



Welcome to *QTC Newsletter*, official publication of the  
**Moncton Area Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**

*QTC Newsletter* is posted monthly to the MAARC, Inc. Website with all Club Members immediately advised of its publication..

We encourage and welcome your comments and input.

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**March 19, 2012 MAARC, Inc. Monthly Meeting**

1900 hrs L at Club rooms, 289 Halifax Street.

Program: Presentation on Echolink and IRLP by JP, VE9BK and Charles, VE9CEL.

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***The Prez Sez . . .***

Nothing submitted.

***Amateur Radio Training Course***

Charles, VE9CEL, reports that the Amateur Radio training course which began February 25/2012 with an enrollment of six students is going well.

\* Sessions

are held each Saturday with the following acting as instructors:

JP LeBlanc, Yvon Hachey, Jeff Steeves, Bernie Cormier and Charles Levasseur.

Yvon Hachey and Matthieu Dugas will act as examiners.

\* Students are: Denis Cormier, Gail Brownlee, Maggie Zeng, Ben Westwell, Heather Arsenault and Donald Eaton, VE9RPE.

\* For details on enrollment or other information, ontact: Charles Levasseur, VE9CEL at: [ve9cel@rogers.com](mailto:ve9cel@rogers.com)

***Did You Know . . . . . ?***

*That in February 1937, a young man born in Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1910 submitted an article to a new magazine. The new magazine with a national circulation was published in Los Angeles CA and titled "RADIO." In its March 1937 issue an article appeared under the heading, "A Flat-Top Beam Antenna." The author was that young man from Ann Arbor and his name was John Daniel Kraus, W8JK. He wrote several followup articles including one on a rotatable version in subsequent issues of "RADIO" magazine. His most recent writing on the subject appeared in the June 1982 issue of QST magazine. In the late 1920s, John along with a group of his fellow high school students formed a radio club and built a club station. He also obtained an Amateur Radio license. At that time, country prefixes had not been adopted and he was assigned call sign 8AFJ in 1927. After high school, he entered the University of Michigan. In*





*E. Balaskas, SV5BYR, is handling arrangements and is proud to point to the special prize for the winner.*

*For full details go to: <http://triathlon-dx-contest.blogspot.com>*

## **MAARC.Inc. Annual Flea Market**

**It has been found necessary to change the location of MAARC's Annual Flea Market. The new location is the Lions Club Hall on Coverdale Road in Riverview.**

**The date is Saturday September 22nd 2012.**

**Times, as in past years are:**

**\*\*\* Entry**

**for exhibitors only will start at 8am.**

**\*\*\* General Admission at 10am**

**\*\*\* Admittance for exhibitors and attendees: \$4.00**

**Refreshments (Coffee, tea, sandwiches, donuts, etc.) will be available.**

## **ARRL Diamond DXCC Challenge**

*2012 is the 75th Anniversary of the ARRL DXCC Award. The world's preeminent DXing Award continues to be DXCC, so reaching the "Diamond Milestone" is an event that we all want to celebrate. The "Diamond Milestone" DXCC List represents 227 of the 231, 1937 countries. This list is fascinating and leads us to learn more about world history and how geopolitics has changed the world map leading up to today.*

*The "Diamond Milestone" DXCC Challenge is an "Honor Award" and will not require acquisition or inspection of QSLs or proof of confirmation although it will still be fun and useful to seek out cards or LoTW confirmations. We will provide forms on line to use at your operating position to track what you have worked and forms for applying for awards and endorsements. As the year goes on, we will also provide hints and tips about what is happening with the Diamond DXCC Award and for instance who might be on the air from Goa or Gdansk!*

*The "Diamond Milestone" DXCC Certificate will be available for working 100 of 226 entities, and will be endorseable at 5 levels: 125, 150, 175, 200 and 225. If anyone works all 225, there will be a special award for that remarkable achievement! We hope to publish award recipients' call signs on line during the year and identify high numbers.*

*There will be a Diamond DXCC Challenge Honor Roll. The Honor Roll level will be determined by the leader in worked entities submitted to HQ and the bottom of the Honor Roll will be 9 entities less than that of the leader. For complete details on the ARRL 75th Anniversary DXCC Award, see the ARRL link on MAARC, Inc. Web Site [www.maarc.ca](http://www.maarc.ca)*

### **Gerry Doyle, VE1KB - VE0FA**

*We have been keeping in close touch with Gerry. He is still at the Saint John Regional Hospital undergoing treatment to strengthen his leg muscles and improve his walking endurance. He is in good spirits and eager to return home in the very near future. There's a sleek sailing boat waiting for him at Baddeck, NS.*

*Gerry likes to hear from his friends and fellow Club members. He has his cell phone and can be reached at 506-432-0681. Further updates on Gerry's progress will follow.*

*We all wish Gerry speedy restoration of his health and stamina and look forward to seeing him soon!*

## **Radiator Romance . . . True Romance**

*Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married.  
The ceremony wasn't much but the reception was excellent.  
Since they were a perfect match, they soon generated harmonics and wrapped their harmonics in dipoles. But later the harmonics turned out to be parasitic elements.*

### *Sad Story . . .*

*She was a tribander and he felt trapped.  
So they went on separate beam headings.*

### **That's *QTC Newsletter* for March 2012 . . .**

We welcome your comments and suggestions. Input from MAARC, Inc. members will make *QTC Newsletter* a better reflection of member interest and particular pursuits.

Whether you are a new or long time member, a rough draft on any subject you wish to submit for publication is very welcome. Such topics as your on-air experiences with particular modes, DX and contest achievements, unusual items you've found at flea markets, unique on-air experiences, etc., are all of interest to your fellow Amateurs.

To keep members informed on Club administrative matters and future planning, the Executive is encouraged to update members with briefings for publication in *QTC Newsletter*.

*QTC Newsletter* is distributed by posting to the MAARC Website a few days before the monthly Club meeting with direct notification to each Club member.

73

Bill, VE1WG,  
Website & *QTC Newsletter* Editor

Larry, VE9ASB,  
Webmaster

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