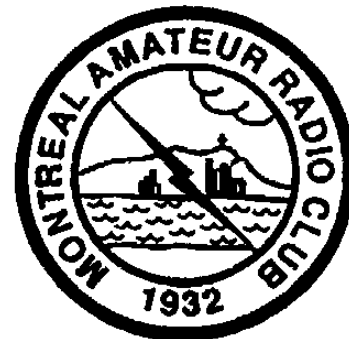


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"WHO KNEW HAMS HAD A CULTURE AND AN IDENTITY? HOW WE DEFINE OURSELVES IN A CHANGING WORLD."

Wednesday January 28 2015

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

Eamon Egan, VE2EGN: will take a look at a few recent analyses of ham radio identity and culture, and offer a few of his own reflections.

A WORD NOT FROM THE PRESIDENT, BUT THE SECRETARY- TREASURER

Hello,

Welcome to a new year. While our esteemed and intrepid president is still feeling the effects of his bout with colitis last year he is on the mend and I can assure you all that he has been presiding over our board meetings.

As is mentioned elsewhere in this issue the Christmas dinner went well and a good time was had by all those attending. Thanks to Mario and Louis for handling the organization of this event.

Unfortunately we were not able to make the draw for the door prizes at the dinner owing to the

decibel level coming from another, rather boisterous, group sharing the dining room. This should be taken care of at the meeting.

The meeting topic will be a bit different this month but I think will be nonetheless interesting. It is interesting to think that amateur radio operators, as a group, have been the object of either anthropological or sociological studies. I doubt that many of us would have thought that the amateur radio community warranted the attention of the academic community.

I am pleased to report that our courses have started and that we have six students working on obtaining their licenses. This is certainly good news and I look forward to welcoming them as new hams in March.

73 de Jim, VE2VE

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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 the first Wednesday of the month (Sept. to June) at 7:30 PM in the Wardens' Room, St. Ignatius of Loyla Parish, 4455 West Broadway. 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.

Club Activities Monthly Meetings

28 January 2015 - TBA
 25 February 2015 - TBA
 25 March 2015 - TBA
 29 April 2015 - TBA
 27 May 2015 - Show & Tell

Radio Classes

A basic level course is held starting in January of each year. If you know of anyone interested in taking the course they should send a message to classes@marc.ca.

MARC Hamfest

The club will be holding its annual hamfest Saturday morning, 11 April 2015 at the Lasalle Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 7771 Bouvier, LaSalle (corner Shevshenko). Please contact Jim Hay for more information or to participate in the organization and running of this event.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

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FROM THE (TEMPORARY) EDITOR'S DESK

Thus far no one has come forward to take on the duties of editing the MarcOgram. If you enjoy writing or if you enjoy working with computers and want to have a go at the layout this is a good way to gain some experience.

Please let any of the directors know if you are interested in assisting with the MarcOgram.

This month's meeting topic promises to be an interesting presentation by a good speaker and I look forward to seeing you all there.

73 de Jim, VE2VE

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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>

January 2015

CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW 2200Z, Jan 23 to 2200Z, Jan 25
SPAR Winter Field Day 1700Z, Jan 24 to 1700Z, Jan 25
ARRL January VHF Contest 1900Z, Jan 24 to 0359Z, Jan 26
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February 2015

North American SSB Sprint Contest 0000Z-0400Z, Feb 1
Vermont QSO Party 0000Z, Feb 7 to 2400Z, Feb 8
YL-ISSB QSO Party, CW 0000Z, Feb 7 to 2359Z, Feb 8
British Columbia QSO Party 1600Z, Feb 7 to 0400Z, Feb 8
North American Sprint, CW 0000Z-0400Z, Feb 8
ARRL School Club Roundup 1300Z, Feb 9 to 2359Z, Feb 13
CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest 0000Z, Feb 14 to 2400Z, Feb 15
SARL Field Day Contest 1000Z, Feb 14 to 1000Z, Feb 15
Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW 1100Z-1300Z, Feb 14
New Hampshire QSO Party 1600Z, Feb 14 to 2200Z, Feb 15
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0200Z-0400Z, Feb 16
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Feb 21 to 2400Z, Feb 22
CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB 2200Z, Feb 27 to 2200Z, Mar 1
UBA DX Contest, CW 1300Z, Feb 28 to 1300Z, Mar 1
North American QSO Party, RTTY
1800Z, Feb 28 to 0600Z, Mar 1

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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 2listings, go to the American Radio Relay League Hamfest website at:

<http://www.arrrl.org/hamfest.html>

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SPECIAL EVENT CALLSIGNS

VC7G		2015-02-13 to 2015-02-15 CQ-WPX RTTY
XL3T	VA3	2015-02-09 to 2015-03-08 50th Anniversary of the Canadian Maple Leaf Flag (1965-2015)
VE3X		2015-02-04 to 2015-03-06 2015 Canada winter games
CG350F		2015-02-01 to 2015-03-01 50th Anniversary of Canadian Maple Leaf Flag
XM3A		2015-01-05 to 2015-02-04 50th anniversary of the Canadian maple leaf flag

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CHRISTMAS DINNER

Approximately twenty members and guests attended the Christmas/Holiday dinner at LA GRANGE URBAINE in Laval.

While the atmosphere was a bit boisterous a good time was had by all and many comments were made about the quality of the food.

Thanks to Mario Piacitelli, VA2TMP and Luigi moretti for organizing such an enjoyable and successful event.

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ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

March 22, 2015 will be the 192nd continuous St. Patrick's Parade in Montreal. Since 2014 Vernon Ikeda, VE2MBS/VE2QQ and I have operated the control station for the various radio channels used by parade marshals and security personnel. With Vern's untimely death I have been asked to

find a person to replace Vern in the control room.

We will also need three radio operators to assist with position information during the parade as we have done for the past several years.

If you are interested in helping out with the 2015 parade please let me know. I expect to have more

73 de Jim, VE2VE

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BC QSO PARTY

Rebecca Kimoto, VA7BEC, has sent the annual invitation for amateurs to join the Orca DX and Contest Club in the 2015 edition of the BC QSO Party which is to be held starting at 1600Z on February 7 and renning to 0400Z on February 8, 2015.

Further information and frequencies are available at <http://orcadxcc.org/bcqp.html>. There are certificates and prizes awarded it eight categories including top Canadian entry outside BC.

The organizers note that the contest is supported by major contest logging software which will make it easier for those who want to give the contest a try.

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INCOMING QSL CARD SERVICE

As has been mentioned in previous MarcOgrams we are resuming the club's service of having incoming QSL cards sent to the club for members to pick up at meetings. This is a service which we are offering to our members which both saves the individual members money as well as makes more efficient use of our collective resources.

IF you would like to avail yourself of this service please send an e-mail to qsl@marc.ca and we will add you to the list of cards that the incoming bureau sends to the club and bring them to the monthly meetings.

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CLASSIFIEDS

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

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The above picture was taken in September 2000 when the club participated in the Family Day at CN's Taschereau Yard. Paul MacDougall, VA2YQ is shown operating his TS-830.



Since we wanted height for the antenna it was suggested to use the light pole as an antenna support. But we had to get it up there—some 40 tor so feet..

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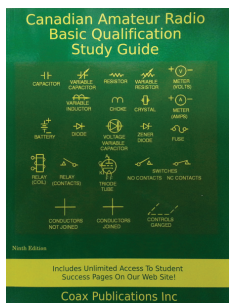
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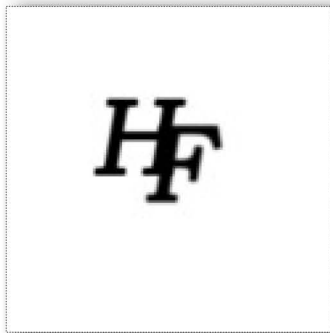
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