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With our 1984 Annual Field Days rapidly approaching, we thought it would be a good idea to produce a mini edition of "OXTALES" the official journal of the Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club, Port Macquarie.

SOME OF THE EVENTS:

- *The QSL Card Contest was such an outstanding success last year, we decided to run it again. This time you need only six of your favourite QSL cards set up on a suitable piece of cardboard. Insert your call sign for identification and the judges will do the rest!
- *Again, we present the Handy Kink contest. It caused a lot of interest and fun last year! So, if you have come across a good kinky idea; write it down or illustrate it and bring it along as an entry.
- *We are sure there will be some pretty stiff competition for the Best Presented Fox Hunt Vehicle this year! General presentation of your vehicle, plus how you have rigged it out will be what the judges are looking for. Great prize kindly donated by Todd Holden, GMH Dealer of Port Macquarie.
- *The C.W SENDING contest is a new twist this year. It has always been judged on receiving in past years. A new High Mound key with heavy marble base will be used by all of the contestants. All will send the same passage. Accuracy in every respect of C.W sending will be the top requirement. Speed does not come into it. A hard copy print out will be made available to each contestant after judging. ALSO, you may enter the contest any time between 10am and 3pm on the Sunday. This is going to save us a lot of very precious time
- *The computer boys have been catered for this year too! Just enter your own original computer programme on a print-out sheet. It must be amateur radio orientated. Neatness, plus technical correctness, accuracy and workability is needed.
- *STOP PRESS: Have just been informed we are going to put on a super "DOLLAR-A-DIP" Lucky Dip for radio goodies. You can be assured of excellent value for your dollar. Any members with surplus items suitable for this attraction should get in contact with VK2ATM (Arthur) .. appreciate your help!

STOP PRESS: There will also be a Lucky Dip for our ladies as well as one for the children. All will be exciting and great value.

VIDEO FILMS:

* Don't know for certain which films we will have. BUT you can bet on a re-run of the excellent movie of last year's Field Day in Port Macquarie. So, if you want to see how you appeared to others; be sure to see this film. Great!

TRADE DISPLAYS:

* Andrews Communications Systems from Sydney will be in attendance this year. Lee Andrews says he will have a big display of new gear, AND if you want to see something of a special nature to you...give Lee a call on 02 349 5792 and he will bring it up.

* Also, Dave Hall of "HALL OF ELECTRONICS" will have a stand at the Field Day. Dave will have the latest fantastic Dick Smith computer, the "CAT". Lots of other gear will also be available and Dave hopes to get some more of those special bargain parcels of bits. Be early when Dave opens up.

SURPLUS GEAR DISPOSAL SALE: Remember how big this sale was last year? We will have to make more room this time. Just bring along your surplus goodies and card it with your call sign. The sale is continuous! No commission is taken.

SPECIAL EVENT CARAVAN:

Once again, George Thornton and staff from THORNTON MARINE have loaned us their Special Event Caravan. We will set up our Club Station (VK2BOR) in this caravan for calling back to persons requiring directions. 28.840 and Channel 2 on VK2RPM repeater. Also, monitoring of the NINE Fox Hunt events will be done from the van. Thanks George and boys; your help is very deeply appreciated.

THANKS VK7LC:

I pinched the illustration from Lloyd's great QSL card and you will see it on the front of our Programme. Have always admired this card from Lloyd of Coles Bay, Tassie!

HELP, PLEASE FELLOWS:

* We will need as many spare chairs and tables as we can get. Please bring them along like you did last year.

* Bill (VK2ZCV) will need another good crew to help with the Fox Hunts again. We need a good P.A. system also.

* Also, we cannot survive without our girl's help with the coffee, Smorgasboard and Bar-B-Q lunch, please gals!

PORT MACQUARIE FIELD DAYS:

"OXLEY MOBILE AWARD"

RULES:

PURPOSE: To encourage contacts with other stations whilst travelling to the Port Macquarie Field Days each year.

- 1: START: Queen's Birthday Friday 9am: FINISH: Queen's B'day Sunday 12 noon
- 2: Contestants MUST be mobile: Use any mode/band: Work any station: REPEATERS are O.K.
- 3: Only one contact per station permitted: Use special log sheet below:
- 4: Only amateurs registering at Port Macquarie Field Days are eligible:
- 5: 25 stations MUST be logged: 10 of these MUST be with fellow amateurs who register at our Port Macquarie Field Days: Identify these 10 stations by simply exchanging vehicle registration numbers.
- 6: Rule 5 does not apply to Novices, who may log any 25 stations what-so-ever.
- 7: Logs MUST be signed and handed to Club Secretary by 12.05pm on Sunday.
- 8: Special unique Award Certificates will be issued to each qualifier. Please take part and enjoy this "special mobile contest".

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6				16				I personally certify that the above contacts were genuinely made in accordance with the rules. Signed: Callsign: Q.T.H.			
7			17								
8			18								
9			19								
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FOX HUNT RULES:

OXLEY REGION AMATEUR RADIO CLUB:

- 1: All fox-hunters MUST register with the official STARTER before the events and must read and carry these rules.
- 2: Each vehicle must have only ONE official competitor/driver and only ONE official navigator/observer. However, competitors are encouraged to take up to TWO passengers who have had NO previous experience in fox-hunting, with a view to creating interest in this activity.
- 3: ALL transmitters are within the local town map boundary. Maps are available at the Secretary's table in the building of the day. Sniffers may be required.
- 4: All transmitters are placed so that access to or through PRIVATE PROPERTY is not necessary. Disqualification will result if this rule is not observed.
- 5: Elapsed time will be allocated to each event; as nominated by the STARTER and will be strictly adhered to. The fox will switch transmitters OFF right to the second. (Fox will be in two-way contact with the starter via repeater.)
- 6: Excessive speed or dangerous driving means AUTOMATIC disqualification. Let that be very clear! Please observe rules of the road and speed restriction signs.
- 7: Grass and gravel in the start area is soft and loose. No clutch or wheel spin starts, please. Kindly take it easy...remember our public image.
- 8: POINTS SCORING FOR THE TWO TRANSMITTER EVENTS:
Note: One transmitter is designated as the more difficult of the two; therefore it carries two (2) extra points:

<u>First Place:</u> (Hardest Transmitter)	= 12 points:
<u>First Place:</u> (Easiest Transmitter)	= 10 points:
<u>Second Places:</u>	= 8 points:
<u>Third Places:</u>	= 6 points:
<u>Fourth Places:</u>	= 4 points:

After this, you can still earn two (2) points by being a finisher, who finds the transmitter, removes another place card and hands it to the starter.

Note: The Foxhunt Championship for the Oxtales Cup, has a different points score system. (see Event 24 on the official programme)
- 9: Where applicable, place cards are with each transmitter. It is the responsibility of the competitor to pick up the card with the LOWEST sequential number. No debates or corrections allowed after the event.

ALSO

FOX HUNT RULES (Continued)

OXLEY REGION AMATEUR RADIO CLUB;

10: TALK-IN EVENT: (Note Rule 6)

- * Listen carefully to the questions and answers:
- * Use your powers of deductive reasoning:
- * The "FOX" will only answer "YES" or "NO" but may^{ASK} the questioner for clarification if the question is capable of drawing an ambiguous answer.
- * All contact will be via the Repeater Ch.2...i.e 146.700:
- * In the unlike event of Repeater failure, the FOX will use Channel 50 (146.500) simplex.
- * Please WATCH OUT FOR REPEATER TIME-OUT!...let repeater drop out:
- * Talk-In will be conducted within the limits of the town map.

11: Competitors, navigators, observers and passengers enter each and every event at their own respective risk entirely. All insurances are the personal responsibility of all and each of those persons so mentioned and no claim or claims for any damages or any injury will be entertained or accepted by the Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club as a committee or by any member or members of that club. Let this rule be clearly understood and accepted BEFORE entering any or each event.

12: AWARDS:

One first prize will be allocated for each fox hunt event.
One runner-up prize will be allocated for each of the two (2) transmitter events.

* FOX HUNT CHAMPIONSHIP:

The "OXTALES CUP" trophy will be awarded to the Foxhunt Championship winner. It is a perpetual trophy which will be suitably engraved each year and retained by the Club. A suitable replica will be given to the winner. In the event of a tie, a countback pointscore system will apply by using the pointscore system detailed in these rules for the two (2) transmitter events; last event used first.

Championship points will be awarded for each of the four (4) main foxhunt events held on Saturday and Sunday; allocated as follows:
First = 10: Second = 8: Third = 6: Fourth = 4: After that, each starter who finishes = 2:

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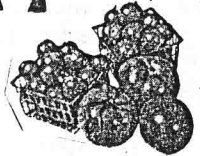
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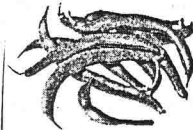


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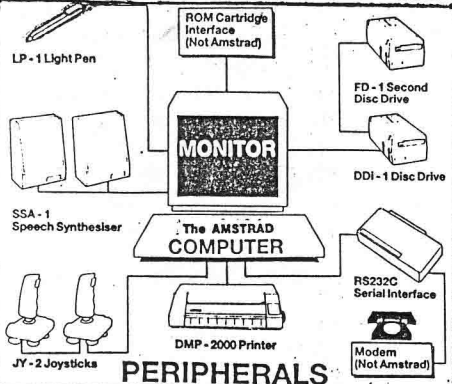
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SILENT KEYS:

We were all deeply saddened to learn of the untimely passing of VK2AHH Noel Hanson. Noel was not only a great friend and member of our club; he was also a great ambassador for Amateur Radio. On many occasions his call sign appeared in various contest columns, particularly for the DX awards. He always had an entry for the Old Gear contest at our Field Days and was usually first to arrive with his entry. Noel was a great exponent of RTTY, Satellite Working as well as being an accomplished organist. He retired from his position of County Engineer some short time ago. Our profound and deepest sympathy is extended to Noel's wife, Olive and her family. We are certainly going to miss the voice of a kind and gentle man.

VALE VK2CC - Col Carter:

Earlier this year we learned of the sudden passing of another member of our Club, VK2CC - Col Carter of Kempsey. Col was a former Broadcast Engineer of AWA and served with stations 2BH, 2LM, 4GY and 2KM. Col was an extremely active man who took a deep interest in nature and community activity. He joined amateur radio ranks in 1947 and held callsigns of VK2ACD, VK4CR. We join with VK2DLQ (Rex) in extending our deepest sympathy to Col's wife Jean and her family.

NORFOLK ISLAND: LORD HOWE ISLAND:

Late last year my wife Hettie and I had the pleasure of visiting these two beautiful islands. During our stay on Norfolk, I was privileged to meet VK9NS (Jim) and his wife VK9NL (Kirsti). What a magnificent place for a QTH. Also met up with VK9JA (John). Great people and a beautiful place. There are 1800 permanent inhabitants and 3,004 cars! Lorde Howe island is a totally different style of life to Norfolk. Absolute beauty and tranquility, very few cars but hundreds of push bikes. We really enjoyed the wonderful hospitality and outward friendliness of the people as well as the sheer unspoiled beauty of both islands. It was great to meet up with Dick (now VK9LH) and his charming wife, Noelle. Dick and Noelle are currently building their new home and art studio, on Lord Howe. Best wishes to them both.

CHEERS:

Being a mini "OXTALES" means I can stop typing so much sooner! Hi! Hope we have explained a little more about our Field Days. Also, hope VK2ADT (Jack) will be on deck to enter our top Cross Word puzzles! 73's *Lester (VK 2BFP) SEC.*

MORE STOP PRESS:

Last year we tried an experiment by way of having a better range of W.I.A publications and the response was nothing short of astonishing. So, this year we have asked W.I.A to send us an even bigger range of books etc. We will need a better display system AND some volunteers to man the stand on a roster system.

SUPER GUESSING COMPETITION:

Yes, we have enlarged our popular raffle contest to now provide no less than FIVE mouth watering prizes which you should not consume until you arrive home. THREE goes for one dollar must be great value...

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