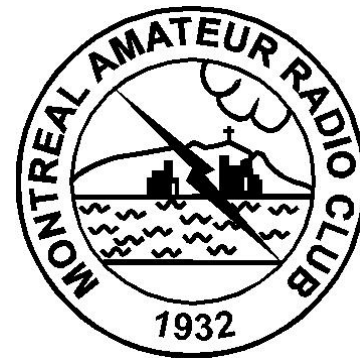


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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 23 February 2021 at 20:00 via ZOOM.

Until further notice, General meetings are being held via the Zoom platform. Below are the details you need to join the meeting. A rag-chew session starts at 19:30 with the formal meeting starting at 20:00.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/92218952458?pwd=S0t0aytSMUZTUHVXNkY3SHpZOGxuUT09>

Meeting ID: 922 1895 2458 Passcode: 898003 Or by phone 438-809-7799 using the above meeting ID and passcode.

Important: Please use a headset or headphones and make sure to test your mic/camera ahead of the meeting.

We hope to see you there.

Marc-Andre Gingras, VE2EVN
President - Montreal Amateur Radio Club

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This is going to be a rather short MARCogram. I'm dealing with the loss of my mother, and there just isn't enough time in the day to accomplish everything.

This winter has proved to be more arduous than usual due to this COVID-19 thing. I've been basically at home since March 2020!

The net on VE2RED every Wednesday continues to be popular, and the General Meetings, held on Zoom, are interesting but I miss the coffee and doughnuts/cookies.

The amateur radio courses have proved to be very popular; so popular that we may have a second course to accommodate the overflow of students!

73 de Nora, VA2NH

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OTHER ITEMS WANTED

In April 1967, Roland Masse, VE2PX, and RAQI set up and operated Amateur Radio station VE2XPO from St. Helen's Island at the Montreal World's Fair, Expo-67. Their first contact was with W1AW. The station made more than 6000 contacts during the exhibition.

Jim, VE2VE, is teaching the radio courses as I write, and is looking for a scan of the QSL card from VE2XPO as he wants to add it to the course text. If you have one, please send an image to ve2ve@marc.ca.



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Repeaters

VE2BG 147.06 MHz (+)

Owned and operated by the Montreal Amateur Radio Club. **Currently OFF AIR**, looking for a new location..

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 held on the first Tuesday of the month (Aug to June) at 19:30 on-line using the Zoom platform. The club no longer holds in-person board meetings. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions for the Board to discuss, please send an email to ve2arc@marc.ca for inclusion to the meeting agenda.

Club Activities

Monthly Meetings are by ZOOM

(last Tuesday of the month)

Feb 23 - Leo, VE2SI, Installing HF/VHF/UHF in an SUV.

Mar 30 - Claude, VE2YI, Digital Radio Technologies.

Apr 27 - Norm, VE2BQS, Packet Radio

May 25 - Show & Tell.

Every Wednesday, @ 20:00 (00:00Z), go to the net on VE2RED.

See page 3.

Radio Classes

The basic level course started 9 January 2021. It is being held via Zoom, and will run until March. If you know of anyone interested in taking the course please direct them to <https://marc.ca/course/> for more information. There may be a second course starting in May to accommodate more students.

MARC Hamfest

The 2021 MARC flea market was cancelled.

It will be back but we still need a good location. Any ideas? Please contact any of the board members.

Ideas are welcome!

Go to <http://marc.ca/fest/> 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.

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

2021

What: Iroquois ARC Fleamarket
Who: Iroquois Amateur Radio Club
When: Saturday, 3 Apr 2021
Where: Iroquois ON

What: NEAR-Fest XXIX
Who: New England Amateur Festival, Inc
When: **CANCELLED**
 (Fri & Sat, 30 Apr & 1 May, 2021)
Where: Deerfield Fairgrounds
 Deerfield, NH

What: London Vintage Radio Club Flea Market
Who: London Vintage Radio Club
When: Tuesday, 8 Jun, 2021
Where: Guelph, ON

What: Carp 24th Annual Hamfest
Who: Ottawa Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
When: Saturday, 11 Sep, 2021
Where: Carp Agricultural Fair Grounds,
 Carp, ON

What: NEAR-Fest XXX
Who: New England Amateur Festival, Inc.
When: Fri & Sat, 12 & 13 Oct, 2021
Where: Deerfield Fairgrounds
 Deerfield, NH

Note from the editor.
 Due to COVID -19, the list of hamfests and events is severely limited. Please check with the organizing authority before planning to attend as some may be cancelled.

VE2RED TUESDAY NET REPORT

Any discrepancies, please inform Leo, VE2SI

Please join us every **Wednesday** evening at 20:00 local on VE2RED on 2m output frequency of 147.270 MHz (+600 kHz input offset) CTCSS tone of 103.5 Hz. Everyone is welcome.

We have a few Net operators hosting it, but we're always interested in adding to this team if you're interested. Send me an email if you would like to try out Net Operations for an evening.

Marc-Andre, VE2EVN
 President - Montreal Amateur Radio Club

2021-01-20 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z

Net control Pawel, VE2ARC (VE2ZPZ)
 VA2XS, Mike, Ville St-Laurent
 VE2SI, Leo, St. Lazare
 VE2MPD, Dave, Verdun
 VE2EOT, Andrew
 VA2NH, Nora, St. Lazare
 VE2TSM, Mario, Rawdon
 VE2XHL, Jong
 VA2LEQ, Lee
 VE2HS, Pierre
 VE2LJV, Sam, Dollard
 21:15 Net closed.
 11 check-ins.

Discussion: Antennas for satellite / ISS communications.

2021-01-27 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z

Net control Leo, VE2ARC (VE2SI)
 VE2MPD, Dave, Verdun
 VE2ZPZ, Pawel
 VE2WRH, Wayne, Cote St. Luc
 VA2LEQ, Lee
 VE2GFY, Bob, Chateauguay
 VA2NH, Nora, St. Lazare
 VE2EOT, Andrew
 VE2XHL, Jong
 VE2PPF, Pierre, Montreal
 VA2QMA, Mario, Mascouche
 21:14 Net closed.
 11 check-ins.

Discussion: Packet & digital modes; use of computers.

2021-02-03 Net commenced 20:01 local, 00:01Z

Net control Leo, VE2ARC (VE2SI)
 VA2CNE, Cedric, Dorval
 VE2LJV, Sam, Dollard
 VE2WRH, Wayne, Cote St. Luc
 VA2LEQ, Lee
 VE2KFC, Norm, St. Constant
 VA2NH, Nora, St. Lazare
 VE2MRN, Marco, Lachine

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VE2HVZ, Guy
VE2MPD, Dave, Verdun
VE2GFY, Bob, Chateaugay
VE2BQS, Norm, Pierrefonds
VE2WES, Sylvain, St-Gabriel-de-Brandon
VE2ZPZ, Pawel
VE2XHL, Jong, St. Leonard
VE2FSE, Frank
VA2XS, Mike, Ville St. Laurent
21:40 Net closed.
17 check-ins.
Discussion: Did you have help getting on the air, an Elmer?

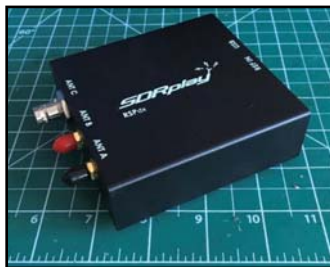
Net summary for 10 Feb not available.

For Sale

SDRplay RSPdx

I'm no longer using it and it's in perfect condition.
Asking \$200.00 + shipping.

rdz.martin@gmail.com
Martin, VE2MXN.



Wanted

I am looking to buy either a Yaesu FT-817 or Yaesu FT-818, preferably FT-818. If anyone has one for sale, or knows of one that's available, I would be interested to know. Pawel, VE2ZPZ, ve2zpz@hotmail.com.



MOVIES INVOLVING AMATEUR RADIO

Apart from a slew of third-rate sci-fi and horror movies, there are actually several A-list movies of which you may have heard, or seen, which involve hams and amateur radio. As we all spend more time inside looking at screens, here is a short list of some of the best:

Frequency

Young police officer stumbles upon dead father's ham radio and communicates with him during period of extraordinarily high propagation, leading to solution of murder mystery.
Dennis Quaid (US:2000)

Independence Day

Ham radio operators around the world communicate plans to thwart alien attack on earth.
Will Smith/Bill Pullman (US:1996)

The Bank Job

Ham radio operator overhears plans for bank robbery, helps police inquiry.
Jason Statham (UK:2008)

Making Waves

Ham radio enthusiasts exaggerate who they are to the other listeners assuming they'll never meet but then have to try and live up to their fantasy personalities when they meet.
(UK:2004)

High Frequency

A boy who operates a ham radio and a man who works at a satellite relay station witness the same murder thousands of miles apart and have to figure out how to warn the next potential victim.
(US:1988)

On the Beach

Neville's Shute's famous "end-of-the-world" nuclear warfare piece.
Ava Gardner/Gregory Peck (US:1959)

The Monuments Men

Art experts go behind enemy lines to save precious works of art from Nazis.
George Clooney/Matt Damon (US:2014)

Contact

A radio astronomer and an amateur radio operator discovers a signal from deep space containing blueprints for a transport device. All she needed was a bigger antenna.
Jodie Foster (US:1997)

The Fly

When a scientist tests his matter transporter on himself, an errant housefly makes its way into the transportation chamber, and things go horribly wrong.
David Hedison/Vincent Price (US:1958)

List courtesy of "Groundwave", Ottawa Amateur Radio Club newsletter. With additions by VA2NH.