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## **“RADIO AMATEURS OF CANADA - REGULATORY CHANGES”**

Wednesday 25 September 2002

Ragchew and Fleamarket: 19:30

Club meeting: 20:00

Layton Hall at the Montreal Association for the Blind

7010 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal (bus routes 105 or 162)

The scheduled speaker(s) will be from Radio Amateurs of Canada and they will be giving us an update on recent band threats and also what our national organization does on our behalf. Please make an effort to attend and show your support for RAC and Amateur Radio in Canada. This should prove to be a very informative meeting.

### **A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hello,

September is here and once again the club is gearing up for another season. Once again the club has been invited to participate in the Family Day at CN's Taschereau yard. This is on September 22 and all MARC members and their families are invited to participate. Unfortunately this year's walk-a-thon for the Canadian Guide Dog School for the Blind has been cancelled as was the carriage driving event scheduled for later this month.

Late in August we were advised by St.

Thomas Church that the hall would not be available this year. This is the reason that we are meeting in Layton Hall at the MAB (7010 Sherbrooke St. W.) this month. The MAB does not want outside groups on a regular basis so we are still searching for a new meeting location for the remainder of the year. We hope to find a place in the same general area we have been meeting. Should you have any suggestions please let us know.

This month's meeting should be extremely interesting as representatives from Radio Amateurs of Canada will be speaking about various possible

Membership Renewal Reminder - Your membership renewal form is enclosed with this month's Marcogram. Now is the time to return your form and dues to show your support for M.A.R.C. and amateur radio. Thank-you.

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## *Club Activities*

### *Meetings*

- 25 September - Radio Amateurs of Canada will speak on regulatory changes affecting amateur radio.
- 30 October - Annual General Meeting
- 27 November - TBA
- 29 January 2003 - TBA

### *Radio Classes*

A basic level course is normally held in January each year.

### *Club 70th Anniversary Dinner*

The club will be having a dinner to mark the 70th anniversary of the Montreal Amateur Radio Club. The will be held on October 19, 7pm, at Antico Martini in NDG. See article and ad in this Marcogram for more details.

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Club Call Sign: VE2ARC

**Club Website: <http://www.marc.qc.ca>**

### Repeaters

VE2BG 147.06 MHz (+)  
 Owned and operated by the Montreal Amateur Radio Club. Located on the Pointe Claire water tower.

VE2RED 147.27 MHz (+)  
 Owned and operated by the Montreal Amateur Radio Club. Located near Decarie and Cote St. Luc Road.

VE2RJS 449.975 MHz (-)  
 Owned by the Montreal Amateur Radio Club and operated by the Cote St Luc Amateur Radio Association. Located near Decarie and Cote St. Luc Road.

The repeaters are open to all amateurs and VE2RED also offers a phone patch available to all amateurs during the day and evening.

### Meetings of the Board of Directors

Meetings of the Board of Directors are open to any member to attend. Board meetings are held 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.

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Montreal 911 Centre ..... 514-280-2121  
 Laval 911 Centre .....450-662-4240  
 Longueuil 911 Centre .....450-646-8570  
 Sûreté du Québec ..... 310-4141  
 Kahnawake Peace Keepers 450-632-6505

These numbers are for emergencies ONLY

regulatory changes which can be viewed as threats or opportunities for amateur radio. This should be a very worthwhile talk which will give us an insight into the future.

Finally the 70th. anniversary dinner is coming up on October 19th. at Antico Martini in NDG. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are planning to come and to arrange to pick up your tickets. We will also have them available at the meeting.

73 de Jim, VE2VE

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### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome back to another season of club meetings and activities. I hope you have all had a pleasant and enjoyable summer. While the weather is still good I hope you will be able to get your station tuned up before the winter comes and of course enjoy the last few hamfests of the season. This month's meeting looks to be most interesting meeting so make an effort to get out and attend the meeting.

Keep in mind that that we need to continue to promote our hobby, and so when the opportunity arises please remember to help spread the word. Perhaps you have a topic you could present to a club meeting, contribute an article to the Marcogram, or perhaps recruit a potential candidate to take a radio course. Perhaps you can contribute some time to some of the clubs activities, hamfest, or other communication events. Every contribution helps.

73 de Craig, VE2Y GK

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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.

### September 2002

ARRL 10 GHz Cumulative Contest	0600local - 2400local	Sep 21
	and 0600 local - 2400 local	Sep 22
SARL VHF/UHF Contest	1000Z	Sep 21 - 1000Z Sep 22
Scandinavian Activity Contest CW	1200Z	Sep 21- 1200Z Sep 22
Panama Anniversary Contest	1200Z - 2359Z	Sep 22
Fall QRP Homebrewer Sprint	0000Z - 0400Z	Sep 23
CQ/RJ Worldwide DX Contest RTTY	0000Z	Sep 28 - 2400Z Sep 29
Scandinavian Activity Contest SSB	1200Z	Sep 28-1200Z Sep 29
Texas QSO Party	1400Z	Sep 28 - 0200Z Sep 29
	and 1400Z - 2000Z	Sep 29
Louisiana QSO Party	1400Z	Sep 28 - 0200Z Sep 29
	and 1400Z - 2000Z	Sep 29
Alabama QSO Party	1800Z - 2400Z	Sep 28

### October 2002

TARA PSK31 Rumble	0000Z - 2400Z	Oct 5
Oceania DX Contest Phone	0800Z	Oct 5 - 0800Z Oct 6
EU Autumn Sprint SSB	1500Z - 1859Z	Oct 5
California QSO Party 1600Z	Oct 5 - 2200Z	Oct 6
RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest SSB	0700Z - 1900Z	Oct 6
YLR Anniversary Party CW	1400Z	Oct 9 - 0200Z Oct 11
10-10 Day Sprint	0001Z - 2400Z	Oct 10
Oceania DX Contest CW	0800Z	Oct 12 - 0800Z Oct 13
EU Autumn Sprint CW	1500Z - 1859Z	Oct 12
Pennsylvania QSO Party 1600Z	Oct 12 - 0500Z	Oct 13
	and 1300Z - 2200Z	Oct 13
Iberoamericano Contest	2000Z	Oct 12 - 2000Z Oct 13
North American Sprint RTTY	0000Z - 0400Z	Oct 13
YLR Anniversary Party SSB	1400Z	Oct 16 - 0200Z Oct 18
Worked All Germany Contest	1500Z	Oct 19 - 1459Z Oct 20
Asia-Pacific Sprint CW	0000Z - 0200Z	Oct 20
RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest CW	0700Z - 1900Z	Oct 20
Illinois QSO Party	1800Z	Oct 20 - 0200Z Oct 21
CQ Worldwide DX Contest SSB	0000Z	Oct 26 - 2400Z Oct 27
ARRL International EME Contest	0000Z	Oct 26 - 2400Z Oct 27
10-10 Int. Fall Contest CW	0001Z	Oct 26 - 2400Z Oct 27

### November 2002

Ukrainian DX Contest	1200Z	Nov 2 - 1200Z Nov 3
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest CW	2100Z	Nov 2 - 0300Z Nov 4
Japan Int. DX Contest Phone	2300Z	Nov 8 - 2300Z Nov 10
All Austrian 160-Meter Contest	1600Z	Nov 16 - 0700Z Nov 17
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest SSB	2100Z	Nov 16 - 0300Z Nov 18

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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>

### SEPT 22

### London

ON Sunday, September, 22 London Amateur Radio Club 25th Anniversary 2002 Fleamarket - London, Ontario  
Location: Western Fair Grounds, Special Events Building

- Vendors 07h30 - Public 09h00 to 13h00  
Admission: General Admission \$6.00 - Tables \$8.00 /  
Talk-in VA3LON 147.060 (+) ctss 114.8  
Information: Jeff Peacock, VE3IOS at 519-294-6623  
or via E-mail at: ve3ios@servers.ca Web page:

[http://www.larc.on.ca/flea\\_2002.htm](http://www.larc.on.ca/flea_2002.htm)

or

[http://www.boomspeed.com/dogxray/  
LARCHAMFEST2002.doc](http://www.boomspeed.com/dogxray/LARCHAMFEST2002.doc)

**SEPT 28 Drummondville QC**

14th Annual Hamfest Centre du Québec - Drummondville,  
Québec Saturday, September 28, the 14th Annual Hamfest  
Centre du Québec - Drummondville, Québec  
Location: College St. Bernard, 25 Avenue des Freres,  
Drummondville, QC.  
Web Page:

<http://www.9bit.qc.ca/~ve2crd/hamfest.html>

**OCT 19 Ancaster ON**

On Saturday, October 19 The Hamilton Amateur Radio  
Club Hamfest 2002 - Ancaster, Ontario  
Location: Merritt Hall (Ancaster Fair Grounds) on Highway  
53 between Southcote Road and Kittymurry Lane  
Vendors 07h00 - General Admission 09h00 / Tables -  
10.00\$ General Admission 5.00\$  
Talk-in: VE3NCF 146.760 (-)  
Reservations: Mardy (905)-648-0187 or via e-mail at  
meedson@cogeco.ca  
Web page:

[http://www.hwcn.org/Information/sports/leisure/radio/  
flea.html](http://www.hwcn.org/Information/sports/leisure/radio/flea.html)

**OCT 26 Longueuil QC**

Saturday, October 26 - Hamfest de Rive-sud de  
Montréal - Longueuil, Québec. Location: Place  
Desaulniers, 1023, Blvd Taschereau, Longueuil, QC  
Vendors 06h00 - General Admission 09h00 - 15h00  
Talk-in: VE2RSM 145.390 (-)  
E-mail: ve2clm@amsat.org  
Web page:

<http://www.cam.org/~ve2clm/hamfesta.htm>

**NOV 02 Markham ON**

On Saturday, November 2 the 6th Annual York Region  
Hamfest at the Markham Fairgrounds, McCowan Road at  
Elgin Mills Road East, Markham Ontario.

Vendors at 06h30 General Admission at 09h00  
Vendor Tables - see: <http://www.yrarc.on.ca/regform.htm>  
for more information.

Vendor Information: Tables are available by Mail only and  
payment must accompany your registration No bookings  
will be taken by E-Mail, Phone, over the air or via Packet.  
Tables will be reserved only if pre-payment is received.  
Talk-in: VE3YRA 145.350 (-)

Information/Reservations: The York Region Amateur Radio  
Club, P.O. Box 28590, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 6S6  
Web Page:

<http://www.yrarc.on.ca/fallfest.htm>

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/festcal.html>

73 de Vernon Erle Ikeda, VE2MBS  
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**MARC 70TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER**

The Montreal Amateur Radio Club is proud to  
announce that the speaker for the 70th Anniversary Dinner  
is Dr. John Belrose, VE2CV. Dr. Belrose will be giving  
an interesting technical talk on the first Trans-Atlantic  
Radio transmission by Guglielmo Marconi after the  
Dinner.

The 70th Anniversary will be held at Antico Martini  
which is located at 6450 Somerled in the Notre Dame de  
Grace district of Montreal. Tickets are \$35.00 and will be  
available starting at the MARC meeting on September 25,  
2002. The Antico Martini restaurant is located just east of  
Cavendish and is accessible from STM bus routes 102 and  
104 which both have stops at Cavendish and Somerled.

For more information or to reserve, you may contact  
James R. Hay at 514-697-7205 or via e-mail at  
ve2arc@rac.ca. Please note the deadline for purchase of  
tickets is October 12th, 2002. Arrangements for pickup of  
tickets may be made via the route above.

The menu and other information may be found at:



Jim Lyons, VE2DGS (left)(now VE2KN) is receiving the W-VE Cup from Eric Meth, VE2AS (now VE3EI). Photo from the collection of Jim Lyons, VE2KN.

<http://www.marc.qc.ca/32-02.html>

This page/information may also be found at:

<http://www.marc.qc.ca/news0228.html>

73 de Vernon Erle Ikeda, VE2MBS

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CK3 for VE3's, CJ3 for VA3's,  
 CK4 for VE4's, CJ4 for VA4's,  
 CK5 for VE5's, CJ5 for VA5's,  
 CK6 for VE6's, CJ6 for VA6's,  
 CK7 for VE7's, CJ7 for VA7's,  
 CK8 for VE8's, CK9 for VE9's,  
 CY1 for VO1's, CY2 for VO2's,  
 CZ0 for VY0's, CZ1 for VY1's,  
 CZ2 for VY2's.

This authority is valid from September 1st, to October 31, 2002.

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**RAC NEWS**

NEWS FROM RADIO AMATEURS OF CANADA  
 (RAC) BULLETIN 02-061E

September 1 to October 31, 2002

Authority has been granted by Industry Canada to use National Special Event Call Signs for the celebration of the of the 125th Anniversary of Japanese immigration to Canada.

Special Event Prefixes will be:

CK1 for VE1's, CJ1 for VA1's,  
 CK2 for VE2's, CJ2 for VA2's,

RAC NEWS BULLETIN 02-062E  
 LAST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Canadian radio amateurs are reminded that nominations for the two Radio Amateurs of Canada awards "Member of the Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame" and "RAC Amateur of the Year Award" must be received at RAC Headquarters by September 30, 2002.

The details and rules for nomination for both awards

are shown in the July/August issue of The Canadian Amateur and on the RAC web site. Neither the nominees nor nominators need be members of RAC, though these awards are two major examples of the benefits of RAC membership.

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**SCANNERS HEAR IT FIRST**  
**BY FREDERICK HART, VE2LSQ**



So I'll see you in September... So says the song lyrics, gee there you are, and here I am and its September so the song must be right. Hope you had a safe and earfullish summer. Not a lot of changes in the metro area for radio. Montreal Fire Department is progressively getting worse.

One good frequency that works in that system is 867.5125 MHz, fireground simplex, which carries for about a kilometre but if you're close enough to be there you won't have to worry about trunking systems walking over regular UHF systems.

At the moment east meets west 800 MHz trunking vs. UHF non-trunked. Together they create the entire island wide radio system. If the captain in 255 is giving a size-up in Pointe Claire and a lieutenant in the east end on the 800 MHz system decides he needs an inspector they both cancel each other out.

The most commonly used code on the system at the moment is "10-2 reception zero sur cinq". When they finally figure out what system is going to take over the entire island we should have a very good radio system. My hat's off to them for the moment at how they have this system held together with ribbon, bailing wire and bubblegum. (If it ain't fixed don't break it). As for the new trunk tracker scanner the BC-250XLT - sometime late fall still. The BC-245XLT will do you fine. I still have hopes

that EDACS will rule the world on this island.

Upper Richelieu Valley have been active this summer on 412.8125 MHz. The Centrale de Bromont has been kept busy. Several earfuls this summer that even mixed and matched mutual aid systems. 154.160, the South West Fire Mutual Aid Association, were also busy. I think somebody should get Gordie Furey, VE2FGL, some remote control planes. He seems to like to play with water bombers, having them in his territory recently again. Valleyfield had a party for many but couldn't hold a church service inside the church. Chateauguay all the way to Rigaud and everything in between as the alterboys apparently tried to light candles with a welder's torch. Whoever said lightning never strikes twice? This church burned down in 1933.

A tender was seen in the Gazette this summer for the City of Montreal - \$6.5 Million for radio communications - but for who? For the sewer rats, the fire hats, or the keystone cops? Don't know who its for but I guess we'll find out when we listen to it in the future. Oh Lord! Just what we need another Bell Mobility/Ericsson versus Motorola in the centre ring. Who said our hobby was boring?

Not much else to bring you. Hope to have more for you next month.

73 Fred and the cats.

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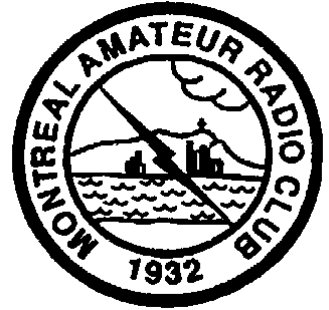
DEADLINE for classified ads is the second Wednesday before the monthly meeting.

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# Montreal Amateur Radio Club



**70th Anniversary Dinner**  
**Saturday, October 19, 2002**  
**Restaurant Antico Martini**  
**6450 Somerled, Montreal**



**Cash Bar at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM**  
**Tickets \$35.00 each available at the September meeting**  
**or by calling Jim Hay, VE2VE, at 514-697-7205 or**  
**ve2ve@rac.ca**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Montreal Amateur Radio Club, Inc. will be held on Wednesday, October 30th. at eight o'clock in the evening at a location to be announced.

The meeting is called to:

- Receive and if thought fit, approve the reports of the officers,
- Receive, and if thought fit, approve the report of the auditor,
- Elect a President and elect other executive positions for the ensuing year,
- Elect the remaining Board of Directors for the ensuing year,
- Transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Given at Montreal this 5th day of September, 2002.

(sgd) Sheldon Werner  
Sheldon Werner, VA2SH  
Secretary.

## SILENT KEY - EDMOND J. STILES, WA2JPM

Edmond J. Stiles, WA2JPM, "The Golden Voice of Morrisonville, N.Y. and The Champlain Valley" became a Silent Key on July 13, 2002.

Ed was a long time member of the Champlain Valley Amateur Radio Club, Digital Operators Emergency Radio Service and the Northern New York Amateur Radio Association.

Having been an Amateur for some 40 years Ed had many friends both in Canada as well as the States.

We all will miss Ed.

73 de Chuck KD2AJ

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