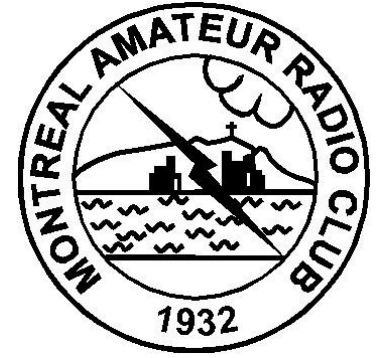


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NEXT MEETING

30 May, 2023

THIS MONTH: SHOW 'N TELL

Got a project? Started a project? Finished a project?
Dreamed up a project?

Whatever state it's in, bring it to the meeting.

Ragchew and general chit-chat: 19:30
Club meeting: 20:00

St. Thomas' Anglican Church,
6897 Somerled (corner of Rosedale) in N.D.G. - Montreal

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Now's the time to reveal your projects, real, finished or proposed, to the other members. Bring them in, whether finished or half-baked; it's interesting to see what others are playing with.

As usual each year, we end our season with Show 'N Tell, and this is the last regular MARCOgram of the season. There is a mid-summer edition that will come out at some undetermined point in mid-summer as your Editor finds time to paste it together while enjoying warm and sunny beaches.

Hope to see you all when the real world returns next season. As the song said, "See You in September." Now you've got that stuck in your head, here's who to blame: performed by The Happenings, it was top of the charts for 14 weeks in 1966.

73 de Nora, VA2NH

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MARC / WIARC FIELD DAY

Preparations and organizing for the annual ARRL Field Day Emergency Preparedness and informal contest have started. It will be held 24-25 June 2023, starting at 14:00 Saturday (18:00Z) and continuing overnight to 14:00 Sunday (20:59Z), the goals being to contact as many stations as possible, and to showcase the attraction of Amateur Radio to newcomers and interested people.

Due to the Fête Nationale festivities on 24 June, our usual location, Centennial Park in Beaconsfield, was not available, so we found a new location, Montrose Park, also in Beaconsfield. It's easy to reach by public transit.

George VE2NGH, and Eamon VE2EGN, from MARC, and Jonathan VA2XZA, and Malcolm VE2DDZ, from WIARC, are all working on the modalities. Batteries Expert will be contacted to see if they will kindly lend us batteries for quiet operation over 24 hours as they did last year, and choices are being made over food sources for the

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Repeaters

VE2BG 147.06 MHz (+) 103.5

Owned and operated by the Montreal Amateur Radio Club. Back on the air but still looking for a new location.

VE2RED 147.27 MHz (+) 103.5

On the air from Ridgewood Ave. in Montreal; CTCSS tone of 103.5 Hz for access. Thanks to Claude Everton, the VE2RMP group and Metrocom for making this possible.

The repeaters are open to all amateurs.

Meetings of the Board of Directors

Meetings of the Board of Directors are held on the first Tuesday of the month (Aug to June) at 19:30 on-line using the Zoom platform. The club no longer holds in-person board meetings. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions for the Board to discuss, please send an email to ve2arc@marc.ca for inclusion in the meeting agenda.

Club Activities

Monthly Meetings

(last Tuesday of the month)

30 May - Show and Tell

26 Sep - Tony VE2KM, on CWops Academy, a method of teaching CW, Continental code.

31 Oct - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Nov - Dave Goodwin, VE3KG, on Callsign Policy updates.

Every Wednesday, @ 20:00 (00:00Z), go to the net on VE2RED.
See page 3.

Radio Classes

The 2023 January Basic level course have ended. If you know of anyone interested in taking the next course, please direct them to <https://marc.ca/course/> for more information. The next planned Basic course will start in January 2024.

MARC Hamfest

The MARC flea market was successful!

The next MARC flea market will be held in April 2024. The venue we found for the last hamfest was a success, so we will probably return to the Royal Canadian Legion Hall in Lachine, 3015 Henri-Dunant,, Lachine.

Go to <http://marc.ca/fest/> for more information as the next hamfest is planned.

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 we will get them to you somehow.

SolderSpot

Group build Power Supply Project - By Leo VE2SI

If you're interested and even if you've spoken with me before, please send an email to VE2ARC@marc.ca and indicate your level of interest.

Participation is open to everyone and MARC membership is not a requirement. Due to COVID-19, SolderSpot is temporarily on hold. Other options are being considered.

This project is standing by due to available time.



UPCOMING FLEAS/EVENTS

2023

What: 37th Annual Smith Falls Fleamarket
Who: Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club
When: Saturday, 3 Jun 2023
Where: Smith Falls, ON

What: Ottawa/Carp Hamfest
Who: Ottawa Amateur Radio Club
When: Saturday, 9 Sep 2023
Where: Carp, ON

What: Kingston Amateur Radio Club
Hamfest
Who: Kingston Amateur Radio Club
When: Saturday, 14 Oct 2023
Where: Kingston, ON

What: Montreal South Shore Hamfest
Who: Club Radio Amateur Rive-Sud de
Montreal
When: Saturday, 21 Oct 2023
Where: Longueuil, QC

Note from the editor.

Due to remaining caution about COVID - 19, the list of hamfests and events is still limited. Please check with the organizing authority before planning to attend as some may be cancelled.

VE2RED WEDNESDAY NET REPORT

Any discrepancies, please inform Leo, VE2SI

Please join us every **Wednesday** evening at 20:00 local on VE2RED on 2m output frequency of 147.270 MHz (+600 kHz input offset) CTCSS tone of 103.5 Hz. Everyone is welcome. If you have something to sell, or are looking to buy, feel free to mention it.

We have a few Net operators hosting it, but
we're looking for more net operators!

We're always interested in adding to this team if you're interested. Send me an email if you would like to try out Net Operations for an evening.

Leo, VE2SI
leo49@videotron.ca

2023-05-17 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z

Net control Chris, VE2ARC (VE2TCP)

Net closed: 20:48

Check-ins: 10

Discussion: Do you prefer to log on paper or in a logging program?

2023-05-10 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z

Net control Leo, VE2ARC (VE2SI)

Net closed: 21:54

Check-ins: 17

Discussion: Do you have a favourite season for amateur radio activities, and why?

2023-05-03 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z

Net control Leo, VE2ARC (VE2SI)

Net closed: 21:24

Check-ins: 14

Discussion: Thoughts on the 6m band 50-54 MHz, the unpredictable "Magic" band; do you use it?

2023-04-26 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z

Net control Leo, VE2ARC (VE2SI)

Net closed: 21:40

Check-ins: 17

Discussion: Would you take a rocket ride to the ISS, and what ham equipment would you bring?

2023-04-19 Net commenced 20:08 local, 00:00Z

Net control Chris, VE2ARC (VE2TCP) **THANKS CHRIS!**

Due to an unpredicted lack of a net controller, Chris stepped it.

Net closed: 20:46.

Check-ins: 10

Discussion: Any fleamarket bargains? Any topics for MARCOgram?.

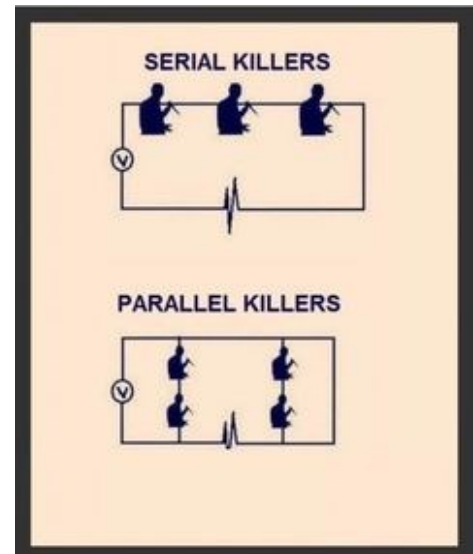
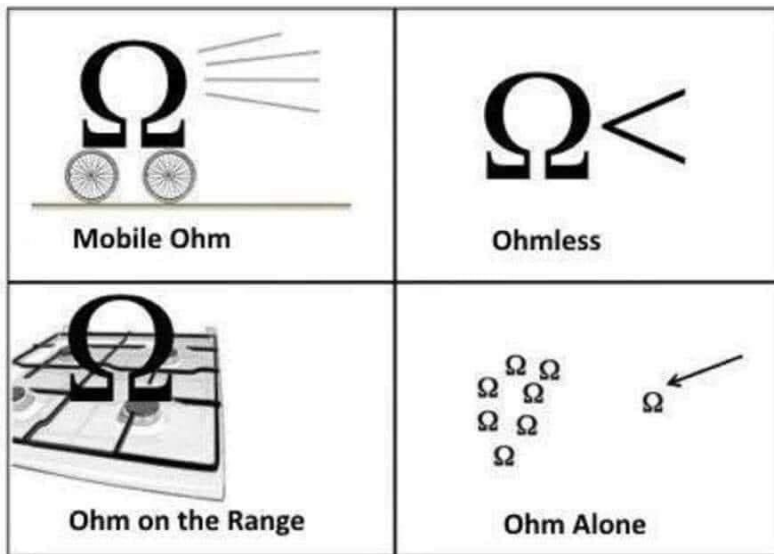
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operators and volunteers. We have already identified a lack, we need chairs and tables. If you can provide either item, please contact one of the above named people for arrangements. The set-up will start at 08:00 on Saturday, and the cleanup will finish at 17:00 on Sunday.

Every June, more than 40,000 hams throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our communities and our nation. It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills all in a single event. Field Day has been an annual event since 1933, and remains the most popular event in ham radio.

The goal of the ARRL Field Day exercise is to work as many stations as possible on the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meter HF bands, as well as all bands 50 MHz and above, and in doing so to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. We hope to promote developing skills to meet the challenges of emergency preparedness as well as to acquaint the general public with the capabilities of Amateur Radio.

See page 6 for details



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This is page 13 from the current issue of The Communicator, a highly recommended read from the Surry BC Amateur Radio group. Here's the link to their publication - it's fascinating!

<https://ve7sar.blogspot.com/search/label/SARC%20Communicator>

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The Lighter Side of Amateur Radio

North Fraser ARC Announces “Pico Pet Program”

Taking Pets to New Heights



Reporting from Flight Training Headquarters: Adrian VE7NZ

Building on its recent successful pico-balloon launches, the North Fraser Amateur Radio Club recently announced the “Pico Pet Program” where pet owners can send their pets to the heavens as part of a high-altitude balloon payload.

After announcing the program during the weekly Trans-Canada Net, Scott VA7SL, said hundreds of submissions were received including cats, dogs, fish, and even birds (the birds were disqualified for having an unfair advantage).

One applicant wrote, “I am submitting my application for Fluffy the Cat to be the first cat to float up to 40,000 feet. He mostly sits in front of the fire doing nothing, so we decided he needed a new challenge to bring back the joy of discovery he had in his younger days.”

The shortlisted candidates will have to undergo extensive training like any test pilot. This will include time in the tumble dryer and survival training in the fridge to simulate temperatures found in the upper atmosphere.

~ Adrian VE7NZ



ARRL Field Day



Join two local amateur radio clubs, WIARC and MARC and see amateur radio in action.

Rencontrer deux clubs locaux de radio amateur, WIARC et MARC et voir la radio amateur en action.

Montrose Park Beaconsfield, QC

2023: 24 Jun 14:00 - 25 Jun 14:00

45°25'48.7"N 73°52'41.2"W

