



# West Island Amateur Radio Club Bulletin

## January 2016 Edition

### Upcoming Meeting – January 18<sup>th</sup> 2016

#### This month's topic

*“ Scratch building the Small Wonder Labs SW30+ QRP Transceiver ”*

*Presented by Nigel Maund VA2NM*

### President's Message and Report

by Malcolm Harper, VE2DDZ ([ve2ddz@ve2ddz.ca](mailto:ve2ddz@ve2ddz.ca))

Hi all,

Welcome to 2016.

Two silent key notices went out to WIARC members by email over the holidays. Roy Taylor, VE2RWT passed on December 25, 2015 and Victor Guerriero, VE2GDZ passed on January 11, 2016. Neither one was a member of WIARC, but both were active hams and both will be missed. My condolences to their friends and families.

The preliminary call has gone out for ham radio operators to provide communications support for the 50th running of the Canadian Ski Marathon. It will be the 43rd year amateurs have provided communications. The marathon runs west to east (Gatineau -> Lachute) this year. See <http://www.radio-1.ca> For more details or to volunteer.

Our presentation this month starts the year off by inviting you to break out your soldering iron. Nigel, VA2NM will present Scratch building the Small Wonder Labs SW30+ QRP Transceiver

He plans to cover why he homebrews QRP equipment, why he chose the SW30+, including details of the circuit and design. He will go through the build including decision, problems and solutions. The topic is very timely, the SW30+ has just recently been re-kitted and the Chat With the Designers podcast is producing a podcast session to guide hams learning as they build the kit. See <http://www.cwtd.org/sw30/2015-04-28.html>

#### **January 18, 2016 Meeting Agenda**

- Tips
- SIGs
  - Field Day planning
  - VHF Repeater
- Reports
  - Discussion of club finances
- Other Business
- Break (coffee, ragchew, cookies)

Scratch building the Small Wonder Labs SW30+ QRP Transceiver - Nigel VA2NM

See you on the 18th.

73,  
Malcolm VE2DDZ

# What happened

## Minutes of the December 2015 WIARC meeting

by Keith Glashan, VE2MTL ([kglashan@yahoo.ca](mailto:kglashan@yahoo.ca))

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### *Minutes of the WIARC Meeting December 21, 2015 By Keith Glashan VE2MTL*

The meeting began at 19:44. We met Dave VE2FUD, who attended the meeting, and joined the club. Welcome Dave. Malcolm VE2DDZ welcomed the 22 attendees and started the meeting with usual roll call with call signs. The details of the meeting follow.

#### **1. Tip Time Tips:**

There were no tips provided tonight, but Andy VE2DNN mentioned that he is looking for a tip on how to clean old capacitors. Anyone able to help Andy?

#### **2. Dragon VE2ZIV:**

Dragon VE2ZIV attended tonight after a long absence. He brought along a couple of items. He gave a QRP rig to Harrison VE2HKW. As well, he donated an old paper tape driven code practice machine to the club. Thanks, Dragon. It was great to see you again. Please drop around more often.

#### **3. Field Day Survey:**

Eamon VE2EGN said that he is planning a meeting in the New Year between the 2 clubs to discuss the results of his survey and to plan Field Day 2016.

#### **4. ARRL Fees:**

It was noted that the ARRL fees are going up as of Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. If you renew before then, you can save 25%.

#### **5. Financial Report:**

Bram VE2XCS presented the preliminary financial reports for 2015. These were entered as part of the AGM. The final reports will be published at a later date.

#### **6. President's Message:**

Malcolm VE2DDZ presented the president's annual message. This too was entered as part of the AGM.

#### **7. AGM:**

Finally, the time came for the formal portion of the AGM. Ken VE2KLF brought the meeting to order and acted as the election scrutineer for the formal election of the executive for the upcoming year. He thanked the executive for their work in 2015. Then he dissolved the current executive. Gilles VA2EW as chair of the nominating committee brought forward the nominations that he had received. He stated that only one nomination sheet had been presented to him for the four executive positions for 2016. It contained the same four members of the current executive. Therefore, Ken declared them as elected by acclamation. Keith VE2MTL will be drawing up detailed minutes of the AGM in a formal fashion. They will be available at the January meeting.

The AGM came to its conclusion. Thank you, Ken for your participation in this important legal function.

#### **8. After the Break:**

As the December meeting was quite

brief, we decided to hold all our business activities before the 'Break'. Therefore after the AGM, we enjoyed an extended 'Break', as there was no other Items for discussion. The members stayed and continued a rag-chew session until it was time to leave.

#### **9. Break Time Cookies:**

This evening, the break time treats were provided by Charles VE2RFI. Thanks Charles. According to the volunteer sheet, Malcolm VE2DDZ will provide treats for next month's meeting. I have the new sheet for the 2016 year. Please consider volunteering for 1 of the months.

#### **10. 50/50 Draw:**

The winner of the 50-50 draw this evening was James VE2KHC who donated his winnings to the Club. Congratulations and thanks.

#### **11. Door Prizes:**

Although Keith VE2XL could not attend this evening, he did provide some magazines for the taking. Dave VA2DGC provided the transport. Thank you both.

#### **12. A Pun my Word:**

I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.

The meeting adjourned at 21:03. See you January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

73, & good DX de Keith VE2MTL

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## Monthly Meeting tips

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Have you worked on a ham radio project lately ? Did you discover a solution to a problem that may be helpful for your fellow WIARC members ? Then come and share your tips at our monthly meetings.

A short amount of time will be allocated at the beginning of each meeting for members to share tips. Please let the club's executive know ahead of time so we can manage the meeting schedule accordingly, by sending an email at [ve2cwi@wiarc.ca](mailto:ve2cwi@wiarc.ca)

## WIARC Annual Membership Dues

Memberships for 2016 are due January 1. Fill out the form distributed with this newsletter and bring it at the January meeting (or drop it in the mail, or give it to any member of the executive).

## Pictures of the WIARC XMAS Dinner

by Malcolm Harper, VE2DDZ/VE2NR ([ve2ddz@ve2ddz.ca](mailto:ve2ddz@ve2ddz.ca))



# We want to hear from you

by Bram Paterson, VA2XE ([ve2xcs@bell.net](mailto:ve2xcs@bell.net))

Do you have an idea or story that you want to share with your fellows WIARC members. We want to hear from you. Please send your article to the newsletter editor at the beginning of the month to the following email address:

[ve2xcs@bell.net](mailto:ve2xcs@bell.net)

## +++ 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.

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](mailto: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

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

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News and comments are always welcomed; please submit them to the following address, [VE2CWI@WIARC.CA](mailto:VE2CWI@WIARC.CA)

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

**Repeaters:** VE2RWI VHF - 146.910 MHz (-) and VE2RWI UHF - 443.050 MHz (+)  
(88.5 Hz CTCSS tone both transmitted and received on the VHF repeater and a 141.3 Hz CTCSS tone only transmitted on the UHF repeater).

#### 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 VE2RWI Repeater

Information Net each Sunday evening at 8PM running for approximately an hour.  
All are welcome to participate.