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“CANADA DAY FIELD STATION - PINE BEACH PARK, DORVAL”

Tuesday 01 July 2003

Set-up at 13:00

Contest Operations and Public Safety Communications from 15:00

Fireworks about 22:00

Pine Beach Park - Arrondissement of Dorval

The MARC will be operating a Canada Field Station at Pine Beach Park in the Arrondissement of Dorval, (corner of Lakeshore Drive and Pine Beach Blvd.) as part of the local Canada Day festivities. The event provides an opportunity to have a demonstration station for public viewing, do some contest operating, and provide some public safety communications during a few of the festivities up until the conclusion of the fireworks display. Set-up starts at 13:00 and takedown will be in the evening after the fireworks. This is always a entertaining event and you will get to see a great fireworks display. Contact Jim Hay at 514-697-7205 for details and to confirm your participation.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello,

Well, judging by the weather as I'm writing this summer seems to have arrived. Our regular meeting season has now passed and I am pleased to note that meeting attendance has improved since our move to St. Ignatius Parish.

This year the club will not be participating in Field Day. After a discussion at our May meeting it was felt that members should participate in which ever of the various events in the area suited their

desires and availability. The club has a membership of disparate interests and from a wide geographic area and it is not possible to do everything.

There will be two equestrian events this year, one in Blainville on June 21 and another in St-Lazare in September. Ken Magee, VE2EXC, would be happy to hear from you if you might be able to assist at either event.

Canada Day in Dorval is also in the final stages of planning and all are welcome to come join

the festivities at the foot of Pine Beach Avenue in Dorval on July 1 (July 2 if it rains). We usually start setting up the station at 1300 with operation starting at 1500 and continuing until the fireworks at 2200. We can use some help for the set-up and to help man the tent as well as to assist with some safety related communications and assistance around the time of the fireworks and the boat race which is between 1800 and 1900. If you are able to come out please let me know. I hope to see you there.

I hope that you all enjoy a happy, safe and active summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September if I don't meet up with you before then.

73 de Jim, VE2VE
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As this is the last Marcogram before the summer let me wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you at the September meeting. I hope you are able to have radio active summer and are able to enjoy our hobby and hopefully that you will have opportunities to promote amateur radio during your activities.

73 de Craig, VE2YGK
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CONTEST CALENDAR

More on contests including full rules can be found on the Internet. Check:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>

This site has concise rules etc., for the current week's contests.

June 2003

ARRL June VHF QSO Party	1800Z Jun 14 - 0300Z Jun 16
All Asian DX Contest CW	0000Z Jun 21 - 2400Z Jun 22
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1600Z - 2100Z Jun 21
Kid's Day Contest	1800Z - 2400Z Jun 21
Marconi Memorial HF Contest	1400Z Jun 28 - 1400Z Jun 29
ARRL Field Day	1800Z Jun 28 - 2100Z Jun 29
QRP ARCI Milliwatt Field Day	1800Z Jun 28 - 2100Z Jun 29
His Maj. King of Spain Contest SSB	1800Z Jun 28 - 1800Z Jun 29

July 2003

RAC Canada Day Contest	0000Z - 2359Z Jul 1
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MI QRP July 4th CW Sprint	2300Z Jul 4 - 0300Z Jul 5
IARU HF World Championship	1200Z Jul 12 - 1200Z Jul 13
FISTS Summer Sprint	1700Z - 2100Z Jul 12
QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint	2000Z - 2400Z Jul 13
North American QSO Party RTTY	1800Z Jul 19 - 0600Z Jul 20
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	1800Z Jul 19 - 2100Z Jul 20
CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush	2000Z - 2200Z Jul 20
IOTA Contest	1200Z Jul 26 - 1200Z Jul 27

August 2003

10-10 Int. Summer Contest SSB	0001Z Aug 2 - 2400Z Aug 3
European HF Championship	1000Z - 2159Z Aug 2
North American QSO Party CW	1800Z Aug 2 - 0600Z Aug 3
ARRL UHF Contest	1800Z Aug 2 - 1800Z Aug 3
ARRL 10 GHz Cumulative Contest	0600 local - 2400 local Aug 16
	and 0600 local - 2400 local Aug 17
SEANET Contest CW/SSB/Digital	1200Z Aug 16 - 1200Z Aug 17
North American QSO Party SSB	1800Z Aug 16 - 0600Z Aug 17
ALARA Contest	0600Z Aug 23 - 1159Z Aug 24
TOEC WW Grid Contest CW	1200Z Aug 23 - 1200Z Aug 24
SCC RTTY Championship	1200Z Aug 23 - 1159Z Aug 24
NRRL 75th Anniversary Contest	1200Z Aug 23 - 1200Z Aug 24
SARL HF CW Contest	1300Z - 1600Z Aug 24

September 2003

MI QRP Labour Day CW Sprint	2300Z Sep 1 - 0300Z Sep 2
All Asian DX Contest SSB 0000Z	Sep 6 - 2400Z Sep 7
Quick PSK63 Contest	0000Z - 2359Z Sep 6
IARU Region 1 Field Day SSB	1300Z Sep 6 - 1300Z Sep 7
North American Sprint CW	0000Z - 0400Z Sep 7
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z - 1700Z Sep 7
YLRL Howdy Days	1400Z Sep 10 - 0200Z Sep 12
ARRL September VHF QSO Party	1800Z Sep 13 - 0300Z Sep 15
North American Sprint SSB	0000Z - 0400Z Sep 14
FISTS Coast to Coast Contest	0000Z - 2400Z Sep 14

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COMING EVENTS

For up to date Canadian Fleamarket listings, please check the Radio Amateurs of Canada site at:

<http://rac.eton.ca/>

or for up to date American listings, go to the American Radio Relay League Hamfest website at:

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfest.html>

2003 Hamfests

July 5 Milton ON
On Saturday, July 5, the Ontario Hamfest 2003 at the Milton Agricultural Fairgrounds, Milton. Times Inside Vendors: 07h00 - Robert Street Gate only - Tailgaters: 08h00 - Robert Street gate only

General Admission: 09h00 - Thomas St gate only.
General Admission - \$6.00 Inside Vendors - \$10.00 per table plus \$6.00 per person Tailgaters - \$5.00 tailgate permit (per space) + \$6.00 per person. Talk-in: 146.520

Simplex

Reservations: Mary McCully, VE3QLF at (905) 333-0826.

E-mail: ve3qlf@rac.ca

<http://www.barc.ca>

July 12

Thorold ON

On Saturday, July 12, the NPARC 1st Annual Tailgate Hamfest & Auction at Basil Reid Park, 699 Allanburg Road, Thorold, Ontario. Times: Gates open from 07h00 until 15h00 (3 pm) - Auction starts at 10h00. Cost: \$5 per person, under 16 free, 70 and over with both parents free

Talk-in: VE3NRS 147.240 (+)

Information/Reservations: Dave Wilson VE3BBN at (905)262-5588 or by email at ve3bbn@hotmail.com or John Boswell at (905)227-0155 or by email at va3xm@rac.ca

<http://www.qsl.net/ve3vm/tailgate.htm>

August 2

St. Romuald QC

On Saturday, August 2, the Hamfest 2003 (St. Romuald Hamfest) at the Arena St. Romuald, St. Romuald, QC

Vendors 06h00 - General Admission 09h00 - 15h00

Admission \$5.00 - Tables \$15.00 Talk-in: 145.450 (-)

Information/reservations: Pierre Racine,

ve2coh@sympatico.ca 418-527-8680

Serge Berube, ve2bpu@sympatico.ca

<http://www.aresqc.org>

August 2

Burlington VT

On Saturday, August 2, the Burlington (Vermont) 2003 Hamfest at the Essex Skating Rink at the Essex Skating Centre, Old Colchester Road. Times: Vendors 07h00 - Public 08h00 to 15h00 Admission \$5.00 (U.S.) Vendor Tables \$10 (US), VE Session at noon. Talk-in: 146.610 (-) Information: Renee Berteau, N1UXK via e-mail at nluxk@juno.com or Telephone at (802)-893-7660

Reservations: Sam Conant, N1PDL via e-mail at sconant@sover.net or Telephone at (802)-655-1664

<http://www.vtstetson.net/barcpage>

August 2

Westport ON

Westport Fleamarket at the Westport Legion Hall, County Rd 10 South, Westport, Ontario towards Kingston.

Vendors 08h00 Public 09h00 - 13h00 - Free Admission, Tables - 10.00\$ Tailgaters 5.00\$ (tailgaters provide their own tables if more than one vehicle and one table, \$3 for each additional table or vehicle). Talk-in: 146.520 Simplex Information: Telephone 613-283-9488 or via e-mail to jac@falls.igs.net or on the web at:

<http://www.perth.igs.net/~lcares/lnlares3.htm>

August 16

Burford ON

Brantford Amateur Radio Club Hamfest - Burford, Ontario Location: Burford Fair Grounds, Park Avenue, South of Highway 53 (County Road 253), Burford, Ontario Vendors at 07h30 and General Admission at 09h00 Closes at 15h00 (3 PM). Tables \$8.00 + \$5.00 Admission -

Tailgaters \$4.00 + \$5.00 Admission. General Admission 5.00\$ Talk-in: VE3TCR 147.150 (+). Information: Ken Dobson at 519-757-7291 or via e-mail at ken@dobson.com

<http://www.bfree.on.ca/comdir/alh/bramaradio/ve3ba.htm>

August 23

Manvers Township ON

The Victoria-Haliburton ARA Hamfest 2003 at the Manvers Arena, Manvers Township, Ont., Corner of Hwy. 35 & 7A (20 km south of Lindsay, Ontario and 35 km north of Newcastle, Ontario). Times: Vendors 07h00, Tailgaters and Public 09h00 to 15h00. Admission \$5.00 Vendor

Tables \$10 includes 1 admission, Tailgaters \$5 includes 1 admission. Talk-in: VE3LNZ 147.195 (+)

Information/Reservations: Don Hutton, VA3AFE via e-mail at donray@netcom.ca, Telephone at (705)-374-4154 or via mail to: VHARA Hamfest 2003, 74 Maple Avenue, R.R. #3, Kirkfield, Ontario, K0M 2B0

<http://yodeler.myftpsite.net/vhara/>

August 30

Carp ON

The Ottawa Amateur Radio Club 6th Annual Hamfest at the Carp Agricultural Fair Grounds, 3970 Carp Rd (at Falldown Lane), Carp, ON. Vendors - 08h00 Tailgaters - 09h00 General Public - 10h00 to 13h00 RAC Forum and Technology Update - 13h00 to 16h00. General Admission 5.00\$ Tables 10.00\$ plus admission Tailgaters 5.00\$ plus admission. Talk-in: VE2CRA 146.940 (-) - Also on APRS. Greg Danylchenko, VE3Ytz at (613) 236-9291 (H)

E-mail: fleamarket@oarc.net

<http://oarc.net/fleamarket>

September 6

Pointe Claire QC

The WIARC Hamfest and Auction at the Saint John Fisher Church, 120 Summerhill, Pointe-Claire, QC. Vendors 07h00, Public 09h00 to 15h00. Admission: Vendors Tables \$10.00 (includes 1 admission) Public \$5.00

Talk-in: VE2RWI 146.9 10 (-) For information/table reservations telephone Janusz Juryk at 450-659-5181 or via

E-mail at: ve2zhp@rac.ca

<http://shell.pubnix.net/~wiarc>

A reminder - if you have web access you can also check the list of hamfests on the club's web page at:

<http://www.marc.qc.ca/fest/festcal.html/>

73 de Vernon Erle Ikeda, VE2MBS

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FIELD DAY REMINDER

Field day is coming up quickly (14h00 EDT Saturday, June 29, to 14h00 EDT Sunday, June 30). The Montreal Amateur Radio Club will not be participating this year but there are other Field Day events going on locally. A few details are below:

Concordia University Amateur Radio Club
Location: Loyola Campus of Concordia University, 7141 Sherbrooke O.
Talk-in: VE2RCU 147.045+
Call: VE2CUA
Information: Steve VA2SMF va2smf@rac.ca

West Island Amateur Radio Club
Location: Memorial Park on Lakeshore Road in Beaconsfield
Talk-in: VE2RWI: 146.910 -
Call: VE2CWI
Information: Janusz ve2zhp@rac.ca

Covey Hill Amateur Radio Club
Location: Recreation Centre in Hemmingford, QC
Talk-in: VE2REX 146.685 -
Call: VE2CYH
Information: Jacques, ve2ct@rac.ca

73 de Vernon, VE2MBS

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APRS "TINY TRAK 3" GROUP BUILD

At the April meeting, I asked if there was interest in being part of a group build for the "Tiny Trak 3" APRS tracker. Here are the details:

WEB SITES:

<http://www.byonics.com/index.html>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/TinyTrak/>

COSTS: \$ 42.00 US, payable to Byonics.

LOCATION: TO BE DETERMINED

WHAT IS REQUIRED: 2 METER RADIO, INTERFACE CABLES, GPS UNIT

TIMEFRAME: 3 MEETINGS, SPACED OUT 1 OR 2

WEEKS.

CONTACT: John Grow VE2EQL jgrow@syrmpatico.ca
450-672-1545

73 de John Grow, VE2EQL

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RAQI COMMUNIQUÉS BULLETIN 2003-01 - MAY 28, 2003

The provincial association, Radio Amateur du Québec Inc. is pleased to announce the renewal in office of the directors whose positions were up for election this year.

* Yoland Audet, VE2DY
representing northwestern Québec

* James Hay, VE2VE,
representing Montréal

* Ghyslain Paradis, VE2FWZ,
representing eastern Québec

* Jean-Pierre Dumont, VA2JPY,
representing Laval-Laurentides

were re-elected without opposition for a term of 2 years.

At the Annual General Meeting held Saturday, May 25 in Sorel the board of directors of the association was presented to the delegates and is composed of:

Yoland Audet, VE2DY - President
Mario Bilodeau, VE2EKL - Vice-President
Marc Tardif, VA2MT - Treasurer
Marjolaine Vallée, VE2DOG - Secretary
James Hay, VE2VE - Director
Guy Richard, VE2XTD - Director
Gabriel Houle, VE2KGH - Director
Ghyslain Paradis, VE2FWZ - Director
Jean-Pierre Dumont, VA2JPY - Director

BULLETIN 2003-02 MAY 28, 2003

Radio Amateur du Québec Inc. (RAQI) is pleased to announce the launch of its new web site which can be consulted at:

<http://www.raqi.ca>

The new suite of pages is the result of 6 months of effort by a team of 7 volunteers who have devoted more than 1500 hours to this project. RAQI would like to thank webmaster James Hay, VE2VE, Project Advisors, Bobby Wait, VE2KBM, Alain Blanchette, VA2ABL and Vernon Ikeda, VE2MBS as well as the stagiaires Carole Benette, Don Mccracken and Martin Huneault for their efforts. The latter 3 are students in E-Commerce at John Abbott College.

The new RAQI web site includes three sections: one with general information; one reserved for members in good standing of RAQI and one for the presidents of member clubs of RAQI. The general information section lets Quebecers know about the world of amateur radio. This section also allows radio amateurs who are not members of RAQI information to entice them to join the provincial association.

The members section of the RAQI web site includes a multitude of information useful to active radio amateurs as well as some interesting means of exchange. Members will be able to upload information, in the form of articles, links, photos etc. to share with other members. The RAQI members section is interactive and members can also exchange among themselves as well as having an internal e-mail function within the members section.

Finally, the president's section permits the presidents of member clubs to exchange among themselves ideas and tool and other aids to help their daily tasks as club presidents.

We invite you to visit and get to know the RAQI web site.

BULLETIN 2003-03 MAY 28, 2003

At the annual general meeting of the provincial association Radio Amateur du Québec, Inc. (RAQI), delegates met and proceeded to the modification of the by-laws of the association with a view to permitting all members in good standing of RAQI, without exception, to attend general meetings, whether special or annual.

The complete text of the by-laws of the association can be found in the member's section of the new RAQI web site.

For several years only delegates appointed by local clubs have had the right to attend the annual general meeting of RAQI and this has been an irritant for a growing number of members. The board of directors along with the annual general meeting have opted for greater transparency and completely open democracy in the institutions of RAQI. All agree that this democratization will position your provincial association for the years to come.

For several years various changes to the by-laws have moved closer to this goal. The major revision in 1999 allowed each division within RAQI to elect a representative to the board of directors and gave the members of these divisions the possibility of having a direct impact on the future of their provincial association. Now, with these last changes to the by-laws members can say that they participate wholly and completely in the democratic running of RAQI,

their association.

All RAQI members are invited to follow in the bimonthly magazine and on the website in the member's section the activities and meetings of their provincial association.

For more information, contact:
Guy Lamoureux, VE2LGL
Directeur général
Radio Amateur du Québec Inc.
Tel: 514-252-3012
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Web Page: <http://www.raqi.ca>
E-mail: admin@raqi.ca

Les Communiqués de RAQI sont disponibles en français
au:

<http://www.raqi.ca/raqi/bulletins>

via Vernon Erle Ikeda - VE2MBS

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SCANNERS HEAR IT FIRST BY FREDERICK HART, VE2LSQ

Well here we are the last issue of this season and the beginning of the editorial summer break. Hope you are all out there getting an earful. It helps the soul to scan what we like to hear. Things around here are quiet for now I will be transferred to the Royal Victoria Hospital for my surgery (Still nervous as hell!) in two weeks so hopefully all will go well. Many thanks to the readership who have called, visited, and sent e-mails during this long but successful stay in room 173. It helped me through a lot.

As for monitoring the emergency frequencies It has been active but nothing in the way of major incidents. The Urgences Sante talk groups are very active I listen all day to SSIM / A-14 Urgences Sante / 10-54/02-084 and 10-58/02-090 also Dorval airport crash rescue 02-030. All in all I keep in touch with whatever goes on primarily in the western half of Montreal. From hearing the fire department call for an ambulance to an accident scene to the ambulance being dispatched to the conversation between the trauma room at either Sacre Coeur or Montreal General Hospitals... My ears are content.

With being in the wing I am situated in the hospital I am shaded from picking up the Clinton County New York emergency services on their trunking system. The paging freq. of 153.875 comes in like gangbusters but I have to go outside to get the 800 MHz stuff to follow up the calls on. I

am curious as to the reception I will get at the Vic (Intermod maybe?) High up on the mountain should get me some placement for good distant monitoring. Asking \$125. Call Leo, VE2SI / Nora, VE2HAX 514-489-0907 or email leo@physics.mcgill.ca

That's it for me this month...I hope that you have a fun and safe summer and that you get that earful to keep the sanity.

73's de Frederick, VE2LS and a Q.

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**COMMUNITY SUPPORT
BLAINVILLE CARRIAGE DRIVING EVENT
JUNE 21, 2003**

VE2LZR Communications Group

Hi All,

I have been asked like in the past to provide communications for the Blainville Driving Event to be held on Saturday June the 21st in Blainville at the Blainville Equestrian Centre which is located about ten minutes north-east of the junction of Autoroutes 15 and 640, It is very easy to get to and there is lots of parking on-site. A pre-Event breakfast is supplied for those hardy volunteers.

You need 2 Metre equipment that will work for about 8 to 10 hours minimum as there is no electricity available, so being portable and self sufficient is a must - Also this is event is rain or shine.....

So again let me know if you are available for that day, as usual its from 8:00 - 8:30 A.M. to about 4:30 P.M. For more information contact Ken Magee at ve2lzs@rac.ca

73 de Ken (VE2EXC) for the VE2LZR Group

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CLASSIFIED

DEADLINE for classified ads is the second Wednesday before the monthly meeting.

1) FOR SALE:

**KENWOOD 7950 2 MTR . MANUAL INCL. \$170.
DAIWA CROSS NEEDLE SWR METER FOR HF. \$ 75.** Call Bill, VE2QL 514-488-6870:

2) FOR SALE:

Hy-Gain TH-4, four element 20m/15m/10m yagi.



Ed Hill, VE2QE (SK), left and Lloyd Guenette, VE2KQ (SK), right on a hunting trip. Photo courtesy of and © Paul Mac MacDougall, VA2YQ.

LLOYD GUENETTE, VE2KQ, SK

I am sad to report the passing of Lloyd Guenette, VE2KQ, on Tuesday, June 10, 2003 at the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital in Cowansville, QC in his eighty-eighth year. While he had not been active in the affairs of the Montreal Amateur Radio Club recently, I am sure many of the old-timers will remember Lloyd.

Lloyd was for a number of years an Industrial Sales Rep for Payette Radio, servicing local broadcast stations. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and shared many a pleasant hour in the bush and around a warm fireside afterwards with his friends.

Lloyd was an active Ham Operator for many years and loved the technical side as well as operating. He had a perennial good humour and always had an amusing anecdote or joke ready to tell. In his late years ill health took it's toll and we lost a good friend and fellow Ham.

The funeral was held Friday June 13th in Cowansville. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the membership of the Montreal Amateur Radio Club, I would like to pass condolences to Lloyd's family.

Vernon, VE2MBS

with additional information and photo from Mac, VE2YQ

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