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Meeting - Wednesday 26 April 2006

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

(Please enter by the back door)



HOW DO WE CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL YEAR?

It is with deepest regrets that we have to announce the passing away of one of our radio amateur colleagues

Richard Nagy..

Richard, VE2BJS passed away in his sleep during the night of March 25-26, 2006 losing his struggle with ALS or Lou Gehrig's Disease. Many will remember Richard in the early morning on his way to work. A dedicated teacher, his students were all aware of amateur radio and before his illness he was an active participant in local amateur radio activities.

Memorial donations may be made to the ALS Society of Canada or a trust fund being established within the Pearson Educational Foundation.

Our sympathy is with Richard's family and many friends as he will be missed by us all.

A Word from The President

Hello,

Congratulations to the successful students in this year's Basic course. This was a particularly good group of students and I look forward to speaking with them all on the air. Hopefully we will have a few more persons join our ranks at the hamfest.

By the time you read this the hamfest will be upon us. I hope to see you there so tell all your friends to come out and find a few new treasures, see your friends and generally have a good time.

This year's St. Patrick's Parade, by all accounts, was a success and I expect that we will be participating again next year. Once again I received nothing but positive comments about our participation.

Since antennas are an important part of all of our stations this month's meeting should be of interest to us all as we head back to some basics.

73 de Jim.

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Repeaters

VE2BG 147.06 MHz (+)

Owned and operated by Montreal Amateur radio Club. Located on the Point Claire water tower.

VE2RED 147.27 MHz (+)

Owned and operated by the Montreal Amateur radio Club.

VE2RJS 449.975 MHz (-)

Owned by the Montreal Amateur Radio Club and operated by the Cote St. Luc Amateur radio Association.

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 Wednesday of the month (Sept. to June) at 7:30 PM at the Montreal Association for the Blind, 7000 Sherbrooke St. West.

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.

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| General Members... | ...\$23.00 |
| Associate Members | ...\$23.00 |
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| Family members (per family) | ...\$30.00 |

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James R. Hay, President

A Call for Jay

Good day all.

Summer is just around the corner and I'm sure some of you would love to spend a nice weekend or even just a day in the beautiful mountains of northern Vermont enjoying the scenery and, playing with your radios and helping out in an event.

This event is the Jay Challenge in Jay, Vermont.

The Jay Challenge is a three day event from Friday July 28th to Sunday July 30th 2006. This will be the third year that the M.A.R.C., along with members of other Clubs, cover this event.

The first day is a 26 miles boat race across Lake Memphremagog in the Eastern Townships from Magog to Newport Vermont.

The second day is a 30 miles cross-country Mountain Marathon to the top of JayPeak Vermont.

The third day is a 60 miles cross-country Mountain bike race to the top of JayPeak and around the area surrounding Jay.

What is expected from the Hams:

The Hams will be manning check points along with other volunteers, to pass traffic.

We will be operating on the JayPeek repeater for the event.

Anyone coming for 1, 2 or 3 days will be welcomed.

What is supplied to the Hams:

We will be lodged in comfortable accommodations for the duration of the event, starting the evening prior to the event.

I urge anyone interested in this event to visit the event website at

WWW.Jaychallenge.com

For all additional info or to volunteer please contact: Ray VA2RY at

va2ry@rac.ca

From the Editor's Desk

Spring at last!!!!



Well, seeing that it was me who gave the presentation at the March MARC meeting, I thought I should explain a little for those who were not in attendance.

The presentation was in two parts; *Part 1*, Three sets of slides were shown covering introduction, planning and post production (everything after the video-graphing). The aim of these slide presentations was to brief the audience on the requirements for the production of a documentary type video. Apart from the technical subjects (DV, camera, sound, etc.) important issues are:

- who is the target audience?
- what is the purpose of the video (information, training, promotional)?
- What is the method of delivery?

In the Part 2 of the presentation I showed two short video clips from material that had already been shot.



Don Dashney (VE3RM), wearing his 2002 International Contest T-shirt



Steven Faguy (VA2SMF) being interviewed during the 2005 Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

Several hams asked when the video would be completed. My response was, when I have sufficient suitable footage the completion date would then be predictable. I plan this summer to shoot some footage of a "round table" type interview with a group of young people. The aim being to obtain their views of amateur radio and would they consider it as a possible hobby.

My own belief is that young people are so inundated with technical gadgets that they may find our hobby - kinda boring. From my part, I feel that we need to emphasize not just the hobby aspect of using radio transmitters and receivers but the social and emergency uses of these facilities by radio amateurs. Canada is a country of volunteers and I hope this will help encourage some young people to join us.

Enough is enough, all of you have a great spring. That's it for now, your Ed....
rjcam the video-ham.

VA2RJC

Club Activities - Monthly Meetings

Club meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month. The meetings will be held in the Lounge which is the rearmost door on the South side of the unless we have reason to hold it in the Parish Hall which is the first door on the South side of the building. An informal flea-market and ragchew session starts at 19:30 with the formal meeting starting at 20:00. STM buses 51, 162, and 105 stop nearby.

26 April 2006

TBA

31 May 2006

Annual Show and Tell Meeting

Other Activities

Other club activities that are in the planning stage. The amateur radio fleamarket to be held on 22 April 2006. Now is the time to book your table.

2006 Hamfests

Montreal Amateur Radio Club 2006 Fleamarkets/Hamfests page 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>

Saturday, April 22

Montreal Hamfest and Fleamarket La-Salle (Montreal), Québec. Location: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 212 (La-

Salle), 7771 Bouvier, corner of Shevchenko. STM Bus 109 at the door. Vendors 08:00 Public 09:00 to 12:00. Admission - 4.00\$ Talk-in VE2RED 147.270 (+) - Information: James R. Hay, VE2VE - (514)-697-7205 E-mail: ve2arc@rac.ca. Web page: <http://www.marc.qc.ca/fest/fest.html>

Saturday, April 22

Durham Region Hamfest - Whitby, Ontario Location: Iroquois Park Arena - Victoria Street corner of Henry Street. Vendors 07:30 - Public 09:00 to 12:00 Admission 6.00\$ Tables: 25.00\$/50.00\$ - Hydro \$5.00 extra. Talk-in: 147.375 (+) VE3SPA Information/Reservations: Gary Heagle, VE3EPY at e-mail at: ve3epy@rac.ca Reservations by mail only. See web site for more information. Web Site: <http://drhamfest.tripod.com>

Sunday, April 30

Brandon Amateur Radio Club Mini-fest - Brandon, Manitoba. Location: Riverview Curling Club, 420 Maryland Avenue, Brandon, MB. Vendors - 11 ☐ General Admission 12:00 - Tables \$5.00 - General Admission \$2.00. Talk-in: VE4CTY 146.640 (-) Information - Dave Snyder, VE4XN at 204-728-2463 or via e-mail at: dsnydal@mts.net

Sunday, May 7

O.C.A.R.C. 2nd Annual Flea Market - Kelowna, British Columbia. Location: Ellison Heritage School Community Centre, 4411 Old Vernon Road, (East of the Kelowna Airport), Kelowna, B.C. Vendors 08:00, Public 09:00 Admission 2.00\$ Tables 10.00. Talk-in: 146.680 (-) Information: Keith Manhard, VE7KNG, 250-766-2179 or Carl Bertholm, VE7CLC 250-769-4184 E-mail: ve7kng@rac.ca Web page: <http://www.ocarc.ca/hamsale>

Saturday, May 13

22nd Annual Smiths Falls Amateur Radio Fleamarket - Smiths Falls, Ontario Location: Smiths Falls Youth Arena (behind 150 Elmsly Street North, Corner of Cornelia Street (County Road 43) and Elmsley Street) Smiths Falls, ON. Ven-

dors 07:00 Public 09:00 to noon Tables 10.00\$ General Admission 3.00\$. Talk-in: VE3RLR 147.210 (+) Table reservations/Information via The Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club Inc., c/o John Aikman VA3JHA, Secretary, RR 1, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0 E-mail: irmajohn@perth.igs.net. Web page: <http://www.falls.igs.net/~rlarc>

Saturday, May 13

Down East Fleamarket - Halifax, Nova Scotia Location: Halifax Forum Complex at the corner of Young and Windsor Streets. Time: Vendors at 06:30 and General Public at 09:00 - Tables: T.B.A. Vendors must reserve tables in advance - General Public: T.B.A. Talk-in: VE1PSR 147.270 (+) E-mail: Web Page: <http://www.halifax-arc.org/harcweb/Events/Fleamarket.html>

Saturday, May 27

Amherstburg Radio Club 2005 Fleamarket - Amherstburg, Ontario. Location: Kinsmen Scout Hall on the corner of Victoria and Simcoe Streets. Vendors 07:30 and the Public 09:00. Tables 5.00\$ General admission Free. Talk-in: 145.290 (-) VE3EXT and 146.520 simplex Information and Reservations: Carey Collard, VE3CFQ at 519-736-7694 e-mail ve3cfq@hotmail.com

Saturday, June 10

Central Ontario Fleamarket and Hamfest. - Fergus, Ontario. Location: Fergus & District Community Centre, 10 km north of Guelph off Highway 6. See www.hamfest.on.ca for a map. Vendors at 06:00, Tailgaters at 07:00 and the Public at 08:00 to 12:30. Admission \$6.00 -- Vendors - \$12.00 plus admission -- Tailgaters \$7.00 plus admission. Talk-in: 145.210 (-) VE3ZMG, switch to 146.520 simplex in theFergus.. E-mail: info@hamfest.on.ca Web page: <http://www.hamfest.on.ca>

Saturday, July 8

Ontario Hamfest 2006 - Milton Ontario.
 Location: Milton Agricultural Fair-
 grounds, Milton ON. Times Inside Ven-
 dors: 07h00 - Robert Street Gate only.
 Tailgaters:08h00 - Robert Street gate only
 - General Admission: 09h00 - Thomas St
 gate only. General Admission - 6.00\$ In-
 side Vendors - 10.00\$ per table plus

6.00\$ per person Tailgaters - 5.00\$ tail-
 gate permit (per space) + 6.00\$ per per-
 son. Talk-in: 146.520 Simplex. E-mail:
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 8534 Web Page:
<http://home.cogeco.ca/~barc>

Saturday, September 2

Ottawa Amateur Radio Club 10th Annual
 Hamfest. - Carp, Ontario. Location: Carp
 Agricultural Fair Grounds, 3970 Carp Rd
 (at Falldown Lane), Carp, ON. Vendors -
 08:00 Tailgaters - 08:00 General Public -
 10:00 to 13:00. Forum T.B.A. - 13:00
 General Admission 5.00\$ Tables 10.00\$
 plus admission Tailgaters 5.00\$ plus ad-
 mission. Talk-in: VE2CRA 146.940 (-)
 Greg Danylchenko, VE3Y TZ at (613)
 236-9291 (H) E-mail:
fleamarket@oarc.net Web Page:
<http://oarc.net/fleamarket>

Saturday, September 16

West Island Auction - Dollard des Or-
 meaux (Montreal), Quebec, Location:
 Karnak Shiners Hall, 3350 Boulevard des
 Sources, Dollard des Ormeaux, QC. Ven-
 dors - T.B.A - General Public T.B.A. -
 Auction General admission T.B.A. - Ta-
 bles T.B.A. Talk-in: VE2RWI 146.910 (-).
 Information: e-mail to ve2cwi@rac.ca
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*Submissions for entry into
 marcOgram*

*For submissions of text only it is preferable
 that you send as a ".txt" file, however, MS
 Word is acceptable.*

*For pictures please use "jpg" format with
 maximum size 400 x 240. Where possible
 use at least 240 dpi.*

*For clip art if possible use "gif".
 Maximum size 480 x 340 pix. This will give
 a picture size of approximately 8 Kb.*

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SMALL ADS

FOR SALE:

A HYGAIN ANTENNA "JUNIOR 10-15-
 20" IS AVAILABLE FROM MAB. THE AN-
 TENNA WOULD REQUIRE SOME
 WORK TO BRING IT BACK TO STAN-
 DARD. IF INTERESTED PLEASE CON-
 TACT EARL PARIS, VE2ESP, HOME
 514-524-4633, WORK, 514-489-8201
 LOCAL 1015.

For Sale:

Ve2CCF Carlo In Montreal
 450-622-6065

Mosley 3 element beam Ta-33 (10/15
 & 20 m) with balun, rotator
 & hygain control box excel-
 lent condition and 40 ft tubu-
 lar tower. \$475.00, Alpha
 delta dx-cc dipole 10-80 me-
 ters 1 year old. \$80.00,
 Bencher chrome/black
 morse key hardly used
 \$50.00.

St. Patrick's Day - 2006



Left to Right: Francois Daigneault, VE2AAY,
 Stan Paticic, VE2QXP, Jim Nagle, KF4OD



Left to Right: Frank Torontour, VE2TOR,
 Stan Paticic, VE2QXP, Jim Hay, VE2VE,
 Steven Faguy, VA2SMF, Raymond faguy,
 VA2RY, Vernon Ikeda, VE2MBS

Above Photo's by Ike Tamigian, VE2IKE

The 182nd edition of the Montreal St. Pat-
 rick's Day Parade headed down Sainte-
 Catherine Street and Amateur Radio op-
 erators from the Montreal Amateur Radio
 Club and the West Island Amateur Radio
 Club were part of the reason for the suc-
 cess of the parade. The following ama-
 teurs provided communications at the
 parade:

- Jim Nagle, KF4OD
- Steven Faguy, VA2SMF
- François Daigneault, VE2AAY
- Ike Tamigian, VE2IKE
- Stan Paticic, VE2QXP
- Raymond Faguy, VA2RY/VE2SJA
- Frank Torontour, VE2CII/VE2TOR

James Hay (VE2VE) and Vern Ikeda
 (VE2MBS) operated at the control station
 on both the leased commercial and ama-
 teur communications for the event.



Left-to-right: Claude Vadnais, Vernon Ikeda (VE2MBS/VE2QQ), Fred Boulos, Mike Kusalic, Suzanne Lafontaine, Michael Andronov, Sheldon Werner (VA2SH/AG4TG), James Hay (VE2VE)

Dateline: Saturday, April 8, 2006

This morning, six new Amateur radio operators joined our ranks. The following passed their exams administered by Sheldon Werner, VA2SH/AG4TG.

Congratulations to: Michael Andronov, Fred Boulos, Mike Kusalic, Suzanne Lafontaine, Jim Laverdiere, and Claude Vadnais.

Hope to speak to you on the air soon!

Many thanks to Steven Faguy, VA2SMF of the Concordia University Amateur Radio Club for getting us the room and to Sheldon Harvey, VE2SHW of Radio HF for providing us with the books for the course.

Also many thanks to Sheldon Werner for administering the exams this morning and to Ron Campbell, VA2RJC for coming to photograph this

session.

Photographs of this morning's exam session may be found at:

<http://www.hay-net.net/~ve2arc/hamradio/2006/20060408.html>

Course Coordinator - Vernon Ikeda VE2MBS/VE2QQ

Assistant Course Coordinator - James R. Hay VE2VE

A Thought for Our 75th Anniversary

We have several events throughout the year associated with amateur radio events.

Then end up with a "grand finale."

ACTION FROM MARCH MARC MEETING



John Grow (VE2EQL) demonstrating his latest QRP kit.



Alex Vekh (VE2VEH) demonstrating his FBK 2m/70cm portable coax antenna.

Above photo's by Joseph Glover

**Don't Forget
the
Montreal Hamfest and
Fleamarket**

Saturday, April 22

LaSalle (Montreal), Québec.

Location: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 212 (LaSalle), 7771 Bouvier, corner of Shevchenko. STM Bus 109 at the door.

Vendors: 08:00

Public: 09:00 to 12:00. Admission - 4.00\$

Talk-in VE2RED 147.270 (+) - Information: James R. Hay, VE2VE - (514)-697-7205 E-mail: ve2arc@rac.ca. Web page: <http://www.marc.qc.ca/fest/fest.html>



NORTH EASTERN QRP FORUM

JULY 7TH. TO JULY 9TH, 2006

Thomas Point Beach Camp Ground, Brunswick, Maine

www.thomaspointbeach.com

Lobstercon 2006

Planned Activities

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|----------------------------|--|
| Friday Evening: | No-Host Dinner, Seafood Restaurant "Cook's Lobster Pound" Maine's 1 st . Choice |
| Saturday Morning: | Walk-a-bout, meet your fellow QRP'ers. |
| Saturday Lunch: | BBQ Buffet. Hosted by Hendricks QRP Kits & Pacific Antenna's. Makers of QRP and associated radio kits. And the famous PAC-12 Portable HF Antenna. |
| Saturday Afternoon: | QRP Swap-fest, Giant Kite-Flying, Operating |
| Saturday Dinner: | Lobster Feast, Hosted by QRPme |
| Saturday Evening: | Prize raffles, Campfire, Chatting and Music |
| Sunday Morning: | Breakfast at May's Café. |
| Sunday Mid-morning: | More kite flying, Operating, and departure |
| Monday: | Many brave souls will only depart on Monday. Giving more time to operate, chat, etc. Please note, extra camping fees will apply for the extra night. |

Famous QRP'ers Attending:

Doug Hendricks, KI6DS, NORCAL
 Dave Benson, K1SWL, "Small
 Wonder Labs"
 Steve Weber, KD1JV "Kit
 Designer"
 Jim Kortge, K8IQY, "2N40 fame"
 Bill Noyce, AB1AV
 Jim Fitton, W1FMR
 Jim McElroy, NS1E
 Brian Riley, N1BQ of NVQS
 Dennis Marandos, K1LGQ,
 "New England QRP Club"
 Jim Cluett, W1PID
 Seab Lyon, AA1MY "Kite Flying"
 Jeff Hetherington, VA3JFF
 Mike Pechura, WA8BXN
 Greg O'Brien, NE1OB
 Jim Cummings, VE3XJ

COSTS: \$ 35.00 Per Person, USD, which includes, Saturday buffet lunch and Lobster supper & Lobstercon activities. Camping is \$ 20.00 night per family / \$ 10.00 per person. Day tripper entrance fee at campground is \$ 3.50

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UNIDEN, VALOR/PRO-AM,
WILSON, WORKMAN

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VALOR/PRO-AM, VAN GORDEN, WORKMAN

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