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## “RAC OPERATING MANUAL AND OTHER TOPICS”

Wednesday 29 September 1999

Ragchew and Fleamarket: 19:30

Club meeting: 20:00

St. Thomas Anglican Church, Corner Somerled and Rosedale  
(Please use side entrance off Rosedale)

The speaker at the September meeting will be Doug Leach, VE3XK. Doug is First Vice-President of Radio Amateurs of/de Canada (RAC). He was acting-President of RAC for about 6 months until the recent election of VE6AFO at the RAC AGM. He is the editor of the RAC Operating Manual which is a new publication (1998) and is a most useful source of information for Canadian Amateurs. (as opposed to the ARRL Operating Manual) He will base his talk on the book and since it is full of a wide variety of topics, all of which Doug has had to become familiar with, I'm sure that he will be able to answer queries on virtually any subject the meeting might have! Doug will also have a few other topics to bring up to stimulate some discussion and questions.

### A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello,

Well summer is drawing to a close and winter, if the weather ever returns to normal, will be coming in a few months. It has been a busy summer and many things have happened.

The VE2BG repeater has excellent coverage from its new home on the Pointe Claire water tower. The repeater has been working well in spite of a receiver failure on June 24th. Some adjustment to the squelch has meant that the repeater is now performing quite well.

During the early part of September some interference from a commercial source has been experienced and with the help of Vernon Ikeda, VE2MBS,

we have located the source and as I write this on September 16th the company is trying to minimize the use of their 49.22 MHz frequency, the third harmonic of which is 147.66 MHz. It appears that some of their radios are

producing stronger harmonics than they should. The crews will be working on the Hydro Quebec high tension line between Baie d'Urfe and Dollard des Ormeaux until some time in October. Hopefully we will have found a mutually workable solution to the problem before then.

As a result of the VE2BG move the club has undertaken to provide emergency communications to the City of Pointe Claire in times of emergency. On August 15th the City arranged an emergency exercise in which we were asked to participate. An account of this participation appears elsewhere in this issue. The "powers that be" in the City seem quite happy with our participation. This has shown us some practical problems which we are working

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## Repeaters

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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.

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.

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to resolve.

The Board of Directors has decided on a controller for VE2BG which will be ordered this fall once we have a bit more money in the bank. In the meantime Keith Daniels, VE2KXD, has volunteered to build a back-up controller which should be in service soon and which will be used should the new controller ever fail.

With this issue there is a proposal to amend the Club's bylaws to revise the election procedure for the Board of Directors. The Board will continue to have between eight and ten members but in addition to electing a President the membership will now elect the Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and the remaining directors. In this way the members will know, and have a say in, who occupies these offices. Also, we hope that it will mean that these offices will not go vacant as happened two years ago when we had no Secretary or this year when there is no Vice-President. If this proposal is passed at the Annual Meeting then it will be used at that meeting to elect the new board.

The Directors are also proposing a modification of the annual dues to increase the White Cane rate from \$10 to \$12 and the Family rate from \$28 to \$30. This change is intended to make these rate categories closer to the proportion of regular dues which they were a few years ago when the regular dues were \$15. It will not significantly alter the financial position of the club nor do we believe that it will adversely affect any of the members involved. We will be discussing this at the annual meeting and voting on it at that time.

There is finally a Canadian manual discussing Amateur Radio operation from a Canadian perspective. The author of that book, Doug Leach, VE3XK, will be our speaker this month and we will be giving away a copy of the book as our door prize. This promises to be an interesting meeting and I hope I'll see you all there. Don't forget to bring your annual dues since I know that Vernon will be anxious to receive your renewals.

73 de Jim.  
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### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome back to another season of club meetings. This month's meeting looks to be very interesting and informative. Take advantage of the good weather we've been having to make sure your station and equipment are ready for the winter months to come.

On a personal note I will not be continuing on as secretary this year. Changing schedules and responsibilities at work mean that for the time being I am

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Montreal 911 Centre	...	...	280-2121
Laval 911 Centre	...	...	662-4240
Longueuil 911 Centre	...	...	646-8570
Surete du Quebec	...	...	598-4242
Kahnawake Peace Keepers			632-6505

These numbers are for emergencies ONLY

unable to attend both board and regular meetings. I will continue for now as editor of the Marcogram. This means however that in some respects I will be out of the information loop. You can continue to reach by e-mail or reach me by phone. If necessary you can go through Jim or Vern to contact me as well.

Included in this month's Marcogram is a membership form. Please take the to return it as soon as possible. We have also included a form from the the Reseau d'Urgences to register you for emergency networks.

73 de Craig, VE2YGK  
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### CONTEST CALENDAR

Here are reminders of some contests coming up. Rules for these can be found in The Canadian Amateur, QST or CQ magazines or on the internet. If you need further information you can contact me at 613-675-4715 or e-mail: ve3rm@rac.ca

It is not necessary to be "in the contest" to work a contest station and not necessary to submit a log unless you want to see your results published. Please note that you may not be able to operate during all of the total hours of the contests listed below. Total operating time may also vary by entry category. See individual contest rules for allowed operating hours.

#### October, 1999

VK/ZL/Oceania Contest, Phone	1000Z Oct 2 - 1000Z Oct 3
California QSO Party	1600Z Oct 2 - 2200Z Oct 3
RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest, SSB	0700Z - 1900Z Oct 3
VK/ZL/Oceania Contest, CW	1000Z Oct 9 - 1000Z Oct 10
Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z Oct 9 - 0500Z Oct 10 and 1300Z - 2200Z Oct 10
10-10 Day Sprint	0001Z - 2400Z Oct 10
Worked All Germany Contest	1500Z Oct 16 - 1500Z Oct 17
RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest, CW	0700Z - 1900Z Oct 17
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z Oct 30-2400Z Oct 31
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW	0001Z Oct 30 - 2400Z Oct 31

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## MARC COMPUTER NET UPDATE

Ukrainian DX Contest	1200Z Nov 6 - 1200Z Nov 7
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	2100Z Nov 6-0300Z Nov 8
Japan Int. DX Contest, Phone	2300Z Nov 12 - 2300Z Nov 14
WAE DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z Nov 13 - 2400Z Nov 14
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	2100Z Nov20-0300Z Nov22
RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest, CW	2100Z Nov 20 - 0100Z Nov 21
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z Nov 27 - 2400Z Nov 28

73 de Don, VE3RM

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## COMING EVENTS

**OCT 2**

**WEST ISLAND**

WIARC Auction and Fleamarket - Saturday Oct 2 at Emmanuel Christian School, 4968 St-Jean Boul North, DDO. Vendors 7:30, Public 8:30, Auction at 9:30. Adm \$5, free under 12. Tables \$15 includes one admn. For table reservations call Reg, VE2AYU 697-3660 or Jeff, VE2TBH 424-6316 or e-mail: ve2cwi@rac.ca Talk-in 146.91(-) and 443.050(+). web site: www.pubnix.net/wiarc

**OCT 23**

**ST-PHILLIPE**

Brownsburg ARC's Spaghetti Supper is Saturday, October 23, at Club Sportive St Philippe, 416 Route 148, St Philippe, QC. Supper: 6:00 PM (Desert, Tea, Coffee), followed by an evening of dancing. Tickets \$7.00 Info: Serge VE2LAC on 146.805(-) or Tel: 450-533-6645 - E-mail: ve2lac@aiservice.com

**OCT 23**

**LONGUEIL**

Hamfest Rive-Sud Saturday 23 October, at Place Desaulniers, 1023 Boul. Taschereau, Longueil , 6:00am (Vendors). 9:00am (Public) , Adm \$5.00, Tables \$10.00, Talk-in on VE2RSM 145.390 (-). Contact (regular mail): C.R.A.R.S.M. A/S Mme Micheline Simard, VE2XW Hamfest Rive-Sud 1999, C.P. 92007, Place Portobello, 7400 Taschereau, Brossard, QC, J4W 3K8

**OCT 30**

**MARKHAM**

York Region Hamfest (formerly Newmarket Hamfest) on Saturday, October 30, 1999. 9 AM. Markham Fairgrounds, McCowan Rd at Elgin Mills Rd Markham ON. Adm \$5 Talk-in VE3YRA 145.350(-). Info: yarc\_hamfest@hotmail.com web site: www.openstore/ve3yra.htm

73 de Don , VE3RM

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More often than Vern announces his exact location on the repeater, people seem to be discussing computers on the radio. Wouldn't it be nice if we could just gather everyone together and discuss everything as a group? This, as you would expect, leads me to the Montreal Amateur Radio Club Computer Net.

Those of you who have been reading this bulletin for the past few months should know by now that the net meets every Thursday evening at 8pm on VE2RED to discuss computer news, computer problems, computer humour, computer web sites and computer addiction. In other words, everything about computers is fair game here.

Well a lot has happened since the net started. We've completed over 25 nets so far and we seem to have settled into some sort of general format. First comes the latest internet news, followed by favorite web sites and anything else that comes up that week. We have a good number of check ins, but we can always use more, and at least one regular content provider (Vern VE2MBS with his Web Site of the Week). Special thanks to Jim VE2VE, Frank VE2TOR, Vern VE2MBS, Ken VE2EXC, Greg VE2JGS and all of the people who have checked in so far and contributed information. Unfortunately with the school year starting up again I don't have as much free time as I did during the summer to find stuff for this net, so I'll ask for your help. If you have anything related to computers (it doesn't necessarily have to be amateur radio related), favorite web sites, questions, comments, or just want to argue Linux vs Windows with everyone, then stop by and check in.



73 de Steven, VA2SMF

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## RECAP OF EQUESTRIAN EVENTS ORGANIZED BY VE2EXC

Many thanks to the following Montreal Amateur Radio Club members for showing up at the following events organized by Ken Magee, VE2EXC. The Can-Am 99 Carriage Driving Trials, St Lazare Cyclo Tour, Harmony Horse Trials, St. Lazare Challenge and the Sandridge Marathon Driving Competition.

Many thanks to these M.A.R.C. members, Raymond Faguy, VE2SJA, Steven Faguy, VA2SMF, Paul



RAC wishes to thank Norm Waltho - VE6VW for his years of dedicated service to his fellow radio amateurs. Effective immediately, RAC members wishing to use the RAC Outgoing QSL Bureau service should send their properly sorted and packaged cards to:

RAC Outgoing QSL Bureau  
 Nenad Stevanovic - VE3EXY  
 PO Box 11156 - Station H  
 Nepean, ON K2H 7T9

Users are reminded of bureau procedures published in the Jan-Feb 1999 issue of The Canadian Amateur, or visit this web site:

<http://www.rac.ca/qs11.htm>

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**Approval of Ten Metres with 5 wpm anticipated Sept 11**

Industry Canada has advised RAC that a Canada Gazette Part II Notice to be issued in the Canada Gazette on Saturday, 11 September, 1999 will grant approval for Amateur Radio Certificate holders with both Basic and 5 WPM Qualifications to operate on 10 Metres. The Notice will include the necessary amendment to RIC-2 and the authorization is to be effective 11 September.

**\*\*Amateurs with Basic + 5 WPM qualifications should check the Notice on the Industry Canada web site at <http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/spectrum> before operating.\*\***

This approval is the culmination of an initiative by RAC in response to requests to RAC Directors by amateurs across Canada. The approval follows extensive RAC/Industry Canada direct discussions, discussions in CARAB meetings, and public consultation by Industry Canada. The 56 responses received from the public consultation were overwhelmingly supportive of the initiative.

RAC appreciates the efforts by Industry Canada to accommodate this expansion of operating privileges. RAC also thanks all those individuals, clubs and organizations who contributed to the review.

Industry Canada has the official notice from the Canada Gazette available at the following web site:

<http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/SSG/sf01896e.html>

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Johnstone, VE2WED, James R. Hay, VE2VE, Vernon Erle Ikeda, VE2MBS, Mark Macpherson, VE2JT, Ken Magee, VE2EXC, Gillian Magee, VE2EXX, Frank Torontour, VE2TOR, Shirley Watson, VE2SLO and Bob Watson, VE2WRE for attending the events.

Also thanks to the other amateur participants, Carole Albert, VA2MOO, Scott and Ryan West (sons of VA2MOO/VE2WRJ), Garry Bickes, VA2GLB, Jennie Bickes, VA2SEY, Jacques Boucher, VE2CT, Margaret Dawson, VE2DXA, Mike Johl, VE3AET, Don Kinnear, VA2DJK, Jim Low, VE2PI, Jim Lyons, VE2KN, Mel Martin, VE2DC, David Melanson, VE2MPD, Adrien Michaud, VE2DEA, Geoff Owens, VE2OGJ, Thomas Ryan, VE2EIR, Shirley Ovans, VE2SMO, Croydon Snowdon, VA2CLS, Rob West, VE2WRJ, and my father, Howard Ikeda.

On behalf of the Montreal ARC, I would like to thank the organizers of the Cyclo-tour St. Lazare for their donation of \$50.00 and Mr. Don Martz of St. Justine de Newton for a donation of \$150.00. Mr. Martz is the owner of the Windedge Farms and organizer of the CAN-AM 1999 event.

Special thanks also to Ken Magee for his fine work in organizing the above events and the rest of the crew for making each of these events as successful as they are.

73 de Vernon Erle Ikeda, VE2MBS

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**RAC NEWS**

**RAC Outgoing QSL Bureau moved**

The RAC Outgoing QSL Bureau has now been relocated from Morinville, AB. On behalf of the many bureau users

## **RAC Activates Official Observer Program**

At the annual Board meeting in May, the RAC Board of Directors approved the activation of an Official Observer program.

Governmental belt-tightening does not and will not provide Industry Canada with the necessary resources to extensively monitor the amateur radio bands. Moreover, changes in license structure have already caused a large influx of new operators into the Amateur Radio Service, creating an even greater need for monitoring of amateur band activity. This new program was developed to encourage the traditional high standards on the amateur radio bands. In contrast to the ARRL program, which is operated as an auxiliary to the Federal Communications Commission, the new RAC Official Observer program, has been developed entirely independent of government. To be viable and effective, it will avoid any appearance of enforcement. The task is not to find fault, but to identify cause and effect, and to find ways to achieve solutions. It must also avoid the appearance of having a vested interest in any type of operations or of being highly sympathetic to groups that advocate specific activities or causes. A thorough knowledge of the Radiocommunication Regulations and the Radiocommunication Information Circulars (RICs) is a necessity in performing OO functions. The recipient of an Advisory Notice will expect absolute accuracy. Preserving the integrity of the OO program demands that the OO be correct. Advisory Notices also are to be the result of detached objective monitoring in which the Official Observer is not otherwise personally involved. Official Observers will not be sending a notice to someone interfering with them or a net or repeater in which they are operating

The Official Observer will actively look for and report on stations that have unusually good signals or operating procedures, and which set an example for the rest of the community by displaying the best that Amateur Radio has to offer. At least 70% of notices sent every month by new Official Observers, will be Good Operator Notices.

The OO also notes troubling operating practices or technical difficulties by a few amateurs. It is quite common for an amateur to be unaware of a harmonic or spurious signal strong enough to be heard in distant places, sometimes outside the amateur bands. Even experienced Advanced Qualification holders, especially those running high power, or involved in control operations, are not

immune to excessive harmonic radiation. The operator of a station with key clicks or chirp on his CW signals may be unaware that they exist. Broad signals, with by-products of splatter and distortion, are frequent on the phone bands, while FM signals are prone to over-deviation. These technical difficulties are subject to OO Advisory Notice. However, key clicks and phone splatter can also result from receiver overload due to extremely strong or local signals. Consequently, the OO must make sure that any noted discrepancy is not the result of deficiencies in their own receiver or careless monitoring practice.

We hope that many RAC members will be recipients of Good Operator Notices in the near future. But, if you receive an Advisory Notice, citing some deficiency in signal quality or operating practice, please understand that it is natural to feel defensive. Just remember that the Official Observer is trying to do a good job in service to his/her fellow radio amateurs, especially you. He/she (1) is simply reporting a condition relating to your radio signal (or of someone using your call sign); and (2) is not attacking you personally. You need not reply; the OO has completed his/her task by simply alerting you.

In spite of the potential for the new OO program to make the amateur radio bands a better place for all to operate, it will not cure all the ills of our fraternity or society. Certain cases of malicious interference and harassment are prevalent on repeaters in some parts of the country. The OO program objective is to reinforce good operating habits. Punishing bad operating habits is the task of enforcement by Industry Canada.

All Official Observer appointments will be made by the Section Manager or the SM's designee, the Official Observer Coordinator. Initially, the program will be limited to one or two Official Observers per RAC Section. Not everyone is suited for Official Observer activity. While others are busy rag-chewing or working a rare DX station, Official Observers may be performing functions vital to the future of Amateur Radio, and dedicated to a mission of help and fraternalism. The OO must not only be well qualified, but must also be capable of exercising good judgment, tact and diplomacy. There is no place in the OO program for amateurs with uncontrollable prejudices or patronizing attitudes. The Section Manager or OO Coordinator may decertify any OO who fails, in their opinion, to maintain the high standards of the OO program. If the OO program is right for you, and you are willing, Canadian amateur radio needs your services. Please contact your Section Manager for an application.

Doug Leach - VE3XK, First Vice President, RAC

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The above information was taken from the RAC web site at <http://www.rac.ca>

If you are not yet a member of the RAC why not join. Information and a membership form is available on line at

<http://www.rac.ca/apply>

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## **POINTE CLAIRE (QUEBEC) EMERGENCY EXERCISE 15-AUGUST-1999**



On the morning of Sunday, August 15, 1999, an emergency exercise was held in Pointe Claire, Quebec. I did have prior knowledge of the exercise but was asked to keep it quiet so as to ensure we would be able to test the ability of amateurs to respond to an actual emergency.

The scenario involved a truck carrying 22,000 litres of liquid oxygen accidentally backing into hydro pole in the rear of the Lakeshore General Hospital and causing the transformer mounted on the pole to start arcing. For those who may not know, the Lakeshore General Hospital is the Regional Hospital for the West Island of Montreal and the northeastern part of Vaudreuil-Soulanges county.

The exercise started at 07:00 EDT (11:00 UTC) with the Pointe Claire fire department dispatching men and equipment to the hospital at around 07:03 after receiving the initial call. Jim Hay, VE2VE and Fred Hart, VE2LSQ had been monitoring the Fire Department

frequency (412.1875 MHz) since 06:40 or so, waiting for the first call to go through. The municipal emergency plan was put into effect at 07:20 but Jim was not contacted until 08:04. Jim then advised both me and Fred via the radio that the emergency plan had been put into effect and that amateurs were required at the Hospital, John Rennie High School and the Pointe Claire City Hall. Fred immediately telephoned Raymond Faguy, VE2SJA and Stan Patatic, VE2QXP. Larry Dolan, VE2ICF was dispatched by Fred to the John Rennie High School.

Jim left home around 08:15 but before leaving, he put Fred in charge of phoning people and coordinating duty assignments. Jim arrived at the City Hall at around 08:20 and had the first station on-air. By 08:27 all three stations were up and running. All stations had two operators by 08:45 though the hospital station had two operators first because Raymond, VE2SJA had brought along his son, Steven, VA2SMF. I met Jim at the City Hall at 08:45 and I was more or less put in charge of watching the radio. There was a visit by the West Island ARC EC, James Keep, VE2KHC to the Primary Evacuation Centre at John Rennie High School during the exercise. While all of this was going on, Fred Hart called other amateurs in the area to ask them if they could remain on standby for the duration of the exercise because there was a possibility of amateurs being required at the Staging Centre at St. Thomas High School.

The exercise lasted until 10:15 when the all clear was given by the Fire Department. We then proceeded to shutdown the three stations and by 10:30 all the amateur radio operators headed over to John Rennie High School for a light buffet breakfast at the school cafeteria.

Note from Jim: This was provided to the city for those involved in the exercise and was actually part of the preparation - the evacuees have to be fed!

Many thanks to those who responded to those early morning phone calls. Thanks also to Ray, Steven, Larry, Stan, James (VE2KHC), J-Francois and everyone else who helped out either by standing by or checking in on the net. A special thanks goes out to Fred Hart, VE2LSQ for being both the Phone Coordinator and Net Control Station.

### **Notes:**

City Hall: Call sign Used: VE2ARC James R. Hay, VE2VE - Vernon Ikeda, VE2MBS

Lakeshore General Hospital: Raymond Faguy, VE2SJA - Steven Faguy, VA2SMF

John Rennie High School Larry Dolan, VE2ICF - Stan Patacic, VE2QXP  
Phone Coordinator: Fred Hart, VE2LSQ  
Amateur operators called for standby duty: Ken Magee, VE2EXC, Gillian Magee, VE2EXX, Jean Francois Gagnon, VE2TBH, James Keep, VE2KHC, Paul Johnstone, VE2WED, Greg Steinstra, VE2JGS.  
Net check-ins: Jean-Francois Gagnon, VE2TBH, James Keep, VE2KHC, Sheldon Harvey, VE2SHW, Greg Steinstra, VE2JGS, Ken Magee, VE2EXC, Alliston Jackson, VE2TUN.  
Repeater used: 147.060 (+) VE2BG located in Pointe Claire.

73 de Vernon Erle Ikeda, VE2MBS

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### **SCANNERS HEAR IT FIRST**

BY FREDERICK HART VE2LSQ

I guess those song lyrics "And I'll see you in September" take effect here, It's September!. Go figure! Hope your summer was fun but a safe time and you got an earful from your scanner. I got more than an earful a few weeks ago... I remember mentioning in a past column about the last thing you would want to hear on your scanner is of an incident at your home address.

The local Fire/Rescue service knows the many apartment complexes in LaSalle quite well. Alarm systems usually are tripped off for trivial reasons now and again. My usual routine is to smell for smoke and then lock 412.5125 (Regie LaSalle Verdun) to hear the call. In usual cases the Dispatch announces "Alarms ringing, one call received". The apparatus would turn the corner and give the size up, "three story, multi-family dwelling attached sector two by same, nothing showing". Within minutes, the bells would stop ringing and on the simplex channel there would be some radio chatter between the officer and the men. The Officer would then advise Dispatch of "minor problem/Alarm tripped, all units return to the station"..

At 20:30 on Monday, August 23rd, it was not as per usual. The alarm rang and I at first smelled nothing, so I turned on the scanner, so far, so good but there was a lot of yelling coming from down the hall. As I went to the door, The dispatcher announces my address with "multiple calls and smoke in the building". I was met at the door by Paul Johnstone, VE2WED, who lives in the same complex as me. He confirmed that there was indeed smoke down the hall and that it was getting worse. As I

attempt to corral the cats in the carrier, I here sirens and on the scanner I hear the First-in Pumper give his size-up "Three storey, multi family structure, attached sector two to same - smoke and flames visible third floor and roof, 10-10/10-12 (working fire/second alarm), Bring three mutual aid cities to scene and cover station one and three". I wasn't too amused at this point and I prepare to evacuate. Looking out my front window, I can see flames coming out the windows and out over the roof two apartments away... Oh Sh\*\*!!! Out into the street we went and then Paul and I sat next to the Command Post 903 to hear the progress. Three and a half hours later, it is all over and Paul and I are lucky to have not suffered damage to our Apartments. They were able to contain the fire to the two units and the roof..

Over the many years I have attended, worked at, dispatched units to and to stand by at many fire scenes, I've always felt for those people whose lives are being affected but nothing is quite like when you are one of these people. I wish no one the sensation believe me. I am glad that I took an avid interest in fireground operations over the years. The knowledge I retained helped me quell certain stress and fears and by knowing what signs and tactics to watch for, I was able to reassure myself and others that things were not getting worse.

To the officers and men of the Regie du Securite Publique LaSalle/Verdun, "Bravo Gentlemen on an effort well done and to the mutual aid Cities of Ville St. Pierre, Montreal West, Lachine, Dorval and Pointe Claire, thanks for heeding the call when needed and a great team effort". Not wishing anything to happen to anyone, we will still monitor the misfortunes of others but with the hope of minimal or no losses and that they be of a material and not human nature.

73 de Frederick, VE2LS and a Q

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### **Fred's Scanner Tips New Urgence Sante Frequencies**

In use since May 26th of this year at 06:00, The new Ericsson EDACS Trunking System replaced an older E.F. Johnson 800 MHz Trunking system. As we go to press, I am working along with James, VE2VE and his new Uniden-Bearcat BC245XLT Trunk-Tracker II scanner to get all the talkgroups in this system so we can do a detailed profile for later issue. (Jim, I'm in envy!., I want one!!).

863.9375 864.4375 864.9375 are Urgences Sante frequencies at the Dorval Airport - Shared with Airport Crash/rescue, Security and Technical/Maintenance. Repeater located at the Control Tower at the airport.

Urgences Sante Frequencies:

866.1125	866.2125	866.3625	866.6125
866.7125	866.8625	867.1125	867.2125
867.3625	867.4625	867.6125	867.7125
867.8625			

Note: Enter these frequencies from lowest to highest and turn on the fastest scan speed and push the scan button after the audio carrier drops (Don't wait for the beeps to end) and lock-out the data channel. Also note the data channel changes every day so you will have to unlock the previous day's data channel and lock out the current day's data channel. Ville St. Laurent Fire Department could be heard on the old EF Johnson system during an Aircraft distress situation communicating with the Airport Crash/Rescue Command Officer. It remains to be seen if this connection still works with the systems in place.

73 de Fred, VE2LSQ

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**CLASSIFIED**

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

1) **FOR SALE - YAESU YO 100 Monitor** Scope; new, never used. All reasonable offers considered. **COLLINS mech. filters** 500kc IF., Internal SCSI HD for Macintosh, 350Mb, Quantum ProDrive Lt. used, exc. cond. Call or e-mail to: "Mac" VA2YQ, 514 482 3642 - <pbm@attcanada.net>.

2) **LARGE COLLECTION** of misc. items, **including NEW TRANSMITTING TUBES**, hundreds of parts, hardware and items for experimental and homebrew projects. If you need something, send me your list. Call or e-mail to: "Mac" VA2YQ, 514 482 3642 - <pbm@attcanada.net>.

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Remaining 1999 EVENTS ORGANIZED BY VE2EXC**

Pleasure Driving Event

Date: 2 October 1999

Location: Windedge Farm, Ste-Justine de Newton, QC

Ken is the contact if you wish to get involved with these events. Contact Ken VE2EXC via: the Covey Hill swap net (VE2REX 146.685) on Friday evenings at 8:00, by phone (450) 458-7447, or by e-mail: kmagee@hudson.net.

73 to all

Ken and Gillian Magee (VE2EXC and VE2EXX)

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**EMERGEX VI**

The Covey Hill Amateur Radio Club is currently organizing EMERGEX VI to be run Saturday 13 November 1999. Contact Jacques Boucher VE2CT at ve2ct@rac.ca or at 450-462-0523.

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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Montreal Amateur Radio Club, Inc. will be held at St. Thomas Anglican Church, corner of Somerled and Rosedale, in the City of Montreal on Wednesday, October 27th. at eight o'clock in the evening.

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,
- Receive a proposal to amend the club's bylaws, to revise the election procedure for the Board of Directors, and if thought fit to approve the amendment
- Receive a proposal to to modify the annual dues for White Cane and Family memberships, and if thought fit approve the modified fees
- Elect a President and if the bylaw amendment is approved elect the 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 15th day of September, 1999.

(sgd) Craig Brander  
 Craig Brander, VE2YGK  
 Secretary.

## Bylaw No. 2

By-Law No. 1 is hereby amended as follows:

1 Section 5.3.1 is deleted and replaced with the following:

“5.3.1 The President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, each of whom shall be a director, shall be elected directly by the members present at an Annual General Meeting.”

2 Section 5.3.1.1 is deleted and replaced with the following:

“5.3.1.1 The election of the officers named in section 5.3.1 shall be by ballot, unless there is only one candidate for any such position in which case the election for that officer shall be by acclamation.”

3 Section 5.3.5 is deleted and replaced with the following:

“5.3.5 The election of the Directors shall be by ballot, unless there are sufficient number to complete the minimum number of directors in section 5.1 but not more than will complete the maximum number of Directors stated in section 5.1 in which case the election of the Directors will be by acclamation. “

4 Section 7.1 is deleted and replaced with the following:

“7.1 The Directors, after each Annual General Meeting, shall elect, with the exception of those elected directly by the Members, the Club’s officers for the ensuing year until their successors are appointed.”

5 Section 7.2 is deleted and replaced with the following:

“7.2 The officers of the Club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, a Treasurer and a Secretary.”

6 Section 7.3 is deleted and replaced with the following:

“7.3 Only the President and Vice President must be General Members.”

7 Section 7.6.2 is deleted and replaced with the following:

“7.6.2 In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform these duties.”

*Explanatory note: The effect of these changes is to have the membership directly elect the Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer) and the remaining directors so that the membership knows who the key officers will be, or whether any given office might be vacant.*