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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 26 March 2019

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

**** Luc VE2TQQ and Jacques VE2CYJ ****

Updates from your provincial reps at RAQI.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Spring! It's beginning to feel as if The Big Thaw is coming, and all that 6" thick ice will become water, and run away, with any luck without flooding anything.

The 196th running of the St. Patrick's Day Parade took place without any untoward incidents, with the assistance of volunteer amateur radio operators.

Preparations for the 2019 ARRL Field Day, held on 22-23 June, are already underway. Co-ordinators are co-ordinating, volunteers are always welcome. Interested? Contact Jim VE2VE or Marc -André VE2EVN.

73 de Nora, VA2NH

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St. Patrick's Day Parade

March 17 saw the 196th. annual St. Patrick's parade go down Ste-Catherine Street. While there was a wind chill, the weather was good and the crowd enjoyed a shorter parade along a shorter parade route than usual owing to the rebuilding of Ste-Catherine Street.

Thanks to Matt Salenius VE2MTA, Steven Faguy VA2SMF and Shahrad Rezaei VE2ZSR, who walked with the parade to provide position information back to parade headquarters.

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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)

26 Mar - Luc VE2TQQ & Jacques VE2CYJ on RAQI.
 30 Apr - TBA - Leo VE2SI.
 28 May - 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

The 2019 flea market will be held at the LaSalle Legion on **6 April**. Plans are already afoot.

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 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/EVENTS

2019

What: Laval-Laurentides Hamfest
Who: Club Radio Amateur Laval-Laurentides
When: Samedi le 30 mars 2019
Where: Polyvalente Georges-Vanier, Laval

What: Iroquois ARC Fleamarket
Who: Iroquois Amateur Radio Club
When: Saturday, 6 Apr 2019
Where: Iroquois ON

What: Montreal ARC Flea Market
Who: Montreal Amateur Radio Club
When: Saturday, 6 Apr 2019
Where: Lasalle Legion, LaSalle, QC

What: 43rd Annual Durham Hamfest
Who: North Shore ARC & South Pickering ARC
When: Saturday, 27 Apr 2019
Where: Pickering, ON

What: NEARfest XXV
Who: New England AR Festival
When: Friday-Saturday, 3-4 May 2019
Where: Fair grounds, Deerfield, NH

What: 5th Annual Simcoe County Hamfest
Who: Barrie Amateur Radio Club
When: Saturday, 4 May 2019
Where: Grenfel Community Hall, Barrie, ON

What: 35th Annual Smiths Falls Flea Market
Who: Rideau Lakes ARC
When: Saturday, 11 May 2019
Where: Smiths Falls, ON

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 VE2ARC@marc.ca and indicate your level of interest.

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SolderSpot

Group build Power Supply Project - By Leo VE2SI

The Power Supply will provide a variable output between 1 volt and 20 volts approx., deliver at least 750mA and have digital output meters for the voltage and current. An LM-317 three-terminal voltage regulator is the heart of the power supply.

The SolderSpot kit will include all the parts for the Power Supply and participants will be asked to bring whatever tools, such as a soldering iron, they might have. It should be possible to assemble the kit within six 2-hour sessions.

Each build session will open with a short description of the work to be done and the relevant design considerations. As well as the PS that each participant will build, the project will provide an introduction to electronic circuit construction and a more detailed view of the way that a linear power supply is designed.

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
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MARC amateur radio course

Graduates!

This years courses were well attended, with fifteen eager and interested students. Congratulations to eight new amateurs from this year's Basic Qualification course who wrote the Basic Qualification exam on March 16:

Bill Odette, VE2WLO
Jeremy Dawkins, VA2ZAV*
Nathalie Ellis, VA2ELL
Pawel Zajac, VE2ZPZ*
David Sinclair, VE2IXT*
Xiaoran Xie, VA2XXR
Eric Miller, VE2ERZ*
Geoffrey Shalapata, VE2RZE*

*Basic with Honours

More students will be writing the exam later and we look forward to their passing the exam as well.

Congratulations also to Jong Hyock Kim, VE2XHL who also upgraded from Basic to Basic with Honours.

Thanks to Marc-André and Leo for their help with the course and to Eamon for supervising the exam, and I have already received some inquiries about the next course.

73 de Jim.

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From p. 1:

Thanks also to Marc-André Gingras VE2EVN, who was with me at parade headquarters handling communications with the various security personnel as well as the position reporters, while I handled communications with the parade marshals.

The parade was a success and our efforts were appreciated by the United Irish Societies who organize the parade each year.

Next year will be No. 197.

73 de Jim.



Silent Key Neil Goldberg VE2BOA/VE9NG



I am sorry to report the passing of Neil Goldberg, VE2BOA/VE9NG on March 12, 2019.

Before moving to Baie du Vin, New Brunswick after retiring from Hydro Quebec, Neil lived in the Piedmont area of Quebec, where he installed and maintained the VE2RMP repeater for many years before forming the VE2RMP repeater group when planning for his retirement. Neil was also well known as the Hydro Quebec employee responsible for tracking down interference problems caused by faulty transmission and distribution equipment. Our thoughts and prayers are with Neil's many friends and family. He will be missed.

The obituary notice can be found at <https://mightymiramichi.com/community/funerals/Details.aspx?f=34507>

73 de Jim, VE2VE