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“MARIO BILODEAU, VE2EKL, PRESIDENT OF RAQI WILL SPEAK ON RAQI AND AMATEUR RADIO IN QUEBEC ”

Wednesday 26 January 2005

Ragchew and Fleamarket: 19:30

Club meeting: 20:00

St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish Church

4455 West Broadway (corner of Terrebonne) in N.D.G. - Montreal

(Please enter by the back door)

The speaker this month will be Mario Bilodeau, VE2EKL, president of RAQI who will bring us up to date on RAQI and amateur radio in Quebec. We hope to also have Mike Savoy, VE2MKE, who is in charge of the Reseau d'Urgence as well as Guy Lamoureux, VE2LGL, who is the General Manager. This will be a very worthwhile and informative

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello,

As I write this it seems that winter is here, but on alternate days. Hopefully more normal winter weather will settle in. In the mean time our courses have started and we look forward to a new group of amateurs by the time of the fleamarket in April.

This spring we will have to do more work at the

MAB. Earl Paris wishes to donate his HF beam to replace the one currently at the MAB which you will recall was repaired in the fall but which needs more work. As early as we can we will need volunteers to take Earl's antenna down as I understand the rotator mounting plate is loose. If you can help out in the spring please let me know.

The St. Patrick's Parade is coming again this year and our assistance is again being solicited. While I do not yet know the precise roles we will be asked to fulfil I should have news at the meeting. If you are

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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

Club Activities Monthly Meetings

Club meetings are held at the St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish Church which is located at 4455 West Broadway (the corner of West Broadway and Terrebonne) in the N.D.G. District of Montreal. The meetings will be held in the Lounge which is the rearmost door on the south side of the building unless we have reason to hold it in the Parish Hall which is the first door on the South side of the building. An informal fleamarket and ragchew session starts at 19:30 with the formal meeting starting at 20:00. The STM Buses 51, 162 and 105 stop nearby.

26 Jan 2005 - Mario Bilodeau, VE2EKL, President of RAQI

Feb 2005 - TBA

30 Mar 2005 - TBA

27 Apr 2005 - Show and Tell

25 May 2005 - Murray Epstein, VE2AAU on RAC

Radio Classes

Each year the MARC holds a basic radio course. This year's course has just started. The course is run in association with the Concordia University Amateur Radio Club and is being held at the Loyola campus. For more information please contact Vern Ikeda.

MARC Hamfest

Planning is now underway for next springs hamfest now set for Saturday April 9th, 2005. The If you want to contribute to the organization or for more information contact Jim Hay or Vern Ikeda.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Montreal 911 Centre 514-280-2121
Laval 911 Centre450-662-4240
Longueuil 911 Centre450-646-8570
Sûreté du Québec 310-4141
Kahnawake Peace Keepers 450-632-6505

These numbers are for emergencies ONLY

willing to assist on March 13 please let me know.

This month's meeting promises to be an interesting one. Mario Bilodeau, VE2EKL is the president of RAQI and will be able to tell us something of what is on the horizon for RAQI and amateur radio in Quebec. Subjects such as broadband over power lines, the Reseau d'Urgence and emergency measures are likely to be of interest. I understand that Mario plans to bring other RAQI officials with him which promise to make this evening particularly interesting and worthwhile.

73 de Jim, VE2VE

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome back to everybody. I trust you all had an enjoyable holiday break. A big welcome to the basic course students who are have just begun their studies. We should all look forward to an interesting season coming up. The month's meeting should be an interesting meeting.

A big thanks John Grow, VE2EQL, and to all of you who attended the holiday dinner at the Buffet Vichy Restaurant in December. We all had an interesting evening.

There are several activities coming up during the year so make an effort to participate. Whether it be the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the club's hamfest, ARRL Field day or any other activity that's available, you will find it a rewarding experience.

73 de Craig, VE2YGK

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CONTEST CALENDAR

More on contests including full rules can be found on the Internet. Check:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>

This site has concise rules etc., for the current week's contests.

January 2005

BARTG RTTY Sprint	1200Z Jan 22 to 1200Z Jan 23
ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes	1900Z Jan 22 to 0400Z Jan 24
CQ 160-Meter Contest CW	0000Z Jan 29 to 2359Z Jan

30

REF Contest CW
UK DX Contest RTTY
UBA DX Contest SSB

0600Z Jan 29 to 1800Z Jan 30
1200Z Jan 29 to 1200Z Jan 30
1300Z Jan 29 to 1300Z Jan 30

February 2005

Vermont QSO Party	0000Z Feb 5 to 2400Z Feb 6
10-10 Int. Winter Contest SSB	0001Z Feb 5 to 2359Z Feb 6
Minnesota QSO Party	1400Z-2400Z Feb 5
AGCW Straight Key Party	1600Z-1900Z Feb 5
FYBO Winter QRP Sprint	1600Z-2400Z Feb 05
Delaware QSO Party	1700Z Feb 5 to 0500Z Feb 6

and 1300Z Feb 6 to 0100Z Feb 7

Mexico RTTY International Contest	1800Z Feb 5 to 1759Z Feb 6
North American Sprint SSB	0000Z-0400Z Feb 6
ARCI Winter Fireside SSB Sprint	2000Z-2400Z Feb 6
CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	0000Z Feb 12 to 2359Z Feb 13
SARL Kid's Day	0700Z-0900Z Feb 12
SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z Feb 12 to 1000Z Feb 13
Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint CW	1100Z-1300Z Feb 12
Dutch PACC Contest	1200Z Feb 12 to 1200Z Feb 13
Louisiana QSO Party	1500Z Feb 12 to 0300Z Feb 13

13	1700Z-2100Z Feb 12
FISTS Winter Sprint	1800Z Feb 12 to 1800Z Feb 13
British Columbia QSO Challenge	2100Z Feb 12 to 0100Z Feb 13

13	0000Z-0400Z Feb 13
RSGB 1st 1.8 MHz Contest CW	1300Z Feb 14 to 0100Z Feb 19
13	2000Z-2130Z Feb 16
North American Sprint CW	Feb 19 to 2400Z Feb 20

ARRL School Club Roundup	2000Z-2130Z Feb 24
RSGB 80m Club Championship Data	2100Z Feb 25 to 2100Z Feb 26
ARRL Inter. DX Contest CW 0000Z	2100Z Feb 25 to 2100Z Feb 26
20	0000Z Feb 26 to 2359Z Feb 27

RSGB 80m Club Championship CW	0900Z-1100Z Feb 27
Russian PSK WW Contest	and 1500Z-1700Z Feb 27
26	1700Z Feb 27 to 0300Z Feb 28

CQ 160-Meter Contest SSB	1800Z Feb 26 to 0600Z Feb 27
27	
North American QSO Party RTTY	

27	
High Speed Club CW Contest	

North Carolina QSO Party	
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COMING EVENTS

For up to date Canadian Fleamarket listings, please check the Radio Amateurs of Canada site at:

<http://rac.eton.ca/>

or for up to date American listings, go to the American Radio Relay League Hamfest website at:

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfest.html>

2005 Hamfests

Saturday, Feb 05 **St Catharines ON**
Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club Big Event 27
<http://www.nparc.on.ca>

Saturday, Feb 26 **Burlington ON**
Burlington Spring Fleamarket - Burlington, Ontario
<http://www.barc.ca>

Saturday, Feb 26 **Milton**
VT
The Northern Vermont Winter Hamfest - ARRL Vermont State Convention, Milton Hamfest at the Milton High School, Route 7, Milton, Vermont

Time: 08h00 until 13h00.

Vendors: Early Vendors Entrance (via rear door) 06h30 -
Regular Vendor Entrance (via main door) 08h00

Call or write for more information.

Admission: 5.00\$. Under 18 years, free.

Canadian money accepted at par from Canadian residents, exact change only. Cash only, no checks.

Talk-in: 145.150 (-) WB1GQR. Pre-recorded hamfest information and announcements on 146.67 MHz on the day of the hamfest.

Information: Phone: (802)-879-6589, before hamfest day or via E-mail at: w1sj@arrl.net

<http://www.ranv.org/milton.html>

Saturday, March 05 **Montréal**
QC

The UMS Annual Fleamarket at the Centre Roussin, 12125 Notre Dame Est (East), Montréal, QC

Time: Vendors 07h00 am - Public 09h00

Admission: 5.00\$ Tables 10.00\$ Talk-in VE2RXW 146.700 (-)

Reservations: 514-521-7765 or via e-mail at:
hamfest@ve2ums.ca

E-mail: hamfest@ve2ums.ca

<http://www.ve2ums.ca>

Saturday, April 2 **Laval**
QC

The Hamfest Laval-Laurentides 2004 at the Polyvalente Georges Vanier, 2995 boul. Lévesque Est, Saint Vincent de Paul (Laval), QC.

Vendors: 07h00 Public 09h00 Admission: 5.00\$ per

person. Tables: 10.00\$
Talk-in: VE2REL 147.315 Mhz (+)
Information and reservations: (514)-708-8033 or via e-mail at

hamfest@ve2crl.qc.ca

<http://www.ve2crl.qc.ca/hamfest.htm>

Saturday, April 02 **Iroquois**
ON
Iroquois A.R.C. 10th Annual Flea Market - Iroquois, Ontario

<http://web.ripnet.com/~ve3ugw>

Saturday, April 09 **LaSalle (Montreal) QC**
The Montreal Hamfest and Fleamarket LaSalle (Montreal), Québec. Held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 212 (LaSalle), 7771 Bouvier, corner of Shevchenko. STM Bus 109 at the door.

Vendors 07h30 Public 08h30 to 12h00.

Admission - 4.00\$

Talk-in VE2RED 147.270 (+) -

Information: James R. Hay, VE2VE -
(514)-697-7205

E-mail: ve2arc@rac.ca

<http://www.marc.ca/fest/fest.html>

Saturday, April 09 **Brampton**
ON

HAMEX 2004

<http://www.ham-ex.ca>

Saturday, April 16 **Oshawa**
ON

Whitby Hamfest

<http://w.a.r.c.tripod.com>

Saturday, April 23 **Whitby**
ON

Durham Region Hamfest

<http://drhamfest.tripod.com>

Saturday, May 14 **Etobicoke (Toronto) ON**
Skyward Annual Spring Hamfest And Fleamarket.

<http://webhome.idirect.com/~jproc/sarc>

**Sunday, May 29
ON**

Amherstburg

Amherstburg Radio Club 2005 Fleamarket
Information and Reservations: Carey Collard, VE3CFQ
at 519-736-7694
or Carmine Cristofaro, VA3TRL at va3trl@rac.ca

Saturday, September 03

Carp ON

Ottawa Amateur Radio Club 8th Annual Hamfest.

<http://oarc.net/fleamarket>

73 de Vernon Erle Ikeda, VE2MBS/VE2QQ
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**RAC BULLETIN 04-32E THIRD PARTY
COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING TSUNAMI
DISASTER AREAS**

Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 16:08:52 -0500
From: RAC-Bulletins from HQ

In the wake of the Tsunami/Earthquake Disaster,
in response to questions from Canadian radio amateurs,
Industry Canada has advised RAC as follows:

Canada has no objections to its licensed radio
amateurs passing international communications on behalf
of third parties in support of an emergency or disaster
relief in the countries affected by the recent tsunami and
earthquake, provided that the affected country allows its
radio amateurs to carry on such a communication

This is in keeping with the recent "FINAL ACTS
WRC-03 WORLD RADIOCOMMUNICATION
CONFERENCE (GENEVA, 2003)" where paragraph
25.3

(2) states that "Amateur stations may be used for
transmitting international communications on behalf of
third parties only in case of emergencies or disaster relief.
An administration may determine the applicability of this
provision to amateur stations under its jurisdiction."

Under normal circumstances, Canadian radio
amateurs must respect the third-party agreements and
arrangements noted in Industry Canada's

Radiocommunication Information Circular RIC-3 - Issue
2, dated April 2002. Canada has concluded agreements or
arrangements with the following countries to permit the
transmission and reception of international
communications by Canadian amateurs on behalf of third
parties: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bolivia, Chile,
Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El
Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras,
Israel, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Saint
Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, United
States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Under
normal circumstances radio amateurs in Canada are
obliged to respect these agreements.

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Comments to: rachq@rac.ca

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via Vern, VE2MBS/VE2QQ

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE
CANADIAN SKI MARATHON
39TH EDITION**

From the WIARC newsletter.

This time, the event will run from Lachute to
Gatineau. If you are willing to provide communications at
a checkpoint on February 12th or 13th 2005, let Jean-
François Gagnon, VE2TBH at ve2tbh@rac.ca or
450-424-6316

73, de Vernon - VE2MBS/VE2QQ

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ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The United Irish Societies will again be asking the
Montreal Amateur Radio Club for assistance at the 181st.
St. Patrick's Parade in Montreal. The parade will be on
March 13, 2005. It is anticipated that some operators will
be asked to carry out a similar task as last year however
we will be needing operators to assist with reporting
progress of the parade and certain other functions.

If you are interested and willing to assist us with
this please contact Jim Hay, VE2VE by e-mail at

jrhay@haya.qc.ca or by telephone at 514-697-7205.

73 de Jim, VE2VE

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JAY CHALLENGE

The Jay Challenge will begin on Friday the 29th of July. This is a three day cross country event that lasts 3 days. Last year we covered this event and we had a great time.

The event is: On Friday is the "Jay Crossover" a 25 miles crossing of lake Memphremagog from Magog Que. to Newport Vermont.

On Saturday is the "Jay Mountain Marathon" a 28 miles off road marathon up Jay Peak.

On Sunday is the "Jay Mountain Bike Race" a 64 miles race up and around Jay including a total climb of 10,000 feet.

The lodging and food is supplied. The contact for this event is : Ray VE2SJA. at VE2SJA@RAC.CA

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**MAB STATION NEWS
THANK-YOU**

In December of 2004, The Radio Room at The Montreal Association for the Blind received a Pentium 466 Celeron Computer along with a 17" monitor from Vincent Smith VE2VLS, and Marco Baiocchi VE2MRN.

This computer is to replace an old 386 system that was used for logging and contesting. The new computer is much faster and has not only logging software but has a speech program which makes the system useful to blind and visually impaired patrons as-well-as to sighted persons who help out with logging during contests and other events.

Once again, we at the MAB Radio Room would like to take the time to thank Vincent and Marco, for this wonderful gift which makes Amateur Radio a true hobby for all.

73 de Earl, VE2ESP and Sheldon, VA2SH

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ROMAN, VE2RKM, UPDATE

Some of you may have noticed that, Roman Massanov, VE2RKM, absent from the holiday dinner.

Roman required some surgery to deal with complications from his orthopaedic problems. Roman, has had his surgery at the Montreal Shriner's Hospital. He would like to thank everyone who sent a get well card / QSL card.

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ANYBODY FOR QRP WINTER FIELD DAY?

FYBO 2005, will be on February 5th. This is the winter Field Day, where the temperature is part of your score. Details can be found at:

<http://www.azqrp.org>

If anyone wants to join in on the fun, please contact me.

73 de John, VE2EQL

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**JOHN GROW, VE2EQL, TO MAKE
PRESENTATIONS AT THE VERMONT HAMFEST**

The board of directors of the Radio Amateurs of Northern Vermont has asked me to do 2 (two) presentations for the Forums this year.

I will be doing HF Portable Emergency Communications (Never leave home without it) & Kit Building, the new line up.

The Vermont Hamfest will take place in Milton, Vermont on February 26th. For more information details see the listing in the hamfests section and details can be found at:

<http://www.ranv.org/milton.html>

73 de John, VE2EQL

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SOME URLs WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST

An article on BPL:

Internet noise threatens emergency radio

<http://www.newscientist.com/>

MONTREAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

DECEMBER HOLIDAY DINNER



Organizer John Grow, VE2EQL, centre, and two of the lucky winners of door prizes at the MARC holiday dinner held last December.

On Saturday, December 4th, the MARC held a Holiday Dinner at the Buffet Vichy Restaurant at 3500 Cote Vertu. Those who attended enjoyed the company of fellow radio amateurs as well as family and friends.

The event was well attended and we all enjoyed a fine buffet style meal as well and a humorous and interesting presentation by professor Graeme Decarie. The talk looked at the development and evolution of how the Montreal community came to support sports and sporting events in the different neighbourhoods.

A big thanks goes to John Grow for his initiative and work in making this event happen and making it the great success it was. Door prizes were from John Grow and Sheldon Harvey - Radio HF.

73 de Craig, VE2YGK

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Graeme Decarie, making one of his many points during his entertaining talk on the evolution of sports and its influence on the Montreal community.



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