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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 27 November 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

** Marc-Andre VE2EVN**

Blow-by-blow details on his mcHF radio project.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Remember! All General meetings are held on the last <u>Tuesday</u> of the month, at St. Ignatius of Loyola lounge in the basement.

The AGM was held last month, and there are very few changes to report. The same cast of characters have volunteered for approximately the same positions, although two of them, Paul VE2OFH and Sheldon VA2SH will be operating from a distance.

The MARC Christmas/Solstice party will be held on Dec 5 - see last page for details. Hope to see y'all there.

73 de Nora, VA2NH

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The 196th. St. Patrick's Day Parade will be taking place on March 17, 2019 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.

If you are interested 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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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 (+) 103.5

On the air from Ridgewood Ave. in Montreal; CTCSS tone of 103.5 Hz for access. Thanks to Claude Everton, the VE2RMP group and Metrocom for making this possible.

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 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

(last Tuesday of the month)

27 Nov - Marc-André VE2EVN on mcHF radio project.

5 Dec - Christmas Party, Lasalle. Details last page. Jan - Brian RawlingsVE3QN on WRC 2019 Feb - 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

The 2018 flea market was held at the LaSalle Legion on 7 April. Plans are afoot for next year's fest.

Go to

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

for more information as it happens.

Incoming QSL card service

As has been mentioned in previous MarcO-grams, 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/EVENTS

<u>2019</u>

What: NPARC Big Event Hamfest/

Electronics Fleamarket

Who: Niagara Peninsula A. R. Club When: Saturday, 2 Feb, 2019 Where: St. Catharines, ON

What: Canadian Ski Marathon 2019

Ham Support **Who:** CSM 2019

When: Friday, 8 Feb, 2019 Where: Montebello, QC

What: VE3CJ Memorial Spring Flea-

Market

Who: Burlington Amateur Radio Club

When: Saturday, 16 Feb, 2019 Where: Burlington, ON

What: Vermont State Convention

HAM-CON

Who: Radio Amateurs of Northern

Vermont

When: Saturday, 23 Feb, 2019

Where: Holiday Inn Convention Ctr, S.

Burlington, VT

What: Carp 23rd Annual Hamfest Who: Ottawa Amateur Radio Club When: Saturday, 7 Sep, 2019

Where: Carp, ON

What: Montreal South Shore Hamfest Who: Club Radio Amateur Rive-Sud de

Montréal

When: Saturday, 19 Oct, 2019

Where: Place Desaulniers, Longueuil,

QC

SolderSpot

Group build project.

By Leo VE2SI

This autumn's SolderSpot project is going through the final touches. It will be a bench, or variable voltage, DC power supply with an output adjustable between 1.5 and 20 volts, and able to supply up to 0.6 amps.

If you're interested and even if you've spoken with me before, please send an email to VE2ARC@marc.ca and indicate your level of interest.

Participation is open to everyone and MARC membership is not a requirement.

Leo, VE2SI Leo49@Videotron.ca

CW CLASSES

By Leo VE2SI

Some members have expressed an interest in learning what is now called the International Morse Code and adding CW to their operating capabilities.

In addition to our regular monthly meetings, the club undertakes a number of activities so we'd like to gauge the interest in learning the code before adding it to this year's schedule.

If you're interested and even if you've spoken with me before, please send an email to <u>VE2ARC@marc.ca</u> and indicate your level of interest.

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SILENT KEY

News bulletin from RAC

Radio Amateurs of Canada has received the sad news that RAC Corporate Secretary Sukwan Widajat, VA3WID, has become a Silent Key while in Indonesia.

Sukwan became RAC's Corporate Secretary in June 2015 and he made a significant contribution to our operations for the past three and a half years. I worked closely with him throughout this period and always appreciated his enthusiasm, helpful recommendations and eagerness to help make our organization the best it can be.

We are all volunteers and know that people have other responsibilities and he was an example of balancing these. In addition to his volunteer work with RAC, Sukwan served as the Vice-President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Pak 2000 Inc in Boston.

Sukwan was originally from Indonesia and he moved to Canada in 2011. He started his career at the Arthur Andersen Jakarta office of Coopers & Lybrand and later at Price Waterhouse also in Jakarta, Indonesia. He worked as a Vice-President of Finance and Corporate Secretary and was also a non-Executive Director of a paper product distribution company in Brampton, Ontario.

He obtained his first Amateur Radio licence in 1998 in Indonesia and he received his Basic with Honours certificate in November 2013 in Canada. He became a member of RAC and the Mississauga Amateur Radio Club in early 2014. He was a DXer and an Amateur Radio Teletype (RTTY) and satellite enthusiast. He also held three call signs: YB0SWI, VA3WID and AB1XM.

Sukwan was well known and much appreciated by the members of RAC's Board and Executive, past and present, who have benefited from being able to work with him for these past several years. We are all shocked and saddened and extend our sincere condolences to Sukwan's family and friends.

Please stay tuned to the RAC website for additional information.

Glenn MacDonell, VE3XRA President, Radio Amateurs of Canada

Do you have what it takes to be TOP BULB?



Find out in the 2019 Lightbulb QSO Party.

The ultimate challenge in ham radio.

Sat. March 9th 20:00 UTC through Sun. March 10th 20:00 UTC 5 categories of competition...

HOUSEHOLD....COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL....HOMEBREW....DUMMY LOAD....FREESTYLE

Objective: to build and use an antenna constructed with a lightbulb as the main radiating element and make as many CW, Phone, and Digital QSOs as possible in a 24 hour period.

Complete rules, details, and information on constructing and using a lightbulb as an antenna can be found at:

HAMSIGNAL.COM



Celebrate the Solstice!

The days will soon be getting longer!

You are all invited to the MARC Christmas Party, to be held at 19:30 on 5 December, 2018, at the Casa Greeque, 7218 Newman Boulevard, Lasalle, QC, HSN 1X2



The restaurant is one block west of the Angrignon Shopping centre, on the southerly side of Newman. We will be ordering from the regular menu http://casagrecque.ca/Menu-en-2 and, as is customary, the club will pay the service charge/tip.

In order to advise the restaurant of the size of the group please confirm your attendance, and if you are bringing a guest or guests to me at ve2ve@marc.ca or by telephone at 514-990-1965; if I don't answer just leave a message. While we can always accommodate a few last minute changes, if possible, please confirm your attendance before Dec. 2.

73 de Jim.