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Next meeting - November 24, 2010

Ragchew and Fleamarket: 19:30, Club meeting: 20:00

Ignatius of Loyola Parish Church

4455 West Broadway (corner of Terrebonne) in N.D.G. - Montreal

(Please enter by the back door)

George VE2NGH, will be giving a talk on Repeaters!



A Word from The President

Hello,

Well fall is definitely here. Most of the leaves have fallen and hopefully those last minute antenna repairs have been done before winter arrives. Considering that we saw snow falling before the end of October that may be very soon.

Congratulations to Paul Iarrera VE2OFH, on being elected to the board of directors at our Annual General Meeting in October. With Paul joining the board we again have a 10 member board which is good. Welcome Paul.

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Laurie Binns, the manager of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 212 in LaSalle who has been very helpful and co-operative to the club throughout the period that the flea market has been held at the Legion. Our sympathy goes out to Laurie's family and many friends, particularly at the Legion.

Our relationship will continue with the Legion under the new manager who has confirmed the hall for the flea market on April 16.

The Christmas dinner will again be held at Antico Martini on December 4. Please see the details elsewhere in this issue and I look forward to seeing you all there.

For those interested in repeaters and how they work this month promises to be an interesting meeting and I look forward to seeing you all there. you all at this months meeting.

73 de Jim.

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Repeaters

VE2BG 147.06 MHz (+)

Owned and operated by Montreal Amateur Radio Club. Located on the Point Claire water tower.

VE2RED 147.27 MHz (+)

Owned and operated by the Montreal Amateur radio Club.

Meetings of the Board of Directors

Meetings of the Board of Directors are open to any member to attend. Board meetings are held on 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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Club Activities - Monthly Meetings

Club meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month. The meetings will be held in the Lounge which is the rearmost door on the South side of the building unless we have reason to hold it in the Parish Hall which is the first door on the South side of the building. An informal flea-market and ragchew session starts at 19:30 with the formal meeting starting at 20:00. STM buses 51, 162, and 105 stop

From the Editor's Desk "Urgent need for a Pre-eminent Editor"!

Well with winter vastly creeping upon us and the possibility of snow this weekend, I would like to take the time to reflect on the MarcOgram.

Well as you all know, I have taken over the position as editor on a temporary basis while we look for a permanent editor for our MarcOgram.

Therefore, once again, I am asking you for your feedback on the contents that

you wish to see in the MarcOgram and I am open to any suggestions and submissions to our paper. I promise to do my best to make the MarcOgram your monthly paper of what is happening in MARC.

Once again, on behalf of myself and my family, I wish you all a "Seasons Greeting"!

Your editor..
Sheldon M. Werner,
VA2SH

Christmas Dinner 2010

The Christmas Dinner will be held at Antico Martini on December 4th, 2010 at 18:30H. 6450 Avenue Somerled NDG.

The price per person is \$40.00 which includes the tip and taxes. Alcohol and beverages are extra. The choices are: Chicken, Veal, or Salmon.

For reservations, contact James Hay at (514)697-7205 or by e-mail at ve2arc@rac.ca

"A new comer's perspective" By Paul Iar-rera VE2OFH

Since I was a kid, wireless communications have been something that fascinate me. I think my first personal experience was when my grandfather, gave me the gift of an honest to goodness pair of walkie-talkies... WOW my buddies and I could talk almost to the end of the block with those babies! Later on as a teenager, I remember watching

my buddy Doug's dad hunker down in his shack, listening and copying Morse code on a pad of paper. I told myself that some day, I would learn how to do that...

So in January 2010 (a good 35 years later), I took the MARC basic qualification course. I don't even remember how I found it, but it must have involved the Google and me looking for information on how to get licensed. There was a link on the MARC Website and I used that, to cold contact Vernon (VE2MBS). I still remember biting my nails and hoping that enough people would sign up so we could have the course. Anyways, 12 weeks or so later and I was a licensed HAM with HF privileges... woot! It's amazing, I very quickly lost interest in the scanner I'd been driving around with and a little 5watt HT took it's place. Now the course was wonderful and I learnt all of the essentials. But with that HT, I got a few lessons that I didn't get in class. Hear is the first lesson I learned with the HT.

1. Do not monitor yourself on the scanner while you are transmitting unless you are wearing headphones.

The HT worked well for me for about a month but I still wasn't using my HF privileges and hitting the local MARC and WIARC repeaters with the HT was not so exciting, so a more powerful mobile installation was the way for me to go. The wonderful thing about amateur radio is no matter what your interest, or experience, there is

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SUPPORT FOR THE MARCOGRAM

The editorial staff of this illustrious monthly newsletter request the support of our hams. It's getting increasingly difficult to obtain material that's of interest to our membership and therefore provide something that you all look forward to read. We need activity news of our local radio amateurs, I'm sure we'd all like to know what your doing.

Please contact one of the following with your news items and don't forget to include pictures.

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(submitted by the editorial board)

always a new achievement to attain. I'm still far from the goals that I set out for myself but I'm happy because I know that my future achievements will all be based on what I do today and believe me, the work is cut out for myself.

Getting my license and having no actual hands on practice was an unsettling experience. Almost a year later and I'm still kind of nervous OTA. If it wasn't for the WIARC Sunday night information net to

wet my ears, it's likely I'd still be wondering what to do once I actually got on the air. I think we need to find a way to get this experience into the hands of new operators earlier on in the learning process. Demos are excellent for introducing the possibilities amateur radio has to offer the new candidate, but nothing would break the ice like having a few QSOs under their belts before getting their licenses. They could get this experience using FRS radios, they could use these low powered, no license required walkie talkies to learn how to handle themselves in a round table net. When they get their tickets at the end of the course, they will already know what to do because, they'll have already had a chance to practice the procedures that make them good operators. Give them guided hands on experience early and the bug will do the rest. What's that you say? Bug? Oh yeah there's a bug... you know it and I know it and once you're bitten well you just have to be heard. This desire is I believe, what moves amateur radio forward. It is what moves me forward and I know that the new crop of candidates will have this same desire.

I want to hear next year's crop of hams sign onto the net and make them feel welcome as I was made to feel. I want to watch them catch the bug and see what they do to get themselves heard. We can all share in the excitement and the thrill of the new operator as they make their first QSOs. All we have to do to relive those moments, is to be there

for them when they sign. If you are monitoring the repeater and you hear a call sign you don't know, the minute or so of your time coming back to them and wishing them a pleasant afternoon may have been instrumental to another one, who has gotten the bug.

RAC Bulletins

2010-11-15

RAC Bulletin 2010-032E - Vision Statement 2010-11-14

2010-11-14

Vision for RAC as unanimously agreed upon by the Board of Directors and Executive of the Radio Amateurs of Canada:

'The Board and Executive of the Radio Amateurs of Canada, committed to the future of Amateur Radio in Canada and to the future of RAC, held a planning meeting in Ottawa from October 29th to October 31st as part of a process to map the future of RAC in the 21st Century. The Board and Executive have unanimously agreed upon a draft Vision for RAC.'

This Vision appears below and will be published on our website and



appear in the January/February issue of 'The Canadian Amateur'. Comments from members and amateurs are welcomed and should be sent to Paul Burggraaf, Secretary, Radio Amateurs of Canada by email to the RAC Corporate Secretary at pburggraaf@nf.sympatico.ca

Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) becomes an integral part of Amateur Radio culture . when a new Ham obtains his/her certification,

they rush to join RAC and enjoy the benefits of the organization which is recognized both nationally and internationally as the voice of Amateur Radio in Canada. If it is an Amateur Radio question, concern or issue. RAC is the organization that addresses those concerns and supplies the answers and guidance.

We attain high service levels; we meet the needs of our members and serve as an example to other international Amateur Radio organizations on how to service their constituents. Director, Executive and Assistant Director positions are coveted by RAC members, who are equitably represented by their elected officials. The annual convention is well attended and through technology, is made available to a wider range of members who cannot attend in person.

RAC pushes communications to their members, through a variety of methods. Ham nets, local club communications, face-to-face meetings, presentations, newsletters, .The Canadian Amateur magazine, social networks and e-mail/web bulletins are among the devices employed. We achieve a level of communication with the public, and the various levels of government that truly reflects our capabilities and the extent to which we can contribute to both emergency communications and public awareness of the abilities of our hobby.

RAC promotes education and .elmering. to new Hams, and supports the training and coaching of

RAC volunteers to achieve exemplary results, at the municipal, provincial and national levels. The new RAC Field Training program is the recognized tool leveraged by our ARES groups. Our volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization, and we develop an appreciation program that reflects our reliance on their abilities and commitment. All RAC members recognize and appreciate what the individual volunteers contribute, and the value that RAC, as an organization, brings to Amateur Radio in Canada.

RAC achieves a stable financial position, with a positive, growing membership which truly reflects the outstanding representation that RAC makes to Industry Canada and the world of Amateur Radio in Canada.

Paul Burggraaf
RAC Corporate Secretary

2010-11-09

RAC Bulletin 2010-031E - Field Organization Review Project
2010-11-09

I am pleased to report that a National Field Organization Review Project was started yesterday. With the assistance of Hew Lines VA7HU and Ian Snow VA3QT, and others, guidelines were adopted to review the entire RAC Field Organization including but not limited to:

Organizational structure

Focus

Training

Methodology

Communication to and from our members

Technology

This will be an ongoing process that will look at all aspects of how we operate and how we deliver Amateur Radio resources to our customers. If you would like to assist with this project, and feel that you have something to offer, I encourage you to contact the undersigned.

73

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