



West Island Amateur Radio Club Bulletin

June 2016 Edition

Upcoming Meeting – June 20th 2016

This month's topic “ *Field Day Preps* ”

Proper preparation makes for a good Field Day 2016

President's Message and Report

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

Hi all,

Thanks to Bram VA2XE, Charles VE2RFI, René VE2RI, Bob VE2PDT, and Andy VE2DNN for the great shows and the great tells at the May meeting. I must have been inspired since I got off my duff and finished two projects during the following week.

We had a wonderful time during the group Summits on the Air activation of Mont-St-Grégoire on May 21st. Nine of us enjoyed a day of great weather and radio.

Yesterday I was at Harrison's QTH. Harrison VE2HKW, Marc-André VA2EI, and I put the Field Day satellite station through its paces and everything looks good. The to do list remains long, but with the station as is we worked four satellite passes. Actually we really only worked two full passes; the other two were more along the lines of: turn on the radio; hey, I hear someone; can he hear me?; Yes! Anyway we made five contacts between the three of us and the station seems to be working as it should. Now I hope that the performance is as good as the dress rehearsal.

I have a lot of radio planned for the next two weeks leading up to Field Day. I am joining the West Carleton ARC to observe their ARRL VHF+ Contest operation then heading north for some Summits on the Air activations before returning to Montreal for the June meeting.

In addition to the usual club business, the June meeting will be devoted to planning for Field Day.

June 20, 2016 Meeting Agenda

- Tips
 - SIGs
 - Group SOTA Report
 - DMR
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- Reports
- Other Business
- Break (coffee, ragchew, cookies)
- Field Day Planning

See you on the 20th.

73,
Malcolm VE2DDZ

What happened

Minutes of the May 2016 WIARC meeting

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

Minutes of the WIARC Meeting April 18, 2016 By Keith Glashan VE2MTL

The meeting began at 19:49. Malcolm VE2DDZ welcomed the 26 attendees and started the meeting with usual roll call with call signs. We welcomed 1st time visitor and new member Gerald Yasvinski VA2WAY. After a long absence Dorothy VE2WOM made a surprise visit this evening. The details of the meeting follow.

1. Tip Time Tips:

Harrison VE2HKW suggested that you check your meter settings carefully before attaching your 40 amp 110 V source to it. He learned the hard way. Andy VE2DNN had a similar story. Perhaps a note of caution to us all. Malcolm VE2DDZ suggested using a nickel spray on the inside of plastic cases to help block RF. The spray is perhaps a little pricey, but it does get the job done. Besides, a little can go a long way.

2. Field Day News:

The club has purchased a new tent which should accommodate 2 HF stations. Eamon VE2EGN talked about the latest updates to our plans for this year. They include a Spider beam antenna and 3 new bandpass filters. Bob VE2AXO has agreed to copy the ARRL bulletin.

3. SOTA News:

It has been confirmed that on this coming Saturday, May 21st there will be a Club SOTA event to Mont St-Grégoire. There are seven attendees confirmed with another two yet undecided. They should be on the air by 11:30 AM.

4. New Tuesday Net:

Dave VE2MPD has begun hosting a new net on 146.910. It is called the Montreal Weekly Wireless Net. It meets Tuesday evenings at 8 PM. The first one took place last Tuesday

May 10th. They had several check-ins, and it ran for about an hour. Why not give it a try? The subject for the Tuesday net will be given out during the regular Sunday evening net.

5. MOEB Musée Auction:

Andy VE2DNN reported on his visit to the museum auction. He described the articles as older radio and television equipment. He suggested that the more interesting items are yet to be auctioned off. He didn't know when this will be. Stay tuned, and remember their website MOEB.CA.

6. Flash Talk:

Malcolm VE2DDZ spoke about the NorDX Club. Visit their website at NORDX.net. This club, located in Quebec, promotes HF operation. They have some SOTA events, some QRP, some QRO, and even some not too serious contesting. They can be found on Facebook. By the way, no membership is required to participate, just an interest in operating HF.

7. DMR Radio:

There are presently four users in the club. René VE2RI demonstrated a DMR HT with GPS on board. This makes his location, speed and even direction visible to others.

8. VE2RM News:

James VE2KHC announced that he has accepted a position as the new treasurer of the VE2RM club. He announced that they have just bought a new analog repeater.

9. Repeater News:

Jamie VE2FN has now signed over the call sign VE2RWI to Charles VE2RFI. Charles is now the official custodian of our repeaters. Jamie has recently moved to Nova Scotia.

10. After the Break:

Tonight we held our annual show and tell event. There were five participants. First, Bram VE2XCS (with Malcolm's help) showed a new AM. demodulator which he built recently. It is an impressive piece of work employing soldered surface mounts.

Then Charles VE2RFI showed an 11 m dipole which he built for his brother's CB. He used RG58 and a piece of pool vacuum hose to make the coil. René VE2RI showed his newly acquired Surecom SW-02. It is a SWR meter and power meter. It is completely digital and covers the VHF and UHF frequencies. He acquired it for about \$53 US. Bob VE2PDT built a GPS device which displays his grid square and altitude. He showed a second project, a TNC for APRS. He admits that these toys are not absolutely necessary items to have in ones collection, but they were nevertheless fun to build. Andy VE2DNN showed us a recently acquired HP 209 audio oscillator. He wasn't really trying to demonstrate the device, but rather tell the story of how he acquired it. He attended the Smiths Falls hamfest and was able to wheel and deal by swapping some antenna parts and coils for the same dollars required to purchase the oscillator. Good one Andy. Many thanks go to all the participants for showing us your projects and for entertaining us this evening.

11. Break Time Cookies:

This evening, the break time treats were provided by Ken VE2KLF. Thanks Ken. René VE2RI again surprised us with some as well. Thanks René. According to the volunteer sheet, René VE2RI will be providing treats for next month's meeting. By the way, volunteers now only needed for, September, and November?

12. 50/50 Draw:

There was no 50-50 draw this evening.

13. Door Prizes:

This evening, Andy VE2DNN provided magazines to be distributed as door prizes. Thanks.

14. A Pun my Word:

If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?

The meeting adjourned at 21:34. See you June 20th, 2016.

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:

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May 21st SOTA Activation – SOTA Goats are at it again

by Bram Paterson, VA2XE (ve2xcs@bell.net)



Picture of the group (Left to right) : Nicolas VE2NGO, François VE2AAY, Patrick VE2DLA, Dan VA2KEY, Éric VA2MO, Marc-André VE2EGN, Malcolm VE2DDZ, Bob VE2PDT and Bram VA2XE (Taking the picture)

+++ 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.