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“ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING”

Wednesday 29 2014

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

The annual general meeting is the time for the members to let the directors know where they want the club to go for the coming year. We will be electing the board of directors for the coming year as well as giving a report of the clubs activities and finances for the year which has just ended.

A WORD NOT FROM THE PRESIDENT, BUT THE SECRETARY- TREASURER

Hello,

Last month was the start of a new season and October brings the annual meeting which is your chance to steer the club for the coming year. I'm giving our president a break this month and letting him prepare his report to the annual meeting.

At this meeting we will be electing the board of directors for the coming year. Sadly we must carry on without Vernon Ikeda, VE2MBS/VE2QQ but the board will continue its work and no doubt Vern's guidance will be felt.

Paul will be presenting the usual report on our activities and we will have a financial report although I must admit that with recent circumstantial changes I do not get to the post box as often as I used to and the audit will not be completed before the AGM. I will endeavour to have it done for November. The treasurer's report will, nonetheless be available at the meeting.

Unfortunately I did not get to the Longueuil hamfest which I hear went well but plans are in motion for our return to the LaSalle Legion of the MARC flea market on April 11, 2015. Save up your wish lists and goodies to sell at your table on April 11.

See you all at the meeting.

73 de Jim, VE2VE

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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

Club Activities Monthly Meetings

29 October 2014 - Annual General Meeting

2 November 2014 - TBA

28 January 2015 - TBA

25 February 2015 - TBA

25 March 2015 - TBA

29 April 2015 - TBA

27 May 2015 - Show & Tell

Radio Classes

A basic level course is starting in January. If you know of anyone interested in taking the course they should send a message to classes@marc.ca.

MARC Hamfest

The club will be holding its annual hamfest Saturday morning, 11 April 2015 at the Lasalle Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch. Please contact Jim Hay for more information or to participate in the organization and running of this event.

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FROM THE (TEMPORARY) EDITOR'S DESK

Its me again, pinch hitting. As you have read in previous editions of the MarcOgram we need an editor as Marc-André has stepped down owing to constraints placed on his time due to work.

In order to ensure that we have a newsletter so that we stay in touch with our members I agreed to put out this issue. I am using an old template from the days when Craig Brander, VE2YGK, was the editor which is the same one which I used when I edited the MarcOgram.

Before anyone suggests it I have enough to do with my other responsibilities within the club.

This is a shorter than usual issue—I am not planning to spend a lot of time looking for things no include so please consider sending something to whomever will be editing the November issue. They will be reachable at editor@marc.ca.

Please give it consideration otherwise the nature of the MarcOgram may have to change, or we may have to discontinue it entirely if no one comes forward to fill the role of editor.

73 de Jim, VE2VE

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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>

October 2014

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB
0000Z, Oct 25 to 2400Z, Oct 26

November 2014

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW
2100Z, Nov 1 to 0300Z, Nov 3
ARRL EME Contest 0000Z, Nov 8 to 2359Z, Nov 9
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, Digital
0001Z, Nov 8 to 2359Z, Nov 9

CQ-WE Contest 1900Z, Nov 8 to 0500Z, Nov 10
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB 2000Z-2100Z, Nov 12
SARL Field Day Contest
1000Z, Nov 15 to 1000Z, Nov 16
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB
2100Z, Nov 15 to 0300Z, Nov 17
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
0200Z-0400Z, Nov 17
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW 2000Z-2100Z, Nov 27
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW
0000Z, Nov 29 to 2400Z, Nov 30

December 2014

ARRL 160-Meter Contest
2200Z, Dec 5 to 1600Z, Dec 7
ARRL EME Contest
0000Z, Dec 6 to 2359Z, Dec 7
Ten-Meter RTTY Contest
000Z-2400Z, Dec 7
ARRL 10-Meter Contest
0000Z, Dec 13 to 2359Z, Dec 14
ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW
1800Z-2359Z, Dec 21
RAC Winter Contest
0000Z-2359Z, Dec 27

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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>

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The following article was originally included in the February 2003 MarcOgram which I used as the template for this issue. I thought that it might be of interest to some of you (and save me looking for something for you to read).

RADIO INVENTOR'S DAUGHTER SPEAKS TO SPACE STATION

A century after Guglielmo Marconi sent a historic radio transmission across the Atlantic, his daughter Elettra spoke to astronauts from the same site.

Associated Press - Eastham, Mass. - A century after Guglielmo Marconi ushered in the era of wireless communications, his daughter marked the centennial Saturday by greeting astronauts from close to the same spot where her father sent a historic radio transmission across the Atlantic.

"In this same spirit of his achievement, and also from Cape Cod, I send this wireless greeting to you in space. Cordial greetings, and good wishes," Princess Elettra Marconi told Kenneth Bowersox, commander of the international space station.

"It is amazing how far society and radio communications has come in the last 100 years. It is wonderful to hear your voice across the radio waves," Mr. Bowersox told the princess, who spoke from an auditorium filled with about 200 people.

The site is about five miles from the coastal bluff where Mr. Marconi sent the first wireless Trans-Atlantic message: a Morse code greeting from President Theodore Roosevelt to King Edward VII of England on Jan. 18, 1903.

The radio transmission was sent from the eastern end of the cape to Nova Scotia to Cornwall, England. In his message, Mr. Roosevelt called the achievement a "wonderful triumph of scientific research and ingenuity."

Mr. Marconi, who won the Nobel Prize for physics in 1909, had previously delivered messages over shorter distances, and transmitted the letter 'S' in Morse code across the Atlantic, but the 1903 transmission solidified the legitimacy of radio.

The message from the princess, who is in her early 70s and gained her title by marrying an Italian nobleman, was part of a week of centennial events culminating Saturday night with the world-wide transmission of a message from President George W. Bush.

"By inventing the first practical system of wireless telegraphy Marconi pioneered international communications and opened the door for technological advances that have improved the lives of countless Americans and people around the world," Mr. Bush said.

Members of the Marconi Radio Club staged a week-long radio marathon, communicating with other amateur radio enthusiasts around the world from an old Coast Guard post not far from the site of Mr. Marconi's original station. The radio hams expect to log more than 10,000 transmissions by week's end.

The site of the 1903 transmission is under water because of erosion. The National Park Service has placed a replica of Mr.

Marconi's original radio transmitter on the bluff above.

Thanks to Mario, VE2TSM for this information. Other information is available from the ARISS link from the RAC web site:

<http://ariss.org>

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SPECIAL EVENT CALLSIGNS

VC7M	2014-11-29 to 2014-11-30
	CQWW CW DX contest
VB7C	2014-10-25 to 2014-11-30
	CQ WW DX CW Contest
VC3C	2014-10-25 to 2014-11-30
	CQ WW DX CW Contest

CLASSIFIED

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

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Pierre Provencal, VE2PPF at the Canada Day in Dorval.

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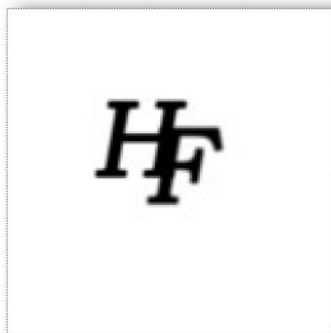
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