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# Next meeting - September 24th, 2014

Ragchew and Fleamarket : 19h30, Club meeting : 20h00

St-Ignatius of Loyola Parish Church 4455 West Broadway, N.D.G. - Montreal

Presentation by Eamon Egan, VE2EGN on Antenna Rope Work.

#### MarcOgram

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The MarcOgram is published nine times per year on the second to last Wednesday of August through May, excepting December, by the Montreal Amateur Radio Club. Advertising and copy deadline is two week prior to publication.

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#### The marcOgram team needs you!

We're always on the lookout for interesting articles to include into your monthly newsletter. Do you have a ham radio news item you would like to contribute or just pass along to the marcOgram editors? Just send your document or links to editor@marc.ca

#### **Club Activities - Monthly Meetings**

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Club meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month at St-Ignatius of Loyola Parish Church, 4455 West Broadway, N.D.G. - 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 flea-market and ragchew session starts at 19:30 with the formal meeting starting at 20:00.

STM buses 51, 162, and 105 stops at or near the door!

#### Meetings of the Board of Directors

Meetings of the Board of Directors are open to any member to attend. Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month (Sept. to June) at 7:30 PM at the same venue as the monthly meetings (see above). Should you wish to attend one of the meetings you are welcome. Just speak to one of the directors beforehand to make certain that the meeting has neither been cancelled, nor the location changed.

## **Club Directors**

President:

Paul Iarrera, VE2OFH

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Treasurer - Secretary:

Jim Hay, VE2VE

Membership:

Marc-Andre Gingras, VE2EVN

Directors at Large: Craig Brander, VE2YGK Eamon Egan, VE2EGN George Hedrei, VE2NGH Cliff Tooher, VA2UTC

## MARC Fundraiser WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

In order for MARC to reach some of its goals, we have decided to add advertising in the marcOgram newsletter. The rates are as follows:

Business card\$ 5.00 per issueQuarter page\$ 7.00 per issueHalf page\$12.00 per issueFull page\$20.00 per issue

The "Marcogram" publishes eight issues from September to May. We also publish a summer edition during the month of August. So we actually publish nine issues in all. We have a list distribution of about 200 persons. With a full year commitment, you get 1 issue free. A business card placed for 9 issues would only be \$ 40.00. We are asking for all members with family or friends who have a business to place an ad. You could also advertise a special function.

# A Word from the President

The president's letter was not available this month.

Marc-Andre, VE2EVN Interim Layout editor

# Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of the Montreal Amateur Radio Club Inc., will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 8:00 PM at the St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish Church, 4455 West Broadway, Montreal, QC.

The meeting is called to:

Receive the reports of the officers;

Receive and if thought fit approve the financial report.

Receive the report of the auditor;

Elect directors and officers to hold office for the coming year; To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Given at Pointe-Claire this 4th. Day of September 2014.

(Sgd.) James R. Hay

James R. Hay, VE2VE Secretary-Treasurer Montreal Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

#### **Annual Fees are:**

General Members	\$25.00
Associate Members	\$25.00
White cane members	\$15.00
Family members (per family)	\$30.00

The membership year runs from September 1 to August 31. Membership received on or after June 1 commences immediately and extends through the subsequent membership year - covering a period of up to fifteen months.

# Your marcOgram NEEDS You!

The MARC newsletter is presently without an editor. We are currently looking for a volunteer to take on the role of chief editor of the marcOgram. To register your interest in taking on the position, please email editor@marc.ca

Notice: Without an editor, future issues are at risk of being delayed by weeks or possibly months. In that event, important notices will be sent directly to members via email.

# September meeting presentation

The next meeting will feature a presentation on antenna rope work, by Eamon, VE2EGN. It's an all-you-need-to-know on how to haul up, and secure an antenna. It's a not to be missed presentation. Hope to see you there.

Marc-Andre, VE2EVN Interim Layout editor

## MARC Membership renewal

The MARC membership runs from September 1st to August 31st of the following year. The membership renewal is therefore due this month. Postage and printing of the MarcOgram represents a substantial expense for the club. If you wish to receive your MarcOgram by post instead of e-mail, please note there will be an added \$5 to defray the increased postal costs this year.

I will be taking on the responsibility of membership director from our late Vern. You can renew your membership at the next meeting, or by mail using the renewal form.

Marc-Andre, VE2EVN Membership Director

#### Club Call Sign: VE2ARC Club Website: http://www.marc.qc.ca Club Email: ve2arc@rac.ca Repeaters

VE2BG 147.06 MHz (+) Owned and operated by Montreal Amateur Radio Club. Located on the Pointe Claire water tower.

VE2RED 147.27 MHz (+) Owned and operated by Montreal Amateur Radio Club. TEU

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# Hamfests

NEAR-Fest XVI - Friday, Oct 10 and Saturday, Oct 11, 2014 Location: Deerfield, New Hampshire Opens: Gates open at 9:00 AM Friday for sellers and buyers.

Cost: \$10.00 per person, \$10.00 per vehicle into flea market.

In addition to the hundreds of hams "tailgating" in the flea market there will be three huge buildings full of commercial vendors and dealers offering everything from the latest in radio equipment, books, accessories.

For more information visit http://www.near-fest.com/

South Shore Hamfest - Saturday October 18, 2014 Sponsor: Montreal South-Shore Amateur Radio Club Location: Place Desaulniers, 1023 Taschereau Blvd, Longueuil Opens: Vendors 6 am, Public 9 am - 1 pm

Cost: Admission \$7, Tables \$10 (not incl admission)

Our largest hamfest in the direct Montreal area.

For more information visit www.ve2clm.ca or email hamfest@ve2clm.ca



# VE2SOTA Mégactivation 2014

The annual VE2 Summits on the Air get together was held in the Montreal area this year. On August 29th, 30th, and 31st, many of the local summits were activated during the event, including a few summit-to-summit contacts via a balloon repeater. Next year the VE2SOTA Mégactivation will be held in the Charlevoix area. Thank you to all the chasers that helped our activators reach their activations.

Marc-Andre, VE2EVN Interim Layout editor

# Send Your Name / Callsign "From The Moon"

4M is expected to launch on its Lunar flyby sometime after 1800 UT on October 23, 2014. You can upload your name or callsign to the 4M website for transmission during the flight http://amsat-uk.org/2014/09/11/send-your-message-from-the-moon/

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4M will transmit JT65B on 145.980 MHz throughout the 9 day flight. The signal will be weak at maximum distance, 399,636 km, so should provide a good test of your FUNcube Dongle SDR station.

Trevor M5AKA AMSAT-UK

# RAC proposal on international 60M allocation accepted by Industry Canada

Radio Amateurs of Canada is pleased to pass on the news that the CPC (the IC consultative committee that IC uses to determine its position on WRC matters) has accepted the RAC proposal on WRC 15 Agenda Item 1.4 (to establish a 60m allocation for amateurs on secondary basis). This proposal will be tabled at the CITEL (ITU R2 countries minus Cuba) meetings in Merida, Mexico next month to be considered as the CITEL position going in to WRC15. In short it proposes two 25 KHz band segments for amateurs: 5 330 - 5 355 kHz and 5 405 - 5 430 kHz. Amateur access would be on a noninterfering, listen before transmit (secondary) basis, a standard operating approach already in force for several other amateur allocations (e.g. 440MHz).

This is only possible because of the last two plus years of work by Bryan Rawlings, VE3QN, the RAC representative on these domestic committees and as a Canadian and IARU delegate at ITU meetings. His role and the hours of work (essentially an unpaid job) attending many, many formal and informal meetings with our regulator and with interested parties in Canada and internationally are a key factor in gaining formal Canadian government support. We are very fortunate to have his talents and willingness to sacrifice his on-the-air time for all of us. I'd also wish to acknowledge the strong support of of Industry Canada at these Working Parties, other committees and at the ITU preparatory meetings.

Although this is very good news, the process is still ongoing. The decision will be made next year at WRC15. However, presenting a firm proposal from Canada with specific frequencies for support by the ITU R2 countries at CITEL is a giant step toward a favourable outcome at WRC15.

George Gorsline, VE3YV RAC International Affairs Officer



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#### CITIZENS BAND (CB) / BANDE PUBLIQUE (CB)

ASTATIC, COBRA, GALAXY, K40, MACO, PARADYNAMICS, RANGÈR, ROAD NOISE, SHAKE-SPEARE, SOLARCON/ANTRON, UNIDEN, VALOR/PRO-AM, WILSON, WORKMAN

> FRS & GMRS TWO WAY RADIOS / FRS ET GMRS PORTATIFS UHF COBRA, GARMIN, ICOM, MOTOROLA

#### **ANTENNAS / ANTENNES**

ALPHA DELTA, ARROW, BUTTERNUT, COMET, COMPROD, CUBEX, CUSHCRAFT, DIAMOND, FIRESTICK, FORCE 12, HUSTLER, HYGAIN, ISOTRON, LARSEN, MALDOL, MFJ, MIRACLE ANTENNA, OUTBACKER, PRYME, RADIOWAVZ, TENNADYNE, VALOR/PRO-AM, WORKMAN

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#### **PUBLICATIONS / PUBLICATIONS**

AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE (ARRL), ARTSCI, BAYLIN PUBLICATIONS, BILLBOARD (WRTH), CQ, CRB, HIGHTEXT, IBS (PASSPORT), KLINGENFUSS, KRAUSE, LOOMPANICS, NA-TIONAL RADIO CLUB, RADIO SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN, RADIO AMATEUR CALLBOOK, RA-DIO AMATEURS DU QUEBEC, SCHIFFER BOOKS, SONORAN, TAB, TIARE

#### NATURE BOOKS / LIVRES DE LA NATURE

SIBLEY GUIDES, PETERSON FIELD GUIDES, NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY