

# marcOgram

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## “ARRL FIELD DAY”

Saturday - Sunday June 24-25 2000  
Setup Saturday 10:00, Contest Operation 14:00 - 14:00  
Talkin: VE2RED 147.270 MHz(+)

Karonhianonhnha School - Kahnawake  
Near the corner of Blind Lady's Hill and the Old Malone Highway (details pg 5)

This year MARC will be holding its annual ARRL Field Day at the Karonhianonhnha School, (or the Kahnawake Immersion School) in Kahnawake. Field Day is a chance to test our ability to operate under emergency conditions without grid power being available. The exercise offers an opportunity to experience HF operations for those who have not yet earned a cw endorsement and contest operations for those who have never tried it. Weather permitting there will be an informal club meeting at 19:30.

### A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello,

It looks as though the summer season is upon us. This past month saw several successful events. The fox hunt went well with five of the six participating teams finding the fox. The first of the season's equestrian events went very smoothly and the St-Lazare Cyclotour was a success. This month sees the Lake St. Louis Soccer Tournament on June 10 and 11 using VE2BG for communications for at least part of the weekend, Harmony Horse Trials on June 18 and Field Day on June 24 and 25. In July we will also have Dorval's Canada Day on July 1 and right after that the St. Lazare Challenge cross country equestrian trail ride.

This will be a busy time and I hope that all of you will be involved in one way or another.

The club's Field Day efforts will again be held at the Kahnawake Immersion school. Field Day serves a

number of purposes. While it takes the form of a contest it is not the high pressure type of event that most other contests are known to be. It offers a chance to gain experience for those who may not have had the opportunity to use HF in the past and it affords a chance to experiment with antennas as we have done in the past.

This year's effort is being co-ordinated by Steven Faguy, VA2SMF, and I am sure that the event will go well. No Field Day can be a success without participants so I look forward to seeing all of you on the site at some time over the weekend.

We are guests of the Kahnawake community and the Immersion School and therefore we do have to respect their rules. Alcohol therefore is not permitted on the site but I must point out that this hasn't stopped anyone from having a good time at Field Day.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Field Day and to a successful event.

73 de Jim, VE2VE

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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.

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.

## Club Activities Tentative Meeting Schedule

September 27 - Emergency Services and Amateur Radio  
 by Frederick Hart

October 25 - Annual General Meeting

As usual, the meetings start with a casual Ragchew at 19:30 and the gavel at 20:00.

### ARRL Field Day - Kahnawake 24-25 June 2000

Set up for 10am. Contact Stephan at va2smf@rac.ca or Jim Hay at 514-697-7205 for more details and to confirm your participation. Many hands will be needed to support this effort so let Steven or Jim know of your availability.

### Canada Day

#### 01 July 2000 - demonstration station

A public display station as well as a Canada Day contest station VE2VVV as part of the City of Dorval Canada Day celebrations at Pine Beach Park. There may also be a communications net required on site for part of the time. Contact Jim at 514-697-7205 for details and to confirm your participation.

### Go for Guide Dogs Walk-a-Thon September 17

Morgan Arboretum, Ste-Anne-De-Bellevue Talk-in VE2BG 147.06+ web: [www.marc.qc.ca/dogs.html](http://www.marc.qc.ca/dogs.html)  
 Contact Vern VE2MBS ve2mbs@rac.ca



### MARC COMPUTER NET

The net meets every Thursday evening at 8pm on VE2RED, 147.270+ to discuss computer news, computer problems, computer humour, computer web sites and computer addiction. In

other words, everything about computers is fair game here.

If you have anything related to computers (it doesn't necessarily have to be amateur radio related), favourite web sites, questions, comments, or just want to argue Linux vs Windows with everyone, then stop by and check in.

73 de Steven, VA2SMF, Net Controller

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Its already been a year (June 2, 1999) since VE2BG went on the air from its new location in Pointe Claire. A big thanks to Jim Hay and everybody else who contributed to the relocation project and making the success it turned out to be. The new site has proven to be very useful.

It looks like summer is finally arriving. Make sure you have a safe and enjoyable summer. When the opportunity presents itself please make a effort to promote our hobby. Plant a few ideas about the hobby and we will create some renewed interest in our hobby and hopefully new members to our ranks.

73 de Craig, VE2YGK

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## CONTEST CALENDAR

Here are reminders of some contests coming up for the summer period. Note the ARRL Field Day and RAC Canada Day dates and times. Rules for these can be found in The Canadian Amateur, QST or CQ magazines. More contests and the rules can be found on the internet. Check:

<http://home.sol.no/~janalme/hammain.html> or  
<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>

This last one has concise rules etc. for the current week's contests.

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.

### June 2000

All Asian DX Contest, CW 0000Z Jun 17 - 2400Z Jun 18  
Marconi Memorial HF Contest 1400Z Jun 24 - 1400Z Jun 25  
ARRL Field Day 1800Z Jun 24 - 2100Z Jun 25

### July 2000

RAC Canada Day Contest 0000Z Jul 1 - 2359Z Jul 1  
IARU HF World Championship 1200Z Jul 8 - 1200Z Jul 9  
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest 1800Z Jul 8 - 2100Z Jul 9  
IOTA Contest 1200Z Jul 29 - 1200Z Jul 30

### August 2000

North American QSO Party, CW 800Z Aug 5 - 0600Z Aug 6  
ARRL UHF Contest 1800Z Aug 5 - 1800Z Aug 6  
North American QSO Party,SSB 800Z Aug 19 - 0600Z Aug 20  
TOEC WW Grid Contest, CW 1200Z Aug 26 - 1200Z Aug 27

## 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

## September 2000

All Asian DX Contest, SSB 0000Z Sep 2 - 2400Z Sep 3  
North American Sprint, CW 0000Z - 0400Z Sep 3  
ARRL September VHF QSO Party 1800Z Sep 9 - 0300Z Sep 11  
North American Sprint, Phone 0000Z - 0400Z Sep 10  
YLRL Howdy Days 1400Z Sep 15 - 0200Z Sep 17

73 de Don, VE3RM

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## COMING EVENTS

### June 17 ON

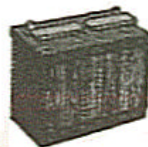
### Kingston

Kingston Amateur Radio Emergency Service at the Glenburnie United Church Hall, 1028 Unity Road, Kingston 6km north of highway 401 at Exit 617 or Exit 619. Vendors 7:30am, Public 9:00am to noon. Admission \$2 (Donation to Church Funds); 8' Tables \$5. Talk-in VE3KBR 146.940 (-) Information and table reservations: Roy Clarke VE3VJF at (613)-384-5900 or email: ve3vjf@king.igs.net

### July 8 ON

### Milton

Ontario Hamfest, Milton, Ontario Location: Milton Agricultural Society Fairgrounds, Milton Ontario Commercial/ Inside Vendors: 0700 (Robert Street Gate only) Tailgaters: 08:00 (Robert Street gate only) General Public: 09:00 (Thomas Street gate only) \$10 per table + general admission per



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Adm \$5. Talk-in 147.210. Information: Chuck Wilson,  
VE3IUO Phone: (905) 333-5785 (evenings/weekends) Email  
ve3iuo@rac.ca

fleamarket@oarc.net  
web page <http://oarc.net/fleamarket>

web page [www.barc.burlington.on.ca](http://www.barc.burlington.on.ca)

**July 29  
ON**

**Marmora**

Eastern Ontario Hamfest & Computer Flea-Market. Sponsored  
by: The Tri-County Amateur Radio Club. Location: Marmora  
Area Curling Club, Crawford Drive, Marmora Ontario.  
Admission: \$3.00, children under 12 free. Tables: 8ft table  
lengths (1 admission included per table) \$10.00 100% Indoors,  
Plenty of Parking. Information: Morris McCaul, VA3MEM at  
(613) 472-5346 or E-MAIL: va3mem@rac.ca

**September 9  
ON**

**Barrie**

Barrie Hamfest. Barrie, Ontario. Barrie Amateur Radio Club  
Location: Shanty Bay Community Centre. Vendors at 07:00 am  
public at 09:00 am till 01:00 pm Admission \$3 Children under  
12 free Tables 8'=\$10 4'=\$5 Talk-in VE3LSR 146.850 (-)  
Simplex 146.520. Information or table reservations contact  
Darrell Drake 705-487-2413 or E-Mail ve3gcb@rac.ca or  
Packet VE3DDG@VE3FJB

web page <http://www.bconnex.net/~barc/hamfest.htm>

**September 24  
ON**

**London**

London ARC HAMFEST 2000. London Ontario at the Western  
Fair Grounds Vendors: 08:00am Public: 09:00am Vendors  
\$8.00 per Table plus \$6.00 admission. General Admission:  
\$6.00 per Person. Talk-in VA3LON 147.060 PL: 114.8  
Information and Reservations: Jeff Peacock, VE3IOS  
(519) 452-0562 OR E-mail ve3ios@larc.on.ca or Anne Skipp,  
VA3FRO (519) 457-3560 OR E-mail va3fro@larc.on.ca

web page <http://www.larc.on.ca>

**October 28  
QC**

**Longueil**

Oct 28 Hamfest de Rive-Sud Montreal Longueil, Quebec  
Information and table reservations: Micheline Simard (VE2XW)  
450-446-0477 E-mail: VE2XW@amsat.org or  
ve2clm@amsat.org

web page: <http://www.amsat.org/~ve2clm/hamfest.htm>

A reminder - if you have web access you can check out a more  
complete and updated list of hamfests on the club's web page at:  
<http://www.marc.qc.ca/upcoming.html>

73 de Vern , VE2MBS

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**FRANK NATAWE , VE2NFD , SK**

It is with regret I report to the membership of the Montreal  
Amateur Radio Club the recent passing of Frank Curitte  
(Akwiraes) Natawe on May 25, 2000 in Kahnawake,  
Quebec. Frank was 73 when he passed away suddenly  
Frank was a very valuable member of the Club and assisted  
the Field Day crew by supplying us with many different  
items including a generator for the annual event. While he

**August 12  
ON**

**Burford**

Brantford .A.R.C. Hamfest 2000 Burford, Ontario. Location:  
Burford Fair Grounds, Burford, Ontario. Vendors at 7:30 a.m.  
Public at 9:00 a.m. Admission \$5.00. (Children under 12 free).  
Tables \$8.00 each plus \$5.00 admission. Tailgaters \$4.00 plus  
admission of \$5.00 Talk-in on VE3TCR 147.150 + Information:  
Bob McKellar VE3CRM at 519-442-4699. 12 Creeden Street,  
Paris, Ontario, N3L-2B7 Email info ve3crm@rac.ca

<http://www.bfree.on.ca/comdir/alh/bramaradio/flea.htm>

**September 2  
ON**

**Carp**

OARC 4th Annual Hamfest. Carp, Ontario. The Ottawa  
Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Location: Carp Agricultural Fair  
Grounds, 3970 Carp Rd (at Falldown Lane), Carp, Ontario  
Vendor and tailgater setup: 8:00 A.M. Public 10:00 A.M.

General admission \$4.00 \$10/table (plus admission) \$5/tailgate  
(plus admission) Talk-in VE2CRA 146.94(-) Note: The  
OARC Hamfest will be held at the same time as the Carp  
Farmer's Market. So in addition to their amateur radio needs,  
guests can also enjoy stocking up on farm fresh produce and  
crafts. Bring the family! Information: Greg Danylchenko,  
VE3Ytz, Tel: (613) 236-9291 (H) Email info

was unable to attend many of the regular Club meetings, he was a regular fixture at Field Day and at the Fleamarkets organized by the club. He will be sorely missed by those of us in the Amateur Radio community and also by those in the community in which he lived.

Sympathies go out to the Family and Friends of Frank Natawe on behalf of the Montreal Amateur Radio Club.

Vernon, VE2MBS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS - THE VE2LZR GROUP

The Harmony Horse Trails (Cross country jumping event)

Date: 18 June 2000 (Sunday)

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

St. Lazare Challenge Sun 02 July (8:00 - 17:00)

Need 15 operators, 2M / 70cm (portable + mobile)

Marathon Course Combined Driving Event (Carriage event)

Date: 09 Sept (Saturday)

Location: Sandridge Farm, St. Lazare, QC

If anyone else would like to join the team, please contact Ken VE2EXC via: VE2RM or VE2BG, by phone (450) 458-7447, or by e-mail: ve2exc@rac.ca

73 de Ken VE2EXC for the VE2LZR Group

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## CANWARN PILOT PROJECT IN QUEBEC

The Quebec Region of Environment Canada will be doing a pilot project of the CANWARN programme which operates elsewhere in Quebec. The programme will operate similarly to the way it operates in other parts of Canada and as SKYWARN in the United States.

Both net controllers and volunteer observers are needed for the project. The nets will be activated at the request of Environment Canada when there is a weather warning and the forecasters believe that amateurs can provide useful information to the weather office.

When it is active this is a project which you can take part in wherever you are and which can help the community in general.

You you are interested please contact Jim Hay, VE2VE, or contact Mr. René Héroux, VE2WUL, of Environment Canada at 514-283-1129 or by e-mail to rene.heroux@ec.gc.ca.

73 de Jim, VE2VE

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## CLASSIFIED

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

1) **FOR SALE - Kenwood 5700** with voice synthesiser, desktop microphone, foot microphone, speaker, etc. Was originally

\$2300. In excellent working condition, asking \$1500. Contact Earl Blakely VA2EB at 514-483-2921.

2) **FOR SALE - Kenwood TS450S** HF Transceiver Mint Condition. Asking price \$1500.00. 1 Bencher Electronic Paddle \$ 50.00. Contact Sheldon VA2SH at (450) 688-2914 or (450)688-0081 e-mail: va2sh@videotron.ca

3) **FOR SALE - Complete Station Yaesu Equipment** - FT301 hf transceiver, LL301 landline phonepatch, YO-301 Monitor Scope, FP301D power supply, FT980 hf all mode transceiver, SP980 external speaker, MD-1 microphone, FT227R 2 meter rig, and commodore 64 computer, plus TH3JRS Thunderbird Junior (Antenna?), TB-2, BN86, PT100LP low pass filter, MFJ-1224 RTTY interface tentac model 247 Antenna Tuner and BN86 Balun worth over \$6000 - Asking \$3000 Also have miscellaneous items, books, tape, wiring etc. Station from VE2FH (exVE2DQY)

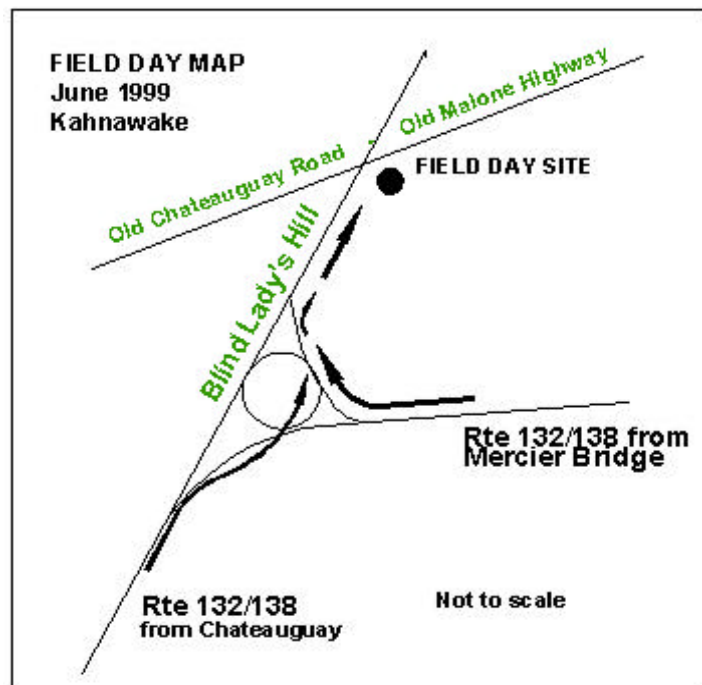
Bob Pollock. Contact Frank Trevis at 450-477-0439

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## ARRL FIELD DAY 2000

June 24-25 1999 - The Montreal Amateur Radio Club will be holding field day the at grounds of the Kahnawake Immersion School in Kahnawake this year. Help will be needed for transportation, set-up, knock down and operating. If you would like to help co-ordinate and or participate please contact Jim Hay, VE2VE at 514-697-7205 or Steven, VA2SMF by email at va2smf@rac.ca So come on out, operate and have some fun. If you aren't participating in field day why not come by for a visit and say hello. Bring a guest and introduce them to ham radio.

Some reminders for when you come. It is important to note that we are guests of the Mohawk Council and the people of Kahnawake. Alcohol is prohibited, and the site is to be kept clean and tidy. The area where we are located is used for other activities so we will have make sure the site is clean when we leave. Please bring your own food and a chair. Remember to



# AMATEUR RADIO EVENTS / ÉVÈNEMENTS RADIOAMATEUR

## MONTREAL, QUÉBEC

### SUMMER 2000

As this the last issue of the Marcogram is a list of some of the amateur radio happenings in the Montreal area before the next issue of the MarcOgram. Hopefully you will be able to participate in some of them. The list is available on the web at <http://pages.infinit.net/va2smf/cal.html>  
Thanks to Steven, VA2SMF for compiling the list.

#### June/Juin 2000

Sun/Dim 18 - Harmony Horse Trials  
Windedge Farm, Ste-Justine de Newton  
Talk-in VE2RM 147.000-  
web: [www.marc.qc.ca/harmony.html](http://www.marc.qc.ca/harmony.html)  
Contact Ken VE2EXC [ve2exc@rac.ca](mailto:ve2exc@rac.ca)

Mon/Lun 19 (19:30) - West Island ARC Meeting  
Lakeside Heights Baptist Church, 275 Braebrook, Pointe Claire  
Talk-in/Auto-guidage VE2RWI 146.910-  
Contact Steven VA2SMF [ve2cwi@rac.ca](mailto:ve2cwi@rac.ca)

Sat/Sam 24 (12:00) to/à Sun/Dim 25 (2:00) - ARRL Field Day  
Morgan Arboretum (CRA West-Island ARC)  
Kahnawake (CRA Montreal ARC)  
Brownsburg (CRA Brownsburg ARC)

#### July/Juillet 2000

Sat/Sam 1 (15:00 - 22:00) - Amateur Radio Display at Canada Day Celebrations  
Pine Beach Park, Dorval  
Talk-in VE2BG 147.06+  
web: [www.marc.qc.ca/cday.html](http://www.marc.qc.ca/cday.html)  
Contact Jim VE2VE [ve2ve@rac.ca](mailto:ve2ve@rac.ca)

Sat/Sam 1 - Canada Day Contest CRA Brownsburg ARC  
Station Club VA3CWB Clubhouse (École Christ-Roi), 571 Main St. East, Hawkesbury, ON.  
Talk-in/Auto-guidage VE2RWC 146.805-

Sun/Dim 2? (8:00 - 17:00) - St. Lazare Challenge  
Talk-in VE2RM 147.000-  
Need 15 operators, 2M / 70cm (portable + mobile)

web: [www.marc.qc.ca/stlazare.html](http://www.marc.qc.ca/stlazare.html)  
Contact Ken VE2EXC [ve2exc@rac.ca](mailto:ve2exc@rac.ca)

Sat/Sam 15 - Brunch CRA Brownsburg ARC  
Talk-in/Auto-guidage VE2RWC 146.805-

Mon/Lun 17 (19:30) - West Island ARC Meeting  
Lakeside Heights Baptist Church, 275 Braebrook, Pointe Claire  
Talk-in/Auto-guidage VE2RWI 146.910-  
Contact Steven VA2SMF [ve2cwi@rac.ca](mailto:ve2cwi@rac.ca)

#### August/Aout 2000

Mon/Lun 21 (19:30) - West Island ARC Meeting  
Lakeside Heights Baptist Church, 275 Braebrook, Pointe Claire  
Talk-in/Auto-guidage VE2RWI 146.910-  
Contact Steven VA2SMF [ve2cwi@rac.ca](mailto:ve2cwi@rac.ca)

#### September/Septembre 2000

Sat/Sam 9 (13:00) - Réunion CRA Brownsburg ARC Meeting  
Station Club VA3CWB Clubhouse (École Christ-Roi), 571 Main St. East, Hawkesbury, ON.  
VE2RWC 146.805-

Sat/Sam 9 - Carriage Driving - Sandridge Farm, St. Lazare  
Talk-in VE2RM 147.000-  
Contact Ken VE2EXC [ve2exc@rac.ca](mailto:ve2exc@rac.ca)

Mon/Lun 11 (19:30) - Réunion CRA Sud-Ouest Inc.  
4, Rue de l'Église, Ville Mercier  
Contact VE2CEV [ve2cev@rac.ca](mailto:ve2cev@rac.ca)

Sun/Dim 17 (Morning) - Go For Guide Dog Walk  
Morgan Arboretum, Ste-Anne-De-Belleveue  
Talk-in VE2BG 147.06+  
web: [www.marc.qc.ca/dogs.html](http://www.marc.qc.ca/dogs.html)  
Contact Vern VE2MBS [ve2mbs@rac.ca](mailto:ve2mbs@rac.ca)

