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"HAM RADIO AND THE CANADIAN SKI MARATHON: A FORTY-TWO YEAR PARTNERSHIP"

Wednesday February 25 2015

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

Amateur radio operators have been providing communications support to the annual Canadian Ski Marathon for 42 years of its 49 year history. Malcolm Harper, VE2DDZ, will provide descriptions and photos of the two-day / 160 km marathon together with details of the role amateur radio operators play among the many volunteers who make the event possible. A question I ask, but can't necessarily answer, is why does the CSM / Amateur Radio partnership remain so successful in today's world?

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello all,

Well it has certainly been sometime since I've written a greeting message for the club's news letter. Work and other issues have divided my time a little more and I have been unable to provide our editorial staff with the material they have been requesting. In the coming months I will endeavor to find the time to update you all regularly.

Sadly, we were obliged to cancel our flea market this year as table sales were not at their usual levels. We decided it was better to cancel than to have a poor flea market. We will be back next year however, so stay tuned to these pages for upcoming announcements. We are gearing up again for field day and once again Eamon, VE2EGN has stepped up to the plate and is with a small team of helpers, gearing us up for field day. Next time you see Eamon remember to thank him for organizing one of the highlights of the ham radio year.

The MarcOgram needs a new editor. In order for us

to continue providing you with relevant news and information, we need help on the MarcOgram editing staff. The position of editor brings with it the admiration and prestige of your colleagues and I would be very happy to hear from any one of the membership who might be inclined as to step up and take the reigns for a term or so. Please consider it and make me aware of your potential interest. You would not be alone there are experienced members on the board anxious to help you get up and running.

This month's meeting is a must go. Malcolm, VE2DDZ will be providing us with a presentation on providing communications support for the Canadian Ski Marathon. This event happens every year and Malcolm is now a seasoned veteran. Come on out and join me as for this presentation you may find yourself gearing up for some outdoor winter radio operations next year when the call for volunteers goes out. Until then, take care and good DX.

73 de Paul, VE2OFH

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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 in the Wardens' Room, St. Ignatius of Loyla Parish, 4455 West Broadway. 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.

Club Activities

Monthly Meetings

29 April 2015 - Malcolm Harper, VE2DDZ

27 May 2015 - Show & Tell

30 September 2015—TBA

28 October 2015—Annual General Meeting

25 November 2015—TBA

Radio Classes

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

MARC Hamfest

As mentioned in the President's message we are planning to hold the fleamarket in 2016. Please watch this space for more news as the planning develops.

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FROM THE (TEMPORARY) EDITOR'S DESK

If you enjoy writing or if you enjoy working with computers and want to help the club consider helping with the MarcOgrm..

As you well read elsewhere in this issue the St. Patrick's parade was a success and the organizers advised me that the were extremely pleased with our assistance.

Spring has finally arrived and, hopefully, summer will be arriving before long. Finally we can think about antenna work and other outdoor chores—not to mention simply enjoying better weather.

Congratulations to the students who passed this year's Basic Qualification Course:

Michael Shamash	VE2MXU
Cedric Nerot	VA2CNE
Erin Sexton	VE2SXN
John Watson	VE2VEX

Thanks also to George Hedrei, VE2NGH and Eamon Egan, VE2EGN for their assistance with the teaching duties during the course.

This month's meeting topic will be interesting and discussing a long term relationship between amateur radio and an event at which assistance is provided. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

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>

April 2015

QRP to the Field	1200Z-2359Z, Apr 25
432 MHz Spring Sprint	1900 loc-2300 loc Apr 29

May 2015

Microwave Spring Sprint	0800-1300 local, May 2
ARI International DX Contest	200Z, May 2 to 1159Z, May 3
VOLTA WW RTTY Contest	1200Z, May 9 to 1200Z, May 10
CQ-M International DX Contest	1200Z, May 9 to 1159Z, May 10
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, May 9 to 2400Z, May 10

50 MHz Spring Sprint	2300Z-0300Z, May 9-10
WAB 7 MHz Phone	1000Z-1400Z, May 17
CQ WW WPX Contest,	CW 0000Z, May 30 to 2359Z, May 31
SARL Digital Contest	1300Z-1600Z, May 31

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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 2listings, go to the American Radio Relay League Hamfest website at:

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SPECIAL EVENT CALLSIGNS

VC7J	2015-05-30 - 2015-05-31 CQ WPX CW Contest
VD1M	2015-05-30 - 2015-05-31 CQ WPX CW Contest
VC3VE	2015-05-28 - 2015-07-27 70 Years Victory in Europe
VB7X	2015-05-26 - 2015-05-27 CQ WPX Contest May 26-27, 2015
VE70DAY	2015-05-01 - 2015-05-30 Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (May 8)
VC3LOH	2015-04-01 - 2015-05-30 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Holland (May 5th)
VC3E	2015-03-29 - 2015-05-27 CQ WPX Contest
VC6X	2015-03-28 - 2015-05-31 CQ WPX SSB CW Contest
VC6K	2015-03-28 - 2015-05-31 CQ WPX SSB and CW Contests (March 28-29, May 30-31)
VC2P	2015-03-28 - 2015-03-29 Concours CQ WPX CW
VC7GL	2015-03-27 - 2015-05-31 CQWPX Contest CW and SSB

VC2M

2015-03-27 - 2015-04-27
40e anniversaire du club VE2UMS

CLASSIFIEDS

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

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ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

March 22, 2015 saw the 192nd continuous St. Patrick's Parade in Montreal. From 2004 to 2013 Vernon Ikeda, VE2MBS/VE2QQ and I have operated the control station for the various radio channels used by parade marshals and security personnel.

This year, in addition to finding a replacement for Vern the sudden need for surgery meant that I had to find a replacement for myself as well.

My thanks to Paul Iarrera, VE2OFH and Steven Faguy, VA2SMF who took my and Vern's place respectively and by all accounts did an excellent job.

Thanks also to Matt Salenius, VE2MTA, Mike Dumitrescu, VE2MTU and Malcolm Harper, VE2DDZ who were out on the street providing position information of the front, middle and back of the parade.

While there were well publicized threats to disrupt the parade the police and parade security did their jobs and Montrealers were able to enjoy the annual rite of spring even if the temperature was on the cool side.

The parade organizers were very pleased with the assistance which they received and I am looking forward to working with the parade, and our volunteers, again in 2016 for the 193rd parade.

73 de Jim, VE2VE

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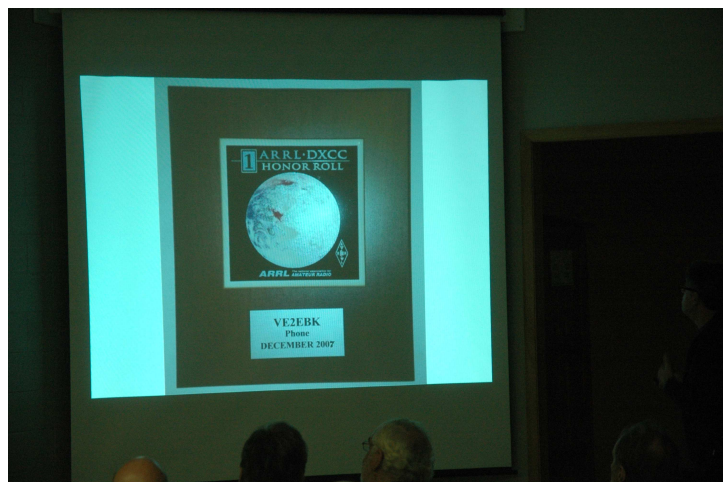
As has been mentioned in previous MarcOgrams we are resuming the club's service of having incoming QSL cards sent to the club for members to pick up at meetings. This is a service which we are offering to our members which both saves the individual members money as well as makes more efficient use of our collective resources.

If you would like to avail yourself of this service please send an e-mail to qsl@marc.ca and we will add you to the list of cards that the incoming bureau sends to the club and bring them to the monthly meetings.

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Gilles Renucci, VE2TZZ, giving a presentation on competition in amateur radio during the November 2014 meeting.



One of the competitive rewards available in amateur radio is the DC Century Club sponsored by the ARRL. This photo was shown during the presentation at the November meeting.

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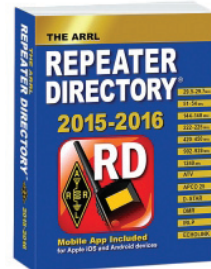
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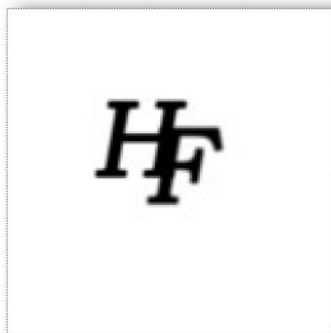
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