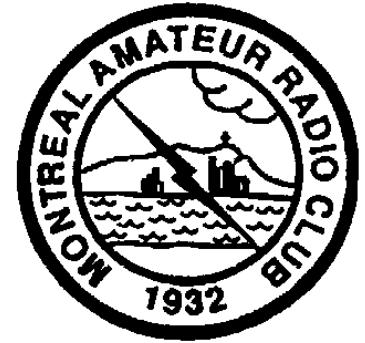


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## “CANADA DAY 2002 - PINE BEACH PARK, DORVAL”

Monday 01 July 2002

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Pine Beach Park - Arrondissement of Dorval

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### **A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hello,

Summer is finally here and the outdoor activities have started. I want to thank all of those who have helped make our communications events successful. While it was showery for the Blainville Attelage International it was a beautiful sunny day for the Grande Parade du Canal. With 40,000 spectators we had some good exposure to the general public.

On July 7 (postponed for two week) will be the Harmony Horse Trials in Ste-Justine following

the July 1st Canada Day celebrations in Dorval.

As was mentioned at the May meeting we have decided not to participate in Field Day. Between May 25 and July 1st the club will be participating in four other events all of which offer the club and amateur radio exposure to the public and the communities holding these events. Also there are a number of other clubs participating in Field Day with whom our members can join. The Concordia University club will be at Guy and de Maisonneuve on the south west corner and can benefit from the experience of older hams.

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VE2RJS 449.975 MHz (-)  
 Owned by the Montreal Amateur Radio Club and operated by the Cote St Luc Amateur Radio Association. Located near Decarie and Cote St. Luc Road.

The repeaters are open to all amateurs and VE2RED also offers a phone patch available to all amateurs during the day and evening.

### Meetings of the Board of Directors

Meetings of the Board of Directors are open to any member to attend. Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month (Sept. to June) at 7:30 PM at the Montreal Association for the Blind, 7000 Sherbrooke St West. Should you wish to attend one of the meetings you are welcome. Just speak to one of the directors before-hand to make certain that the meeting has neither been cancelled, nor the location changed.

### Club Activities

01 July - Canada Day Station - Dorval  
 25 September - TBA - first fall meeting

### Radio Classes

A basic level course will be normally held in January each year.

### Club 70th Anniversary Dinner

The club will be having a dinner to mark the 70th anniversary of the Montreal Amateur Radio Club. The board has now decided on Saturday evening, October 19 at Antico Martini in NDG and we are finalizing the details.

This will be a very interesting evening.

### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Montreal 911 Centre ..... 514-280-2121  
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 Longueuil 911 Centre .....450-646-8570  
 Sûreté du Québec ..... 310-4141  
 Kahnawake Peace Keepers 450-632-6505

These numbers are for emergencies ONLY

As you know we have postponed the 70th anniversary dinner to the fall. The board has now decided on October 19 at Antico Martini in NDG and we are confirming the speaker as this is being written. More information will be forthcoming soon for what I believe will be a very interesting evening.

I hope that you all have a good summer and look forward to seeing you at the various events this summer.

73 de Jim, VE2VE

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### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As this is the final Marcogram for this year I want to thank everybody who takes part and contributes to our hobby. Every contribution is important whether it be helping to administer the club, organizing club events, participating in public service operations, running a net, making sure things run OK on the technical side, or any of the many other actions and activities that contribute to the hobby. I also want to thank those who contribute to this newsletter.

I hope that you all will be able to help contribute and promote our hobby during the summer. This can be simple things like continuing to use our frequencies in a responsible fashion, refreshing and improving our technical and procedural skills, and of course promoting and showing our hobby in a positive light when the opportunity arises.

I hope you all have a productive, safe and enjoyable summer and of course keep being radio active.

73 de Craig, VE2YGK

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### CONTEST CALENDAR

Take note of the ARRL Field Day on June 22 and 23, and the RAC Canada contest July 1st - mark your calendar! More on contests including full rules can be found on the Internet. Check:

<http://home.sol.no/~janalme/hammain.html>

or

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>

This one has concise rules etc., for the current week's contests.

### June 2002

Marconi Memorial HF Contest  
1400Z Jun 22 - 1400Z Jun 23  
ARRL Field Day  
1800Z Jun 22 - 2100Z Jun 23

His Maj. King of Spain Contest SSB  
1800Z Jun 22-1800Z Jun 23  
QRP ARCI Milliwatt Field Day  
1800Z Jun 22 - 2100Z Jun 23

### July 2002

RAC Canada Day Contest 0000Z - 2359Z Jul 1  
MI QRP July 4th CW Sprint 2300Z Jul 4 - 0300Z Jul 5  
Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest SSB  
0000Z Jul 6-2400Z Jul 10  
Kentucky QSO Party 1600Z Jul 6 - 0400Z Jul 7  
IARU HF World Championship  
1200Z Jul 13 - 1200Z Jul 14  
FISTS Summer Sprint 1700Z - 2100Z Jul 13  
QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint  
2000Z - 2400Z Jul 14  
Colombian Ind. Day Contest 0001Z - 2400Z Jul 20  
Pacific 160m Contest 0700Z - 2300Z Jul 20  
AGCW QRP Summer Contest 1500Z Jul 20 - 1500Z Jul 21  
W/VE Islands Contest 1500Z Jul 20 - 2359Z Jul 21  
North American QSO Party RTTY  
1800Z, Jul 20 - 0600Z, Jul 21  
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest  
1800Z Jul 20 - 2100Z Jul 21  
Georgia QSO Party 1800Z Jul 20 - 0359Z Jul 21  
and 1400Z - 2359Z Jul 21  
CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush 2000Z - 2200Z Jul 21  
Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest CW  
0000Z Jul 27 - 2400Z Jul 28  
Russian RTTY WW Contest 0000Z Jul 27 - 2400Z Jul 28  
IOTA Contest 1200Z Jul 27 - 1200Z Jul 28

### August 2002

10-10 Int. Summer Contest  
SSB 0001Z Aug 3 - 2400Z Aug 4  
European HF Championship 1000Z - 2159Z Aug 3  
North American QSO Party CW  
1800Z Aug 3 - 0600Z Aug 4  
ARRL UHF Contest 1800Z Aug 3 - 1800Z Aug 4  
WAE DX Contest CW 0000Z Aug 10 - 2359Z Aug 11  
Maryland-DC QSO Party 1600Z Aug 10 - 0400Z Aug 11  
and 1600Z - 2359Z Aug 11  
SARTG WW RTTY Contest 0000Z - 0800Z Aug 17  
and 1600Z - 2400Z Aug 17 and 0800Z - 1600Z Aug 18  
ARRL10GHzCumulativeContest 800local-2000localAug17  
and 0800local - 2000local Aug 18  
Keyman's Club of Japan Contest  
1200Z Aug 17-1200Z Aug 18  
SEANET Contest CW/SSB/Digital  
1200Z Aug 17 - 1200Z Aug 18  
North American QSO Party SSB  
1800Z Aug 17 - 0600Z Aug 18  
New Jersey QSO Party 2000Z Aug 17 - 0700Z Aug 18  
and 1300Z Aug 18 - 0200Z Aug 19  
TOEC WW Grid Contest CW1200Z Aug 24 - 1200Z Aug 25  
SCC RTTY Championship 1200Z Aug 24 - 1159Z Aug 25  
Ohio QSO Party 1600Z Aug 24 - 0400Z Aug 25  
CQC Summer QSO Party 1800Z - 2359Z Aug 25  
YO DX HF Contest 1200Z Aug 31 - 1200Z Sep 1

73 de Vern, VE2MBS

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### COMING EVENTS

For up to date Canadian Fleamarket listings, please check the Radio Amateurs of Canada site at:

<http://rac.eton.ca/>

or for up to date American listings, go to the American Radio Relay League Hamfest website at:

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfest.html>

**JUL 26 to JUL 28**

**BC**

**Vernon**

\$10.00 (includes 1 admission) Public \$5.00. Talk-in: VE2RWI 146.910 (-) For information and/table reservations call Janusz VE2ZHP at 514-744-5126 E-mail: ve2zhp@rac.ca

[Webpage: http://www.pubnix.net/wiarc](http://www.pubnix.net/wiarc)

Friday, July 26 to Sunday, July 28 - **RAC 2002 National Convention** Vernon, British Columbia

Location: Best Western Vernon Lodge and Conference Centre. Sponsored by the North Okanagan Radio Amateur Club and the Orchard City Amateur Radio Club. Talk-in VE7RSS 146.880 (-) E-mail info@rac2002.org

Web page:

<http://www.rac2002.org/>

**AUG 03 QC**

**St. Romuald**

Saturday, August 3, Hamfest 2002 (St. Romuald Hamfest) - St. Romuald, Québec Location: Arena St. Romuald, St. Romuald, QC. Vendors 06h00 - General Admission 09h00 - 15h00 Admission \$5.00 - Tables \$15.00

Talk-in: 145.450 (-) Information/reservations: Pierre Racine, ve2coh@sympatico.ca 418-527-8680 or Serge Berube, ve2bpu@sympatico.ca 418-839-4846 or fax 418-839-3532

Web Page: <http://www.webnet.qc.ca/~ares>

or <http://www.aresqc.org/>

**AUG 31 ON**

**Carp**

Saturday, August 31 - Ottawa Amateur Radio Club 6th Annual Hamfest. - Carp, Ontario. Location: Carp Agricultural Fair Grounds, 3970 Carp Rd (at Falldown Lane), Carp, ON. Vendors - 08h00 Tailgaters - 09h00 General Public - 10h00 to 13h00 RAC, Forum and Technology Update - 13h00 to 16h00

General Admission 5.00\$ Tables 10.00\$ plus admission Tailgaters 5.00\$ plus admission.

Talk-in: VE2CRA 146.940 (-) - Also on APRS.

Greg Danylchenko, VE3Y TZ at (613) 236-9291 (H)

E-mail: fleamarket@oarc.net

[Web Page: http://oarc.net/fleamarket](http://oarc.net/fleamarket)

**SEPT 07 QC**

**Pointe Claire**

Saturday September 7, the WIARC Hamfest and Auction - Pointe Claire, QC. Location: Saint John Fisher Church, 120 Summerhill, Pointe-Claire, QC. Vendors 07h00, Public 09h00 to 15h00. Admission: Vendors Tables

**OCT 26**

**Longueuil QC**

Saturday, October 26 - Hamfest de Rive-sud de Montréal - Longueuil, Québec. Location: Place Desaulniers, 1023, Blvd Taschereau, Longueuil, QC

Vendors 06h00 - General Admission 09h00 - 15h00 Talk-in: VE2RSM 145.390 (-)

E-mail: ve2clm@amsat.org

Web page:

<http://www.cam.org/~ve2clm/hamfesta.htm>

A reminder - if you have web access you can also check the list of hamfests on the club's web page at:

<http://www.marc.qc.ca/festcal.html>

73 de Vernon Erle Ikeda, VE2MBS

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### **THE GRANDE PARADE DU CANAL**

The Grande Parade du Canal was held on May 25 to



Action at the Cote St Paul lock during "The Grande Parade du Canal."

celebrate the re-opening after 32 years of the Lachine Canal. Members of MARC were assisted by members of the Club Radio Amateur Laval-Laurentide, the Covey Hill Amateur Radio Club and the West Island Amateur Radio Club. Our thanks are also due to the VE2LZR Communications group and Ken Magee for providing the pop-up tent for the main control station as well as . A special thanks is due to Andy Beard, VE2DWT, for pitching in at the end and to Fred Hart, VE2LSQ, for making a few phone calls and giving road directions.

Starting at 5:30 in the morning was a bit of a stretch for some but everyone arrived on time and was ready to go. The operators at the event were:

- \* Don Devey, VA2DWD
- \* Gilles Trudel, VA2GCT
- \* Carole Albert, VA2MOO
- \* Steven Faguy, VA2SMF
- \* François Daignault, VE2AAY
- \* Mel Martin, VE2DC
- \* Andy Beard, VE2DWT
- \* Margaret Dawson, VE2DXA
- \* Ken Magee, VE2EXC
- \* Greg Steinstra, VE2JGS
- \* James Keep VE2KHC
- \* Jean-Paul Ste-Marie VE2LHR
- \* Fred Hart, VE2LSQ
- \* Vernon Ikeda, VE2MBS
- \* David Melanson, VE2MPD
- \* Steven Donovan, VE2OCT
- \* Stan Patacic, VE2QXP
- \* David Ross, VE2SC

- \* Raymond Faguy, VE2SJA
- \* Luc Riopel, VE2SWR
- \* Jim Hay, VE2VE

At the end of the day as we were packing up the control station I was approached by Annick Moreau who is the director general of the event who was quite enthusiastic in her thanks for our participation and how well we handled the communications.

The Grande Parade du Canal may become an annual event and if it does I hope that you will all be back next year when we will improve upon the good foundation laid this year.

73 de Jim., VE2VE

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### REPEATER NEWS

An improvement may have been noticed in the performance of VE2BG since the end of May. Thanks to Ray Laviolette, VE2HMA, who has loaned the club a duplexer we were able to install that at VE2BG and remove the duplexer from service to correct the problems which we had found last fall.

The problem is in the coaxial network which connects the various cavities together and thanks to Don Dashney, VE3RM, who located the problem and was able to correct it in time to use the cavities as part of the portable repeater which was used at the Blainville Attelage International on June 8. The portable repeater operates on 147.015 MHz with a positive offset.

Thanks also go to Wade Bates, VE3WIB, for transporting the repeater from L'Original after Don had it ready and to Ken Magee for financial assistance, moral support and a little prodding. This repeater will be useful at the various communications events as well as during emergencies.

The VE2RED repeater seems to have largely recovered from problems which it had this winter but later this summer we will be giving it a good check-up to ensure that it is working to its full potential.

Judging from the traffic recently VE2RJS is working well and the IRLP is generating some interest and activity. Our thanks to the Cote St. Luc club for their work on this project.

73 de Jim, VE2VE

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### RED CROSS STATION UPDATE VE2CRM - CROIX ROUGE MONTREAL



there are other 12 volt applications it could be used for at home in the shack or in the mobile.

73 de Vern, VE2MBS

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## **RAQI News**

**RAQI COMMUNIQUÉ 2002-02**

Bulletin 2002-02 - June 12, 2002

In January 1998 during the ice storm MARC was asked to staff the amateur radio station at the offices of the Red Cross in Montreal. We discovered that there were some problems with the station but nonetheless were able to handle any communications requested during the several days of operation.

In April of 1999 during an exercise to prepare for the year 2000 bug we were able to demonstrate to the Red Cross that the station had to be rebuilt and it was agreed that this would be done.

Suffice it to say that there were a few bureaucratic and logistical delays before the re-installation really got rolling and the area where the station was to be located got remodelled twice!

With the help of Don Dashney, VE3RM, Sheldon Werner, VA2SH, Vernon Ikeda, VE2MBS, Steven Faguy, VA2SMF, Mac MacDougall, VA2YQ and Jim Hay, VE2VE along with the City of Verdun, the firm of Scott-Trudeau and the Red Cross staff themselves we were able to complete plans for antennas on the roof and a new home for the station equipment.

Along with the dual band two metre and 70 centimetre mobile antenna on the roof are dipoles for 20, 40 and 80 metres which have proven themselves quite satisfactory.

The station is now operational with only a few matters left to attend to. The HF and VHF radios are in place, working and tested. With our next visits to Nun's Island the station will be capable of operating during power failures and recharging the battery.

We will be starting a regular programme of testing the station so that we don't again arrive in time of need to discover that the station isn't functioning properly.

73 de Jim, VE2VE

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## **ANDERSON POWERPOLES ®**

At the May meeting, Don Dashney, VE3RM showed those in attendance a product called the Anderson Powerpole ®. The 30 Ampere version is now the standard of many A.R.E.S. groups in the United States.

I've compiled a brief list of sites devoted to this interesting connector at:

<http://www.marc.qc.ca/powerpole.html>

I haven't tried one out myself but from what I have seen at the meeting and the information that I picked up from Don,

The board of directors of Radio Amateurs du Quebec Inc., at its regular meeting held June 1, 2002, has named new officers for the coming year.

Mr. Yoland Audet, VE2DY, has been named president and Mr. Mario Bilodeau, VE2KEL, has been named vice-president. Mrs. Marjolaine Vallée, VE2DOC, and Mr. Marc Tardif, VA2MT remain as secretary and treasurer respectively.

The membership of the board of directors for the year 2002-2003 is therefore as follows:

Yoland Audet, VE2DY President  
Northwest Quebec region

Mario Bilodeau, VE2EKL Vice-president  
Chairman of the Comité de  
Co-ordination des Fréquences du Québec

Marjolaine Vallée, VE2DOG Secretary  
Co-ordinator of the Réseau d'Urgence

Marc Tardif, VA2MT Treasurer  
Central Quebec region

Ghyslain Paradis, VE2FWZ Director  
Eastern Quebec region

Guy Richard, VE2XTD Director  
Quebec region

Gabriel Houle, V2KGGH Director  
Southwestern Quebec region

James R. Hay, VE2VE Director  
Montreal region

Jean-Pierre Dumont, VE2JPY Director  
Laval-Laurentian region

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Translation by James R. Hay, VE2VE

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### **SPECIAL EVENT PREFIXES**

May 18 to July 18, 2002

At the request of Mr. David Goodwin VE2ZP, Authority has been granted by Industry Canada to use National Special Event Call Signs for the celebration of The Queen's Golden Jubilee. The call signs assigned to the special event will be:

- \* XM1 for VE1's, XL1 for VA1's,
- \* XM2 for VE2's, XL2 for VA2's,
- \* XM3 for VE3's, XL3 for VA3's,
- \* XM4 for VE4's, XL4 for VA4's,
- \* XM5 for VE5's, XL5 for VA5's,
- \* XM6 for VE6's, XL6 for VA6's,
- \* XM7 for VE7's, XL7 for VA7's,
- \* XM8 for VE8's, XM9 for VE9's,
- \* XN1 for VO1's, XN2 for VO2's,
- \* XO0 for VY0's, XO1 for VY1's,
- \* and XO2 for VY2's.

This authority is valid from May 18, to July 18, 2002.  
From the RAC Bulletin 02-031E

73 de Vern, VE2MBS

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### **BLAINVILLE CARRIAGE DRIVING EVENT**

On Saturday, June 8th, the following members of the St-Lazare Communications group, The Montreal Amateur Radio Club and the Club Radio Amateur Laval-Laurentides participated in the Blainville Carriage Driving Event:

Albert, VA2AAI  
André, VA2ASI  
Gilles, VA2GCT  
Donald, VA2DWD

Martin, VA2HEB  
Jean-Louis, VA2JLH  
Michel, VA2MEG  
Carole, VA2MOO  
Sylvain, VA2POI  
Steven, VA2SMF  
Elisabeth, VA2ZUT  
François, VE2AAY  
Margaret, VE2DXA  
Donald, VE2DXE  
Ken, VE2EXC  
Gillian, VE2EXX  
Claude, VE2JET  
Michel, VE2JMD  
Jean, VE2JTV  
Jim, VE2KN  
Jean-Paul, VE2LHR  
Rejéan, VE2MAP  
Vernon, VE2MBS  
Michel, VE2MBU  
Frank, VE2MDO  
David, VE2MPD



The repeater equipment used at Blainville this year.

Raymond, VE2SJA  
Stan, VE2QXP  
James, VE2VE

There were 33 carriages in total and despite the light showers, everyone involved had a good time. Thanks to all of those helped out and a special thanks to Ken Magee, VE2EXC for the usual high quality organizational work.

A special round of thanks to Don Dashney, VE3RM for constructing the new M.A.R.C. portable repeater and to Wade Bates, VE3WIB for helping Don transport the repeater and associated hardware (duplexers, cables, etc) to Montreal for this event.

73 de Vern, VE2MBS

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### VE2LZR GROUP

The VE2LZR group will be participating in the following a couple of more events:

Sunday July 7 - The Harmony Horse Trials  
(This has been delayed 2 weeks from June 23)  
September 28, Carriage Driving Event - details T.B.A

For more information, Please contact Ken Magee at  
ve2lzs@rac.ca

For information on this and other events:

<http://www.marc.qc.ca/events.html>

73 de Vern, VE2MBS

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## HARMONY HORSE TRIALS

**NOTE:** We have just received word that the Harmony Horse Trials have been postponed two weeks due to wet terrain. The date for the cross country portion which we handle communications for is now July 7. Additional volunteers are still needed.

Hi, we are at 11 operators currently including Gillian and I for the Harmony Horse Trials on the 7th of July, (postponed from the 23rd of June).

The start time will be at 8:00 A.M. sharp, so the briefing time will be at 7:00 A.M.. Remember that the location is Ste-Justine-de-Newton and the talk-in is on VE2RM 147.00 (-).

Box lunches will be provided by the Harmony Horse Trials organization to be served at the end of the cross country event at around 12:30 - 1:00pm

There are over several entries to date, so it should keep us well occupied for the 4 to 5 hours of operation.

All position must be able to operate portable. make sure that your HT's are ok as usual.

To volunteer, please contact me asap at:  
VE2LZR@rac.ca

73 de Ken, VE2EXC

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## RADIO EXAM UPDATES

As of 08 June there are three new amateurs: Justin Grow (son of John Grow, VE2EQL), Julie Hughes and Marcio Tiexeria. Congratulations to the three new amateurs, hope to hear you on the air soon.

73 de Vernon, VE2MBS

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## SCANNERS HEAR IT FIRST

BY FREDERICK HART, VE2LSQ

06/2002... half the year has come and gone. It seems that as we get older the years seem shorter. Its now been nine months since 9/11 a day that as country music star Alan Jackson sings "Where were you when the world stopped turning" (give this piece of music a listen, the words are captivating). Another sidebar to 9/11 are the many books and photo portrayals of the NYC part of all that went on that day. If you get the chance to come across a copy of "Report From Ground Zero" by author/FDNY fire fighter Dennis Smith, read it. You will learn so much about the behind the scenes at the WTC. Accounts from emergency service personnel who responded, were trapped, and as was the sad case, lost many brothers in the process. There are very descriptive tales and facts including what went on with radio traffic during the collapse. Well worth the time to read all 365 pages. It will give you a different view to what we all saw on TV. As author of the best seller classic "Report From Engine Company 82" Dennis has surpassed his talents by tenfold with this new book. We listen to the scanner and hear all the action going on and it sort of paints us a picture of what is happening. And there are a lot of things that go on that we don't hear about or see, and that part of the action is what makes you or breaks you in the field. Through all my years of many emergency scenes responding to be it the Bluebird Cafe fire, the Central Station bombing, the Metro fire at Henri Bourassa or to the aftermath of the Ecole Polytechnique I can vouch that these were by no means small events but can't hold a match to what the responders of all services dealt with on 9/11. I pray that no one ever has to deal



with such a large scale incident in our lifetime. There is not much frequency info this month as you can see. I just finished reading this book and I feel its contents have everything to do with our listening hobby because that is why we listen, the interest in the services we hear but in this case the written word says it all.

Note: The Bearcat 250XLT is supposed to be out in the fall sometime. I'm researching info to get a report to you in our next issue after summer break in September. The 245XLT is still a popular model and will suffice what you need to listen to in this metro area.

**Earfuls Heard Special Wildlife Rescue Edition**

May 25 **147.270** - During radio operations for the Grande Parade du Canal. Lots of traffic was heard in preparation and through operations. My hat off to all who participated as it sounded a professional, successful event. But... Part way through the beginning of the parade a marine rescue/wildlife rescue took place near one of the canal locks. As part of the safety crews monitoring the flotilla a Coast Guard Auxiliary zodiac was positioned at the end to ensure safety. Some boaters came across a baby bird in the process of drowning. Without hesitation, and with quick thinking, VA2MOO, Carole Albert, took charge of handling the situation with the poor widow birdie enabling her to masterfully and delicately and with great compassion that she has for wildlife gave the bird a chance and rescued it from a certain death so it could flutter away to life as it was

skilfully brought to shore in her caring hands. Although the bird stayed conscious and breathing the whole time Carole's vast expertise in resuscitation efforts was ready at a moment's notice for mouth-to-beak intervention. So kudos to Carole for a humanitarian effort of kindness that we all know she is capable of (and if your car is blessed with a dropping from above some day just think, it may have been made possible because she was at the right place at the right time to save birdie so it could be at your place at the wrong time).

73 see you in September, Frederick, VE2LS and a Q

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**CLASSIFIED**

DEADLINE for classified ads is the second Wednesday before the monthly meeting.

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**DOUGLAS THOMAS SHAW VE2PO - SK**

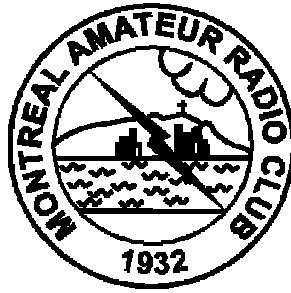
I regret to inform the members of the Amateur Radio community the passing of Douglas T. Shaw, VE2PO at age eighty-two. Doug was a long time member of the Montreal Amateur Radio Club and President of the Club during 1972-1973.

Doug was the founder of the D.T. Shaw Company and had served with the Royal Canadian Signal Corps 1942-1945. Besides being a well known local Amateur Radio operator, he was involved in many activities in the community including the Boy Scouts of Canada.

A mass in Doug's memory was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2002 at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Ottawa, Ontario. Our sympathies go out to Doug's family and friends.

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# Montreal Amateur Radio Club



## 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, October 19, 2002

Restaurant Antico Martini

We are in the process of confirming the details for the anniversary dinner. An announcement will be made as soon as we have everything finalized.