



West Island Amateur Radio Club Bulletin

October 2012 Edition

Upcoming Meeting – October 15th 2012

This month's topic

“Field Day 2012 Summary”

George VE2NGH will give a presentation on Field Day 2012

President's Message and Report

by Ken Fraser, VE2KLF

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The Fall Sessions are underway ... :

Again, I must record the passing of another OP, George McKell, VE2UGA, SK 2012-OCT-03 a member and director of the Covey Hill club. Well known around Ormstown, QC, this gentleman would give you the shirt off his back! And, certainly all who knew him remember his infectious laugh. We all will miss him on the VE2CYH net on Fridays at 20:00 (VE2REX repeater, 146.685- MHz). There will be an SK ceremony on the 2012-OCT-12 Net with Steve, W1HIO as net control.

I was up at our cottage again for the Thanksgiving weekend close up. Of course there was some time to put up the 20/40 m dipole and use the FT-817. 20 and 40 were hopping on Saturday and Sunday and I made a number of contacts with the 4 Watts on hand. Monday was a bust as a solar flare killed most of the action, but we had to stop the fun and close up for the winter. This, of course, means dumping the hot water tank and all water systems, adding antifreeze to various orifices (sinks and toilet) and dealing with the well's pithead adapter. The adapter (7 feet down from the well head) must be raised about ½ “ very carefully to drain the water in the line from the well head to the house. This is accomplished with a threaded 8-foot pipe with a T handle at the top of the pipe. If you raise the adapter out of its holder, by mistake, you have to fight with the weight of 80 feet of ABS hose and the submersible pump to return it to the holder! Fun! This time everything went as planned. If we had the time and \$ we should have installed an electrically controlled solenoid valve when the pithead was being installed!

Oh yes, further to last month's message, I am the proud owner of a QSL card from the Wood Island (ME) lighthouse. Now I have to print some QSL cards ... ☺

SEP 2012 MTG:

Reg, VE2AYU conducted the honours for Al Solway, VE2TAS SK. Bernie, VA2BP gave us a first hand presentation on his sons' conquering of the Northwest passage in their 31 foot sailboat, Belzebub2. A warm welcome was extended to Dusty, VE2ADJ. Please check out the minutes for what else went down ...

OCT 2012 MTG:

Tentative agenda:

- SK Ceremony for Dr Jim Lyons, VE2KN who passed away 2012-SEP-03
- Solder-Spot updates
- SOTA updates

- [Wrap up on RadioTalk2012](#)
- [Other business](#)
- Coffee/drinks/cookies, and rag chew
- [Field Day](#) presentation by George, VE2NGH
- [50/50 draw](#)

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What Happened **Minutes of the September 2012 WIARC meeting**

by Keith Glashan, VE2MTL

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The meeting began at 20:01. Ken VE2KLF presided and welcomed the 19 attendees. There was the usual roll call with call signs. There was a first time visitor attending tonight. He is Dusty VE2ADJ, and he is now our newest member. Welcome Dusty, soon you'll be an old member. The details of the Monday September 17, 2012 meeting are as follows.

1. Quick Notes:

--Ken VE2KLF announced that the club has been given a free table at the South Shore Hamfest being held Oct 20th.

--François VE2AAY will commence his on-line radio course Oct 4th. If you have candidates, it's still not too late.

--Malcolm VE2DDZ mentioned that M.P Francis Scarpalegia has talked about the Federal Government controlling towers less than 15 meters. Let's watch carefully.

--Henry VA3OV had coax with him tonight to sell at 60 cents a foot.

--Finally, the MARC 80th anniversary dinner is this Saturday Sept 22nd, at 7 PM and will be held at the Bar-B-Barn on Sources. This is right after the Radio Talk 2012 event of course.

2. Solder Spot: Paul VE2OFH spoke briefly about the next project as activities will pick up again for the

fall season. Remember the web site SOLDERSPOT.CA.

3. UHF & VHF Repeaters: No new news. Our UHF repeater is still off line and the VHF 146.910 repeater is still stop and go.

4. VE2TAS/SK: Reg VE2AYU presided over the silent key ceremony for Al Solway VE2TAS, who passed away at the end of June. Al had not been well enough to attend a meeting since 2004. He was a member since the early 1990's and was one of the members of the Arrow antenna project team. Ken VE2KLF, brought his own Arrow antenna to show the members and shared his reminiscences of Al back in those days. Besides Al and Ken, there were 3 others who were on the team. They are Ike VE2IKE, Eldor VE2HUG, and Keith VE2MTL.



*Above Reg VE2AYU, conducting the
silent key for Al VE2TAS.*

5. Radio Talk 2012: The event is next Saturday September 22nd 2012. The

QTH is the St. Ignatius Church hall. Terry VE2WTQ spoke about final details. Charles VE2RFI, chief chef, promises improved food this year. Ken VE2KLF will present the opening address. Terry will emcee. Henry VA3OV donated coax to the event.

6. North West Passage: After the break, Bernie VA2BP showed videos and pics of his son's adventure. He and his friends are sailing through the North West passage in their 31 foot sailboat Belzebub2. They are the 1st sailboat in history to complete the North West passage. Be sure to visit BELZEBUB2.COM.

7. SOTA News: Finally, Dan VA2KEY showed pics that Malcolm took during several of the SOTA activities that took place this past summer. There were from Mont. St. Bruno, Mont. St. Joseph, Mont. St. Grégoire, Mont Gosford, and Le Carcan. The SOTA web site is still WIARC-SOTA.WIKISPACES.COM.

Tonight, the winner of the 50/50 draw was Paul VE2OFH, who donated his winnings to the club. Congratulations and thanks, Paul.

This month, there were no door prizes. Maybe next month.

Something Punny -. When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.

The meeting adjourned at 22:36. See you October 15th, 2012. Have a great thanksgiving.

73, & good DX de Keith VE2MTL

Radio Talk 2012

by Malcolm Harper, VE2DDZ

Saturday, September 23 was an exciting day of radio at Loyola Parish in NDG as WIARC presented Radio Talk 2012. Radio Talk was cosponsored this year by the Montreal Amateur Radio Club and held just before the Radio Amateurs of Canada annual general meeting.

About 70 attendees were treated to talks by: Sébastien Parent-Charette VA2AVR - The Canadian Satellite Design Challenge; Bryan Rawlings VE3QN - A Century of Regulating Radio; Gilles Renucci VE2TZT - Une expédition DX dans le Pacifique Sud : VP6T/Pitcairn Island; Claude Everton VE2YI - Digital Voice Modes in 2012; Jimmy Howard VE2JWH - Amateur communications on laser beams; and Michel Graveline VE2WMG - Ballon Radioamateur du Québec. The talks were enthralling.



Ken VE2KLF giving speech to the crowd
Photos: Morrie VE2BWS



Gilles VE2TZT talking about his VP6T DX'pedition
Photos: Morrie VE2BWS

Another big hit this year was the lunch organized by Charles VE2RFI. A big thank you as well to his wife Manuela. When not listening to the excellent talks or eating the excellent food attendees browsed the displays from CANWARN Québec, ARES, and Montreal Solder Spot. They also had an opportunity to see the Ballon Radioamateur du Québec electronics in operation. Sam VE2LJV set up and operated a special event station from the display room. Radio HF was in attendance if anyone needed to pick up any accessories or books for their shack.



Pictures of Paul VE2OFH and Terry VE2TWQ – Photo taken by Morries VE2BWS

Thanks to all the work organizing this year's event and all the time and energy put in by about thirty presenters, exhibitors, and volunteers Radio Talk 2012 was a great success. The organizers have already started planning for Radio Talk 2013

For more pictures go to <http://www.pbase.com/nunavik/radiotalk2012rac>

WIARC New Members

WIARC welcomes new members Robert MacKenzie VA3RKM of Ottawa and Dusty Bouthillette VE2ADJ of Lachine.

Free Flea Market Tables

Flea-market tables available free to members. Members are reminded that there are always tables available at the regular monthly meetings. This practice was very popular years ago. Lately, it seems to have fallen out of practice.

So, if you wish to sell something, or clean out your basement, or do your spring cleaning early, you don't have to wait for the next Hamfest. Just bring those junk boxes, antenna parts, and old rigs to the next WIARC

meeting and set up your table at the back of the hall. It's free. It's fun. It's win-win.

\$\$\$ Swap Shop \$\$\$

To advertise items for sale, send details to Bram VE2XCS, the newsletter editor at ve2xcs@bell.net.

He will gladly include them in the next bulletin. Please remember to include all pertinent information relating to the item you wish to sell.

Footnotes About Us

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

Monthly Meetings

Held the 3rd 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.