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Next meeting - Wednesday 30 April 2008

Ragchew and Fleamarket: 19:30, Club meeting: 20:00

Marconi Station YXQ, a presentation by Kieren O'Carroll, VR2XBM

St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish Church

4455 West Broadway (corner of Terrebonne) in N.D.G. - Montreal

(Please enter by the back door)



It looks like the MARC hamfest was a success and a fun place to be.

(See page 9 for more pictures taken by Vern Ikeda, VE2MBS)

**YES,
it's still our 75th
Anniversary Year**



A Word from The President

Hello,

There can be no doubt that spring is on its way! Not only have the snowbanks diminished in size but I have even seen the odd blade of grass.

More significantly for the club is that we have held our annual flea market and I wish to thank all of those who helped make it a success. Most important are those who came to meet friends and acquire new goodies. I did see a number of items going home with happy new owners. The vendors are also important and I received favourable comments from those to whom I spoke.

We were fortunate to have the local Kenwood distributor present. Digital Radio was a welcome addition and I also wish to thank them for the donation of two Kenwood baseball hats for door prizes.

While better weather is on its way we still have another meeting coming up and this will be another which I am particularly looking forward to as it relates to some of the pioneering history of radio and is particularly fitting as we are in the final stretch of our 75th. anniversary season.

Again thank you to all who helped make the flea market successful and I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

73 de Jim.

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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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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 building 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.

St. Patrick's Parade

The 2008 St. Patrick's Parade was its usual noisy-festive event however, this

75th Anniversary Fundraiser WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

In order for MARC to reach some of its goals, the BOD have decided to increase the advertising in the marcOgram newsletter. The rates are as follows:

Business card	\$ 5.00 per issue	Quarter page	\$ 7.00 per issue
Half page	\$12.00 per issue	Full page	\$20.00 per issue

The "Marcogram" from September to May, which is eight issues. This year we added June, which becomes a free month. So we actually publish nine issues. We have a list distribution of about 200 persons. A business card placed for 8 issues would only be \$ 40.00. We are asking for all members to try and contribute either via a donation, or asking a friend or family who has a business to place an ad.

year there was not a major Ham-team activity.

Jim Hay VE2VE and Vernon Ikeda, VE2MBS provided their usual communications control support with many thanks to Frank Toronto, VE2TOR and Steven Faguy, VA2SMF for their valuable assistance in providing required information.

From the Editor's Desk

First of all, congratulations to Barnaby - VA2DRB, Ray - VA2RAE, George - VE2NGH, Keevin - VA2KYH and Richard - VE2RLW on successfully passing the Basic Amateur Radio Exam and becoming licensed Amateur Radio Operators. The world of fun has just begun. If you want to try out some fun then here is something to take notice of:

ZCZC AG05
 QST de W1AW
 ARRL Bulletin 5 ARLB005
 From ARRL Headquarters
 Newington CT March 10, 2008
 To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB005
 ARLB005 W1AW 2008 Spring/
 Summer Operating Schedule

Morning Schedule:

Time	Mode	Days
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1300 UTC (9 AM ET)	CWs	Wed, Fri
1300 UTC (9 AM ET)	CWf	Tue, Thu

Afternoon/Evening Schedule:

2000 UTC (4 PM ET)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
2000 " "	CWs	Tue, Thu

2100 "	(5 PM ET)	CWb	Daily
2200 "	(6 PM ET)	RTTY	Daily
2300 "	(7 PM ET)	CWs	Mon, Wed, Fri
2300 "	"	CWf	Tue, Thu
0000 "	(8 PM ET)	CWb	Daily
0100 "	(9 PM ET)	RTTY	Daily
0145 "	(9:45 PM ET)	VOICE	Daily
0200 "	(10 PM ET)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
0200 "	"	CWs	Tue, Thu
0300 "	(11 PM ET)	CWb	Daily

Frequencies (MHz)

CW:	1.8175	3.5815	7.0475	14.0475
	18.0975	21.0675	28.0675	147.555
RTTY:	- 3.5975	7.095	14.095	
	18.1025	21.095	28.095	147.555
VOICE:	1.855	3.990	7.290	14.290
	18.160	21.390	28.590	147.555

Notes:

CWs = Morse Code practice (slow) = 5, 7.5, 10, 13 and 15 WPM
 CWf = Morse Code practice (fast) = 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 WPM

CWb = Morse Code Bulletins = 18 WPM

CW frequencies include code practices, Qualifying Runs and CW bulletins.

RTTY = Teleprinter Bulletins = BAUDOT (45.45 baud) and AMTOR-FEC (100 Baud). ASCII (110 Baud) is sent only as time allows.

That's it -

Your editor..

Rjcam the Video-n-Podcast Ham, VA2R

New Radio Amateurs

This is the list of new hams and their call-signs that passed on Saturday, April 5.

Barnaby James Astles, VA2DRB, Ray Campeau, VA2RAE, George Hedrei, VE2NGH, Keevin C Horne, VA2KYH, and Richard Lariviere, VE2RLW.

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

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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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Congratulations to the five new Amateurs - hope to hear you on the air soon!!!!



Exam Day

This is to let you know that Hong He, VA3HHE, XYL of Roberto Rodriguez, VE3ROR, now has her amateur license.

From the ARRL

Visit the Dayton Hamvention Web site:

<<http://www.hamvention.org/hv2008/tickets/tickets.html>> to buy tickets at the discounted rate. Hotel rooms are filling up, so don't think twice -- if you've always wanted to attend Hamvention and have never had the

Clement "Clem" Dulude, VE2MG/VE2KMX SK

Sadly we must report the sudden passing of Clem Dulude, VE2MG/VE2KMX, on April 7, 2008. Many will remember Clem from his presence on the local repeaters whether at home in Montreal or in Northern New York. Our thoughts go with his many friends and family who will miss him greatly.

Below is the announcement published in the Montreal Gazette.

"DULUDE, Clement G. Passed away suddenly on April 7, 2008. Cherished by Jean, his daughters Cathy, Lori (Louis Boivin), his sons Clement W., Michael, Ian, Russell, Dean, Kevin; his grandchildren MMatthew, Michelle, Christopher, Laura and Kevin, Meggin and Cheyanne. There will be a graveside service at the Ste-Famille de Boucherville Cemetery on April 11, 2008 at noon.

chance, make this year your year to go. Hotels in the Dayton area can be found at the Dayton Montgomery County Convention and Visitors Bureau Website

<<http://www.daytoncvb.com/accommodations/>>.

Keep updated with ARRL EXPO activities on the ARRL Web site

<<http://www.arrl.org/expo>>

WIAW TO CELEBRATE WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY AS NU1AW .

Each year on the anniversary of its founding, April 18, the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) marks World Amateur Radio Day

<<http://www.iaru.org/re1030418.html>>.

On this, the 83rd anniversary of its inaugural meeting in Paris, the IARU dedicates World Amateur Radio Day to the radio amateurs, educators and administrators who use Amateur Radio to support technology education in the classroom.

To call attention to the occasion in advance, ARRL staffers will be activating WIAW in the CQ WPX SSB Contest

<<http://www.cqwp.com>> this weekend (March 29-30) using the IARU club call sign NU1AW. By celebrating the event, staffers hope to provide an opportunity for hams worldwide to put NU1AW in their logs, chase the WPX award

<<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq/worldwidewpxawards.html>> and learn

about HF propagation as the world turns through day and night not once, but twice! Springtime propagation near the equinox is enhanced on the HF bands, even during the Solar Cycle minimum, so it's worth taking a listen even if the HF bands have been quiet lately.

This year's theme for World Amateur Radio Day is "Amateur Radio: A Foundation of Technical Knowledge." What better way to express the theme than by engaging in one of the largest international radiosporting events. ARRL Contest Branch Manager Sean Kutzko, KX9X, said, "If you haven't tried HF contesting or the WPX contest, the general format is to exchange a signal report (a simple '59' will do nicely) and a serial number (the number of the contact in the contest for you). The contest Web site spells out the way to compute your score, but the fun of this contest is to contact as many different prefixes as possible. For example, NU1AW counts as the NU1 prefix and KX9X counts as KX9. If you're new to HF, your prefix might be one sought after by those calling CQ! The WPX contest also features a 'Rookie' category for new radiosport folk, so be sure to send in your log as described by the rules -- it's easy!"

World Amateur Radio Day is also an opportunity for publicizing Amateur Radio to the interested public that may not be familiar with ham radio activities. Radiosport is an excellent way to introduce our service to

teachers and students, as well. Competitive activities are an important focus for students to take the opportunity to ask questions about how signals get "from here to there" while watching hams make rapid-fire contacts around the world or even making a contact or two themselves, Kutzko said.

2008-2009 ARRL REPEATER DIRECTORIES NOW SHIPPING

With more than 20,000 listings for VHF/UHF repeaters across the US and Canada, "The ARRL Repeater Directory 2008-2009" is a must have. Once again, the ARRL is offering two sizes of the "Repeater Directory" -- pocket size

<<http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=1271>> and desktop

<<http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=1298>>.

This year, not only is the pocket-sized Repeater Directory a half-inch larger than previous editions, it boasts a larger font size, making for easier reading. For the first time ever, this year's editions feature handy indexing tabs on the cover, easier to read listings and a "Key to Repeater Notes" located right up front in the Directory.

Order your copy of The ARRL Repeater Directory 2008-2009 today at the ARRL

Online Store

<<http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?category=What's%20New>>.

Hams Come to Rescue in Utah:

Eldon Kearl, K7OGM, of Fish Haven, Idaho, was driving in the Logan Canyon, Utah area last week when he came upon a driver who lost control of her truck in the snow. Her truck fell more than 100 feet over a cliff, and two of the three passengers were thrown from the truck.

Witnesses tried to call for help on their cell phones, but the closest cell coverage was more than a 30 minute drive away. Kearl, however, had a radio in his car and was able to get a hold of another ham, Roger Ellis, KE7HTE, of Logan, Utah. Kearl relayed to Ellis information about the accident scene and Ellis called 911. First responders were on the scene within half an hour. Although the driver and passengers in the truck suffered only minor injuries, a spokesman for the Utah Highway Patrol said that if Kearl and Ellis had not responded in getting help so quickly, the injuries could have been much worse. As Kearl said, "It all worked out pretty good." Kearl and Ellis have never met, but live relatively close to each other; they plan on meeting each other in person soon. -- Information provided by KSL-TV, Salt Lake City, Utah

Belgian Satellite to Feature D-STAR Technology:

Students at the Universite de Liege in Belgium have built OUFTI-1

<<http://www.leodium.ulg.ac.be/cmsms/>>, a new Amateur Radio CubeSat featuring D-STAR digital-communication protocol that is used for control and telemetry. Amateur Radio operators from all over the world are able to listen in on the ON0ULG D-STAR repeater on 70 cm

<<http://www.jfindu.net/dstarlh.aspx?rp=ON0ULG>>; 2 meters will be operational soon. The objective of this nanosatellite project is to provide hands-on experience to students in the design, construction and control of complete satellite systems, ultimately serving as the basis for a variety of space experiments. The first satellite in the series, OUFTI-1, is a CubeSat, a 10x10x10 cm cube weighing in at no more than one kilogram.

Information provided by the OUFTI Team

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New England Amateur Radio Festival - NEAR-Fest Hamfest and Flea-market

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May 2nd and 3rd, 2008

Location: Deerfield Fairgrounds, Deerfield, NH, USA GPS coordinates:
N42d 5m 57.4s W71d 14m 33.5s (Lat 43.099286 Lon -71.242663).

Talk-in on K1JEK/RPT 146.700 MHz (-600 PL 88.5).

Gates open Friday at 9:00 AM. Admission is \$10.00 per person (reduced to \$5.00 after 6:00 AM Saturday) and \$10.00 per vehicle into the flea market. (\$20.00 for self-propelled RVs, Motorhomes and large travel trailers). For directions and more info: <http://www.near-fest.com/>

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Emergency Preparedness Net

-This was forwarded to the the VE2ARC address from Mike Hickey, VE3IPC who is the RAC ARES District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) for Seaway/Capital District.

-- Beginning of Forwarded message --

Hello fellow ARES EC, and to fellow Amateurs,

I just learned that the Emergency Preparedness Net will take place on Sundays on ONTARS NET frequency of 3.755 MHz (Lower SSB) at 14h (2-PM), beginning this Sunday.

Please pass this info on to your group membership and to others whom you think might be interested as this is a good topic of discussion for everyone (ham and non-ham) regarding - personal preparedness for the home, different topic each Sunday I'm told.

You may also want to pass this on to your local AR club.

73 de Mike
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MARC Hamfest Door prize winners

The winners of door prizes today were:

- Radio HF Gift Certificate -
Miss Saint-Frere
- Radio HF Gift Certificate
Janunz Jarek, VE2ZHP
- Radio HF Gift Certificate -
Zyg Schipper, VA2ZS
- RAQI baseball cap -
Mario Torino, VE2TSM
- RAQI personalized shirt -
George Hedrei, VE2NGH
- Kenwood baseball cap -
John Grow, VE2EQL
- Kenwood baseball cap -

Emeril Lavertu, VE2JF

The grand prize was the 2008 ARRL Antenna Book and hard bound 2008 ARRL handbook which was won by Stan Patacic, VE2QXP.

Thanks to all of you for helping to make the day successful. I believe that Vern will be reporting that we had a surplus of just over \$500 and I think we can safely plan for next year. With improved publicity we should be able to draw a better crowd.

73 de Jim.

HF from Gibraltar

Hello Guys,

I am hoping to get authorization to operate HF from Gibraltar (ZB2) between May 9th 2008 and May 23rd 2008 under a still to be defined ZB2 call sign, all this is waiting final approval from Gibraltar authorities.

Will also be operating during that same period as VE2DX/EA7 from the Costa Del Sol region...

Please do look us up on DX clusters and also on our QRZ.com page where we will update the planning of the ZB2 and EA7 operations... feel free to pass along the info as needed to Hams in your area that may be interested in ZB2 (Gibraltar) operations.

We should be QRV mainly on 20M around 14.195Mhz between 12h00Z till 19h00Z if all goes well, these may change as plans come along... keep an eye on our QRZ.com page for VE2DX where all the info will be kept up to dated...

Finally please also note that during the month of April, we will be operating VX2DX for the 400th anniversary of Quebec City.


73

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Radio Amateur in Bagdad

Under Hussein, there was little freedom to 'ham.' Though the situation has improved, enthusiasts face suspicion from officials who fear insurgent activity.

By Ann M. Simmons, Los Angeles Times Staff Writer, January 14, 2008

BAGHDAD -- Whenever he gets a spare moment away from his electronics repair shop, Abdul Karim Hadi sneaks off to what he calls the "radio shack" in the corner of his bedroom, flips a switch and escapes to the outside world. Hadi could use the Internet or a cellphone to connect with friends near and far, but his choice is decidedly more retro.

"With ham radio, you can meet people around the world," said Hadi, 48, who has been "hamming" since 1978. "It's also a hobby you can do on your own. And once you have your own equipment, it's free." More important, at a time when most movie theaters and nightclubs are closed because of security concerns, "hamming" is a form of entertainment that can be pursued at home.

That wasn't always the case. Under Saddam Hussein's rule, ham radio enthusiasts had to report to government-sanctioned clubs, where minders listened in on their conversations. Since the dictator's ouster, they have faced suspicion from both U.S. troops and the Iraqi government that their transmissions are a tool of the insurgency. Since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003, fewer than 50 of 150 or so ham radio enthusiasts who operated primarily in Baghdad have returned to their stations, Hadi said. He is among a small group of people who are trying to revive interest in the hobby and keep it alive.

"Many hams have not returned, even though they have a license," Hadi said. "Some have traveled outside Iraq; others are afraid to use their wireless. They think they will face problems from the American soldiers or the Iraqi police. I am trying to tell everyone that the situation is better now."

Ham radio, also known as amateur radio, has been used both as recreation and a public service provider across the globe since at least the early 1900s. Operators typically use a transmitter and receiver to communicate with other enthusiasts in their home countries and abroad. They use various modes of transmission, including voice, Morse code and now personal computers.

Voice transmissions continue to be the most common in Iraq, say local operators, who must be licensed by their government and receive a unique "call sign," to identify themselves on the air. Hadi's call sign is YIIAK.

During the Hussein years, ham radio operators could not use their wireless equipment at home. "Saddam would hang you if you were found with a transmitter at home," recalled Hadi. "They thought you were a spy if you had an antenna."

As is the standard for ham radio operators worldwide, subjects such as politics, religion and business deals are off limits. But during the Hussein era, just hearing a voice coming over the airwaves from Europe, Asia, America and other countries in the Middle East made many Iraqi ham radio operators feel connected; and they considered themselves members of an exclusive club.

"We would talk about electronics, signal strengths, the weather forecast and personal details, such as your family," said Imad Yusef Dahi, 45, call sign YII EYT, a ham radio operator since 1992. He has managed to connect with hams in Germany, France, Russia and Egypt.

"It's a beautiful hobby," Dahi said. "You can communicate with people from all over the world. And you can talk as long as you want, for free."

And regardless of modern technology, Dahi and other hams said there was something special about being able to send their own signal into the air.

"It's a great feeling when you're using equipment that you've put together yourself," said Azhar, 40, a ham radio operator for 15 years, whose call-sign is YII FLY. He was reluctant to give his last name and was uneasy about giving details on his hobby for fear that he might say something that would get him into trouble.

Hadi understands why such concerns still exist, despite the supposed freedom since Hussein's ouster.

Some time after the 2003 invasion, U.S. soldiers came knocking at Hadi's door. They arrested him and confiscated his radio equipment, even though he had a valid license allowing him to own and use it.

He spent a week in jail while an investigation was conducted. He was freed "with an apology," he said, but it took more than a month to get his equipment back. Hadi suspects that someone keen "to take revenge" had fingered him as a possible militant, and had accused him of using the radio equipment for criminal purposes.

And for eight months last year, Iraqi officials suspended all amateur radio activity in the country, citing security concerns. They feared insurgents might be using ham radio, local operators



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said.

The irony was not lost on ham radio operators, who recalled that even though their transmissions were subject to eavesdropping by security agents under Hussein, it was rare for them to be taken off the air.

Hadi hopes that now that he is back on the air, he will be able to persuade others to follow. And the message of the electronics technician transmits loud and clear: "You can return to ham radio," he says. "I will even find a station for you."

Santa Claus Communications with the Montreal Shriners Hospital.

Every Christmas for many years now, my husband, Noble John Grow, VE2EQL, of the Karnak Shrine, organizes an Amateur Radio Communication link between Santa Claus at the North Pole and the children of the Shriners Hospital, Canadian Unit in Montreal, Quebec.

So, in the morning of December 12, 2007, our Santa Claus, Noble Jerry Stein, also known as "Ma-ger" the clown, is the first one to arrive. He is well known and appreciated by every one at the hospital. As my husband is a past Canadian Armed Forces member, with the 712e Communication Squadron; he includes young reservists from the Unit. Reservist Tarik El Qarmi and Shane Farr were this year's happy volunteers. My husband, John, provides the amateur radio equipment.

The North Pole station is set up in the cafeteria solatium area, away from any patient's prying eyes. The radios are installed and then testing is performed to insure a proper two-way communication contact. The second radio is set up in the Child Life Department. The moment comes to start the activities. With "Elf Tarik", I head on to the Child Life room, which is filled with waiting children. With anticipation, the children greeted us with smiles and sparkling eyes.

The activities start by a call to the Shriners Hospital from "RADIO SANTA NORTH POLE". After a few

repetitive tries, the hospital responds: "RADIO STATION SANTA, THIS IS THE SHRINERS HOSPITAL IN MONTREAL. ELF TARIK AT THE COMS", is responded, and so the link is established. Elf Shane, of the North Pole, provides a visual update of the activities at the North Pole, to the excited children..."Santa is busy exercising the reindeers, and will be on the air shortly...Weather conditions here are fair...and many transport planes are arriving with materials for the workshop", provides Elf Shane. By radio, from the cafeteria, Santa Claus transmits his joyful HO! HO! HO! Now it is his turn to talk to the children.

One child comes from Newfoundland! He has been waiting for a long time to be able to communicate with Santa who asks him if he has been a good boy? ...Of course! He is always a good boy and while his parents are listening attentively, he tells Santa of all the presents that he would like to receive for Christmas.

Then, it is the turn of a young girl from Ontario. Strangely though, as it may seem at first, she does not want to talk to Santa "Ma-ger", however, Santa engages her and asks her what she would like for Christmas? She responds with a puzzling answer: She does not want anything for herself but instead, if Santa would send a house for everyone of her family to live in at the same time, since they are poor. Taken aback by this request, Santa "Ma-ger" is stunned. Seeking divine inspiration, even for him, the seconds stretch, seemingly, into eternity...How would he keep the hope of this child alive? "GOOD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE" He replies kindly..."But for yourself, what would you like for Christmas?" The youth answers:"Anything would be just fine". Santa "Ma-ger", with a teary eye was moved by the child's request, thinking that if it would be answered, the family would finally be able to share a meal all together at the dining room table, especially for Christmas. The little boy from Newfoundland wants to talk to Santa again. He recounted his adventure of last evening at the Bell Center, the hockey game, his ride on the "zamboni"... Santa "Ma-ger" listens attentively.

As the day progressed, my helper "Elf Tarik" and I ventured to the Day Clinic. Santa "Ma-ger", continued to listen to the children's requests. At first, they are shy to speak in the microphone, but after a few words, they are comfortable...

So, we finished talking with all the children available, and then headed on to the solarium to join Santa "Ma-ger" and "Elf Shane". We exchanged our impressions of the day, as we are all happy with the experience. Santa "Ma-ger", our helpers Elf Tarik, Elf Shane and myself, completed a magical event for the children. It is richness for the Shriners community and for every one, to have volunteers to keep the children's heart, spontaneity and hope alive.

In December 2008, hopefully, we will meet again to bring happiness to awaiting children of the Montreal Shriners Hospital.

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INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY EVENT IS APRIL 26

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