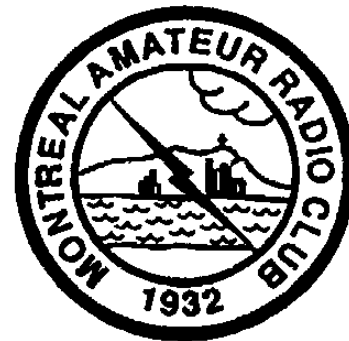


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"TO BE DETERMINED"

Wednesday November 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

Meeting topic to be confirmed.

FROM THE (TEMPORARY) EDITOR'S DESK

First, I apologize for the lack of a MarcOgram in October. Warren Vipond, VE2CWV, was to take over however he has found himself unable to take on the editorship. This means that we are, again, looking for an editor.

The need for an editor is all the more acute because this will be the last issue which I produce. One of the side effects of the chemotherapy which I have had during the past six months is a numbness in my feet and hands and feeling that they are cold. Not being able to feel the keys properly with my fingers makes typing difficult. While I try to catch all of the resulting typographical errors some will get through and it takes me much longer to layout and edit the issue than it should. While the condition, neuropathy, should go away it may take until next summer.

So unless someone comes forward to take on the job there may not be a January MarcOgram. While I have

enjoyed this (second) stint as editor the enjoyment is severely lessened when it takes two or three times longer to complete an issue owing to the difficulty typing.

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>

November 2015

Homebrew and Oldtime Equipment Party

1300-1500Z,

Nov 15 (40m) and

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Owned and operated by the Montreal Amateur Radio Club. Located on the Pointe Claire water tower.

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Owned and operated by the Montreal Amateur Radio Club. Located on Covey Hill in Franklin, QC.

The repeaters are open to all amateurs.

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

25 November 2015 —TBA

27 January 2016 — TBA

24 February 2016 — TBA

30 March 2016 — TBA

27 April 2016 — TBA

25 May 2016 — Show & Tell

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

We are planning to hold the flea market on April 9, 2016 at the LaSalle Legion. Please watch this space or go to <https://www.facebook.com/ve2arc> for more news as the planning develops.

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

1500-1700Z, Nov 15 (80m)
 NA Collegiate ARC Championship
 SSB 2100Z, Nov 21 to 0300Z, Nov 23
 ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB
 2100Z, Nov 21 to 0300Z, Nov 23
 ARRL EME Contest
 0000Z, Nov 28 to 2359Z, Nov 29
 CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW
 0000Z, Nov 28 to 2400Z, Nov 29

December 2015

ARRL 160-Meter Contest
 2200Z, Dec 4 to 1600Z, Dec 6
 Ten-Meter RTTY Contest
 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 6
 ARRL 10-Meter Contest
 0000Z, Dec 12 to 2400Z, Dec 13
 International Naval Contest
 1600Z, Dec 12 to 1559Z, Dec 13
 RAC Winter Contest
 0000Z-2359Z, Dec 19
 ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW
 1800Z-2359Z, Dec 20

January 2016

Original QRP Contest
 1500Z, Jan 2 to 1500Z, Jan 3
 ARRL RTTY Roundup
 1800Z, Jan 2 to 2400Z, Jan 3
 Kid's Day Contest 1800Z-2359Z, Jan 3
 Old New Year Contest 0500Z-0900Z, Jan 9
 North American QSO Party, CW
 1800Z, Jan 9 to 0559Z, Jan 10
 North American QSO Party, SSB
 1800Z, Jan 16 to 0559Z, Jan 17
 CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW
 2200Z, Jan 29 to 2200Z, Jan 31
 Winter Field Day
 1700Z, Jan 30 to 1700Z, Jan 31
 ARRL January VHF Contest
 1900Z, Jan 24 to 0359Z, Jan 26
 Classic Exchange, CW
 1400Z, Jan 31 to 0800Z, Feb 1 and
 1400Z, Feb 2 to 0800Z, Feb 3

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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:

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

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SPECIAL EVENT CALLSIGNS

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INCOMING QSL CARD SERVICE

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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ALERT READY

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CLASSIFIEDS

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

Diamond D-130J fixed-mount antenna (continuous coverage 25-1300MHz) with about 30m of cable, and 10' aluminum mast. Contact Jim Hay, VE2VE, if you are interested. The items are presently in Toronto but can be brought to Montreal if there is someone interested.

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MARC CHRISTMAS DINNER

SAT., DEC. 12, 2015 @ 7H30PM

Elio's Ristorante
351, rue Bellechasse (west of St-Denis)
Montreal, QC, H2S 1X1

Google maps: [https://maps.google.com/maps?q=Elio+Pizzeria++351,+rue+Bellechasse+\(Drolet\)++Montreal,+QC,+H2S+1X1](https://maps.google.com/maps?q=Elio+Pizzeria++351,+rue+Bellechasse+(Drolet)++Montreal,+QC,+H2S+1X1)

There is plenty of parking available in their parking area, and it's also in walking distance from the Rosemont metro station.

Menu is open (a la carte) so price varies according to what you order but is in the range of \$15-20 for a full meal. They have a full Beer/Wine license.

The MARC will graciously supply door prizes and take care of the service fees for all attendees. You can find the restaurant's online menu here: eliorestaurant.ca/menu.html [eliorestaurant.ca]

We're hoping to see many of you there for this event. Please note that space is limited, so...

Please confirm your presence by Thursday December 3rd, 2015. By email: ve2ve@marc.ca or call Jim Hay, 514-990-1965

For more information, contact Marc-Andre at ve2evn@marc.ca

Marc-Andre, VE2EVN
MARC Membership Director

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I recently learned about a new government service called ALERT READY.

This service was inaugurated in April 2015 to advise citizens about impending emergencies via all communications media.

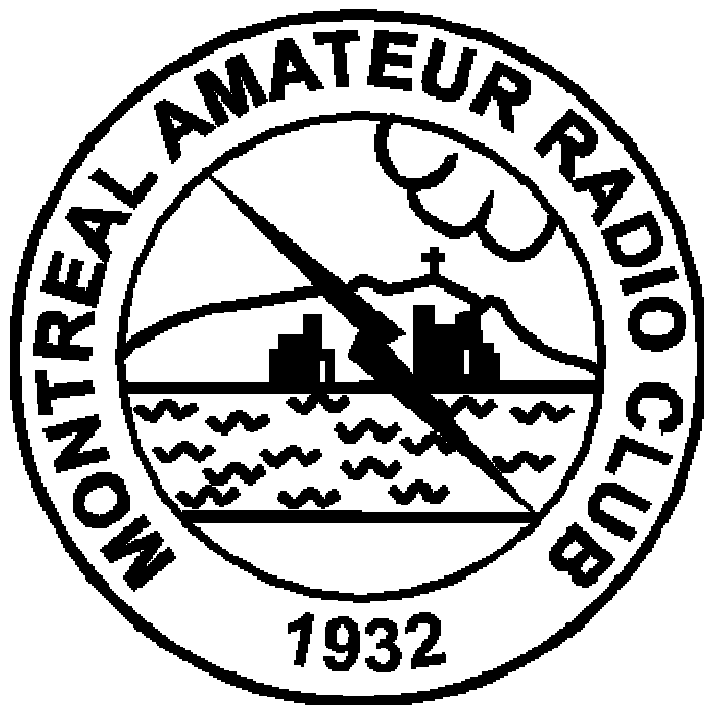
We are lucky in this part of the world in that we do not get many tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, forest fires, etc. but as HAMS and potential emergency communicators we should be aware of this new service in case we may get involved someday.

There are multiple web sites full of information about this service. You can access them all by googling ALERT READY.CA. This website was set up to explain the new system and how these alerts will be broadcast. Developed in partnership with federal, provincial and territorial emergency management officials, plus Environment Canada and the broadcast industry, Alert Ready is operated by The Weather Network.

The system delivers critical warnings to residents through television and radio, as well as through cable and satellite service providers.

73 de Matt, VE2MTA

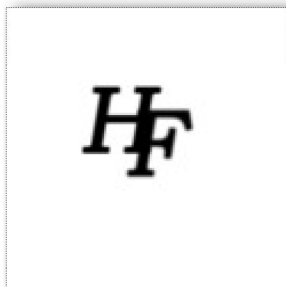
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Photos from the April 2013 meeting. Gilles Renucci, VE2TZT was the speaker

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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, NATIONAL RADIO CLUB, RADIO SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN, RADIO AMATEUR CALLBOOK, RADIO AMATEURS DU QUEBEC, SCHIFFER BOOKS, SONORAN, TAB, TIARE

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