location: Windaged Farm, Ste-Justine de Newton, QC

So get ready to come on out and help amateur radio to provide support for some community activities and have a good time. Once again 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.  
(Note: all but Cyclo-Tour are equestrian events)

73 to all  
Ken and Gillian Magee (VE2EXC and VE2EXX)

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**LAC ST. LOUIS INTERNATIONAL SOCCER  
TOURNAMENT**

June 5-6, 1999 - 8:00am to 8:00pm - at many sites around the Lac St. Louis area from LaSalle to Dorion - The West Island Amateur Radio Club was asked to coordinate amateur radio communications for this event. MARC will be assisting WIARC in this project. Radio will be used to



relay scores, standings and other routine administrative traffic. Please contact Jim Hay at 514-697-7205 or by email at jrhay@haya.qc.ca to help out in this event

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### **M.A.B. FIX UP DAY**

Jim Hay, VE2VE is organizing a repair party to verify and make adjustments where necessary to the Amateur Radio station located at the Montreal Association for The Blind. This is an important project as it is way to pay back the MAB for use of the facilities for board meetings, etc. The station allows MAB clients another window to the world, and as there is also standby power, potential use as an emergency station. If you are interested in helping out contact Jim Hay VE2VE at 514-697-7205.

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### **ARRL FIELD DAY 1999**

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

As a side note if you need the rules for field day they can be found on page 95 of the May 1999 issue of QST magazine or at the ARRL web page:

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/rules-fd.html>

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### **CANADA DAY- JULY 1ST**

July 1, 1999 - Pine Beach Park, Dorval - As part of the Canada Festivities the 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. If you are interested in helping out and having a fun day contact Jim Hay VE2VE.

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### **GO FOR GUIDE DOGS WALKATHON**

September 19, 1999 - Go for Guide Dogs Walkathon - Make a date for the fall season. Help will be needed to provide support for this worthy event. Final details still to come. If you are interested Earl Paris, VE2ESP is the contact.

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### **FESSENDEN RADIO DAY**

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

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### **POWER SQUADRON SPECIAL EVENT STATION**

To honor the 85th anniversary of the United States Power Squadrons, the USPS Amateur Radio Net has scheduled its National Safe Boating Week special event station. This annual event will be on 29 and 30 May 1999 from 1400 to 2200 GMT (1000 to 2000 Eastern Daylight Time).

This year's theme is Boat Smart from the Start. Wear your life jacket. Members of USPS will use the amateur radio bands to promote this message all across North America.

The site will be the Great Lakes Marine and U.S. Coast Guard Memorial Museum in Ashtabula Ohio. This museum has been a strong supporter of USPS. An 1898 light keeper's house serves as the museum. From its prominent location the museum overlooks the Bascule bridge on the Ashtabula River, the US Coast Guard Station, the Ashtabula harbor, and Lake Erie. As the recreational boats head for the lake on the Ashtabula river, the radio operators have a visual reminder of the need to promote safe boating.

Members of the Ashtabula Power Squadron, D/11, will greet museum visitors. They will promote safe boating through education.

Amateur Radio operators can contact the station, N3HOW/8, on 7.267, 14.267, 21.367 or 28.367 MHz. For a certificate confirming the contact, send a SASE to D/C Donald R. Stark, JN, 65 Stark Spur, Eighty Four, PA 15330.

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