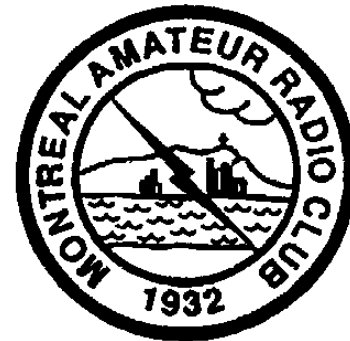


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NEXT MEETING

⇒ **Tuesday 28 November 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

**** VA2QR René Brousseau, RAQI President ****

About RAQI, your voice with the Government of Québec.

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.

The days are becoming cool; better fix up those antennae before the ice forms!

73 de Nora, VA2NH

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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

The 195th. St. Patrick's Day Parade will be taking place on March 18, 2018 and I am looking for amateurs to assist with certain communications. I will be needing three persons to walk with the parade to provide position information. I will be contacting people shortly to assist me at parade headquarters.

Please contact me if you are interested but remember that the parade will be held regardless of the weather so you'll have to dress appropriately.

Please contact me if you would like to help.
73 de Jim, VE2VE

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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.

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 Tuesday 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

(red indicates Tuesday)

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

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

27 Feb 2018 — TBA.

27 Mar 2018 — 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

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.



UPCOMING FLEAS

2018

What: NPARC Big Event #40

Who: Niagara Peninsula ARC

When: Saturday, 3 Feb, 2018

Where: St. Catharines, ON

What: Annual Spring Flea Market

Who: Burlington Amateur Radio Club

When: Saturday, 17 Feb, 2018

Where: Burlington, ON

What: Ham-Con Vermont

Who: Radio Amateurs of Northern Vermont

When: Saturday, 24 Feb, 2018

Where: South Burlington, VT

What: Ham-Ex hamfest

Who: Peel/Mississauga Amateur Radio Clubs

When: March, 2018

Where: Brampton Fall Fairgrounds, Brampton, ON

What: 42nd Annual Durham Hamfest

Who: North Shore & South Pickering ARCs

When: Saturday, 28 Apr, 2018

Where: Pickering, ON

What: Central Ontario Hamfest & Fleamarket

Who: Guelph & Kitchener-Waterloo AR Clubs

When: Sunday, 3 Jun, 2018

Where: Cambridge, ON

DISTRACTED DRIVING IN CANADA

By Alan Griffen

RAC Directors Allan Boyd, VE3AJB and Phil McBride, VA3QR, had a very productive meeting with Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) officials on 31 May, 2017.

The purpose was to consult with industry stakeholders on Ontario's Distracted Driving Law and, specifically, the current 5-year exemption for the handheld use of two-way radios, set to expire 1 Jan, 2018. The meeting resulted in a very productive exchange of information.

Information provided by RAC included:

- a detailed briefing note for the Minister;
- condensed versions of all legislation from other provinces, exemption sections;
- articles on concentration levels of full duplex vs half duplex conversations;
- information about RAC and a copy of magazine;
- documents stressing the importance of radio use including ARES program;
- complete package of all supporting letters RAC received on the issue;
- a letter signed by RAC President Glenn MacDonnell, VE3XRA, outlining RAC's position.

Allan contacted the MTO in mid-October asking for an update. An MTO official advised him they have all the materials that was presented to them at their earlier meeting. A final decision on the exemption issue will be announced in a media conference by the Minister of Transportation prior to the expiry date on 1 Jan, 2018.

RAC has prepared a list of links to current regulations in all provinces that have established them. They can be found on the Distracted Driving webpage:

<http://wp.rac.ca/distracted-driving/>

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Montreal Amateur Radio Club
Christmas Party!

Saturday, 2 December, 2017 @ 20:00

Elio's Ristorante

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

Menu: <http://eliorestaurant.ca/menu.html>
Full beer/wine license

There is plenty of parking available in their parking area, and it's also within 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.

Please confirm your presence by Monday 27 November, 2017, to Jim Hay, VE2VE:

Email: ve2ve@marc.ca
Phone: (514) 990-1965

