



# West Island Amateur Radio Club Bulletin

## November 2016 Edition

### Upcoming Meeting – November 21<sup>th</sup> 2016

#### This month's topic

*“ The Arthur A. Collins Legacy: A Culture of Innovation ”*

*Presentation given by Dave VA2DGC*

### President's Message and Report

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

Hi all,

By now you have no doubt heard the sad news, Bob, VE2PDT passed away suddenly of a heart attack. I really enjoyed Bob's company and will miss him. Marc-André VA2EI has an article about Bob later in the newsletter.

Thank-you very much Leo, VE2SI, for your talk at our October meeting. I was very disappointed to miss it, all of the reports I've heard say it was excellent.

Congratulations to Gilles VA2EW and Vlad VA2TTA (VE2QA) who along with Victor VA2WA came in first place in the multi-single category in North America in the 2016 CQ WPX SSB thereby winning the North America plate. Very well done.

Our annual SOTA outing to Rigaud was cancelled in October. Although Mother Nature has been very good to us this fall, she didn't cooperate that weekend.

November is winding down, no sign of snow yet, but certainly winter and Christmas are coming. Our annual Christmas dinner will be at the same location as last year:

L'Academie Restaurant  
#129 - 6321 Trans-Canada Highway,  
Pointe Claire, H9R 5A5.  
Phone: 514-429-4488

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 from 6:30 pm

December will also bring our annual general meeting on Monday, December 19. As usual we will have elections for club officers. Bram, VA2XE, has indicated that he will be stepping down as treasurer. In addition, Charles VE2RFI and I would like to move on to other challenges. The club is looking for a new treasurer for certain and hopefully we can also find a new vice-president and a new president. At the November meeting we will form a nominating committee whose job it will be to find candidates for the executive positions.

Also at the AGM we will have a motion concerning our relationship with RAQI (Radio Amateur du Québec). The structure of RAQI has changed since a membership vote last spring. RAQI is no longer an organization with individual members, it is now a federation of amateur radio clubs. The WIARC executive recommends that WIARC join RAQI as a member club and will present a motion to that effect to the membership at the WIARC AGM in December.

Harrison VE2HKW has agreed to head up our 2017 Field Day operations. Thank-you Harrison. If you are interested in getting involved in the long term planning for Field Day, let Harrison know.

For our presentation the month we will view the video "The Arthur A. Collins Legacy: A Culture of Innovation". The video is

from the library of Dave VA2DGC and he will give us a short introduction to it.

November 21, 2016 Meeting Agenda

- Silent Key – Bob, VE2PDT
- Tips
- Flash Talk – VB2W from Waskaganish - VA2EI
- Reports
  - VIMY100IMY/VE2 operations – VE2RFI
  - WIARC T-shirts
  - Christmas dinner
  - Field day
  - Repeaters
  - SOTA

Other business

- Nominating committee
- RAQI membership discussion

Break (coffee, ragchew, cookies)

Video presentation:

The Arthur A. Collins Legacy: A Culture of Innovation - Dave VA2DGC

See you on the 21st.

73,  
Malcolm VE2DDZ

## **What happened** **Minutes of the October 2016 WIARC meeting**

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

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### *Minutes of the WIARC Meeting October 19, 2016 By Keith Glashan VE2MTL*

The meeting began at 19:30. Malcolm VE2DDZ was absent tonight, so Charles VE2RFI chaired the meeting, welcomed the 21 attendees, and opened the meeting with the usual roll call with call signs. Tonight, Charles' nephew Emanuel attended. He is visiting from Portugal. As well, we welcomed a new member, John VE2YNI. It's nice to see a new face in the audience. The details of the meeting follow.

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

Mark Andre VA2EI showed us a compact wire gauge which he bought at Addison electronics. He says it is simple, cheap, and useful. As well he

demonstrated a cute device he uses to tighten connectors on coax cables. Charles VE2RFI showed a circuit diagram for a Chinese power supply.

He pointed out some weaknesses in its design. For example, it provides no output protection.

He recommended that we do not use this particular model for any serious application.

#### **2. SIGS Special Interest Groups:**

René VE2RI mentioned that we can enjoy DMR coverage from the US border to the lower Laurentians.

#### **3. Local Repeaters:**

The repeaters are still working satisfactorily. Charles VE2RFI said he has yet to visit the repeater site to change the power supply.

#### **4. Vimy 100 Special Event:**

As was mentioned at the September meeting, there are special events planned for next year's 100th anniversary of Vimy Ridge. A tentative date of January 8th to the 14th 2017 is planned for Quebec amateurs using the call sign VE100VIMY/VE2. Our club has been invited to operate during that week. Charles will be coordinating the activity amongst interested members. If you would like to operate during that time, see Charles about the schedule. Operations will take place on phone, RTTY, and CW. We will be using all bands. Bob VE2AXO has expressed interest in this event.

#### **5. SOTA News:**

Next Saturday October 22 the club will meet at Fairview about 9AM and proceed to Mont Rigaud for a SOTA event.

Expect an email from Malcolm VE2DDZ for further information on the subject.

#### 6. T-Shirts:

Bram VE2XCS presented 4 designs for a Club T-shirt. They were prepared by his mother who is a designer. Comments are welcome.

#### 7. W1AW Contest:

Mark Andre VA2EI showed some W1AW contest QSL card's on which he and Harrison VE2HKW got a mention. Nice to see.

#### 8. After the Break:

After the break, Leo Nikkinen VE2SI gave a presentation on the subject of test equipment. He talked about "Why do we need test equipment?" and "What is test equipment?" and "What can you do with test equipment?", and finally "What test equipment is available?"



*Leo VE2SI on Test Equipment*

He started by reminding us that testing and experimenting is a part of the government amateur radio license provisions. Therefore, we should be making it an active part of our hobby. To do so, we would certainly need some instruments to be able to carry out appropriate experiments. Leo's demonstrations included old analogue equipment through to handheld digital, and bench digital models. He included equipment from the era of tubes, to hybrid tubes and transistors, to pure transistor, and finally to IC's and low cost non-lab grade models. He also talked about single function vs multifunction models. He talked about older equipment using knobs and switches to the ones that are menu driven, up to the current computer interface types. He also talked about the good old "easy to maintain and fix" units, up to the modern, and perhaps "impossible to fix" models which use the latest IC's. Leo's discussion included signal generators, oscilloscopes, ammeters, and frequency counters. I noticed about 14 devices on the table which he was using for his talk plus his computer full of slides for reference. Leo, we thank you for your articulate discussion on the subject. It was certainly complete. The equipment on the table looked like a radio amateur's Christmas wish list. Thanks for bringing it all and showing it to us tonight. We

would enjoy having you return in the future for another show. Perhaps to show your next piece of test equipment. Thanks again, 73's.

#### 9. Break Time Cookies:

This evening, the break time treats were provided by Bob VE2PDT. Thanks. According to the volunteer sheet, Bob VE2AXO will be providing treats for next month's meeting. By the way, we have the rest of 2016 covered, so if you would like to provide treats next year, I will have a blank sheet at the November meeting. I will give you your first choice!

#### 10. 50/50 Draw:

The winner of the 50-50 draw this evening was Charles VE2RFI, who donated his winnings to the club. Thanks.

#### 11. Door Prizes:

This evening, we had no door prizes.

#### 12. A Pun my Word:

What was the best thing before sliced bread?

The meeting adjourned at 21:38. See you November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

*73, & good DX de Keith VE2MTL*

## **Memories of Bob Goyetche VE2PDT, SK**

by Marc-Andre Gingras, VE2EVN / VA2EI

It was a shock when I learned of the unexpected death of Bob Goyetche, VE2PDT on November 10<sup>th</sup> 2016. Bob suffered a sudden heart attack. Our condolences to his wife Cathy, his son Simon and his family and friends.

Bob was very much involved with Field Day efforts and was actively involved in our community. Many of you have met Bob, either at Field Day, or at meetings, or SOTA, and I'm sure you will join me in saying that he will be greatly missed. I only knew Bob for these past two years, but I can tell you he left his mark and I will cherish my memories of the time we spent together sharing in this great passion that is ham radio.

I met Bob for the first time at the 2014 Rigaud SOTA. He had brought along a neat kit in a fold-out bag: radio, tuner, battery, and a tapped coil, vertical antenna that got a lot of attention. Most of us were curious to find out which antenna this was, as it was working quite well for him given how compact it was. Bob was not one to shy away from questions and gladly answered all of them. As I have come to learn in the last two years, Bob was very much more of a doer than a talker, but he was a great guy to talk with. He joined us at the Willow's Inn and shared in some of his experiences.

Since then, he became a member of WIARC, was an active part of our joint Field Day and many other events such as Winter Field day, SOTA, Chilicon and the Jamboree on the Air.



*Picture of Bob operating at Rigaud SOTA Activation 2014*

I very much enjoyed the trips we made together to many Hamfests such as to Ottawa, Smiths Falls, Hamcon Vermont, along with other events like Chilicon and SOTAs. If there was a ham radio event, and time permitted, Bob was always willing to give it a go.

Last September, I joined Bob on a trip to the Ottawa Hamfest where his son Simon came long. At first Simon was more interested in Pokémon Go than what we were up to, but much to Bob's surprise, Simon started asking both of us questions about ham radio, on everything from operating procedures to phonetics. I can tell you Bob was all for it, and later told me his son had never really shown interest in the hobby before then. A month later, Bob and I ran a Jamboree on the Air station for the scouting group that Simon is part of. Simon had learned his phonetics, and had started studying to get his own license and callsign. You could not hide the pride and joy in Bob's face when Simon went on the radio during the event, or when later his son was asking him about being able to use his dad's radios.



*Bob and Marc-André relaxing in the GOTA tent at Field Day 2016*

That sadly was the last event I got to share with Bob. I know you always want more, but as I look back, I am happy I got to share all these moments with him, and will keep great memories of them.



## **Notice of WIARC 2016 AGM**

The West-Island Amateur Radio Club will hold it's Annual General Meeting on Monday, December 19 2016 at it's usual location at 275 Braebrook Ave. in Pointe-Claire at 7:30 PM

## **WIARC Annual Christmas Dinner 2016**

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## **Notice of RAQI Motion**

A motion will be presented at the WIARC 2016 AGM concerning RAQI new organization structure and it's impact on WIARC, weather the club membership's accepts it or not.

## **Monthly Meeting tips**

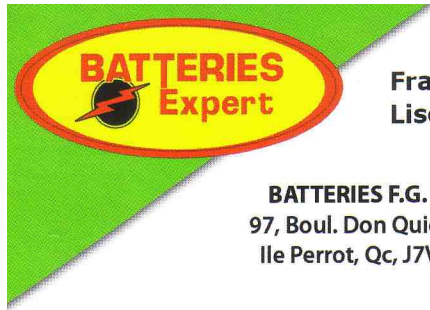
Have you worked on a ham radio project lately ? Did you discover a solution to a problem that may be helpful for your fellow WIARC members ? Then come and share your tips at our monthly meetings.

A short amount of time will be allocated at the beginning of each meeting for members to share tips.

## **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:  
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## +++ Free Flea Market Tables +++

A reminder that tables are  
available at our monthly meetings.

## \$\$\$ 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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**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.