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## “M.A.R.C. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING”

Wednesday 27 October 1999  
Ragchew and Fleamarket: 19:30  
Club meeting: 20:00

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

The October meeting will be the Annual General Meeting of the Montreal Amateur Radio Club. The details were published in last month's Marcogram and a notice with meeting highlights is inside this month's Marcogram. This is an important meeting you are encouraged to attend. Please remember that in order to participate you must be a paid up member of the M.A.R.C. After the general meeting, time permitting, we hope to be able to show a very interesting video of the recent Campbell Island DXpedition.

### A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jim's "A Word From the President" is unavailable this month. Jim is currently away on business but looks forward to seeing you at the annual meeting.

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### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This month is our club's annual general meeting so make an effort to come out and support your club. Vern will once again be available to take in club dues at the meeting.

This year's New Year 2000 may bring some unexpected events and the services amateur radio operators may be required. Many of us will have extra work responsibilities at the year end because of the "Y2K problem" and will most likely be working over the holidays. Many others will have vacation and or family commitments over the holiday period. So when making your holiday preparations this year you might want to include making sure are your radio equipment is operational and the batteries charged. If you can spare

### Membership Renewal Reminder

Just a reminder that now is the time to return your membership form and dues for this year if you haven't already done so. If you have a M after your name and call sign on your mailing label the club has received your dues (updated as of Tuesday 19 Oct 1999). Thank-you.

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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

some time around New Years get in touch with Jim or Vern who need help in manning potential emergency stations.

My apologies to Fred, VE2LSQ whose article got a little chopped up in last month's issue. Some how the import didn't work right and I didn't catch the glitch in my initial proof-readings. And a correction, for those interested in the Emergex Exercise this fall, the correct e-mail address for Jacques is ve2ct@amsat.org My apologies to Jacques and to those who tried to reach him by email.

73 de Craig, VE2YGK

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### CONTEST CALENDAR

Here are some of the many great contests coming up. Please note the date of the RAC CANADA WINTER CONTEST is December 19 this year. The 10 Meter contest on December 11/12 is a great opportunity to add to your country and province/states worked lists. If you have 10M privileges you can also take advantage of the CQWW this weekend and Sweepstakes on 10 to do the same thing. If you need further information you can contact me at

613-675-4715 or e-mail: ve3rm@rac.ca

#### October 1999

CQ WorldWide DX Contest, SSB 0000Z Oct 30 - 2400Z Oct 31  
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW 0001Z Oct 30 - 2400Z Oct 31

#### November, 1999

Ukranian DX Contest 1200Z Nov 6 - 1200Z Nov 7  
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW 2100Z Nov 6 - 0300Z Nov 8  
Japan Int. DX Contest, Phone 2300Z Nov 12 - 2300Z Nov 14  
WAE DX Contest, RTTY 0000Z Nov 13 - 2400Z Nov 14  
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB 100Z Nov 20 - 0300Z Nov 22  
RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest, CW 2100Z Nov 20 - 0100Z Nov 21  
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW 0000Z Nov 27 - 2400Z Nov 28

#### December, 1999

ARRL 160-Meter Contest 2200Z Dec 3 - 1600Z Dec 5  
ARRL 10-Meter Contest 0000Z Dec 11 - 2400Z Dec 12  
RAC Canada Winter Contest 0000Z - 2359Z Dec 19  
Stew Perry Topband Challenge 1500Z Dec 18 - 1500Z Dec 19

73 de Don, VE3RM

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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

### COMING EVENTS

#### OCT 23

#### LONGUEUIL

Hamfest Rive-Sud Saturday 23 October, at Place Desaulniers, 1023 Boul. Taschereau, Longueuil, 6:00am (Vendors). 9:00am (Public), Adm \$5.00, Tables \$10.00, Talk-in on VE2RSM 145.390 (-). Contact (regular mail):

C.R.A.R.S.M. A/S Mme Micheline Simard, VE2XW

Hamfest Rive-Sud 1999, C.P. 92007, Place Portobello, 7400 Taschereau, Brossard, QC, J4W 3K8

#### OCT 30

#### MARKHAM

York Region Hamfest (formerly Newmarket Hamfest) on Saturday, October 30, 1999. 9 AM. Markham Fairgrounds, McCowan Rd at Elgin Mills Rd Markham ON. Adm \$5 Talk-in VE3YRA 145.350(-). Info: yarc\_hamfest@hotmail.com web site:

[www.openstore/ve3yra.htm](http://www.openstore/ve3yra.htm)

73 de Don, VE3RM

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### ANTIQUÉ RADIO AUCTION

#### MONTREAL

Empire Auctions has a collection of antique radios listed in their flyer for this month's auction. It is listed as "IMPORTANT COLLECTION OF ANTIQUE RADIOS - OVER 50 RADIOS 1920-1960. The entire collection from the Canadian Radio Museum." To confirm and for information call 514-737-6586. The address is 5500 Pare, Montreal. There are a few pictures on their web site:

[www.empireauctions.com](http://www.empireauctions.com)

Inspection is supposed to be Saturday and Sunday 23rd and 24th of October 10am to 5pm with auction sessions starting Sunday the 24th October at 1pm and continuing Monday to Thursday 25th-28th 7pm each evening.

73 de Craig, VE2YGK

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**MARC COMPUTER NET  
UPDATE**

Those of you who have been reading this bulletin for the past few months should know by now that the net meets every Thursday evening at 8pm on VE2RED to discuss computer news, computer problems, computer humour, computer web sites and computer addiction. In other words, everything about computers is fair game here. If you have anything related to computers (it doesn't necessarily have to be amateur radio related), favorite web sites, questions, comments, or just want to argue Linux vs Windows with everyone, then stop by and check in.

73 de Steven, VA2SMF

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**VA2HHV SAYS GOOD-BYE**

William (Bill) Oscroft, VA2HVV returned to Great Britain at the end of August.

"Life on the work front has been very hectic indeed and Ham Radio has had to take a back seat. There was nothing personal in this. It was purely due to lack of time (and often energy!!) after some very long days at work." Bill writes, "I am not sure when or if I will be back but there is always the possibility...."

Bill sent his regards and asked that his best wishes passed on to everybody at the Montreal Club.

Good luck to Bill in his future projects, and Bill if you are ever back the Montreal, get in touch.

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**WINDEGE CARRIAGE CLASSIC HIGHLIGHTS  
- OCTOBER 2, 1999**

The last event of the 1999 Horse Carriage season was the Windedge Carriage Classic. Amateurs at the event were myself, my father Howard Ikeda, Margaret Dawson, VE2DXA, Frank Torontour, VE2TOR, Steven Faguy, VA2SMF, Croydon Snowdon, VA2CLS, Shirley Ovans, VE2SMO, Jim Low, VE2PI, Mike Johl, VE3AET, Jacques

Boucher, VE2CT, Carole Albert, VA2MOO, Scott West (son of VA2MOO), Raymond Faguy, VE2SJA, Fred Hart, VE2LSQ, Gillian Magee, VE2EXX and Ken Magee, VE2EXC.

There was a special award given out to our President, James Hay, VE2VE just before the start of the Windedge Carriage Classic. James was given the "Golden Screwdriver Award" by the VE2BG gang for his work on the VE2BG repeater. Thanks to Carole, VA2MOO for making the Plaque and to the rest of the VE2BG gang for keeping it a secret for so long. For those of you who may not know the reason for the award, on one of his trips to the repeater to adjust the squelch, Jim broke the wire that feeds power to the pre-amp. With no power going to the preamp, it rendered VE2BG somewhat deaf. Our esteemed President took it all in good humour and he will post the pictures I took at Windedge Farm's to the Club web page when he comes back from Ontario. I have photographs from the Sandridge Carriage Driving Event, The Go-for-Guide-Dogs Walkathon and the Windedge Classic. I hope to have them scanned and posted soon.

Many thanks to Ken Magee for the organization of the various events this year and to all of the amateurs who helped out this year.

73 de Vernon Erle Ikeda, VE2MBS

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**THANKS FROM VE2EXC**

Thank you Carole, Frank, Jacques, Jim H., Jim L., Margaret, Mike, Ray, Shirley, Croyden, Steven, Vern, Gillian, and Fred.....Howard and Scott.....for the wonderful time that you and myself had last Saturday. (Windedge Carriage Classic, October 2nd.)

Short of repeating myself a little, without you I could not take any of the credit of putting on such a well organized (don't ever tell them our secret) team of radio amateur operators. You are the ones that make it all happen, with a little help.

Ok, enough of the smoothing on stuff..... prepare for next May 21th (Sunday) for the Can-Am'2000 with (it changes by the minute) 6 teams of 4-in hand.....at least 70 teams. We only had 37 this year. So we all have to get polished on this one, talk to your best friend, I am looking for similar capable op's like yourselves...awake at all times, can report events on the fly....run 3 miles in 2 minutes...opppp's...well almost.

By using our past experience we will for this event,

operated a split control station, VHF/UHF, probably near the center of the course. So lots of opportunity to get out those dusty UHF ht's and really turn the airwaves purple.....

73 de Ken Magee, VE2EXC

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### GO-FOR-GUIDE-DOGS WALK-A-THON

The Go for Guide Dogs Walk a Thon was held at the Morgan Arboretum in Ste Anne de Bellevue on Sunday, September 19, 1999. The following members of the Montreal Amateur Radio Club assisted in communications for this event; Raymond Faguy, VE2SJA, Steven Faguy, VA2SMF, Ken Magee, VE2EXC, Gillian Magee, VE2EXX, James Hay, VE2VE, Greg Steinstra, VE2JGS, Frank Torontour, VE2CII, David Melanson, VE2MPD, Edward Weilgus, VE3VMF, Sheldon Werner, VA2SH and myself. Also helping out was Margaret Dawson, VE2DXA, Carole Albert, VA2MOO, Scott and Ryan West (sons of VA2MOO), Andy Beard VE2DWT and my father, Howard Ikeda.

There were about 200 participants from the Greater Montreal Area as well as some persons from the Canadian Guide Dog School in Manotick, Ontario who were showing normally sighted people (who were blindfolded) what a guide dog can do. I did not get a chance to try it out but Ryan West did and I hope that I can get the MARC Webmaster to post them on the club web page!

I received a message from Earl Paris, VE2ESP, on behalf of Montreal Island chapter of the Canadian Guide Dog School thanking all the amateurs for a job well done. On behalf of the club, I would like to thank everyone who helped out and to Fred Hart, VE2LSQ for helping with the talk-in and to Ken Magee for providing the communications tent for the event. I also heard from Earl that \$8,200.00 was raised on September 19th for the Guide Dog school.

73 deVernon Ikeda, VE2MBS

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### Y2K PREPAREDNESS NET FORMS

Bill Schenker, KG4DHJ, in Alabama has announced formation of a nightly Y2K Net on or about 14.275 MHz at 8 PM Central Time. "We're going to focus on the nitty gritty of Y2K preparations in general," he says, adding that he hopes the effort will encourage the development of regional

Y2K nets. For more information, contact Bill Schenker, KG4DHJ, wjs@linkfast.net. From the ARRL Letter, <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/99/0924> and <http://www.geocities.com/ResearchTriangle/Thinktank/2003/>

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### CANADIAN AMATEUR RADIO CALL SIGN DATA BASE AMENDED TO SHOW QUALIFICATIONS

Effective October 1, 1999, the official Canadian Amateur Radio Call Sign Data Base on the Internet has been amended to display the qualifications held by individual Canadian radio amateurs.

The new Canadian Amateur Radio Call Sign Data Base is a collaborative development by Industry Canada, RAC and Information Gateway Services in response to requests from individual amateurs, clubs and Delegated Examiners across Canada to have the qualification data included in the call sign data base on the Internet.

The new Canadian Amateur Radio Call Sign Data Base is derived from the new Industry Canada data base called the ACCS (Amateur Callsign Certification System)/SGIC (Système de gestion d'indicatifs d'appel et de certification amateur) formed by merging information from the Department's existing, separate certificate and automated licensing system data bases. This was not a trivial task. Many amateurs will recall receiving a letter early this year from Industry Canada in February or March requesting verification of information.

The new data base has been made as accurate as possible, but some errors may exist. Industry Canada has requested that all amateurs check their information and report any errors or omissions to the Industry Canada Amateur Radio Service Centre at the phone numbers or addresses listed below. Clubs should verify the currency of the information for their club station sponsor and report any changes.

All amateurs who obtained the former Amateur or Advanced Amateur Certificate of Proficiency in Amateur Radio prior to 1990 should be shown as holding Basic, Advanced and 12 WPM Qualifications.

The new Canadian Amateur Radio Call Sign Data Base is available on this web site at <http://www.rac.ca/callbook/>.

Information from the RAC web site, <http://www.rac.ca>

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## SCANNERS HEAR IT FIRST

BY FREDERICK HART VE2LSQ

Brief Note: To the readers of the MarcOgram, last month's column read like it was written by a dyslexic, but there were technical difficulties when Craig imported the WordPerfect file into Microsoft Publisher. I wrote it straight but the editor's computer thought differently!!! - Vern, VE2MBS

Welcome to October... The first official month of Fall weather. Add one turkey (insert name of choice here), then walk amongst the colours in the woods (holding who's hands) and end the month by dressing up in costumes (other than your usual scary attire like me), all along getting an earful from the scanner....

Hello again and we now enter a new season and have a new breed of calls to listen to. Grass fires change to chimney fires and we watch the dry roads become slippery and slick. Whatever we tune into seems to be altered by the weather. It usually is more busy on the air waves at this point of the year and with many new frequency changes in the future, it should keep our hobby alive. Speaking with a few Emergency Service contacts, the climb up to the band to the new 800 Mhz Public Security band is imminent and the Trunk Tracker (tm) type of scanners will become popular to follow the Ericsson EDACS systems. The Southwest shore of Montreal (Chateauguay, Kahnawake, Ville Ste Catherine, etc) are talking of a frequency move in the near future and the West Island are hoping to be on-line before the year's end, so watch out for those new frequencies/talkgroups. As information becomes available, I will forward it to you via this column.

73 es catch an earful...

p.s. I finally made it to one of Horse events (Windedge Classic 99). I had a good time and I want to go again,.. - You hear that Ken - I'm hooked.....

### Frequency Notes:

\* St Constant, Ville Ste. Catherine, Delson are now on 410.1875 (Also Montreal North), this was discovered during a major scrap yard fire last month. There is also Medical First response with CETAM Ambulance.

\* The five new frequencies in the "Big Six" that were found have been identified as system simplex frequencies. 866.5125, 867.0125, 867.0375, 867.5125 and 868.0125. Nothing heard so far.



\* French has been heard on the CJAD AM 800 Traffic Helicopter frequency (162.330). French traffic reports are for CKAC 730 AM

### Fred's Scanning Tips of the Month.

Urgences Sante has fourteen Talk-groups in their new system that James, VE2VE and myself have come across on the readout of the Trunk-Tracker II. I was given the Group Designations by a former co-worker at Urgences Sante.

### Urgence Sante Group

### EDACS Group

10-51 Operations Centre-North	02-081
10-52 Operations North	02-082
10-53 Operations East	02-083
10-54 Operations West	02-084
10-55 Operations Centre-South	02-085
10-56 Inter Hospital transfers	02-086
10-57 Special Event "A"	02-087
10-58 Special Event "B"	N/A
10-59 Medical Control	N/A
10-60 Ambulance Mutual Aid	N/A
10-61 Supervisors/Coordinators	N/A
10-62 CCSO/MUC	N/A
10-63 Emergency Measures "A"	N/A
10-64 General call (all groups) 10-80 (To be confirmed)	

### Urgences Sante Call Priority Designators:

- Priority-1 Stat 1-30 (Lights/Siren).
- Priority-2 Must arrive on scene within 10 minutes.
- Priority-3 Must arrive within 30 minutes.
- Priority-4 Must arrive within 60 minutes.

- Priority-5 Hospital Transfers reserved 24 hours.
- Priority-6 Hospital transfers not reserved.
- Priority-7 Return to domicile transfer.
- Priority-8 Long Distance transfer.

Priority 1 and 2 are code 10-30 (Lights with siren optional)  
 Priority 3 to 8 are code 10-16 (No lights or siren)

73 de Fred, VE2LSQ  
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**CLASSIFIED**

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

1) **FOR SALE - YAESU YO 100 Monitor** Scope; new, never used. All reasonable offers considered. **COLLINS mech. filters** 500kc IF., Internal SCSI HD for Macintosh, 350Mb, Quantum ProDrive Lt. used, exc. cond. Call or e-mail to: "Mac" VA2YQ, 514 482 3642 - <pbm@attcanada.net>.

2) **LARGE COLLECTION** of misc. items, **including NEW TRANSMITTING TUBES**, hundreds of parts, hardware and items for experimental and homebrew projects. If you need something, send me your list. Call or e-mail to: "Mac" VA2YQ, 514 482 3642 - <pbm@attcanada.net>.

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**EMERGEX VI**

The Covey Hill Amateur Radio Club is currently organizing EMERGEX VI to be run Saturday 13 November 1999. Contact Jacques Boucher VE2CT at ve2ct@amsat.org or at 450-462-0523.

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**Y2K PLANNING**

The club is looking for operators who would be available for contingency plans and/or possible emergency nets which might be required at the new year period related to



Y2K problems which might occur. The club would need operators for the Red Cross station at Nun's Island as well for possible call up for an emergency VHF net. Contact Jim Hay 514-697-7205 or Vernon Ikeda 514-684-7944.

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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

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, October 27th. at eight o'clock in the evening.

The meeting is called to:

- Receive and if thought fit, approve the reports of the officers,
- Receive, and if thought fit, approve the report of the auditor,
- Receive a proposal to amend the club's bylaws, to revise the election procedure for the Board of Directors, and if thought fit to approve the amendment
- Receive a proposal to to modify the annual dues for White Cane and Family memberships, and if thought fit approve the modified fees
- Elect a President and if the bylaw amendment is approved elect the other executive positions for the ensuing year,
- Elect the remaining 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 September, 1999.

(sgd) Craig Brander  
 Craig Brander, VE2YGK  
 Secretary.