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Next meeting - Wednesday 28, April 2010

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

Ignatius of Loyola Parish Church

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

(Please enter by the back door)

George Hedrei, VE2NGH and Malcolm Harper, VE2DDZ will be giving a presentation on Satellite Communications that they performed on Field Day 2009.



Hamfest 2010. Another successful year!

A Word from The President

Hello,

Spring is definitely here and we've had some very good weather. The good weather and the RAQI cabane à sucre may have kept a few people away from the flea market but we saw a lot of items leaving in the possession of their new owners. The day went well and we are already preparing for next year which is tentatively scheduled for April 9, 2011 pending confirmation of the reservation at the Legion.

Its been a while since we looked at satellite communications at a meeting so this month should be an interesting meeting. There have been many changes over the years in satellite communications and it is not as complex a topic as it once was. This should be an interesting meeting and I look forward to seeing you all there.

73 de Jim.

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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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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 stops at or near the door!

From the Editor's Desk

For the next three months, I will be having the privilege to be editing the MarcOgram while Ron, VA2RJC is on vocation. I am therefore relying on you for your input to our monthly publication.

If you have anything interesting or opinions of format, articles, etc... Please do not hesitate in contacting me with your thoughts.

Once again, I as the Assistant Editor of the MarcOgram, wish to thank all of you in advance for your help.

Ps. Vista, appreciates it too!

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Your assistant editor..
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SUPPORT FOR THE MARCOGRAM

The editorial staff of this illustrious monthly newsletter request the support of our hams. It's getting increasingly difficult to obtain material that's of interest to our membership and therefore provide something that you all look forward to read. We need activity news of our local radio amateurs, I'm sure we'd all like to know what your doing.

Please contact one of the following with your news items and don't forget to include pictures.

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MARC BOD at their February 2010 meeting

“Since the server is located at ARRL -- and uses the ARRL's Internet connection -- there may be an issue as to how many users can connect to W1AWBDCT via EchoLink. The current number of connections is set to 350. If the current system can properly handle these connections without adversely affecting the performance of the conference server, this number will be bumped up higher.” All users who connect to the conference server are muted. Please note that any questions or comments should not be sent via the “Text” window in EchoLink.

CRSA Requests Clear Frequencies Following Earthquake

The Chinese Radio Sports Association (CRSA) has requested that 7.050 and 7.060 MHz be kept clear to allow for emergency communications (at times when there might be propagation to the affected area) following the 7.1 earthquake in the Yu Shu District, Qinghai Province on April 13. A team of Chinese amateurs are already active in supporting the rescue and recovery efforts; on April 15, they flew to Qinghai to deliver communications equipment and provide communications support. Almost 1200 people are confirmed dead, at least are 10,000 injured and thousands of families are home-

less. According to The Daily DX, water, electricity and other infrastructures have been cut. At this time of year, temperatures in Yu Shu -- a high plateau area -- fall to -5 degrees Celsius at night, hampering rescue efforts and making the need for shelter important.

VE2BG On The Air

After Several Months of having a deaf ear! VE2BG is back on the air. George Hedrei, VE2NGH and Sheldon Werner VA2SH, went on a learning expedition to Don Dashney's VE3RM, place in L'Orignal, Ontario. With his help, expertise, and guidance, we proceeded to repair the Repeater. The radio itself had developed a whisker in one of the helical resonators and the Cavities had some minor repairs and to be re-tuned. Not to mention the GaAs-FET on the pre-amp failed and had to be replaced, but that is another story! All-in-all going to Don's place is an adventure in itself and for anyone who knows Don, he is an encyclopaedia of radio knowledge and has the patience to help anyone who needs him! Once again, thanks Don! We really appreciate it.

FROM THE ARRL

W1AW Offers Code Practice, Bulletins via EchoLink

Audio from W1AW's CW code practices and CW/digital bulletins is now available using EchoLink via the W1AW Conference Server “W1AWBDCT.” The 9:45 PM ET phone bulletin is currently unavailable via W1AWBDCT. The audio is sent in real-time and runs concurrently with W1AW's regular transmission schedule. According to W1AW Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, this server is currently at an experimental stage:

HamFest Pictures 2010



MARC HamFest 2010

The Annual MARC Hamfest was held on April 10, 2010 at the Royal Canadian Legion #212 (LaSalle). While attendance was down this year from previous years, it was a huge success. Many familiar faces were there and items were bought, sold, and swapped for other items. While no-one dared to get their ticket or to upgrade their existing ticket Sheldon, VA2SH was there to provide information to those who needed it.

Once again, we wish to thank all of our volunteers, vendors, sponsors, and the Legion. Most of all we wish to thank you for making it happen. We couldn't have done it without you!!!



Near-Fest VII

NEAR-Fest VII - April 30 - May 1, 2010, Deerfield NH

It doesn't feel as if we are more than three years beyond the end of the Hosstraders 'fest and the start of the NEAR-Fest. The first NEAR-Fest was quickly, but expertly, arranged by Mike Crestohl - W1RC/VE2XZ and a host of volunteers in a few months following the announced end of the Hosstraders hamfest. Hosstraders had moved around within New Hampshire, the NEAR-Fest brought everyone back to the Deerfield fairgrounds, so fondly remembered by anyone who had attended the fest at that location.

The NEAR-Fest is a two-day event that is held twice yearly, once in the spring and once in the autumn. It draws its attendance from the large northeastern U.S. amateur radio community plus many Canadians from the Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario who are interested in attending a hamfest and fleamarket that is far beyond anything we can muster here.

Fleamarket fare is as variable as is the weather. You never know what you'll find and runs the gamut from all variety of parts, to radios, antennas, test equipment and anything else that you might find in or around a ham shack.

Food is available on-site, one can camp at the site or stay at a motel in nearby Manchester.

This year's spring NEAR-Fest will be held Friday April 30th and Saturday May 1st, 2010. Further information can be found on the 'fest's Web site WWW.NEAR-FEST.COM.

Leo, VE2SI



Items for Sale

Kenwood R-5000 Receiver with manual
 Kenwood TS-510 Transceiver with Speaker & Power Supply, manual
 Kenwood TS-440 Transceiver with microphone, power cord, manual
 Kenwood PS-30 Power Supply
 Kenwood TS-950S Digital with microphone, manual & box
 Kenwood SP-950 Speaker with box
 Kenwood TM-D700 APRS 2/440 transceiver with box, manual, microphone.
 Kenwood VS-1 Voice Module
 Allied / Radio Shack SX-190 Shortwave Receiver with Matching Speaker with
 Radio Shack CB, 40 Channel, AM / SSB Base Station console with hand mic.
 Astatic D104 with Stand
 Johnson Match Box (300 Watts) Antenna Tuner for Coax / Balanced Line
 MFJ (300 Watts) Antenna Tuner for Coax / Balanced Line, model 945
 Radio Shack HR2600 - 10 meter Transceiver, complete with box
 Radio Shack HR2600 - 10 meter Transceiver, mic & power cord / manual.
 Radio Shack HTX-10 - 10 meter Transceiver, complete with box
 Cushcraft R-5 Vertical Antenna, 10, 12, 15, 17 & 20 meters
 Cushcraft R-6000 Vertical Antenna, 6, 10, 12, 15, 17 & 20 meters
 Sabtronics Frequency Counter, 110 Mhz

Boonton Model 91 Grid Dip Meter, with extra tube for remote head. Manual
 Yaesu FT1500 – 2 meter compact mobile radio, with box, manual, power cord
 Yaesu FT-817 QRP transceiver
 Mountain Expedition QRP pac for FT817 transceiver
 ICOM IC-703 QRP transceiver
 ICOM LC military style-pac
 ICOM seperation kit for above
 Heathkit HR-10B Receiver with manual / cystal calibrator included.
 Heathkit HR-10B Receiver with original manual / cystal calibrator included.
 Lowe SX-30 Shortwave Receiver with manual (Very Rare)

For more information, please contact John Grow at jgrow357@me.com

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