



# West Island Amateur Radio Club Bulletin

January 2011 Edition

Upcoming Meeting - January 17<sup>th</sup> 2010

This month's topic

“Repeaters”

Given by George Hedrei, VE2NGH

## President's Message and Report

by Ken Fraser, VE2KLF

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### Around the QTH:

#### Best wishes to all for 2011 ...

I am still dumping my basement and shredding old papers. Thanks to the “metal thieves”, who lie in wait every garbage/recycling night, I have managed to dump some metal stuff (which has included such items as bicycle parts, transformers, old coax and the like). At the rate I am going it should be Summer before a major dint is made in the sous-sol. BTW, if anyone feels they need a 1962 Ford Anglia engine and transmission, please contact me as I am not about to lift those suckers anywhere!

### December 2010 AGM:

As part of the AGM exercise, Malcolm presented an interim financial report which shows that we are in good shape. The rest of this meeting entailed the election of the executive for 2011. With one change, as there were no additional nominations other than the current executive membership and Charles; Ken, VE2KLF as President, Keith, VE2MTL as Secretary and Malcolm, VE2DDZ as Treasurer were acclaimed. Charles, VE2RFI succeeds Bob, VE2AXO (who decided to step down) as Vice President. This is your exec crew for 2011!

At our first executive meeting on 2011-JAN-04 we have decided to include a number of Directors to the club list as per our constitution. This will enable those who hold directorships to attend the executive meetings as their assignments usually require direct communications with the exec. Initially (these are not elected positions nor senate appointments;-) the following members have been assigned

#### Directorships:

Bram, VE2XCS as Editor

Bob, VE2AXO as QSL Manager

In the future this list can have additional members as the need arises.

Please note the seven new operators from François's Skype course who's names and calls are published elsewhere in this bulletin. Once again we are indebted to François, VE2AAY for additions to a good cause and fellowship. He has mentioned that there may be a few more stragglers yet to complete this course. Please welcome our new hams to the fold and help them with any ham related questions they may pose.

Also let us note that George, VE2NGH has had to step down as a net controller for the WIARC Information Net to further his education. Many thanks for that very “professional” voice on our net George! The net controllers are continuing with Malcolm,

VE2DDZ and new volunteers like Bram, VE2XCS and Paul, VE2OFH. We wish them well! And I am sure that if anyone else wishes to join them, Malcolm will be happy to do the initial training.

### January 2011 meeting topic:

We just cannot give George, VE2NGH a rest! He will bring the MARC portable repeater with duplexer to demonstrate the essentials of a VHF repeater system and its tuning and maintenance.

### Notes:

If you have not already paid your 2011 dues, please see that Malcolm, VE2DDZ receives your dues along with your filled out subscription form for receipt and records either at a meeting or by mail to the WIARC postal box.

The Canadian Ski Marathon will occur on February 12 and 13, 2011. The operation is East to West this year from Lachute to Buckingham. If you wish to assist with the communications for this event, please go to [www.radio-1.ca](http://www.radio-1.ca) for more information. If you are starting out on this exercise, you may wish to team up with an experienced ham(s). It suffices to say that the communication links are FM simplex and repeaters which usually require a 50 W mobile with a good antenna system at the checkpoints! You are in the lower Laurentians hills!

### C U on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January – 2011 ...

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## **What Happened** **Minutes of the December 2010 WIARC meeting**

by Keith Glashan, VE2MTL

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### *Minutes of the December 2010 WIARC meeting by Keith Glashan VE2MTL*

The meeting began at 19:50. Ken VE2KLF presides and welcomes the 21 attendees. We had the usual roll call with call signs. The details of the Monday December 13, 2010 meeting are as follows.

1. **Visitors:** There was one visitor this evening. Isaac VU2SX is hoping to get a Canadian call sign.

2. **RAQI Erratum:** Keith VE2MTL explained that RAQI will continue to publish the "Radioamateur du Québec" in electronic form. This was to clarify the item in last month's bulletin where it was stated that RAQI will no longer be publishing "Radioamateur du Québec". That fact applies to the printed format only.

3. **Astronomy:** Keith VE2MTL mentioned that there was to be a

significant meteor shower tonight, but because of the overcast conditions, it would be unlikely anyone in the Montreal region would see it. He also advised that next Monday there would be a total lunar eclipse, weather permitting.

4. **Christmas Dinner:** Ken VE2KLF thanked all those who attended the Christmas dinner. About 25 members and xyl's had a good time. We certainly hope to continue the tradition next year.

5. **Financial Report:** Malcolm VE2DDZ presented slides of the 2010 financial reports. These form part of this evening's official AGM. The members had a chance to comment on them. There was a short discussion on the rather poor results achieved at this year's Hamfest.

6. **MARC News:** Jim VE2VE mentioned that MARC will be running a 'Basic' course in Ham Radio starting January 8<sup>th</sup> 2011. Contact [VE2ARC@RAC.CA](mailto:VE2ARC@RAC.CA) for details.

7. **Sunday Net:** George VE2NGH announced that although the summer Bar-B-Q had still not taken place, he would be announcing something on the next Net. He hinted about a restaurant date in January 2011, possibly around the 15<sup>th</sup>. Please check-in next Sunday evening. Secondly, he advised that there would be no net on December 26<sup>th</sup> boxing day. Finally, he announced that he would be stepping down as one of the net controllers and asked if someone would like to give it a shot. Anyone?

8. **AGM in December:** After the break, we commenced the formal part of this evening's program, the Annual General Meeting. Sheldon VA2SH, acting as chairperson for the AGM, welcomed everyone in attendance. We had the presentation of the 2010 financial summary by Malcolm VE2DDZ. Ken VE2KLF presented details of this year's activity as were published in the December bulletin. Finally, Sheldon VA2SH accepted nominations for election from Paul VE2OFH, the chairman of the

nominating committee. Sheldon asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. There were none. As there was only one nomination for each of the positions of president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary, Sheldon VA2SH declared the positions acclaimed. Therefore for 2011, Ken Fraser VE2KLF remains as president. Charles Robitaille VE2RFI becomes our new vice-president. Malcolm Harper VE2DDZ remains as treasurer. Keith Glashan VE2MTL remains as secretary. Finally there was a motion to close the AGM by Keith VE2XL which was seconded by Vern VE2QQ.



***New WIARC Executive for 2011***

This month the winner of the 50/50 draw was Bob VE2AXO. Congratulations and thanks for donating your winnings to the club.

This month, there were magazines available as door prizes. Thanks, Ken and Andy.

Something Punny - When cannibals at a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

The meeting adjourned at 21:03. See you Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 2011.

73, and good DX de Keith VE2MTL

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## Minutes of the AGM

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West Island Amateur Radio Club – Founded 1972  
 P.O. Box 884, Pointe-Claire, Québec. H9R 4Z6

**Minutes, Annual General Meeting December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
 Held at Lakeside Heights Baptist Church, Pointe-Claire

Attendance:

Executive:

Ken Fraser	VE2KLF	president
Robert Loranger	VE2AXO	vice-president
Malcolm Harper	VE2DDZ	treasurer
Keith Glashan	VE2MTL	secretary

Members:

A quorum was established as 16 members minimum required for this AGM. Twenty (20) regular members were present.

Agenda:

- Review of nominations
- Election of new executive
- Presentation of interim financial report
- President's annual message
- Other Business

Minutes:

1. Welcome:

Sheldon Werner, VA2SH acts as Election scrutineer and welcomes the members.

2. Nominations: Presented by the chairperson of the nominating committee Paul Iarrera, VE2OFH.

One nomination form is received from the floor with 4 names:

Ken Fraser, VE2KLF is nominated as president.

Charles Robitaille, VE2RFI is nominated as vice-president.

Malcolm Harper, VE2DDZ is nominated as treasurer.

Keith Glashan, VE2MTL is nominated as secretary.

No other nominations are presented by members.

3. Elections:

Sheldon Werner, VA2SH declares all 4 individuals elected by acclamation.

4. Presentation of interim financial report:

Malcolm Harper VE2DDZ presents the interim financial report for 2010.

5. President's annual message:

Ken Fraser, VE2KLF presents details of the year's activities as were published in the December 2010 bulletin.

6. Other Business:

There being no other business, there is a motion to close:

Proposed: Keith VE2XL, Seconded: Vern VE2QQ. Vote: unanimous.

Signed this 13th of December 2010

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Sheldon Werner VA2SH, Election scrutineer

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David Cheney VA2DGC, Election secretary

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## Newly Licensed Hams

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The following new Hams have received their Canadian Amateur Radio licences, after successfully passing the WIARC Virtual Class of 2010 hosted by François VE2AAY. Let's please give them all a warm welcome to this wonderful hobby of ours.

VA2BHM Mario H. Belanger, St-Lazare.

VE2EJH John Hébert, Pointe-Claire.

VA2KEY Daniel Montpetit, Pointe-Claire

VA2TLA Serge Simard, St-Laurent.

VE2SKP Adriano 'Skip' Lizza, Laval.

VE2FUD David McDonald, Vaudreuil-Dorion.

VE2CED Jean-Luc Gervais, Brossard.

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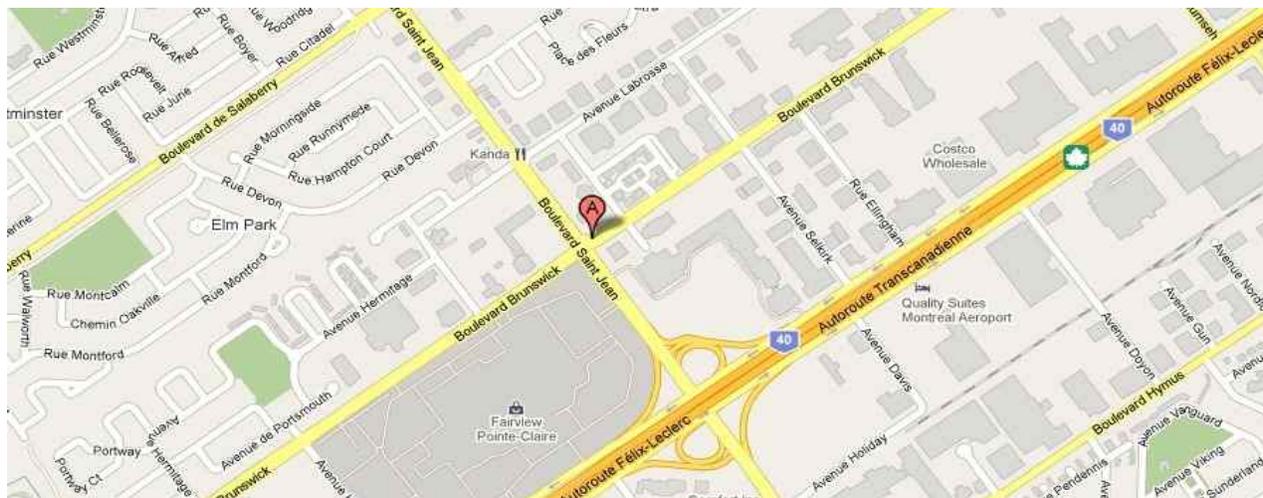
## \$\$\$ Membership Fees \$\$\$

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Membership dues for 2011 are **NOW** due. If you would like to pay at the January meeting you can download a membership form from the WIARC website, <http://wiarc.ca/faq/join.pdf>

## Sunday Information Net Lunch

The regulars of the Sunday night net are getting together for lunch this Saturday, January 15 at 2 pm at the Arahova restaurant in Pointe-Claire. The Arahova is a greek restaurant located on the NE corner of Brunswick and St. Jean. It is beside a Tim Horton's, across from the YMCA and diagonally across from Fairview. If you know for sure that you are coming, let me know by email ([ve2ddz@rac.ca](mailto:ve2ddz@rac.ca)) so we get an indication of how many people are coming. Hope to see you there.



## Footnotes About Us

### The West Island Amateur Radio Club was founded in 1972

**Mailing Address** - P.O. Box 884 Pointe-Claire, Quebec H9R 4Z6

**E-mail:** [VE2CWI@RAC.CA](mailto:VE2CWI@RAC.CA)

**President:** Kenneth Fraser, VE2KLF

**Treasurer:** Malcolm Harper, VE2DDZ

**Vice-president:** Charles Robitaille, VE2RFI

**Secretary:** Keith Glashan, VE2MTL

**Accredited Examiners:** Larry Dobby, [VE2DO@RAC.CA](mailto:VE2DO@RAC.CA) and Stuart Truba, [VE2XX@RAC.CA](mailto:VE2XX@RAC.CA)

#### Newsletter Editor

Bram Paterson, VE2XCS

Articles and comments are always welcomed; please submit them before the first Monday of the month for publication in that month's edition to the editor's attention, [VE2CWI@RAC.CA](mailto:VE2CWI@RAC.CA)

**Website:** <http://www.wiarc.ca>

**Webmaster:** Wayne Hodgins, [VE2WRH@RAC.CA](mailto:VE2WRH@RAC.CA)

**Repeaters:** VE2RWI VHF - 146.910 MHz (-)

VE2RWI UHF - 443.050 MHz (+) (141.3 Hz CTCSS tone transmitted by both repeaters).

#### Monthly Meetings

Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month, except July & August at: Lakeside Heights Baptist Church, 275 Braebrook, Pointe-Claire (West Island part of Montreal). Visitors are always welcomed.

#### WIARC NETS on the 146.91 Club Repeater

Information Net each Sunday evening at 8PM running for approximately an hour.

All are welcome to participate.