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President's Report

Well, the Field Day is over for another year. They were a great couple of days, except for the Saturday rain.



Thanks to those who assisted with the event - especially those who helped me with the MC duties. I should have stayed in bed for two or three days as the cold really took hold.

Great results for the Fox Hunters and raffle prize winners. (Results and other reports enclosed in this addition).

Who took the 70cm antenna from Middle Brother? - what a low act. Apparently this has happened at other sites as well.

Next major event is the car rally on the 8th July. We cut the man power for the event a bit thin but thanks to non-members and members of other clubs, we were just able to fill all the spots with no reserves, so nobody get sick or pull out.

A major clean up of the store-room is required. Also if someone can obtain or make a box (with handles) for the carport

that you viewed at the field day, then that would be greatly appreciated. Maybe we could take the other tent out of the other boxes and put the carport in that.

Well that's all folks.

Cheers from me - roll on the AGM

Bruce Walker - VK2HOT
President

NOTICE OF 2006 AGM

Saturday 5th August 2006

2.00pm

SES HQ Gordon St.,
PORT MACQUARIE

See Centrefold notice for

Agenda and Nomination Forms

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Down The Coax

Hastings Valley Car Rally
Saturday 8th July
11.30am - 10.00pm

Friday Night Get-togethers
July 14th & 28th
7.00pm

Annual General Meeting
&
August 2006 Monthly Meeting
Saturday 5th August
2.00pm

Friday Night Get-togethers
August 9th & 23rd
7.00pm

Remembrance Day Constat
August 12th & 13th

International Lighthouse Weekend
August 19th & 20th

September 2006 Monthly Meeting
Saturday 2nd September
2.00pm

E-mail directory.

*Reflects ALL changes notified up to
29th June, 2006*

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Net Controllers' Roster

Nets on Voice Repeater VK2RPM 146.700 Mhz

Sundays
(0830 Local) Wednesdays
(1900 Local)

July 2006

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| VK2OA | Jul-02 | VK2ATM | Jul-05 |
| VK2BZD | Jul-09 | VK2ZHE | Jul-12 |
| VK2VIV | Jul-16 | VK2AYD | Jul-19 |
| VK2TT | Jul-23 | VK2EI | Jul-26 |
| VK2OA | Jul-30 | | |

August 2006

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|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| VK2BZD | Aug-06 | VK2GD | Aug-02 |
| VK2VIV | Aug-13 | VK2ZCM | Aug-09 |
| VK2TT | Aug-20 | VK2ATM | Aug-16 |
| VK2OA | Aug-27 | VK2ZHE | Aug-23 |
| | | VK2AYD | Aug-30 |

September 2006

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|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| VK2BZD | Sep-03 | VK2EI | Sep-06 |
| VK2VIV | Sep-10 | VK2GD | Sep-13 |
| VK2TT | Sep-17 | VK2ZCM | Sep-20 |
| VK2OA | Sep-24 | VK2ATM | Sep-27 |

October 2006

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|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| VK2BZD | Oct-01 | VK2ZHE | Oct-04 |
| VK2VIV | Oct-08 | VK2AYD | Oct-11 |
| VK2TT | Oct-15 | VK2EI | Oct-18 |
| VK2OA | Oct-22 | VK2GD | Oct-25 |
| VK2BZD | Oct-29 | | |

November 2006

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| VK2VIV | Nov-05 | VK2ZCM | Nov-01 |
| VK2TT | Nov-12 | VK2ATM | Nov-08 |
| VK2OA | Nov-19 | VK2ZHE | Nov-15 |
| VK2BZD | Nov-26 | VK2AYD | Nov-22 |
| | | VK2EI | Nov-29 |

December 2006

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| VK2VIV | Dec-03 | VK2GD | Dec-06 |
| VK2TT | Dec-10 | VK2ZCM | Dec-13 |
| VK2OA | Dec-17 | VK2ATM | Dec-20 |
| VK2BZD | Dec-24 | VK2ZHE | Dec-27 |
| VK2VIV | Dec-31 | VK2AYD | Dec-30 |

End of our Financial Year

Members are reminded that we have now reached the end of the 2005-2006 financial year.

Annual Membership

Subscriptions
are now due.

In order to be eligible to vote at our AGM, which is scheduled for 2.00pm on Saturday 5th August, subscriptions must be forwarded to reach the Treasurer prior to that time.

Pay now, and be
financial on the day.

2006 Field Day Weekend

The 2006 Annual Field Day Weekend was once again a very successful event. The registrations totaled 97 for the two days, which was very close to the predicted number of 100. This attendance, along with magnificent support from 23 generous sponsors, and the crew of willing members who did all the work, made the event one of our most successful ever Field Day weekends.

While the weather on the Saturday was a little unkind as far as field-day weather was concerned (but welcomed by those of us with rural and gardening interests), things were much more field-day-friendly on the Sunday. The fox-hunting was undertaken in excellent sunshine, and calm conditions. Nobody got wet, nor frozen, nor blown over.

The technical demonstrations conducted up-stairs (Digital systems and the like), attracted plenty of interest. As hoped for, this area and its activities generated much earnest discussion that ranged from the erudite, esoteric, through the light-hearted, right out to the distant extremities of good, old, plain or common-garden boasting. The serious practitioners, the experimenters, the dabblers, and the braggadocios were well represented, and Arthur - VK2ATM, assisted by Bill - VK2ZCV, who handled the demonstration area, heard them all, and both came through it all, totally unscathed and with a yet-higher level of "well-informedness"!

The feeding of the hungry hoards was accomplished with the casual efficiency of the usual "catering corps". John - VK2KHB, Bill - VK2ZCW, Trevor - VK2TT, applied their well-honed field-day skills to manipulate the BBQ, the onion-slicing knives, the tongs, the spoons and ice-cream scoop to load over 200 paper plates. They were assisted by Barry - VK2FBRG, John - VK2KCE, and Steve - VK2FSTH in the preparation and delivery of the fare.

Administration of the Fox Hunting events was undertaken by a team comprising Jim - VK2VIV, Bill - VK2ZCV, Larry - VK2CLL, and Bruce - VK2HOT

Special thanks must be extended to one hard working club member who did so much to encourage business community sponsorship of our Field Day event. Paul Jones - VK2FORE - joined ORARC Inc., in February of this year and immediately became active in "rounding-up" generous sponsors with spectacular success. Paul's efforts have continued the tradition established in the past... e.g. the contributions to our 2005 Birthday Anniversary Field day made by Wendy Monck. Commendable efforts!

The much improved quality of the output from our Public Address system this year, would, no doubt, have been noticed by all but the "doziest" amongst us. This quantum leap in audio quality resulted from the efforts of Jim, VK2BZD. Jim built the two column-speaker enclosures which did such a splendid job in making the PA system work so well this year. The announcements at the Field Day could actually be heard, as they were both intelligible and at a comfortable level without feedback. Even Bruce, VK2HOT, who had been stricken with the "lurgy" and had suffered failing-voice, could be clearly understood when he whispered into the microphone! (We hope you're feeling better now, Bruce!) A sincere Thank You to Jim for this contribution to the sound system.

John Hanson - VK2AYQ, handled the role of "official photographer" and he captured a comprehensive image-record of the day's activities. Unfortunately, as a result of an unforeseen commitment, the image files were not available to meet the printing deadline for OXTALES. However, thanks to Henry - VK2ZHE, who had his camera on hand to cover some of the activities during the two days, we were able to obtain the images that appear on the following pages. The next issue of OXTALES should carry more pictures of the Field Day activities.

Registration-Desk formalities were attended to by David - VK2AYD, Roy - VK2YOR, Alan - VK2GD, & Neil - VK2EI, while Raffle Ticket sales activities were undertaken by Fay Gilson (XYL of Barry), Charles - VK2FSH, and John - VK2AYQ.

On Sunday, after the presentation of prizes for all events and Raffles, came the less enjoyable task of the clean-up of the venue prior to our departure. However, there was a willing team, comprised of many of the above workers who had worked all weekend, aided by some additional helpful members, who "mucked-in" to give the Scout Hall the necessary restorative treatment and cleansing.

When all the support hardware had later been returned to the club-rooms, the weary workers wended their respective ways homewards, comforted by the knowledge that they had completed another, but very successful Field Day Weekend. The membership at large, and those who came from afar would certainly have been hard to please had they not enjoyed this ORARC event.

Field Day Weekend 2006

Fay Gilson (XYL of Barry VK2FBRG) selling Raffle Tickets, while Roy -VK2YOR- handles registrations at the entrance desk.



VK2BOR Field Day Weekend 2006

Barry (VK2FBRG) with John (VK2KHB) preparing the steaks. Joe (VK2IEV) stands by on "quality control" while Bill (VK2ZCV) and Bruce (VK2HOT) chat with an interested "Harmonic"





"Prezzo" Bruce (VK2HOT) with Judith (VK2HZV)



The Club's "Portable Carport" having its first run in the sun at the Field Day Weekend. On sentry duty, at the portal, is visitor, Brian (VK2BI) from Booral.



Enjoying the sun, after the showers, are VK2DWJ, VK2BPH, VK2ZW and VK2DDL

Field Day Raffle Results

| MAJOR RAFFLE | | Won by |
|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1st Prize | Driza Bone Jacket | VK2MAX - Grant |
| 2nd Prize | Yokahama Jacket | VK2CLL - Larry |
| 3rd Prize | Kumho Jacket | VK2AIF - Dave |
| 4th Prize | Kuhmo Jacket | VK2LT - Les |
| 5th Prize | Sunbeam Frypan | VK2SJJ - Steve |
| 6th Prize | Remote Control Car | VK2LT - Les |
| 7th Prize | Oils Etc. Pack | VK2KL - Terry |
| 8th Prize | Auto Pro Voucher | VK2FRBG - Barry |
| 9th Prize | Spotlight | VK2FSH - Charles |
| 10th prize | Coca Cola Bag | VK2KL - Terry |
| 11th Prize | Coco Cola Bag | VK2PE - Arthur |
| 12th Prize | Polo Shirt | VK2ZHE - Henry |
| 13th prize | Polo Shirt | VK2FBRG - Barry |
| 14th Prize | Polo Shirt | VK2AYD - David |
| 15th prize | Coca Cola Beach Towel | VK2JRC - John |
| 16th Prize | Coca Cola T-Shirt | VK2BI - Brian |
| 17th Prize | Coca Cola Cooler Bag | VK2ELN - Laurie |
| 18th Prize | Bum Bag | VK2WBK -Brian |
| 19th Prize | Bum Bag | VK2ELN - Laurie |
| 20th Prize | Bum Bag | VK2PO - Gordon |
| 21st Prize | Coca Cola Radio | VK2OA - Allan |
| 22nd Prize | Various Caps | Won by: |
| VK2KYO - Ken | VK2ADA - Arnold | VK2EM - Bruce |
| VK2AIF - Dave | VK2TT - Trevor | VK2PO - Gordon |
| VK2QV - Chris | VK2SJJ - Steve | VK2FBRG - Barry |
| | VK2DLM Brian | |
| CRO Raffle | Donated by VK2KCE | VK2FBRG Barry |

Field Day Event Results

| EVENT | Prize | Winner |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2-Mx Talk-in | DSE Voucher | VK2BZC - Paul |
| 80-Mx One TX | DSE Voucher | VK2BI - Brian |
| 2-Mx Two TX | DSE Voucher | VK2BYY - Jeff |
| 10-Mx One TX | DSE Voucher | VK2YMW - Chris |
| 2-Mx Pedestrian | DSE Voucher | VK2FLKM - Laura |
| Fox Hunt Champion | Bob Todd Trophy | VK2YMW - Chris |
| Runner Up | 1 x \$25 DSE Voucher | VK2BI - Brian |
| Best Presented Vehicle | Bob Todd Trophy | VK2YMW - Chris |
| Home Brew Contest | 1 x \$25 DSE Voucher | VK2EI - Neil (2.4 GHz Gear) |

Repeater Working Bees

Each week the club's new repeater equipment becomes a little closer to completion thanks to the Wednesday morning working bees at the QTH of Henry VK2ZHE. Club members who are able to assist have been regularly joining the working bees to work on the repeater equipment.

There are many and varied tasks to be undertaken. A quick snapshot of the 28th of June working bee shows a typical Wednesday morning. At 9am Bill VK2ZCV, Arthur VK2ATM and Neil VK2EI brought Henry VK2ZHE sprinting to open the shed door. A short while later Neil VK2EI began the first of many saw strokes to cut a 50 millimetre length of heatsink for the spare power supply for the VK2RCN digipeater. At the same time Bill VK2ZCV and Arthur VK2ATM began testing the 438.425 MHz UHF transmitter. By 10.30am Neil had produced a professionally cut and deburred heatsink and Bill and Arthur declared the UHF transmitter serviceable on its original frequency. After a well earned morning tea break Bill and Arthur returned the UHF transmitter to the VK2RCN repeater frequency of 438.425MHz and Neil drilled and mounted the heatsink on the power supply and fitted a new mains switch to the supply which then passed its preliminary smoke test. At 12.30pm Henry closed the shed door as the workers departed for the day.

Regulars at the working bees include VK2ZCV, VK2ZATM, VK2ZCW, VK2EI, VK2ZCM, VK2KHB, VK2BZD and VK2AYQ with VK2HOT calling in as work permits. Henry VK2ZHE provides the bench space and endeavours to keep the workers supplied with everything from a CRO to a 10pF NPO disc ceramic capacitor.

There are still many Wednesday mornings required in order to complete the new VHF and UHF repeaters but great progress is being made. The working bees are additional to the repeater site visits and work which various members have been undertaking at home. Please contact Repeater Officer Bill Brooke VK2ZCW if you would like to help.

Henry VK2ZHE

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| <p>MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE FOR THE 2006-2007 FINANCIAL YEAR</p> |
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OXLEY REGION AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.
MEMBERSHIP REGISTER.
 (As at 1st July, 2006)

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| 4 | O | BIVONA | JOE | (ROSE) | VK2IEV | PORT MACQUARIE | Mob 0405040953 |
| 5 | L | BLYTH | BOB | | VK2XIQ | PORT MACQUARIE | - |
| 6 | O | BRODIE | BOB | | VK2EJK | PORT MACQUARIE | 02 6582 0592 |
| 7 | O | BROOKE | BILL | (AILSA) | VK2ZCW | PORT MACQUARIE | 02 6581 0547 |
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| 36 | O | NEWHAM | LAURIE | (ROBIN) | VK2ELN | PORT MACQUARIE | 02 6583 5387 |
| 37 | O | NUTT | ALLAN | (ELAINE) | VK2GD | PORT MACQUARIE | 02 6582 3557 |
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| 41 | O | REES | BRETT | (YVETTE) | VK2TMG | PORT MACQUARIE | 02 6582 5956 |
| 42 | O | ROTH | BILL | | VK2CWR | PORT MACQUARIE | 02 6581 1776 |
| 43 | O | SANDFORD | NEIL | (VERENA) | VK2EI | PORT MACQUARIE | 02 6582 5830 |
| 44 | O | SINCLAIR | BILL | | VK2ZCV | PORT MACQUARIE | 02 6583 9302 |
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| 47 | D | WALKE | GARY | | VK2UHF | ROCKDALE | - |
| 48 | O | WALKER | BRUCE | (GWEN) | VK2HOT | PORT MACQUARIE | 02 6583 8360 |
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