



WEST ISLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB – BULLETIN

September 2009 Edition

President's Message and Report

WI ~ ARCS:

I trust you have all enjoyed our on-again off-again summer months and are appropriately tanned and rested! The XYL and I managed a trip to my sister's in High River, AB in July and we took a car trip around MT, WY, ID, WA and Southeast BC stopping in Yellowstone along the way. The weather was hot and dry at the time ... quite different to that in Montreal. I brought along my trusty old FT470 and quarter wave magmount antenna for the journey. There were no problems at the boarder crossings, but I obtained a 'green card' at Canada customs (for the FT470) on the way to the US just in case. The chauffeur was my brother-in-law (a retired Grayhound bus driver who has traveled most of the routes) which allowed me to make seven VHF contacts enroute... W7s, VE7s and VE6s. The continuous travel information provided by our driver was most appreciated!

On returning to Quebec we followed up with a short trip to our cottage at Lake MacDonald and then on to the Papineau-Labelle reserve for more R&R with the grandchildren and family. We lucked out with the weather (in August) at the chalet in the reserve. Almost ten sunny days! I took up astronomy as the skies were free from local light pollution not to mention the low electrical noise levels on HF ... no power lines (the chalet runs on propane)... an estimated 10 to 20 dB below the home QTH noise levels in the West Island! This is beginning to sound like Peter's Travelogue (VE3YYY in TCA). Now it is back to the grind...

June 2009 meeting:

The operation of the Science and Technology days with the LBPSB at the St Lazare airfield was reviewed. All who took part in this community service found it to be a rewarding experience and a lot of fun. The rest of the time was devoted to Field Day planning under the guidance of Gilles, VE2TZT.

Field Day 2009:

The Field Day was held on June 27th and 28th at the Morgan Arboretum as last year with the station operating in the 1A category. A single tent, generator, two antennas and Gilles' FT1000 with a backup and computers were put together for the occasion. Unfortunately, due to changed fire regulations this year, we were unable to have the usual BBQ, but we managed to get fed anyway. Much appreciated was the effort put in by Malcom, VE2DDZ and George, VE2NGH in garnering a number of satellite QSOs with their dual band satellite ground station... in true amateur radio spirit. Nice one guys! To all who made the effort to be there and help with the proceedings, a big TNX. We have amassed 1558 points for QSOs (CW and SSB) and 790 bonus points for a grand total of 2348 claimed score... not up to last years pile, but a different approach was taken this year to involve more operators.

September 2009 meeting:

This general meeting will deal with the final planning for our hamfest on Saturday, September 19th and any other business from the executive and/or the floor.

Reminders:

The September general meeting is set for September 14th... the SECOND MONDAY in September.

Our hamfest/auction is slated for Sept 19th at the Karnak Shriner's Hall on Sources. See our WEB pages or those of RAC events for more information.

C U on September 14th and 19th... de .ken. VE2KLF

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VE2RWI UHF - 443.050 MHz (+)

(141.3 Hz CTCSS tone transmitted by both repeaters).

Monthly Meetings: Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of every month, except July at: Lakeside Heights Baptist Church, 275 Braebrook, Pointe-Claire (West Island part of Montreal). Visitors are welcomed!

UPCOMING MEETING

Sept. 14, 2009

This month's topic

"WIARC
Hamfest Prep"

From the Editor's Key

Good day my fellow WIARCians...

Well it is a holiday weekend and summer has finally arrived. So I hope every one had a good summer. With the coming of September comes two big hamfests... Ottawa Amateur Radio Club's in Carp (Sept. 12th) and of course **OURS, Saturday Sept. 19th!!!** So clean out those ham shacks and bring it all down. Of course we need your help in setting up and running the event. So make that extra effort to attend the monthly meeting.

73, Morrie Portnoff VE2BWS

What Happened Minutes of the June WIARC Meeting

by Keith Glashan, VE2MTL

The meeting began at 19:58. Ken VE2KLF presides and welcomes the 19 attendees. There was the usual roll call with call signs. The details of the Monday June 15, 2009 meeting are as follows.

1. Science & Tech Day:

Ken VE2KLF reviewed the experiences of this year's Science and Technology event. He showed several pictures of the event taken by Gunther VE2BHH and Keith VE2MTL. Ken also had some Pics of the Rigaud Club tower. A tree had fallen recently over one of the guy wires and actually caused a part of the tower to bend.

2. Financials: Andy VE2DNN gave a brief rundown on the financial health of the club. James VE2KHC reminded us that when he was treasurer, the bank offered us a – point more interest on our term deposits because of our non-profit status. The executive will see if this continues to apply to us.

3. Next Meeting: This summer, there will be no

meeting in July nor in August. We have decided to hold the September meeting on Monday September 14th, 2009. Note that it is the 2nd Monday in September and not the 3rd. This will allow us to get together just before the Club auction which will be held the following Saturday on September 19th.

After the break, Gilles VE2TZT talked about his field day plans. He has changed his initial plans to operate 2A. He advised that we would remain in the 1A category once again. Gilles recognized that there were a number of new hams in the club. As well there are others with VHF experience only. He suggests that the focus this year will be to encourage the use of other modes or bands. He reviewed 'Bonus Points' items to ensure that we gain all the points that apply to us. George VE2NGH said he would bring along his young nephew so that we can claim the 'Youth' bonus. Keith VE2MTL will contact the local

papers about advertising the event as one open to the public. Keith was also reminded to contact Vlad VA2AN to be able to claim alternative power points. Keith will also be contacting the Morgan arboretum to settle any final details. Thanks Gilles for all the work so far, and for what lies ahead. We'll see you and all the members at 9AM on Field Day 2009 for set-up.

This month the winner of the 50/50 draw was Ken VE2KLF. Once again he donated his winnings to the Club. Thanks Ken.

This month, once again, both Ken VE2KLF and Andy VE2DNN had a number of magazines free for the taking. Thanks fellows.

Something Pun'y - Acupuncture is a jab well done.

The meeting adjourned at 22:11 EDT. See you at Field Day, at the meeting in September, and at the Auction. Have a great summer.

*73 and good DX de Keith
VE2MTL*

WIARC Field Day 2009 – Photo Gallery

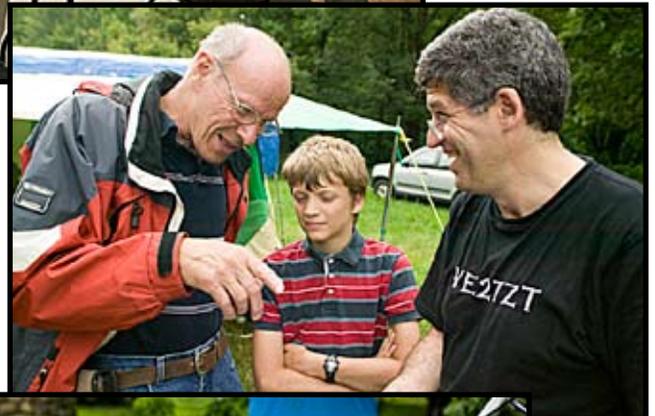
Once again we had a great field day under the guidance of Gilles, VE2TZT. The emphasis this year was "participation". Both experienced as well as "newbie" operators took part and everyone felt welcomed. Gilles made sure that an experienced operator helped or coached us less experienced operators. This made Field Day an educational and fun experience. So a big THANK YOU goes out to all the operators and participants whom made this a great day.

More photos can be seen on-line at: http://www.pbase.com/nunavik/wiarc_fd2009

Morrie VE2BWS



Photos by: Morrie VE2BWS



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WIARC NETS

Information Net each Sunday evening on the 146.910 Club repeater starting at 8 PM running for approximately an hour. All are welcome to participate.

Also, there is a Trivia Net held each Friday evening beginning at 5 PM until 6:30 PM

HAMFEST Dates

Saturday, Sept. 12th – Ottawa Amateur Radio Club Flea Market – Carp Agricultural Fairgrounds, Carp, Ontario <http://www.oarc.net/fleamarket/>

Saturday September 19th
West Island Amateur Radio Club Hamfest/Auction

Karnak Shiners Hall, 3350 Boulevard des Sources, Dollard des Ormeaux, QC.
<http://shell.pubnix.net/~wiarc/hamfest.htm>