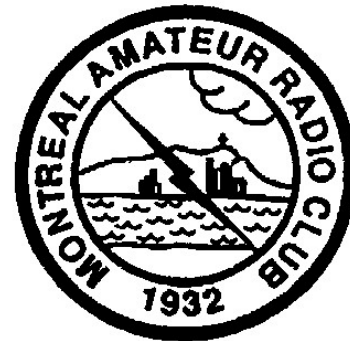


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NEXT MEETING

⇒ **Tuesday 26 September 2017** ⇐

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

**** Harrison, VE2HKW, on APRS ****

APRS — Automatic Packet Reporting System. All the details.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Please note! Meetings are back at St. Ignatius of Loyola lounge in the basement, but on TUESDAY, not Wednesday.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the general meetings for September, October and November will be held on the last **TUESDAY** of the month.

I hope everyone had a contact-ful summer, and for those testers, that the points kept rolling in.

73 de Nora, VA2NH

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A WORD FROM THE (VICE) PRESIDENT

Hello everyone,

My, what a busy year it's been. Since the last AGM, taking on the role of vice president from Sheldon, VA2SH, I've learned a lot. Sadly due to Paul's busy work schedule, I've learned how to fill in as acting president, but I suspect that was the plan all along (eyes on Paul), hehe. Still, I've gained confidence in the role that I did not have a year ago. It's a great group of people we have, and I enjoy getting things done for you, our members.

As mentioned, Paul has been very busy this past year, and he has announced that he will be stepping down in his role as our president, but will remain on the board as a director. I'd like to thank Paul for all the great work he's done these past few years as club president, and I know he will continue to be a valued member of our board of directors.

Having filled the role for the past year, I am looking forward to stepping up to the role of club president for the coming year, this with our member's approval, of course. I am not free to announce who our future vice president would be just yet, but I am hoping this announcement will be [Continued on Page 3]

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VE2RED 147.27 MHz (+) 103.5

Owned and operated by the Montreal Amateur Radio Club. Located on Ridgewood Apartments in Montreal, 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 on the first Wednesday of the month (Aug 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 Sep 2017 — Harrison, VE2HKW, on APRS.

31 Oct 2017 — Annual General Meeting.

28 Nov 2017 — René Brousseau, VA2QR, pres. of RAQI.

31 Jan 2018 — Gilles, VA2EW, on K3LR contest station.

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, to be held at the LaSalle Legion. Please watch this space or go to

<http://www.marc.ca/fest/fest.html>

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.

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 Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 8:00 PM at the St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish Church, 4455 West Broadway, Montreal, QC.

The meeting is called to:

- \$ Receive and if thought fit approve the reports of the officers;
- \$ Receive and if thought fit approve the report of the auditor;
- \$ To consider a resolution to set the annual dues at \$30 for individuals, \$35 for families and to eliminate the discounted rate for the blind.
- \$ 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 16th Day of September 2017.

(Sgd.) James R. Hay

James R. Hay, VE2VE
Secretary-Treasurer

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made by the next issue.

I don't know about you, but I had a pretty good summer. Granted the band conditions were far from being optimal, but I still got a SOTA activation, some 6m at FD, participated in the RAC Canada Day contest as a team for the first time, got some operating at a Parks on the Air event, went to the Ottawa hamfest, went to a QRP camping event in Ontario called Chilicon this past weekend, and I plan on more SOTA before the end of this calendar year.

I mentioned it had been a busy year, so let me go over the news for this past year. First, we had great presentations at our monthly meetings. We also had a very successful basic course this year, following which 7 new hams got licensed. We had a great hamfest, with lots of new vendors and many happy hams. Field Day was another resounding success. We beat our previous points (and QSO) record, and may possibly have the top spot for Canada. Oh, I almost forgot the Jamboree on the Air event last October, where we got some kids on the air for the very first time and helped them get their badge for that event. We got VE2RED back on the air thanks to Claude Everton, VE2YI, along with the VE2RMP group. Oh, did I mention our membership hit 64 members? A high in recent memory. A very good year indeed.

Looking forward to this year, I would like to add a few more events to this list. In August, I attended a club picnic and Parks On the Air event by the RANV club of Vermont, and it got me thinking that this is something we should be doing. It's a great way to promote Ham radio, as well as a great event in which our members could participate. We will be looking into the possibility of getting a portable station together, and with the help of a few club members, to activate a few local nature parks. It would be a great event for those who either aren't HF equipped, or maybe don't have the ability to set up antennas and such to operate from home. We're also planning a revival of the Solder Spot, our build group, with a new project. More to come on that subject very soon. I'm always looking for suggestions for activities, so please don't hesitate to drop me an email at ve2evn@marc.ca

The speaker for our September meeting is my friend Harrison Kyle, VE2HKW, who will be going over APRS – the Automatic Packet Reporting System, its different applications and how we can use it. I look forward to seeing you at this month's meeting and I expect that we will have a lot to catch up on.

Until then, I wish you great DX.

73 de Marc-André, VA2EI

Club (vice) president

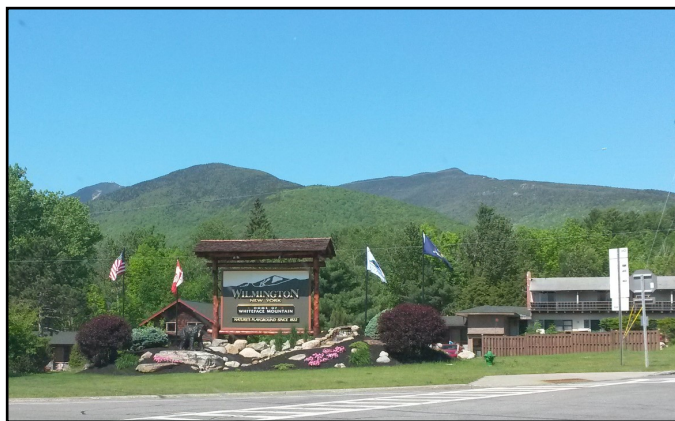
SUMMIT ON THE AIR



On Thursday June 8th, I headed out to Lake Placid, NY for a Summit On The Air (SOTA) with my friend Martin, VE2AMH. For those not familiar with this activity, it's where crazy people like me ? go up on a mountain top and operate shortwave radio to make contacts, mostly in North America, but sometimes the world.

I've been participating in SOTA for a few years now, but this was my very first SOTA in the US. All my previous outings have been mostly in the Montreal area, with a few in the eastern townships. Weather was great, sunny but not too warm, a perfect day.

We left Montreal around 7h30AM and headed towards the US by I-87 to get to Wilmington, NY where Whiteface Mountain is located.



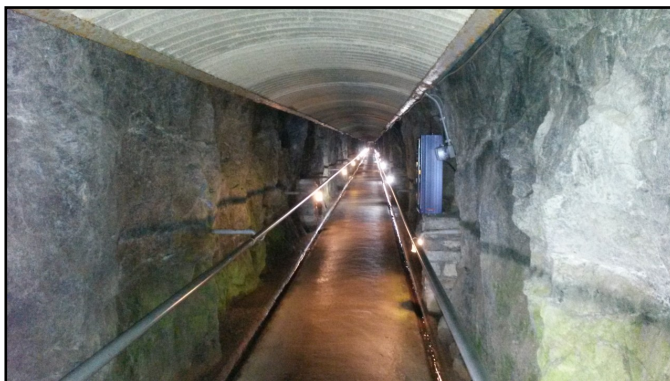
Welcome to Wilmington, NY

Whiteface Mountain is part of the Appalachian chain, and close to Lake Placid. At 1483m altitude (4867ft.asl), we were lucky that there was a road that gets us almost to the top. Given that this was Martin's first summit, we picked a fairly easy one.

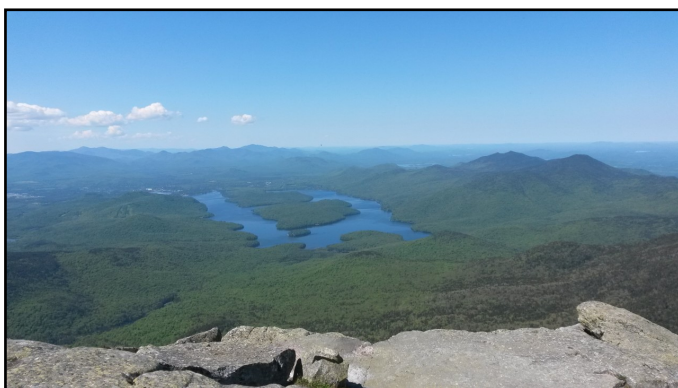


Winding road up to Whiteface Mtn, from the parking lot.

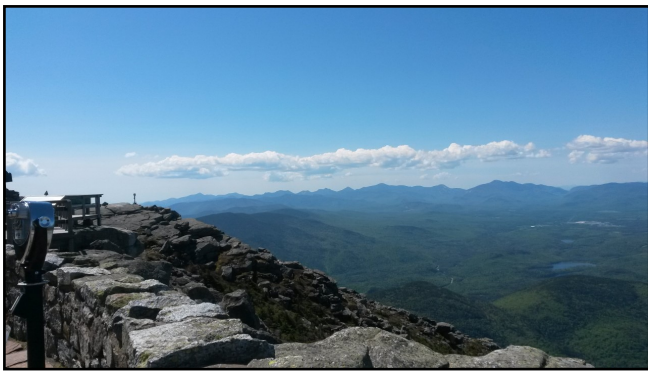
The road takes us to just below the summit, about 100' or so. From there you can hike up a trail or take an elevator. Yes, you read that right.. they dug a tunnel in the rock and an elevator shaft up to the top.



Tunnel leading to the elevator.



Lake Placid.



The view!

So after looking around a bit and taking these photos, we setup the antenna and radio to do what we came here for ... Making contacts up on a summit.



The summit.



Martin, VA2AMH calling CQ on his Kenwood TS480SAT with my 44' Doublet antenna and telescoping fiberglass fishing pole. We set up as to be out of the way from other visitors.

I managed 11 contacts in all, from VT, KC, IN, OR, TX & CA. I also made a summit-2-summit contact with Doug, W1DMH who was up on Bolton Mountain in Vermont.

Martin only made 5 contacts, but one of them was with a station in Portugal! Nice one Martin.

Needless to say, we had a great time.



The observatory.

I'm looking forward to the next outing.

VA2EI/W2 on Whiteface Mtn.





UPCOMING FLEAS

What: NEAR-Fest XXII

Who: New England Amateur Radio Festival

When: Friday, 13 Oct, 2017

Where: Deerfield Fairgrounds, Deerfield, NH

[CHECK LAST PAGE FOR NEWS!](#)

What: HARC Hamfest 2017

Who: The Hamilton Amateur Radio Club

When: Saturday, 14 Oct, 2017

Where: School Fair Building, Ancaster Fair Grounds, ON

What: Montreal South Shore Hamfest

Who: Club Radio Amateur Rive-Sud de Montréal

When: Saturday, 21 Oct, 2017

Where: Longueuil QC

[CHECK 2nd TO LAST PAGE FOR NEWS!](#)

What: 41st York Region Hamfest

Who: York Region ARC

When: Saturday, 4 Nov, 2017

Where: Markham, ON

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What: 42nd Annual Durham Hamfest

Who: North Shore ARC & South Pickering ARC

When: Saturday, 28 Apr, 2018

Where: Pickering, ON

DO YOU HAVE QSL CARDS WAITING?

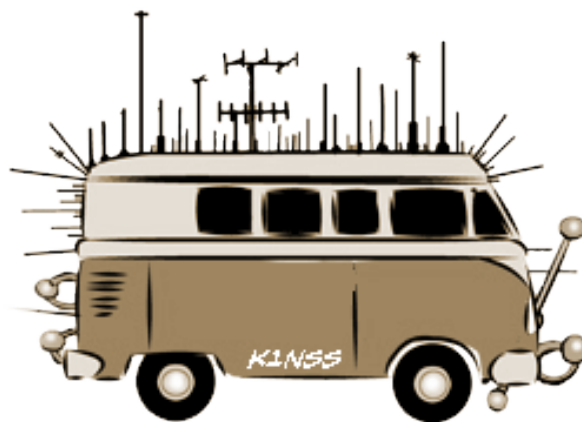
The following MARC members have QSL cards waiting in the incoming QSL bureau. The number in brackets indicates the number of cards:

VA2HY (2), VA2TML (4), VA2WV (26), VE2ARW (1), VE2DDZ (1), VE2EQL (1), VE2HRP (5), VE2JT (4), VE2MHO (1), VE2MM (1), VE2MXU (1), VE2RFI (1), VE2SI (2), VE2SXN (3), VE2WTQ (1)

If you would like to receive your cards at a club meeting send an e-mail to qsl@marc.ca or let me know and I'll advise the incoming QSL bureau to send them to the club. Otherwise you should send funds to the incoming QSL bureau to receive your cards.

The club's service is available to any member and is a way to get your membership working for you and give you a reason to attend the meetings.

73 de Jim VE2VE.



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BIGGEST HAMFEST IN QUEBEC!

Sponsored by the Montreal South-Shore Amateur Radio Club

Saturday 21 October 2017

From 09:00 to 13:00

Vendors from 06:00; visitors from 09:00



Place Desaulniers
1023, Taschereau blvd, Longueuil

Information and table rental: Francois Drien, VE2FDA

E-mail: hamfest@ve2clm.ca

Phone: 450-672-9994

Accessible to handicapped persons

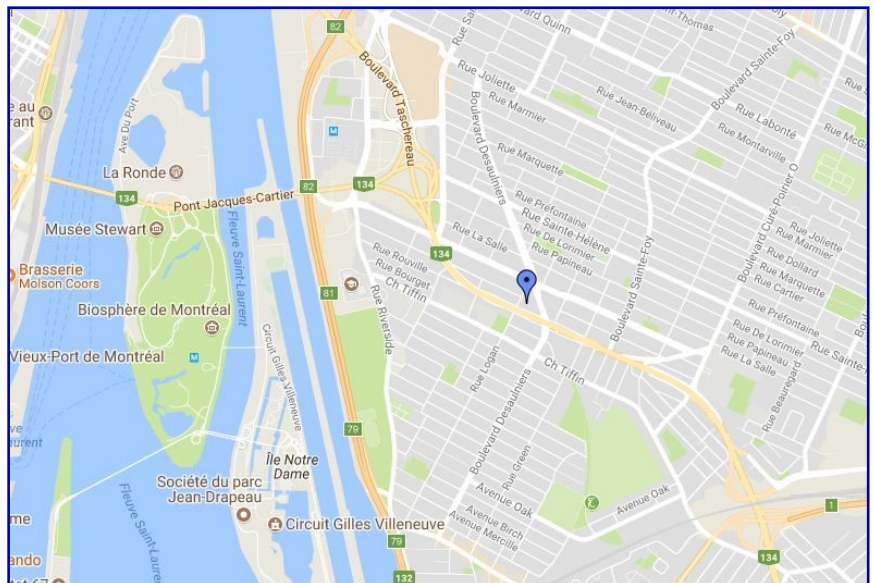
Free parking

General admission \$7.00

Tables \$10.00 (individual entry(s) not included)

Automated banking machine

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NEAR-Fest News!

From MrMike, W1RC/VE2VW

NEAR-Fest Benevolent Dictator.....

In recognition and in celebration of Canada's 150 anniversary of Confederation we would like to invite all radio amateurs who are Canadian citizens to attend NEAR-Fest XXII this coming October 13th and 14th 2017 at Deerfield NH as our special guests.

If you wish to attend all you need to do is present your valid Canadian passport or other proof of Canadian citizenship to the folks at the gate. We also ask that you display a red maple leaf Canadian flag on your vehicle or at your table should you wish to set up in the flea market.

This invitation is for free admission to the grounds. It does not include parking inside the Fairgrounds (ample free parking just outside the gates) nor does it provide for overnight camping or a chance to win a door or grand prize.

Inside parking is available for \$10 which includes a flea market selling space. Regular admission tickets are also available at the gate for \$10 which include chances to win one of our spectacular door and grand prizes. Camping spaces are \$30 a night or \$15 for tent sites. Both include electrical hookups.

For more information and directions please visit our web site at

www.near-fest.com

Hope to see you there with your red maple leaf flags.....

Happy 150th, Canada!

73,

MrMike, W1RC/VE2VW

