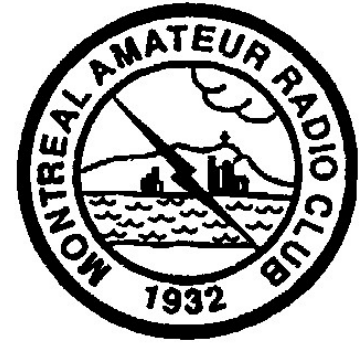


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NEXT MEETING

⇒ **Wednesday 31 January 2018** ⇐

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

**** VE2TZY RGilles Renucci ****

About K3LR, Tim Duffy's mammoth contesting station.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Please note! Except for the January meeting, we'll be meeting on Tuesdays, at St. Ignatius of Loyola lounge in the basement.

I hope everyone enjoyed the festivities in December, and the days are getting minutely longer. In another news note, the General Meetings are reverting to Tuesdays, at least until May 2018, same time, same station.

Get your goodies ready for the MARC hamfest, up-coming in April.

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



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

BRITISH COLUMBIA QSO PARTY 2018

BCQP 2018 is just around the corner and I'd like to invite members of MARC to join the party. Some of the other same-day QSO parties may attract more attention for proximity reasons and the lure of 3Y0Z will surely divert time from BCQP, but if MARC members are on the air and hear any VE7/VA7s calling CQ, please give us a shout. We on the left coast love to hear from the rest of Canada in BCQP. It's like DX. :)

Plus, the more activity we have, the longer we'll stay in the chair and on the air, making it easier for out-of-province stations to have some Qs and build bigger logs, and that keeps everyone searching for BC districts, and ... the snowball effect! For you guys, even a few QSOs could be enough to capture a lovely certificate! :) Indeed, in past years, several VE2s have won their categories of entry.

Long text follows, but it's full of good info for BCQP participants, and there are some changes from last year that you should know about.

First, BCQP has been expanded with an additional block of time, eight (8) hours on Sunday. BCQP 2018 will run in two blocks over the weekend, with the usual 12 hours on 3 Feb, Saturday, 11AM to 11PM, UR time (16:00Z Feb 3 to 03:59Z Feb 4) as well as eight hours on 4 Feb, Sunday, 11AM to 7PM, UR time (16:00Z to 23:59Z Feb 4).

Everyone can work all 20 hours of the contest or a few hours on Saturday and a few hours on Sunday, or just Saturday or just Sunday. Completely up to each person. There is no required off-time, but there can be NO activity during the gap between the 12-hour block on Saturday and the 8-hour block on Sunday.

Sunday operation is merely an option, one intended to make BCQP more enjoyable for CW operators, who like BCQP but find their efforts derailed when NA Sprint CW starts. Digital operators may also find the going easier because the XE RTTY Contest will have finished.

CWers who only have Saturday to play can try the suggested alternate frequencies for CW on 80m, 40m and 20m (3570, 7070 and 14050 kHz) after 00:00Z to mitigate Sprint-induced frustration. These frequencies are above the sprint mayhem but encroach on other mode allocations, so it goes without saying, really, that **courtesy** is important.

Please note, BCQP Saturday and Sunday operation is NOT split by mode. Operate PH, CW and/or digital, as you wish, on one day or both during the designated blocks of time.

Another change: The e-mail address for log submission. Send to **va7bec [at] rac [dot] ca**

The plaque program has grown! We now have a Top CW category, sponsored by Elizabeth VE7YL.

Rules, multiplier list, in-depth event analysis/ reports and scores from past years, examples of the lovely photo-based certificates and plaques... All available for viewing from links on the BCQP page of the Orca DXCC website.
Go to <http://www.orcadxcc.org/bcqp.html>.

Key Details

Date/Time: 16:00Z Feb 3 to 03:59Z Feb 4 AND 16:00Z Feb 4 to 23:59Z Feb 4

Objectives: Stations outside BC have to find as many VE7/VA7s as possible in the 20 hours of the contest. BC stations will be taking calls from anyone, anywhere.

Exchange: BC stations give RS(T) + three-letter code representing the federal electoral district in BC. Stations outside BC give province/state/"DX"*

*In BCQP, Hawaii and Alaska are not considered DX. Stations in KH6 and KL7 will give "HI" and "AK", respectively.

Stations outside the U.S. and Canada will give "DX".

Resources:

Rules: http://orcadxcc.org/bcqp_rules.html

FAQ: http://orcadxcc.org/bcqp_faq.html

Multipliers: http://orcadxcc.org/bcqp_districts.html

Same-day event schedule: http://orcadxcc.org/content/pdf/excel_sked_2018.pdf

Federal electoral district lookup: <http://www.elections.ca/home.aspx>

Tangible Rewards:

* Certificates:

Top scores in each class of entry, in BC and outside BC, receive a beautiful photo-based certificate highlighting something scenic or special about BC. Pictures are different every year.

Collectible!!

* Special Recognition:

If submitted logs are particularly numerous in any given category or results are particularly noteworthy, additional certificates are awarded, as appropriate.

* Plaques:

10 sponsored categories [Top Score BC (single op); Top Score Canada outside BC; Top YL Score; Top Score USA; Most Federal Electoral Districts Worked;

Top DX; Top Mixed Mode; Top Club in BC; Top
Score BC (multi-op); Top CW ([new!](#))

Logging Software:

BCQP is fully supported by N1MM Logger+ as well as CQ/X GPS-enabled software for mobile contesting and QSO party software by N3FJP. Other programs, like GenLog and SD, have generic QSO party options but may not score accurately because they lack details on multipliers and bonus points. Paper logs are OK if the QSO count is less than 50. The log-checking team at Orca DXCC will make sure everyone gets the points s/he is entitled to. But logs **MUST** show the required information. See the rules for details.

If anyone has questions, I'm just an email away.

GL es 73,
Rebecca VA7BEC
Orca DXCC, Contest Coordinator, BCQP

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Donation to MARC

The Club would like to thank Terri, XYL of SK David Renwick, VE2KZB, for the donation of the station's equipment to the Montreal Amateur Radio Club.

The equipment is available for sale; here's a list of the items. Please contact Jim VE2VE or Marc-André VE2EVN to arrange the details.

The suggested value of each item in Canadian funds has been estimated by Leo, VE2SI, based on his years of experience at cruising any hamfest within range.

Atlas 215X transceiver	\$325.00
ICOM IC-2AT transceiver	\$100.00
Heathkit HW-2036A transceiver	\$70.00
Heathkit HWA-2036-3 AC power supply	\$350.00
Denton GLA-1000 amplifier	\$350.00
Atlas model 206 oscillator	\$100.00
Realistic pro-2003 direct entry programmable scanner	\$30.00
Yaesu YD 148 dynamic microphone	\$30.00
Earphones (1 of 2)	\$20.00
Earphones (2 of 2)	\$20.00

Remember! The NEARfest is upcoming at Deerfield, NH, on 4-5 May 2018, for more of the same type of bargains.



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COMPLETE ANTENNA SYSTEM

Hygain TH 11DX, 20 - 10 m HF Beam

Cushcraft 13B2, Thirteen element 2 meter Yagi

Cushcraft A5606S, Six element 6 meter Yagi

Hygain Taitwister Rotor

48 foot DMX heavy duty Tower

Andrews Heliax one inch dia-60 feet

RG 213-2 X 50 feet

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