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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 26 April 2017

Ragchew and Fleamarket: 19:30

Club meeting: 20:00

St. Thomas Anglican Church

6897 Somerled Avenue (corner of Rosedale) in N.D.G. - Montreal

(see page 3 for details)

**** Bob Paknys VE2JBP ****

Computer Modelling of Antennas & Their Physical Surroundings;

Using the Feko program.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Please note the new location for the meetings of March, April and May, 2017. It's on two bus routes; bus 102 stops at the corner, and bus 51 one block away. See page 3 for details.

MARCOgram is a little late this month; please blame the Federal and Provincial income tax people. It was complicated and absorbed a lot of time.

Keep any articles coming, folks: more is better than less. As every editor has pointed out, MARCOgram is only as good as its contributors, so start writing.

73 de Nora, VA2NH

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SILENT KEYS

It is with sadness that I learned of the sudden passing of **Eric Meth VE3EI**, a long time member & former president of MARC. Eric was instrumental in MARC obtaining the VE2BG callsign for our VHF repeater to honour the late Tommy Letz. Eric was active in repeater circles & packet radio, actively involved in the amateur radio communities of Toronto, Cornwall and Niagara-on-the-Lake. Eric will be missed by many and our thoughts, prayers and empathy go out to Eric's family and many friends.

[Arrangements/info](#)

- Jim VE2VE

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It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of **Earl Paris VE2ESP**. Earl was not only a member of the board but was the welcome wagon along with several of his guide dogs. He was also the founder of VE2MAB, The Montreal Association for the Blind Radio Room. Earl died of an apparent heart attack 27 March.

- Sheldon VA2SH

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Repeaters

VE2BG 147.06 MHz (+)

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

VE2RED 147.27 MHz (+)

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 19:30 in the Wardens' Room, St. Ignatius of Loyola 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

26 Apr 2017 — Bob Paknys VE2JBP, Computer Modelling of Antennas & Their Physical Surroundings; Feko.
 .31 May 2017 — Show and 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 in the process of planning the 2018 flea market, hopefully to be held at the LaSalle Legion. Please watch this space or go to <https://www.facebook.com/ve2arc> for more information.

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.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

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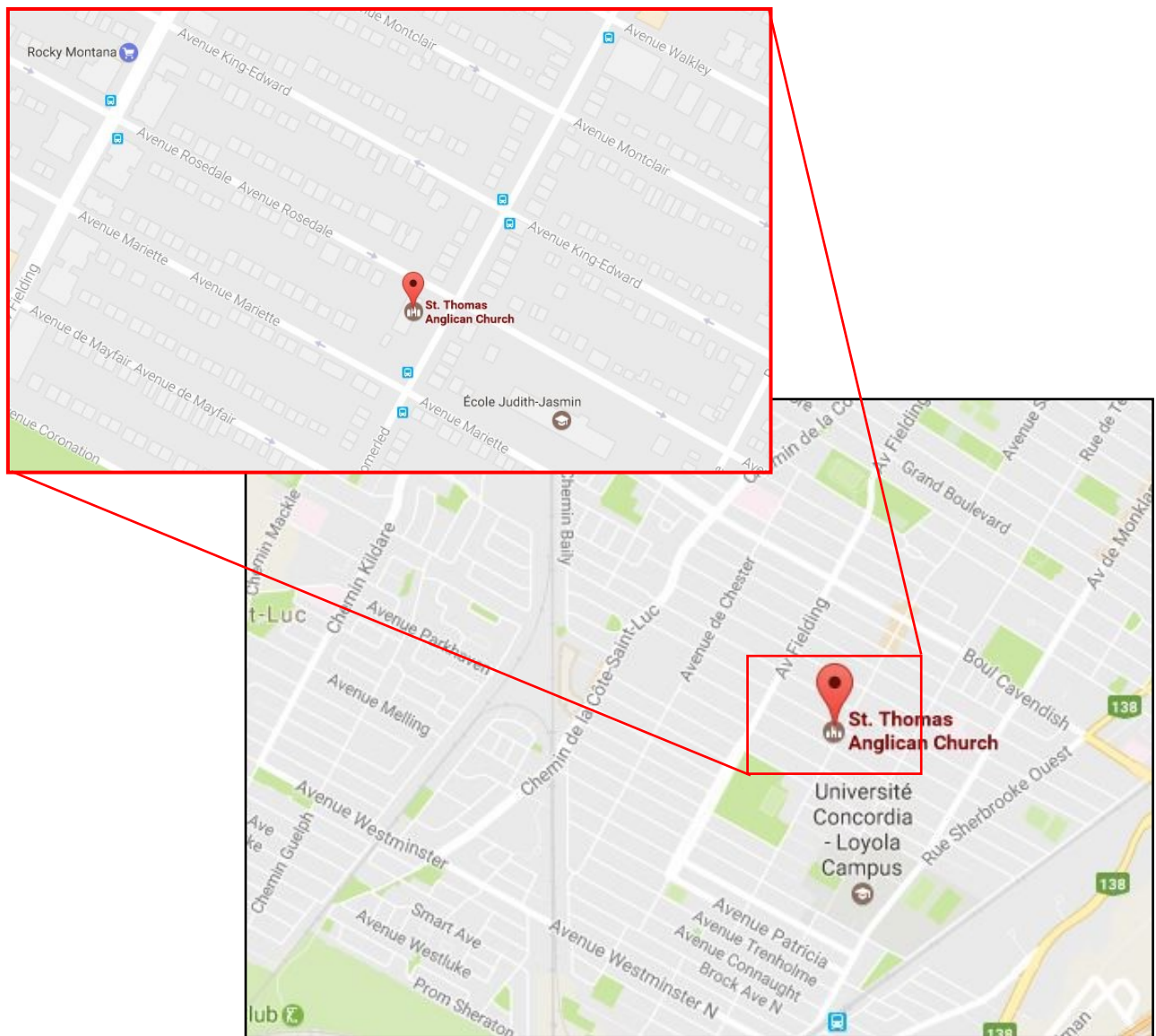
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CQ CQ, ALL STATIONS!

The monthly meetings of **March, April and May** will be held at a new location.

St. Thomas' Anglican Church is on the north-west corner of Somerled and Rosedale Avenues, at 6897 Somerled Avenue. It is accessible by public transit; the STM Bus #102 stops in the same block, at the corner of Mariette and Somerled, and the STM Bus #51 stops a block north, at Rosedale and Fielding. Please enter by the side door on Rosedale.



FIELD DAY T-SHIRTS !!

Group Field Day T-Shirt order.

For this years Field Day, both clubs (MARC and WIARC) will make a group T-shirt order from the ARRL.

There are two designs to choose from: red letters on white, or white letters on red. The sizes range from small to 5XL, and the price is the same no matter what size you choose.

Jim, VE2VE will be at the April meeting taking orders; last chance! The price is \$23.00, covering the price of the shirt, the exchange rate from USD to CAD, and the GST-QST at the border. Shipping charges will be covered by the clubs.

The shirts will be available at the May MARC meeting, at the June WIARC meeting, and at Field Day June 24-25.

Harrison Kyle, VE2HKW, Field Day coordinator.



UPCOMING FLEAS

What: NEARfest 2017

Who: New England Amateur Radio festival

When: Friday-Saturday, 5-6 May, 2017

Where: Deerfield, NH

What: 33rd Annual Smiths Falls Flea Market

Who: Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club

When: Saturday, May 13, 2017

Where: Smiths Falls, ON

What: 35th Quebec Hamfest 2017

Who: Club Radio Amateur VE2CBS Sorel-Tracy inc.

When: Sunday, 28 May, 2017

Where: Sorel-Tracy, QC

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE MONTREAL

BY MATT SALENIUS VE2MTA

The St. Patrick's Society of Montreal held its 194th annual St. Patrick's day parade in downtown Montreal on Sunday March 19, 2017. The parade consisted of over 100 floats, vehicles, and marching bands and took over two hours to pass along St. Catherine Street downtown. This is an annual celebration of Irish culture, music, and dancing.

As has been the practice for many years the Montreal Amateur Radio Club (MARC) participated by providing radio communications on the street and to the St. Patrick's Society headquarters Control Station at the Nouvel Hotel.

A commercial trunk communication system was used as primary since it allowed interoperability with other participants including parade marshals, professional security personnel and Montreal Police Headquarters. We also had amateur radios tuned to local repeaters for private communication between hams.

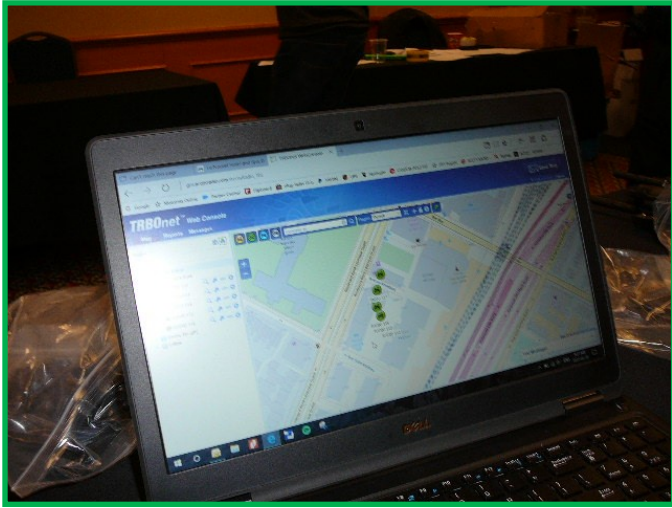
The commercial trunked system was provided by Access Communications of Montreal and was operated by MARC members. The "Control" base station was located at the Society's headquarters at Nouvel Hotel and was manned by Marc-André Gingras VE2EVN, Jim Hay VE2VE and Joe Glover.

Steven Faguy VA2SMF and Matt Salenius VE2MTA walked with the parade on the street and reported the progress of the parade to the Control Station at the hotel. This event was a classic example of ham radio service to the community at its best.

The weather was ideal and much milder than in past years, which brought out a record-sized crowd and the streets were packed full of onlookers including several political dignitaries in the VIP review stand.

There were a few minor incidents when bystanders on the street were hit by snow falling from rooftops and medics were called to the scene but fortunately no serious injuries occurred.

The St. Patrick's Society was extremely grateful for MARC assistance and offered all participants "traditional Irish liquid refreshments" when we returned to the hotel headquarters after the event. We look forward to participating again in next year's parade.



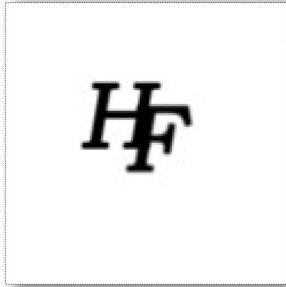
FOR SALE: Yaesu FRG-7 receiver.

Bought at a flea market about 20-25 years ago. Owner is downsizing and would like to find a good home for the receiver. Contact Howard Kay, 514-916-5251, h@howardkay.ca.

(Photo is not of the actual unit for sale.)



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