



West Island Amateur Radio Club Bulletin

January 2012 Edition

Upcoming Meeting – January 16th 2012
This month's topic
“EME (Earth-Moon-Earth) Communications”
Presentation given by Stuart Truba, VE2XX

President's Message and Report

by Ken Fraser, VE2KLF

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Tales from the QTH:

Over the holidays I visited my brother-in-law, Tom, VE3TWD who is downsizing his house (read: years of acquired valuables or junk as I am well aware of at my QTH). One of the items he tossed my way was a Dentron Super Tuner which means I can finally put my FT-990 on the air as that was the missing item to bounce up to 100 Watts and maybe blow the DTV preamp on the tower. ;) However, I am still amazed at the HF contacts piling up with my FT-817 QRP rig especially on 40 and 80 m. The G5RV antenna at my QTH is in the right orientation for EU and West US contacts and seems to be performing well with only 4 or so Watts. The 300 Ohm balanced feed line from the G5RV dipole is fed to a balanced (dual) coax into the house where an air balun translates to unbalanced 50 Ohms or so. I will probably use the balanced output (internal balun) in the Dentron tuner when the FT-990 is put on the air. So far 20, 40 and 80 m work well and I will look at 160, 17, 15, 12 and 10 m when I have time.

Now to deal with my high noise environment. The new LED pot lights generate quite a bit of hash on the low bands, but those can be turned OFF ... Not so for the new fridge. It is interesting that the new front-loading washing machine is electrically quiet as those nice people decided to include a professional LINE FILTER. It also does not help that I have two 3 phase 18 kV lines across the street South from the QTH and two 3 phase 79 kV lines to the North. But, I must admit that Hydro just finished replacing all the insulators on those lines! I need to check into some receiving loops as Beverages are out of the question.

Stay tuned ... It is a question of tossing stuff in my basement which is a slo-o-ow process ~~~~~ right now I feel like a pack rat stumbling through a maze.

DEC 2011 MTG:

Please see the minutes for 2012-DEC-12 and the Proceedings of the Annual General Meeting.

Jan 2012 MTG:

Tentative agenda:

- SOTA Updates
- Solder-Spot ... VE2OFH, Paul
- CSM 2012 set ups and requests for operators – 2012-FEB-11 and 12, Buckingham to Lachute this year is the route.
- Other business
- Coffee/drinks/cookies, and rag chew
- **Speaker:** VE2XX, Stuart will talk on EME communications with reference to his operations and installations.

Notes: 2012 dues are now “due”! If you have not already settled your account, please see Malcolm, VE2DDZ. Tnx.

Please congratulate Harrison Kyle, **VE2HKW** associated with the Covey Hill club in achieving 80 % is his basic exam and is already on-the-air (VHF). He was on the VE2CYH net (Friday @ 20:00 local) on Jan 6th and he said he would try and call into the Info Net at some point. The net control for the VE2CYH net is Steve, W1HIO and those who would like to try this net, please join the fun on 146.685- MHz (PL 100 Hz).

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What Happened

Minutes of the December 2011 WIARC meeting

by Keith Glashan, VE2MTL

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The meeting began at 19:50. Ken VE2KLF presided and welcomed the 18 attendees. There was the usual roll call with call signs. The details of the Monday December 12, 2011 meeting are as follows.

1. VHF Repeater: Ken VE2KLF thanked Vito VE2VTO and Costa for their contributions and efforts in getting our VFH repeater back on the air.

2. SOTA: Eamon VE2EGN talked briefly about a recent SOTA assault on Mont St. Bruno recently. Other participants were Dan VE2KEY, Malcolm VE2DDZ, and Marc-Andre VE2EVN. It took place on Sat December 10th at a final altitude of 218 meters. They made about 40 contacts.

3. Radio Talk 2011: Morrie VE2BWS did not have time to deliver his presentation at “Radio Talk 2011”. Therefore he presented to us tonight. It was a well done audio and video on Field Day. It highlighted the experience of his introduction to amateur radio as part of a Field Day team. No doubt it had a profound effect on him. The talk reminded us all of our own radio experiences from times past. Well done Morrie. All in your usual professional way. It was well received by all the members.

4. Solder Spot: Paul VE2OFH said that he would be starting the 40 meter receiver project soon in the New Year. He said that he has had an enthusiastic response on this one.

5. New 60 meter Band: Vern VE2QQ announced that 5 new channels will be made available to amateurs beginning in January 2012. There will have to be some co-ordination with our American neighbours of course. Stay tuned for further details.

6. Financials: Malcolm VE2DDZ presented an interim report on the state of the Club finances as part of the AGM. He mentioned that we made a small profit at the recent Radio Talk 2011 event. The books do reflect a loss for 2011 mainly due to the new UHF repeater that we recently purchased and installed. This prompted a general discussion on raising membership, perhaps through the High Schools.

7. Pitcairn Dx: Gilles VE2TZZ spoke on his upcoming dx’pedition to Pitcairn Island. He will be departing Montreal on January 13th, 2012. All info is on his web site WWW.VP6T.ORG. Get your HF rigs in shape for real Dx. He’ll be looking for us.

8. AGM: After the break, we commenced the formal part of this evening’s program, the Annual General Meeting. Sheldon VA2SH, acting as chairperson for the AGM, welcomed everyone in attendance. The 2011 financial summary by Malcolm VE2DDZ that was detailed above was presented. Ken VE2KLF presented details of this year’ activity as were

published in the December bulletin. Finally, Sheldon VA2SH accepted nominations for election from Paul VE2OFH, the chairman of the nominating committee. Sheldon asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. There were none. As there was only one nomination for each of the positions of president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary, Sheldon VA2SH declared the positions acclaimed. Therefore for 2012, Ken Fraser VE2KLF remains as president. Charles Robitaille VE2RFI remains as vice-president. Malcolm Harper VE2DDZ remains as treasurer. Keith Glashan VE2MTL remains as secretary. Ray VA2RY nominated Vern VE2QQ as auditor for the financial statements. The motion was seconded by Paul VE2OFH. The vote was unanimous. Finally there was a motion to close the AGM by Reg VE2AYU which was seconded by Ralph VE2GO.



Above a Pic of Sheldon and Paul conducting the WIARC AGM formalities.

Tonight, the winner of the 50/50 draw was Paul VE2OFH, who donated his cash prize to the Club. Thanks and congratulations.

This month, there were no door prizes. Sorry! Next month?

Something Punny - A dentist and a manicurist fought tooth and nail.

The meeting adjourned at 21:40. See you in January 2012 on the 16th. Happy holidays!

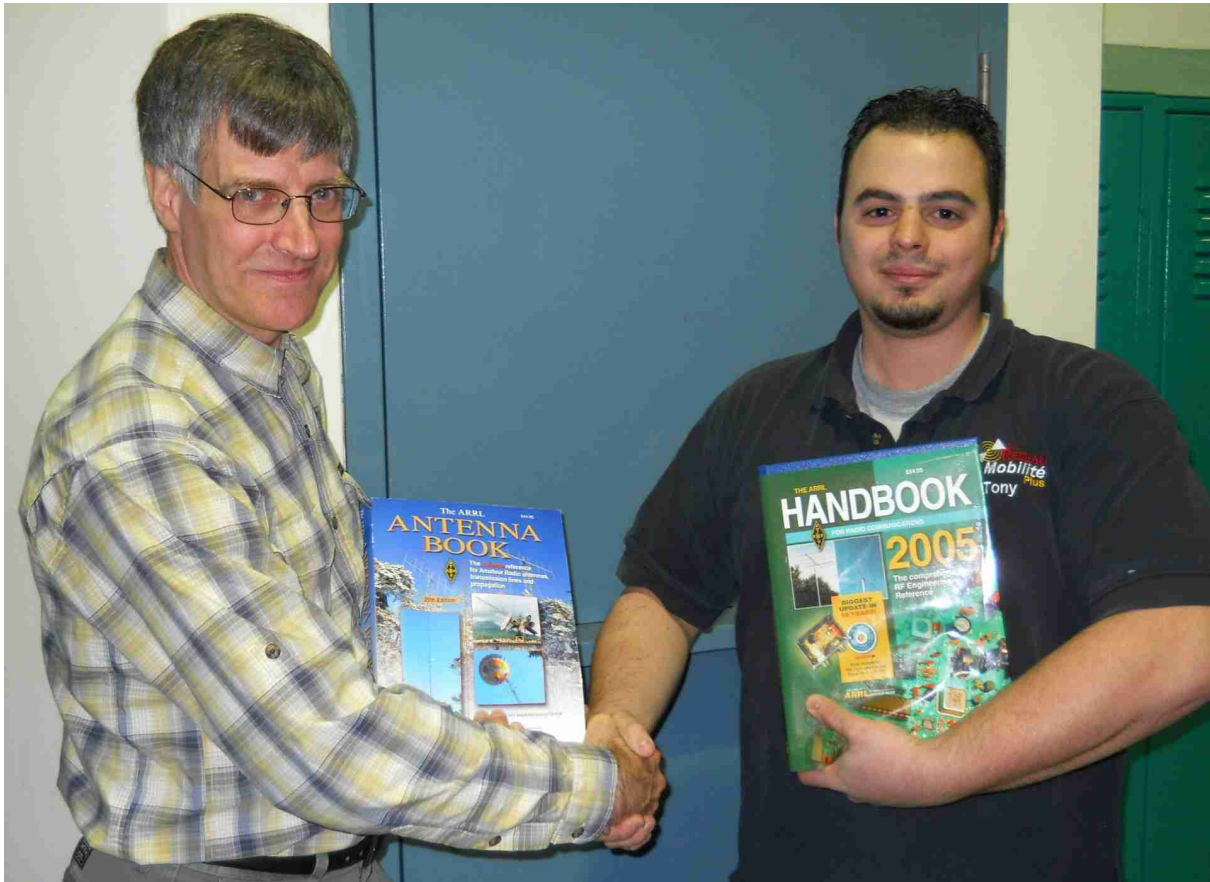
73, & good DX de Keith VE2MTL

Membership Renewal Notice

WIARC membership fees for 2012 are due at the start of January.

If you like you can fill out the attached membership form and either bring it with your payment to the January meeting or mail it in to the address on the form.

Latest WIARC Virtual Class Graduate



Latest WIARC Virtual Class graduate Anthony Vannelli VE2TNY agrees to recycle 2 not-so-dated manuals from instructor François VE2AAY (Photo Andy VE2DNN). Anthony lives in Pointe-Claire and works in the paging business at Le Réseau Mobilité Plus.

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.

Special Call signs

by Bram Paterson, VE2XCS

You can use these special call signs until January 31st 2012 .

In honour of the 75th Anniversary of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation / Radio-Canada, Industry Canada made available new prefixes for all amateur radio operators in Canada wishing celebrate this special milestone in Canadian broadcasting.

VA ----> VG

VE ----> VX

VO ----> XJ

VY ----> XK

Footnotes About Us

The West Island Amateur Radio Club was founded in 1972

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Repeaters: VE2RWI VHF - 146.910 MHz (-)
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.