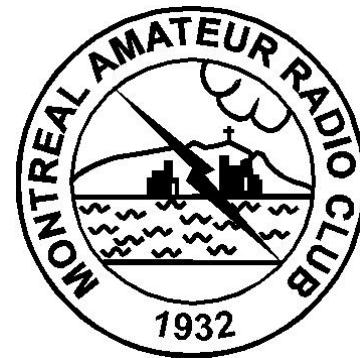


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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 22 February 2022 at 20:00 via ZOOM.

THIS MONTH:

Çağlar VA2AKG, μ Controller tuned MagLoop.

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://us06web.zoom.us/j/83309071097?pwd=ZmVWUjNyZkZ3ZVhNZjUxclRBNiRhZz09>

Meeting ID: 833 0907 1097 Passcode: 308989 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.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Spring is in the air, folks! The weather is not quite as harsh, and the pandemic restrictions appear to be gradually going away; although with what effect we don't know yet.

With any luck we might be able to hold our hamfest, now that we've found a good locale. We won't know until March-April whether we can congregate indoors, but we're planning ahead anyway.

The VE2RED net on Wednesday evenings at 20:00 EST continues, with interesting topics to discuss. The subject on 19 Jan concerned ham radio operations on Mars - with next to no ionosphere, how will MARC (Martian Amateur Radio Club) members communicate? This led to a lively discussion with lots of ideas.

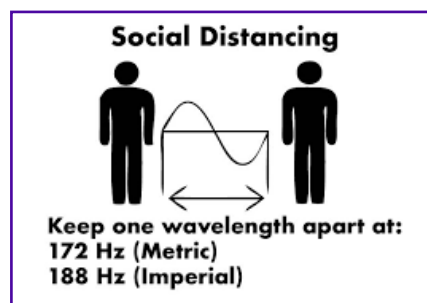
73 de Nora, VA2NH

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RAC Tribute

The RAC web page has put up a tribute to Jim Hay, VE2VE SK. Apparently news travels very slowly and RAC was unaware of the MARC loss of Jim. They are now on the mailing list for MARCOgram, our fine club publication.

The tribute is an edited text from our obituary, duly credited, and there will be a further article on Jim and his lengthy career in amateur radio, marine and security radio services in the March-April issue of The Canadian Amateur magazine.



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Repeaters

VE2BG 147.06 MHz (+) 103.5

Owned and operated by the Montreal Amateur Radio Club. Back on the air but still 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 in the meeting agenda.

Club Activities

Monthly Meetings are by ZOOM

(last Tuesday of the month)

February - Caglar VA2AKG, µController tuned MagLoop
 March - TBA
 April - TBA
 May - Show and Tell

Every Wednesday, @ 20:00 (00:00Z), go to the net on VE2RED.
 See page 3.

Radio Classes

A Basic level Course started 8 January, held via Zoom. If you know of anyone interested in taking the course, please direct them to <https://marc.ca/course/> for more information. Online registration is now closed until the next session.

MARC Hamfest

The 2022 MARC flea market is back!

We think we've found a good venue to hold the 2022 MARC hamfest. Mark the date: 16 April 2022. Research and negotiations are on-going but we still welcome other ideas as back-up. Please contact any of the board members if you have an idea.

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 email to qsl@marc.ca and we will add you to the list of cards that the incoming bureau sends to the club and we will get them to you somehow.

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. Due to COVID-19, SolderSpot is temporarily on hold. Other options are being considered.

This project is standing by due to COVID-19.



UPCOMING FLEAS/EVENTS

2022

What: NEAR-Fest XXX
Who: New England Amateur Festival, Inc.
When: Fri & Sat, 29 & 30 Apr, 2022
Where: Deerfield Fairgrounds
 Deerfield, NH

What: London Vintage Radio Club Flea Market
Who: London Vintage Radio Club
When: Saturday, 11 Jun, 2022
Where: Guelph, ON

What: Carp 24th Annual Hamfest
Who: Ottawa Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
When: Saturday, 10 Sep, 2022
Where: Carp Agricultural Fair Grounds,
 Carp, ON

2023

What: Iroquois ARC Fleamarket
Who: Iroquois Amateur Radio Club
When: Saturday, 1 Apr 2023
Where: Iroquois ON

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. If you have something to sell, or are looking to buy, feel free to mention it.

We have a few Net operators hosting it, but
we're looking for more net operators!

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.

Leo, VE2SI
leo49@videotron.ca

2021-12-29 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z
 Net control Leo, VE2ARC (VE2SI)
 Net closed: 20:59
 Check-ins: 10
 Discussion: What do you foresee as amateur radio activities in 2022?

2022-01-05 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z
 Net control Leo, VE2ARC (VE2SI)
 Net closed: 21:18
 Check-ins: 13
 Discussion: What's your long-time goal in amateur radio?

2022-01-12 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z
 Net control Leo, VE2ARC (VE2SI)
 Net closed: 20:46
 Check-ins: 6
 Discussion: What do you see that's wrong with amateur radio?

2022-01-19 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z
 Net control Leo VE2ARC (VE2SI)
 Net closed: 21:18
 Check-ins: 13
 Discussion: If Mars has no ionosphere, how will hams communicate?

2022-01-26 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z
 Net control Leo VE2ARC (VE2SI)
 Net closed: 21:10
 Check-ins: 11
 Discussion: As a group, are hams as normal as the general population, or not?

2022-02-02 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z
 Net control Leo, VE2ARC (VE2SI)
 Net closed: 20:40
 Check-ins: 5
 Discussion: Will the appearance of cheaper radios threaten the big 4 (Yaesu, Kenwood, iCom, Elecraft)?



2022 CHALLENGE!

Welcome to the Provincial [QSO Party Challenge](#).

The Club de Radio Amateur Outaouais (CRAO) wishes to stimulate participation in QSO Parties and promote friendly competition and camaraderie between clubs and regions of Quebec.

To achieve this goal, it is proud to launch the Provincial QSO Party Challenge, spread over the whole of 2022.

This is for Quebec fans to participate in the State QSO Party Challenge which consists of participating in the greatest number of QSO Parties out of the 45 offered by the Challenge.

The scores made are then submitted to the organizers of the respective QSO Parties at the close of each competition and

simultaneously recorded on <https://3830scores.com> by the participants. Submissions on 3830scores.com are added regularly to produce the overall States QSO Party score visible on SQP Summary.

The CRAO will filter this compilation throughout the year to extract a balance sheet specific to Quebec.

At the same time, we invite the amateur radio community of Quebec to take part in our Provincial QSO Challenge.

The date:

The Quebec QSO Party will be held on 17 April 2022, from 12:00 UTC to 20:00 UTC.

See [HERE](#) for the rules.

Thanks to James VE2KHC and Samuel VE2LJV for the information.

For Sale

Model FM-2016a/e 2meter transceiver
with power cord and DTMF microphone.

Great winter project for a new ham. Spec sheet. Asking \$15 or best offer.

email: samuel.galet@outlook.com, VE2LJV.

