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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 24 September 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

**** TBA ****

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

I hope you're all enjoying your summer. The weather's not too bad, and we've had long sunny days to do antenna work, or visit far-off DX locations.

The 2019 ARRL Field Day, held on 22-23 June, went off well. The location was very nice, in Centennial Hall Park, Beaconsfield, and Batteries Expert lent us a hefty set of batteries to run silent. See report on page 3.

MARCOgram can always use more material. Somebody out there must surely have something about which to write an article, and photographs / diagrams are always appreciated.

73 de Nora, VA2NH

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A FAMILY OF HAMS

By Souly, VE2FFS

Mom, Helene Charbonneau VE2AQM, and dad, Souly Loizos VE2FFS, are proud to announce the birth of two new hams in the world. Their kids, Alex, 15 (VA2LZS) and Andy 12 (VE2LZS) both passed their ham exam with Morse code and with honours on the 27th of April, 2019. The examiner was Eamon Egan, VE2EGN.

Dad home-taught the kids starting from the end of October 2018 to end of March 2019, competing with school homework, school robotics, and the kid's XBOX. Both kids are in an I.B. school [International Baccalaureate program] so Alex, who is presently in grade 10 is going to continue to study and get his advanced Amateur radio certificate and

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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)

24 Sep - TBA.

Summer break!

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 was held at the LaSalle Legion on **6 April**. Plans are already afoot for the next hamfest; we'll need a new location. **Ideas are welcome!**

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.

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.

If you're interested send an email to VE2ARC@marc.ca and indicate your level of interest.

SolderSpot

Group build Power Supply Project - By Leo VE2SI

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. .



UPCOMING FLEAS/EVENTS

2019

What: STARC Summer Hamfest 2019

Who: St. Albans Amateur Radio Club

When: Saturday, 10 Aug, 2019

Where: St. Albans Elks Lodge, St. Albans, VT USA

What: 11th Annual Junk in the Trunk

Who: OSS

When: Saturday, 24 Aug, 2019

Where: Newmarket, ON

What: 23rd Annual Carp Hamfest

Who: Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

When: Saturday, 7 Sep, 2019

Where: Carp, ON

What: 42nd Annual Hamfest

Who: London Amateur Radio Club

When: Sunday, 15 Sep, 2019

Where: Dorchester, ON

What: HARC Hamfest

Who: Hamilton Amateur Radio Club

When: Saturday, 5 Oct, 2019

Where: School Fair Bldg, Ancaster Fair Grounds, Ancaster, ON

What: NEAR-Fest XXVI

Who: Mike W1RC/VE2VW & NEAR-fest team

When: Fri-Sat, 11 & 12 Oct, 2019

Where: Deerfield Fairgrounds, Deerfield, NH

What: Montreal South Shore Hamfest

Who: Club RA Rive-Sud de Montréal

When: Samedi, 19 Oct, 2019

Where: Place Desaulniers, Longueuil, QC

FIELD DAY ROUND-UP 2019

by Marc-André, VE2EVN, and Malcolm, VE2DDZ

The MARC/WIARC joint FD this year took place on June 22-23 at Centennial Park in Beaconsfield, QC, operating class 1A with satellite station and a 6m (50Mhz) station. Here are the statistics on Field Day 2019.

We made a total of 273 contacts; 200 SSB, 35 CW, 38 Digital (FT8). 346 QSO points, with a power multiplier of 2X, makes for 692 QSO points.

Two city councillors from Beaconsfield came by Saturday night. Marc-André was on 6m and Jonathon was on HF. Malcolm noticed them looking around and said "hi" and they chatted for a while. Leo, VE2SI, had prepared them so well in terms of the event and what is amateur radio that they already knew all the answers to their questions!

In addition we earned 710 bonus points, for a grand total of 1402 points. The Bonus points were for:

100% emergency power - 100 pts (THANKS Batteries Experts!),
Media Publicity - 100 pts,
Public location - 100 pts,
W1AW Field Day message - 100 pts,
Site visit by invited elected official - 100 pts,
Youth participation (3 x 20) - 60 pts,
Satellite QSO - 100 pts,
Entry submitted via web - 50 pts.

Not great, not terrible. Low CW count and conditions not being very good made for a lean year.

See you next year!

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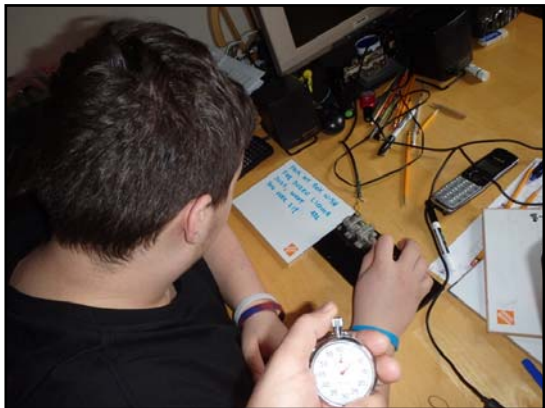
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use the course as his personal project as required by the school.

Andy is in grade 7 and plans to take his advanced when he is in grade 10 so he can apply the school's personal project requirements. We presently believe that Andy may be the youngest ham in Canada. We're waiting confirmation from I.C. The record for the youngest ham radio operator in Canada was held in mid-2013 by a 10-year-old girl in Peterborough, Ontario.



During the course - theory.



Practice code sending within 3 minutes.



Practice code receiving.



Taking the official exam at Eamon Egan VE2EGN's home.



Alex VA2LZS received his certificate.



Andy VE2LZS received his certificate.



The MARC - WIARC
Field Day site, Centennial
Hall Park, Beaconsfield,
QC



The 6m beam and the dipole.

| Band | CW | FT8 | SSB | Tot |
|-------|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 3.5 | 33 | 8 | 60 | 101 |
| 7 | 1 | | 72 | 73 |
| 14 | | | 39 | 39 |
| 50 | | 30 | 16 | 46 |
| Sat | 1 | | 13 | 14 |
| Total | 35 | 38 | 200 | 273 |

The breakdown per band
and mode.

Setting up the main station.





The satellite station.



VE2DDZ, the laid-back operator.



Equipment used.



VE2EVN assembling the 6m mast.



Erecting the 6m mast and beam.



The wire dipole.



Connections.



VE2SI and battery bank.

It's all about power ...



Thanks to Batteries Expert, Ile-Perrot!



Power for the humans ...

