



West Island Amateur Radio Club Bulletin

January 2017 Edition

Upcoming Meeting – January 16th 2017

This month's topic

“ An Introduction to VHF+ Contesting - Vittorio VE2HAY ”

Presented by Vittorio Buono, VE2HAY

President's Message and Report

by Malcolm Harper, VE2DDZ (ve2ddz@ve2ddz.ca)

Hi all,

Welcome to 2017. The year is not off to a great start for me, I've been fighting a bad cold for two weeks. Nothing major, but I sure haven't had much spare energy to tackle items on my project list.

During one of the last Sunday night nets of 2015 we talked about our radio goals for 2016. After that discussion I went through the process of identifying and writing down concrete radio goals for myself for this year just ended. Reflecting a year later, I think that the process was helpful keeping my radioactivity focused during 2016.

Some goals I didn't meet: making a satellite contact as part of a SOTA activation, for example. Other goals I did accomplish such as SOTA activations from Abitibi-Temiscamingue and successful satellite operations at Field Day. Of course some things came up that weren't on my radar like some major contest experience (Thanks Gilles. Thanks George.)

I certainly benefitted from the focus that setting goals provided - enough to be going through the process again this year. I am currently writing down some concrete goals for DDZ for 2017. I am trying to choose them to be concrete, and achievable but difficult. I think I will have succeeded if a year from now I can say I met some, but not all, of my goals for 2017.

What are your radio goals for 2017?

Our first speaker for 2017 is Vittorio, VE2HAY, who will introduce us to VHF+ operating and contesting. It promises to be an interesting talk and is very timely. The January ARRL VHF+ is the following weekend.

January 16, 2017 Meeting Agenda

- Tips
- Reports
 - VIMY100IMY/VE2 operations – VE2RFI
 - Field Day - VE2HKW
- Other business

- Break (coffee, ragchew, cookies)

- Presentation:
 - An Introduction to VHF+ Contesting - Vittorio VE2HAY

See you on the 16th.

73,
Malcolm VE2DDZ

What happened

Minutes of the December 2016 WIARC meeting

by Keith Glashan, VE2MTL (kglashan@yahoo.ca)

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The meeting began at 19:40. Malcolm VE2DDZ welcomed 20 attendees, and opened the meeting with the usual roll call with call signs. The details of the meeting follow.

1. Tip Time Tips:

Not exactly a 'Tip', but Andy VE2DNN talked about troubles he is having receiving Ch 3 and Ch 5 on broadcast TV. He is unable to receive those channels because his QTH is in a bit of a valley. Ironically, George VE2NGH, commented that his Winegard antenna, with preamp, sometimes overloads his television. He is forced to attenuate the signal by about 10 DB. Finally, Charles VE2RFI suggested you should check your alternator at the same time you replace your car battery. It seems that his was putting out 17 volts.

2. Vimy 100 Special Event:

Charles VE2RFI made a final appeal to those who may be interested in operating during the special event as VE100VIMY/VE2. He is the Quebec coordinator. The VIMY special event runs January 8th - 14th 2017. If interested, contact Charles.

3. Christmas Dinner:

We had 21 attendees at l'Academie restaurant, down somewhat from last year. However everyone seemed to have a good time. There were lots of door prizes, plenty of food and much talk. The RMP group held their Christmas dinner the same evening. Next year we will contact them to insure we don't have conflicting schedules.

4. Field Day 2017:

There was some talk about the venue for field day 2017. There was a suggestion about using Cap St. Jacques or a location in Pointe Claire. Remember that last year's location in Beaconsfield will not be available this June.

5. RAQI Membership:

Malcolm VE2DDZ made a motion that the Club joins RAQI under its new structure. It received unanimous approval from the members.

6. Membership Dues are Due:

While on the subject of memberships, a reminder that WIARC dues are due too. No pun intended this time. Please complete the membership form, and see the treasurer ASAP. Thanks.

7. VA2PDT/SK Donation:

Aster some discussion, Larry VE2DO moved that the Club donate \$100.00 to the fund for the education of Simon, the son of Bob VE2PDT/SK. It was seconded by Gilles VA2EW. The vote was unanimous.

8. After the Break:

Tonight was the annual AGM. We held our elections for the executive positions for the coming year. Bram VA2XE has stepped down as treasurer but will remain as the Editor. As well Charles VE2RFI is stepping down from his position as vice president, but will remain on as our Technical Director. He maintains both of the Club repeaters. Malcolm VE2DDZ will remain as president for the coming year. Keith VE2MTL will remain as secretary for the coming year. Gilles VA2EW was nominated and has accepted the position of vice president for the coming year. Harrison VE2HKW has accepted the treasurer position for the coming year. Thanks to all four members for their commitment, and a special thanks to the

outgoing members for their past years of service. Finally, special thanks go to Eamon VE2EGN for his efforts as a one man nominating committee and securing new candidates.

9. Break Time Cookies:

This evening, Charles VE2RFI provided his famous Christmas cookies. Thanks. According to the volunteer sheet, Dave VA2DGC will be providing items for next month's meeting. I must remind you that we need volunteers for 2017. If you



Good looking cookies ...

would like to provide treats next year, see me at a regular meeting, or send an email. It's not often we feature pictures of treats, but these Christmas cookies from Charles VE2RFI demand special attention.

10. 50/50 Draw:

There was no 50-50 draw this evening.

11. Door Prizes:

This evening, there were no door prizes. Perhaps next year.

12. A Pun my Word:

On the subject of cookies, can vegetarians eat animal crackers?

The meeting adjourned at 21:32. See you January 16th, 2017. Happy New Year.

73, & good DX de Keith VE2MTL

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)

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

+++ 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.

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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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 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 VE2RWI Repeater

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