



# West Island Amateur Radio Club Bulletin

**May 2017 Edition**

**Upcoming Meeting – May 15<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
**This month's topic**  
***“ Show and Tell ”***  
***You've got a project, we want to see it***

## **President's Message and Report**

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

Hi all,

Thanks Vlad, VA2AN, for the inspirational report on your participation in last year's IARU High Speed Telegraphy World Championship. And thanks for the links to the videos that you sent as well. I see that this year's competition is September 8 - 12 in Hungary. On one of their web pages they have a list of the World Records in the various categories, [www.hst2017.org/en/records](http://www.hst2017.org/en/records), with sample recordings of what some of the world record receiving tests would sound like.

The speeds listed there are in characters per minute and the maximum tops out around 300 characters per minute. Wikipedia says that for the Amateur Radio Callsign Receiving Tests (tested with RufzXP and Morse Runner) the best are copying callsigns about twice that fast or 600 characters per minute. 600 characters per minute translates under the PARIS system to about 120 words per minute. Wow.

After our budgetary discussion at April's meeting, the executive decided that we will not renew the club's post office box for 2018. We will also not renew the club's membership in AMSAT. Those two measures should save the club upwards of \$300 per year. Effective immediately the club's mailing address becomes:

West Island Amateur Radio Club  
263 Kirkland Blvd  
Kirkland, QC H9J 1P3

Please update your address books and pass the word along. We would like to have the club address updated everywhere possible by September 1, 2017.

After the break, we will have our annual show-and-tell. Bring down the projects that you have been working on and share them with the rest of us.

### **May 15, 2017 Meeting Agenda**

- Tips
- Reports
  - 2017 budget reprise - Harrison VE2HKW
  - Field Day - Harrison
  - Expired member outreach

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# President's Message and Report

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- Other business
- Break (coffee, ragchew, cookies)
- Presentation:  
Show and Tell

See you on the 15th.

73,  
Malcolm VE2DDZ

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## What happened Minutes of the April 2017 WIARC meeting

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

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### What Happened

#### *Minutes of the WIARC Meeting April 17, 2017 By Keith Glashan VE2MTL*

The meeting began at 19:42. Malcolm VE2DDZ welcomed 22 attendees, and opened the meeting with the usual roll call with call signs. The details of the meeting follow.

#### 1. Tip Time Tips:

Malcolm got 3 PC boards for \$6.00 delivered from OSH Park. That's hard to beat. Check it out. Andy VE2DNN recommended using brake fluid to soften old rubber gaskets and 'O' rings. It seems to bring them back to life again.

#### 2. Financial Reports:

Harrison VE2HKW presented financial reports for 2015 and 2016. There were several questions from the floor. James VE2KHC offered to assist Harrison with some accounting entries, especially regarding the valuation of Club assets.

Keith VE2XL made a motion to defer the approval of the budget to a later date.

Grafton VE2KES seconded the motion and all were in favor.

#### 3. Golden Packet:

Dan VA2KEY mentioned that both the Golden Packet event, and the CQWW VHF contest will be held on July 15th. Since Golden Packet and CQWW VHF can be run from a SOTA summit, participants can participate in 3 events in the one outing. He suggested that if interested, you should contact him ([va2key@gmail.com](mailto:va2key@gmail.com)).

#### 4. Field Day 2017:

Harrison is still looking for volunteers. He needs a laptop for an HF station. Interested parties should plan to attend a meeting on May 13 at the Pine Beach Community Association on Herron Rd. in Dorval. Want to attend? Contact Harrison ([ve2hkw@gmail.com](mailto:ve2hkw@gmail.com)).

#### 5. SOTA News:

Malcolm confirmed a SOTA trip to Mont Shefford on Saturday, May 6. The plans include meeting at the Fairview shopping center. To participate, contact Malcolm ([ve2ddz@ve2ddz.ca](mailto:ve2ddz@ve2ddz.ca)).

#### 6. RAQI Members:

Club members are automatically members of RAQI, and as such, they enjoy certain benefits. For example license plates cost \$20 instead of \$40. We were reminded that the primary call sign that you used on the club membership is the one that is registered with RAQI.

#### 7. Bulletin Improvement?:

Sam VE2LJV mentioned an observation he took from the STARC radio club. They use a brief News Flash email each month, to promote membership in amateur radio and in their club. Perhaps we could adopt some of their techniques. Sam will be sending one of these bulletins via email so that the executive can see for themselves. Thanks Sam.

#### 8. After the Break:

Vlad VA2AN gave a presentation on the IARU 13th high speed CW event. The event station used the 4O13HST call and was held in Montenegro. He showed pictures of many Morse keys; early ones, military versions, right up to modern iambic models. He had videos and audio from all three categories of CW competition. The categories are: letters, numbers, and mixed letters and numbers. Three girls took the top prizes. It seems that young girls are able to receive code much faster than their male counterparts. I think everyone in the room was blown away with what they saw and heard. These girls were receiving over 300 characters per minute. Vlad was the captain of the Montenegro team and was seen in some of the video presentations. To you Vlad, we offer our thanks for the presentation this evening. What we all saw and heard was truly amazing, very impressive, and inspirational. I don't know how you can top that. But, give it a

try. We will be waiting. Thanks again.

#### 9. Break Time Cookies:

This evening, Marc-Andre VE2EVN provided the treats. Thanks. Again, Keith VE2XL transported a batch of homemade cookies baked by his XYL, June VE2XS. Our thanks to June too. According to the sheet, no

one has volunteered to provide items for next month's meeting.

Remember, we need a few more volunteers for 2017. Thanks.

#### 10. Door Prizes:

This evening, door prizes were provided by Keith VE2XL. Thanks.

#### 11. A Pun my Word:

Money can't buy you happiness ... But it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery.

The meeting adjourned at 22:10. See you Monday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

*73, & good DX de Keith VE2MTL*

## 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:

[ve2xcs@bell.net](mailto:ve2xcs@bell.net)

## Monthly Meeting tips

by the WIARC executive

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.

## QSL cards from the VE2 bureau

by Bob Loranger, VE2AXO ([ve2axo@videotron.ca](mailto:ve2axo@videotron.ca))

## ATTENTION !!!

if your call sign suffix is listed below, come to the meeting. We have QSL cards for you!

\*\*\*\* AAY, AN, AWC, BBC, DNN, DO, EGN, HKW, KES, KEY, PVP, RFI, TTA, XL \*\*\*\*

See you May 15, *Bob VE2AXO*



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## May Flea Market Ad

by Bram Paterson ([ve2xcs@bell.net](mailto:ve2xcs@bell.net))

### Yaesu 757GX

With matching power supply,  
Yaesu SP 102P speaker and phone patch  
Yaesu microphone MD-1  
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All manuals included .  
Unit has not been in use for over 6  
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Asking \$525.00  
Contact VE2LJV at 514-891-9954  
[samuel.galet@sympatico.ca](mailto:samuel.galet@sympatico.ca)



### ++ 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.

## Ham Radio Picture of the month



## Footnotes About Us

### The West Island Amateur Radio Club was founded in 1972

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News and comments are always welcomed; please submit them to the following address, [VE2CWI@WIARC.CA](mailto:VE2CWI@WIARC.CA)

**Website:** <http://www.wiarc.ca>

**Repeaters:** VE2RWI VHF - 146.910 MHz (-) and VE2RWI UHF - 443.050 MHz (+)  
(A CTCSS tone of 88.5 Hz is required on the inputs of both repeaters in order to access them. The repeaters also transmit the same tone on their output frequencies)

#### 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.