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## “JOHN GROW, VE2EQL ON QRP COMMUNICATIONS”

Wednesday 26 March 2003

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

John Grow, VE2EQL will be giving a talk on QRP, (low power stations) and on an exciting upcoming event, Atlanticon 2003. Atlanticon 2003 is a QRP Forum held in Baltimore, this year on March 28 and 29. QRP is a challenging aspect of the hobby, trying to communicate using a very minimum of power. John will be driving down to Baltimore with APRS, and will be also show us how we can track his progress as he is in transit. This practical talk should make for a very informative and fun evening.

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

Hello,

At our last meeting we enjoyed an interesting talk given by Sheldon Harvey, VE2SHW, about radio monitoring. As many of you know Sheldon has been very active over the years actively promoting and explaining radio and amateur radio to the general public. Sheldon has also been active in other areas including the Montreal DX Listeners' Net

which he recently retired from managing after nearly ten years.

During his talk Sheldon issued a challenge which I think we all need to consider. We each need to do what we can to encourage newcomers into our hobby. This encouragement can take many forms. Amateur radio has a long tradition of mentoring those less experienced in the hobby and one member recently approached me with the idea that we should try to encourage our more experienced members to



provide guidance and assistance to the new members of our hobby. We do need more Elmers.

There are two elements which are required to ensure the success of any organization. The older experienced members and the young and enthusiastic ones. Together they are an unbeatable combination. Why not consider pitching in, even once a year, to help your fellow ham? Do you know someone who needs help working on an antenna? Perhaps you know someone who is trying to understand a subject you know well. Perhaps you could lend your experience to a communications event or man a promotional display and educate the public about our hobby.

I am one person who believes that amateur radio has a bright future ahead of it. That future may not happen if we don't recruit and encourage our new comers. This year's Basic Qualification class has eight students who are all interested and motivated and I look forward to their joining the ranks of amateur radio. This is one challenge we need to rise to and ensure that not only do people know what amateur radio is but that we provide every encouragement to enjoy with us this wonderful pastime.

73 de Jim, VE2VE  
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### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

A reminder that the club's hamfest is fast approaching. So make a date for Saturday morning, April 12 to come out and support the M.A.R.C. hamfest. Its the perfect opportunity to catch up on the news with old friends, perhaps make a few new friends, and maybe exchange a few tips on what and where to listen as events are unfolding. Bring a friend and introduce them around.

We also still have some tables available so if you need a table or two, or know anybody who does please contact Jim Hay who will be pleased to take your order. We also need a some people to help run the hamfest. So if you can contribute some time again contact Jim Hay.

Thanks to Sheldon Harvey, VE2SHW for his informative talk on "Monitoring Hotspots on Shortwave." This timely and interesting talk with the world events currently unfolding the way they are should prove very valuable to those who like to monitor radio and as well as providing an opportunity to show our friends and neighbours a little bit of what our hobby is about. Sheldon also passed on a few links which might be of interest, including:

### Introduction to Shortwave Radio

<http://shortwave.com/newletters/index.html>

### Top 1000 HF Frequencies from the Monitoring Times

<http://monitoringtimes.com/html/mttopHF.html>

### Worldwide Utility News

<http://www.wunclub.com>

### Prime Time Shortwave

<http://primetimeshortwave.com>

This month's meeting will prove to be another interesting meeting. John Grow, VE2EQL give a talk on QRP (lower power operation) and an upcoming QRP convention. See you at the meeting.

73 de Craig, VE2YGK  
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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.

### March 2003

Oklahoma QSO Party	2300Z Mar 21 - 2300Z Mar 23
CLARA and Family HF Contest	1700Z Mar 22 - 1700Z Mar 23
Spring QRP Homebrewer Sprint	0000Z - 0400Z Mar 24
CQ WW WPX Contest SSB	0000Z Mar 29 - 2400Z Mar 30

### April 2003

SARL 80-Meter QSO Party	1700Z - 2000Z Apr 3
SP DX Contest	1500Z Apr 5 - 1500Z Apr 6
Missouri QSO Party	1800Z Apr 5 - 0500Z Apr 6 and 1800Z - 2400Z Apr 6
JIDX CW Contest	0700Z Apr 12 - 1300Z Apr 13
QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party	1200Z Apr 12 - 2400Z Apr 13
EU Spring Sprint SSB	1500Z - 1859Z Apr 12
Georgia QSO Party	1800Z Apr 12 - 0359Z Apr 13 and 1400Z - 2359Z Apr 13
UBA Spring Contest SSB	0600Z - 1000Z Apr 13

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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>

### 2003 Hamfests

**March 22** **Brampton ON**  
Saturday, March 22, HAMEX 2003 - Brampton, Ontario  
Location: Brampton Fall Fairgrounds, Heart Lake Road  
corner of Old School Road, Brampton, Ontario  
Time: Vendors at - Public at 09h00 to 13h00  
Talk-in VE3PRC 146.880 (-)  
or VE3MIS 145.430 (-) 103.5 Hz PL Tone.  
Information: ham-ex@sympatico.ca  
[Web page:http://www.peelarc.org](http://www.peelarc.org)

**March 29** **Laval QC**  
On Saturday March 29, the Hamfest Laval-Laurentides  
2003, at (**New Location**) Polyvalente Georges Vanier,  
2995 boul. Lévesque Est, Saint Vincent de Paul (Laval).  
Vendors: T.B.A. Public 09h00 Admission: 5.00\$ per  
person. Tables: 10.00\$  
Talk-in: VE2REL 147.315 Mhz (+)  
Information and reservations: (514)-708-8033  
e-mail: hamfest@ve2crl.qc.ca  
[Web page: http://www.ve2crl.qc.ca](http://www.ve2crl.qc.ca)

**April 12** **LaSalle (Montreal) QC**  
Saturday, April 12 - **Montreal Hamfest and Fleamarket**  
LaSalle (Montreal), Québec  
Location: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 212 (LaSalle),  
7771 Bouvier - corner of Shevchenko. STM Bus 109 at the  
door.  
Vendors 07h30 Public 08h30 to 12h00. Admission - 4.00\$  
Talk-in: VE2RED 147.270 (+)  
Information: James R. Hay, VE2VE - (514)-697-7205  
E-mail: ve2arc@rac.ca  
[Web page: http://www.marc.qc.ca/fest.html](http://www.marc.qc.ca/fest.html)

**April 12** **Oshawa ON**  
Saturday, April 12 - Whitby Hamfest - Oshawa, Ontario  
Location: Jubilee Pavilion, 55 Lake View Park, Oshawa, ON

Vendors 07h00 Public 09h00 to 13h00. Admission - \$5.00  
Tables \$10.00. Talk-in - VE3WOM 147.150 (+) or  
VE3RPT 147.060 (+). Information: Betty Huider, 87  
Thickson Road, North Whitby, ON L1N 3P7 or Phone 905-  
579-1800 E-mail: ve3blh@rac.ca

**April 19** **Iroquois ON**  
Saturday, April 19 - Iroquois A.R.C. 8th Annual Flea  
Market - Iroquois, Ontario. Location: Iroquois Civic Centre  
Vendors: 08h00 Public: 09h00 - 12h00 Admission - Free  
Tables 10.00\$  
Talk-in VE3IRO 145.290 (-) Table reservations/  
Information: Gord, VE3UGW (613)-657-3640 or  
E-mail ve3ugw@recorder.ca

[Web Site: http://cc.recorder.ca/~ve3ugw](http://cc.recorder.ca/~ve3ugw)

**April 26** **Whitby ON**  
Saturday, April 26 - Durham Region Hamfest - Whitby,  
Ontario. Location: Iroquois Park Recreation Centre -  
Victoria Street corner of Henry Street  
Vendors 07h30 - Public 09h00 to 13h00 Admission 6.00\$  
Tables 25.00\$ - includes 1 admission. Talk-in: 147.375 (+)  
VE3SPA Information/Reservations: Peter Henry,  
VA3PWH at 905-436-9236 or e-mail at:  
va3pwh@idirect.com

Reservations by mail only. Postmark must be before April 5,  
2003.

[Web Site: http://drhamfest.tripod.com](http://drhamfest.tripod.com)

**May 10** **Etobicoke (Toronto) ON**  
On Saturday, May 10, the Skyward Annual Spring  
Hamfest And Fleamarket. Etobicoke (Toronto), Ontario  
at the Westway United Church, 8 Templar Drive,  
Etobicoke.

Vendors 08h00 Public 09h00 to 11h30 Admission \$5.00  
Tables \$12.00 (includes one admission)  
Talk-in: VE3SKY 146.985 (-) or Simplex 146.520 MHz  
Table reservations: Derrick Poulter, VE3JNK, Telephone  
416-247-7728, E-mail: dmpoulter@sympatico.ca  
Other information: Gord Rumford, VE3OLH, Telephone  
905-821-0675, E-mail: gbr@sympatico.ca

<http://webhome.idirect.com/~jproc/sarc>

**May 10** **Smiths Falls ON**  
On Saturday, May 10 the 19th Annual Smiths Falls  
Amateur Radio Fleamarket - Smiths Falls, Ontario at the  
Smiths Falls Youth Arena (behind 150 Elmsly Street  
North), Smiths Falls, ON.  
Vendors 07h00 Public 09h00 to noon Tables 10.00\$ General  
Admission 3.00\$ Talk-in/ VE3RLR 147.210 (+)  
Table reservations contact Baxter Smith, VE3BFX, 8 St.

# Class of 2003



Some members of this year's Basic Qualification Amateur Radio class at work during the course and at a site visit to the M.A.B radio station.

Lawrence Street, Smiths Falls ON K7A 4K5, (613)-283-7852

E-mail: [baxsmith@falls.igs.net](mailto:baxsmith@falls.igs.net)

<http://www.falls.igs.net/~rlarc>

**May 16 - May 18**

**OH**

Dayton Hamvention® - Trotwood (Dayton), Ohio

Location: Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Springs Road, Trotwood (Dayton), Ohio.

<http://www.hamvention.org/>

**May 25**

On Sunday, May 25, Hamfest du Québec - Tracy, Québec

at the Curling A. Racine et Centre Culturel, Place du Centre

Civique, Tracy, QC. Exposants/Vendors 06h00 Public

09h00 to 15h00 Indoor Table - 15.00\$ including 1

admission, payable in advance. Outdoor Table - 7.00\$

General Admission 5.00\$

Talk-in: VE2RBS 145,370 (-), tone 103.5 Hz

Information and Reservations: Denis - ve2dsh at 450-

746-0814 or [ve2cbs@hotmail.com](mailto:ve2cbs@hotmail.com)

<http://www.ve2cbs.qc.ca/>

[or http://www.hamfest.qc.ca](http://www.hamfest.qc.ca)

Saturday, June 7 - Central Ontario Fleamarket and Hamfest - Fergus, Ontario

<http://www.hamfest.on.ca>

Saturday, August 2 - Hamfest 2003 (St. Romuald Hamfest) - St. Romuald, Québec

<http://www.aresqc.org>

Saturday, August 2 - Westport Fleamarket - Westport, ON

<http://www.perth.igs.net/~lcares/lnlares3.htm>

Saturday, August 23 - Victoria-Haliburton ARA Hamfest 2003 - Manvers Township, Ontario

<http://yodeler.myftpsite.net/vhara/>

Saturday, August 30 - Ottawa Amateur Radio Club 6th Annual Hamfest - Carp, Ontario

<http://oarc.net/fleamarket>

Saturday, September 6 - WIARC Hamfest and Auction - Pointe Claire, QC

<http://shell.pubnix.net/~wiarc>

Saturday, September 27 - 14th Annual Hamfest Centre du Québec - Drummondville, Québec

# February Meeting Presentation



Sheldon Harvey, VE2SHW, giving his presentation, "Monitoring Hotspots on Shortwave" to an attentive audience at the February meeting. After Sheldon's presentation he was presented with a plaque by Jim Hay, president of the M.A.R.C marking Sheldon's contribution to and promotion of amateur radio over the last ten years.

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

Saturday, October 25 - Hamfest de Rive-sud de  
Montréal - Longueuil, Québec

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

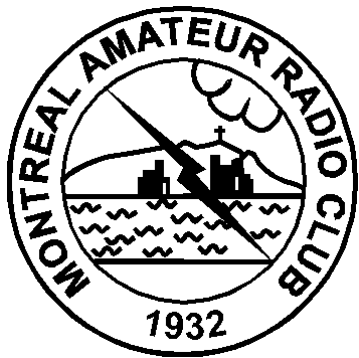
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DEADLINE for classified ads is the second Wednesday  
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# Hamfest Montreal Amateur Radio Club

Amateur  
Radio Flea Market

Marché aux Pûces  
Radio Amateur

Saturday April 12,  
2003

Le Samedi 12 avril 2003

Royal Canadian Legion  
7771 Bouvier  
Lasalle  
(STM bus 109)

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Lasalle  
(autobus STM 109)

TIME: DEALERS - 7:30 AM PUBLIC - 8:30 AM  
DOOR PRIZES - FREE PARKING - SNACK BAR  
TALK-IN: 147.270+ (VE2RED)  
GENERAL ADMISSION \$4.00  
TABLE RENTAL \$8.00 (2 for \$15)  
Table rental includes one admission

OUVERTURE: 7h30 VENDEURS, 8h30 PUBLIC  
Prix de Présence-Stationnement Gratuit-Casse Croûte  
GUIDAGE: 147.270+ (VE2RED)  
FRAIS D'ADMISSION 4,00\$  
LOCATION DES TABLES 8,00\$ (2 pour 15.00\$)  
Une entrée avec location d'une table

Information - Reservations  
Jim HAY 514-697-7205  
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