



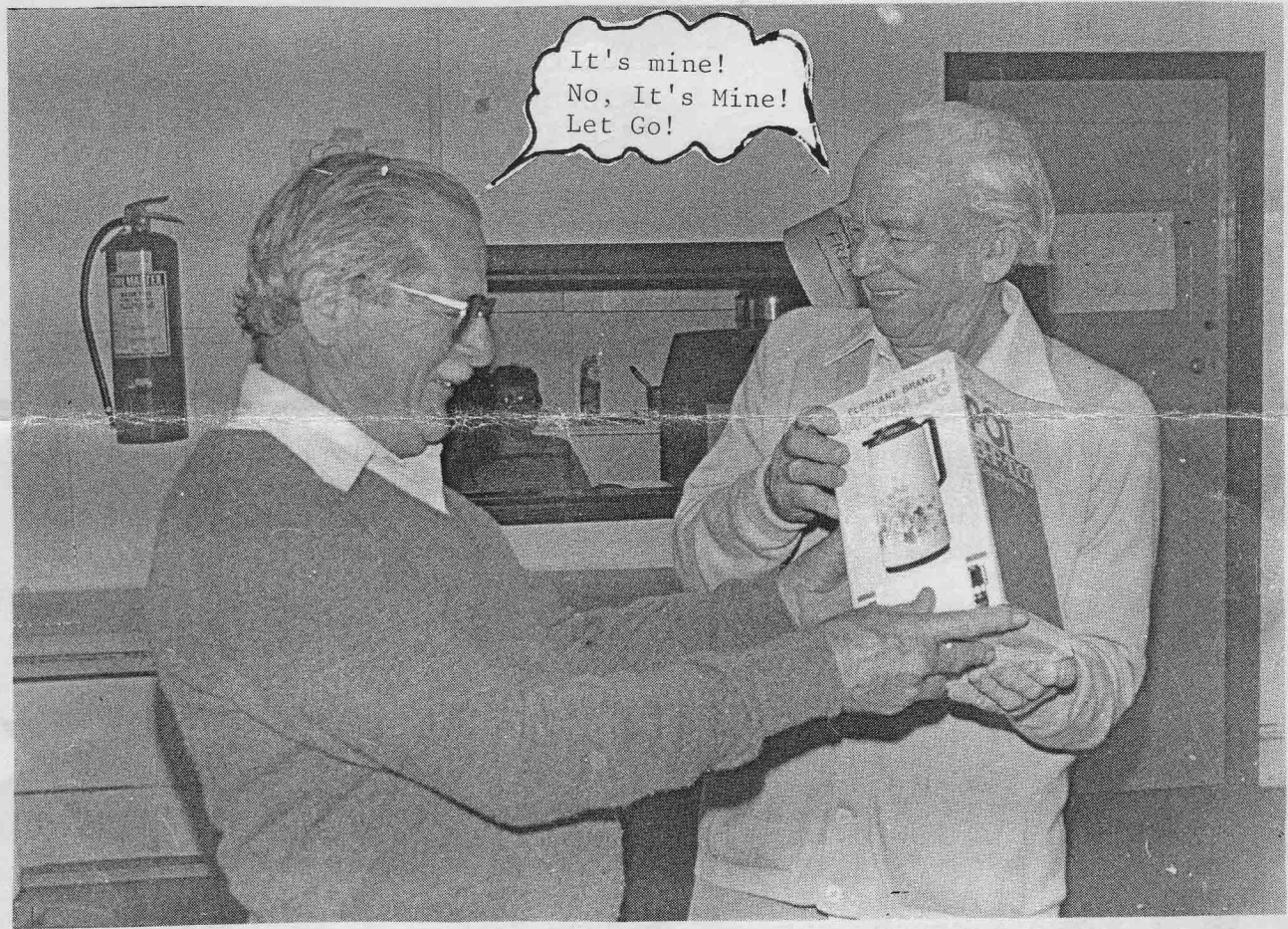
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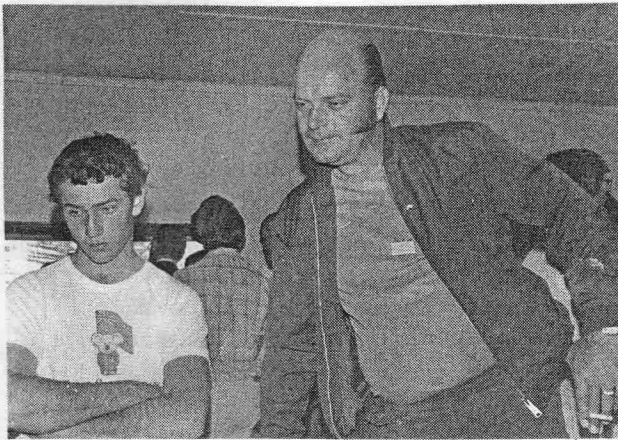
"LOOK'S LIKE A BIT OF FIGHT? NO; IT'S VK2PA PETER (left) TRYING TO PRESENT VK2LS (LEWIS) WITH HIS TROPHY FOR WINNING THE BEST QSL CARD DISPLAY AT THE 1984 FIELD DAYS AT PORT MACQUARIE:"

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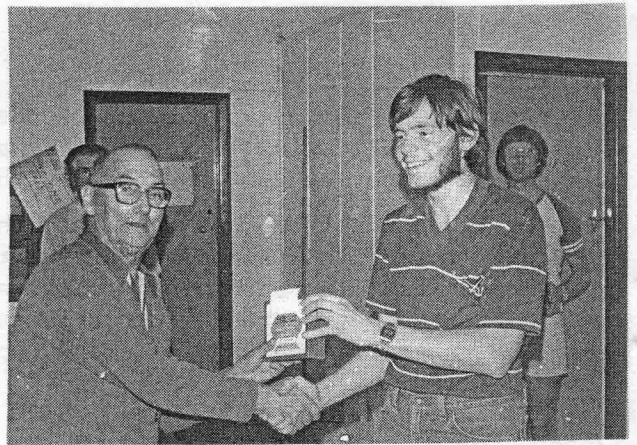
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OXTALES CUP CHAMPIONSHIP.....SPECIAL "MOBILE 75 AWARD"



Club Stations: VK2BOR : VK2RPM(ch2) : VK2WIQ : Ph: 065-83 1100 :



Don't pick a fight with the WIA Slow Morse co-ordinator!
Tnx Vince (VK2PRB (Right))



Congratulations Wal! VK2EW (left) accepts the CW Sending trophy from VK2PJ (Peter)

WHO'S WHO AT PORT MACQUARIE?? (Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club)

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on 9th February, 1985 and the following list provides the detail of your Club's executive for the year:

PRESIDENT: VK2KDL (Keith Lutton) 'phone 85 5395

VICE PRESIDENT: VK2ELN (Laurie Newham) 'phone 83 3981

SECRETARY/TREASURER: VK2BFP (Lester O'Connell) 'phone 83 1100 (work) 83 4274 (home)

PULICIITY OFFICER: VK2LS (Lewis Smith) 'phone 82 0424

LIBRARY OFFICER: VK2ALI (Alan Hartley) 'phone 83 3312

COMMITTEE: VK2ATM (Arthur Monck) 'phone 83 1311

VK2XU (Ian Dalrymple) 'phone 82 0175

VK2ZCV (Bill Sinclair) 'phone 82 0329

W.I.C.E.N. VK2EJK (Bob Brodie) 'phone 82 0592

WIA DELEGATES: VK2ZHE (Henry) and VK2DPE (Geoff)

REPEATER COMMITTEE:

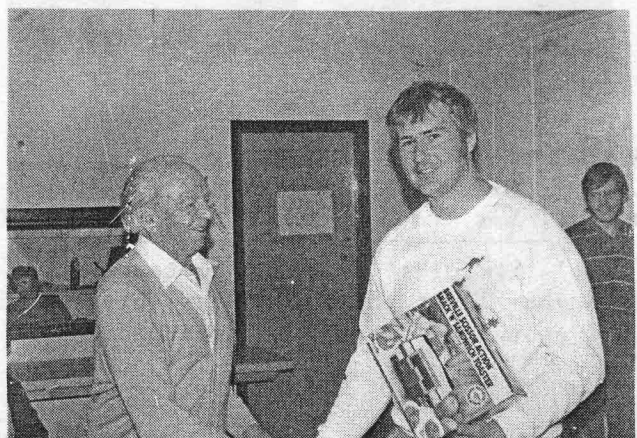
VK2ATM (Arthur) VK2XU (Ian) VK2ZCV (Bill) with power to call and add to.

OUTGOING PRESIDENT: VK2EJK (Bob) with two years service. Thanks Bob!

SPECIAL GUEST: A very special welcome was extended to Mr. Theo Marks (VK4MU) President WIA ...VK4 Division who was visiting Port Macquarie from the Gold Coast.



"Oh! no, what did he buy?" VK2EPE Peter's wife Michi seems hysterical!



"This is for the Best Presented Fox Hunt vehicle, VK2DXA, John "said VK2LS (Lew) left.

BITS AND PIECES:Robbery:

VK2CDB (Dave) and his family have experienced the shock and trauma attached to a "break and enter" at their home. His son, David, and family were all asleep in the upstairs section of their home last March. David and family had been working hard all day in preparation for a move to Adelaide. Next morning they were completely shattered to find, that while they slept, their home had been robbed. A highly professional job. The intruders had even cut the string holding those little jangle items which make quite a tinkle when disturbed. David and family lost all of the household goodies of value, as well as the family Ford motor vehicle. A nasty blow Dave, which we were all sorry to learn about.

CLASSES FOR NAOCP:

Some fifteen students are currently hard at work preparing for the forthcoming exams. VK2ELN (Laurie) and his team are doing a first class job of instruction. Made much easier these days by virtue of the fact that the Club is now using those top training video tapes prepared by Gladesville Amateur Radio Club. Full marks to that club for their professional approach to the task.

POST MASTER:

We are indeed fortunate to have the services of local post master, Keith Hanlon as instructor for the C.W classes. Keith turns up each Friday night at the SES HQ and without any fuss, gets on with the job. From what I have seen, the results are proving to be first class. Keith has developed his own system of training and has well and truly earned the respect and admiration of students and "old hands" alike. Thanks for your time and effort Keith, it is certainly appreciated.

CAR RALLY

The 1985 Forest Classic Rally has been, and won. This year our Club excelled in the reporting of times from the various check points. Out of several hundred messages only six errors occurred. The experience we have gained from this outing each year has proved quite invaluable in more ways than one. VK2XU (Ian) had his team in fine shape and the exercise went off without a hitch. That is excepting for some "hippie" type character who insisted that he had the right to go on pedalling his bike right into the teeth of oncoming rally cars. Guess he made it OK!

JOHN MOYLE FIELD DAY:

Once again we were plagued with poor weather conditions in our attempt to take part in the John Moyle Memorial Field Day. Using North Brother mountain as our mobile and portable QTH we found we were perched in a perpetual cloud of fog and light rain just about all day. However, we did our best and managed to run up a score of 1607 points for the Club effort. Of this tally, VK2LS (Lew) contributed a total of around 980 by operating on 2 metres with the help of VK2ALI (Alan). Lew almost burst the computer memory when he picked up a VK5 but unfortunately was not able to get the contact confirmed. We'll be trying again next year. Let's get a bigger crew together and join in this great contest.

SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE:

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of WIA the Postal Department will be issuing a special stamp on Wednesday 22nd May, 1985. Your Club has accepted an invitation to participate in this special issue event by setting up a display of an operative Amateur Station at the Port Macquarie Post Office on that day. Several members will be involved and we look forward to a highly successful day. Please keep an ear out for VK2BOR (Club Station) on the HF bands.

REPEATER:

At long last, after many, many months of work and waiting, we have received permission from the Department of Communications to re-locate our Repeater (VK2RPM) to a higher location, south of Port Macquarie. We are indebted to 9-8 Television New England for their help and co-operation as well as VK2ZTM (Tim Mills) State Repeater Committee Co-ordinator for WIA. Now, our Club Repeater Committee has the big task of carrying out the big job ahead. Thankfully, we have some dedicated men who are highly skilled in this field, to take on the responsible work load involved. A special vote of thanks to Bill (VK2ZCV) for the countless hours of work he has given in keeping VK2RPM in good health and also for giving her a good home for some considerable time. Patience now, please.

"THE PROPAGATOR"

We regularly receive a copy of a club newsletter known as the "PROPAGATOR" which is now up to volume 85! The Propagator is the monthly newsletter of the Illwarra Amateur Radio Society, Wollongong. Their publication must rate as first class and is a great credit to its editor and club members.

They regularly feature some very excellent technical articles as well as doing a top job on giving highly informative reports on their repeater activities. A few comic strips and cartoons of amateur flavour keeps up a light hearted atmosphere in their publication each month. So, congratulations Illwarra! A top effort from what must be a very active and strong knit club. Thanks for keeping us on your mailing list too!

Have taken the liberty to re-produce one of the cartoons which appealed to this man's sense of humour. Hope you enjoy it also!

Best regards to all of "the boys" down the South Coast, on this particular occasion.!



STOP PRESS: We have just been informed of some more special donations towards our annual Field Days (to be held in a few weeks time).

- * HI-Q Products has kindly supplied a 3 element 6m beam for disposal by the club:
- * D.J.Coulter's trophy will be a "whistling key finder"!! (they really work well)
- * JVC has supplied 25 T shirts complete with our Club logo there-on!!!

These items add to support already to hand from Chandlers...JVC...Dave Hall.... Arthur Monck TV & Radio Service...Todd Holden. This magnificent support is tops!

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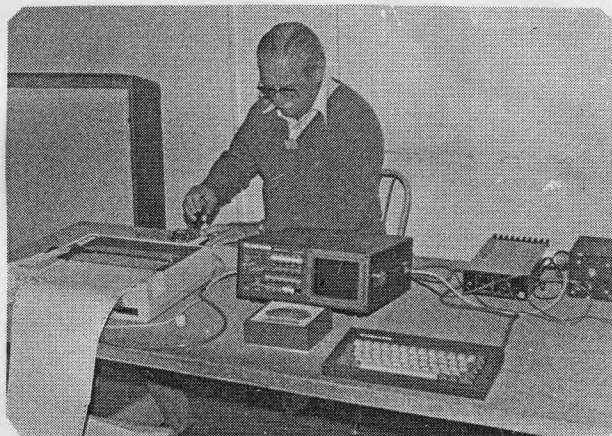
"THE TOUCH OF A MASTER'S HAND"

Most of us know that the W.I.A held its "75 C.W. Contest" in March this year. The urge to enter the contest got too much for VK2PA (Pete) so he decided to have a shot at just chalking up the 75 contacts required. After a short while on the key Pete had made the certificate grade, but then the "bug" really got him, so decided to continue on.

At around mid-night a fantastic opening occurred on 80 , much to Peter's delight. He said this opening assisted him no end in reaching his single band tally of around 11,400 points! His multi band score reached something like 16,000 points so, all in all, Pete has built up quite a formidable total. We'll keep our fingers crossed that his score will be good enough to bring home "the Cup" to Pete and Port Macquarie. A great effort, Pete, congratulations!

By the way, Pete is a perfectionist and ensures that all contacts are not short cut; all fully signed, too!

In the photo below, we see Pete as a contestant in the C.W. sending contest held at our 1984 Field Days, using the gear kindly provided by VK2ATM (Arthur). We often hear beginners ask what is the best, or recommended, position of body and wrist; well, take a close look at the photo. Yes, it is truly the touch of a master's hand in action!



VK2PA (Peter) in action. He worked 38 prefixes on 80 metres.

SMILE A WHILE:

The scene was an old persons home and it was lunch time. Nothing could be heard other than the odd tinkle of knife and fork in action. Virtually no conversation at all. Suddenly a sprightly old Mary Jane stood up and announced to the crowd that she was fed up with the dullness of the place. No action, no excitement she said. "Well I'm going to brighten the place up, to-morrow," she said. "I'm off to my room straight after lunch and I'll tear off my gear and do a streak around this place!"

Next day, after lunch, Mary Jane carried out her threat. She burst out of her room screaming "Whoopie, whoopie" and did a "streak" all around the beautiful lawns and rose gardens. She zoomed past a couple of dear old chaps who were sitting, sunning themselves in the garden.

"Gad, did you see that?" one of them said.

"Yeah, sure did!"

"Who was it?"

"I'm pretty sure it was young Mary Jane"

"What was she wearing?"

"Don't know. But it sure as hell needs ironing!"



Winner of the 146 Mhz hunt, VK2YGM Peter (left) accepts his trophy from VK2ZTM (Tim)



"It's like this Terry", says VK2XU Ian (right) to VK2DYQ (Terry). Terry and Geoff (VK2DPE) are brothers.

CHOCOLATE CAKE CONTEST ????

Eavesdropping on a certain QSO recently, it was found that a very strong rumour exists concerning a "private feast" to be held at the Port Macquarie Field Days this year. Seems that a fellow from down Sydney way is preparing strawberry and cream and another chap from up north has been challenged to provide some special chocolate cake. Then, yet another bloke from even further up north said he was bringing some honey and even more chocolate cake. More strawberries and cream were offered and so it went on. What we need is some chocolate cake "sniffers" in order that we can arrange a commando type raid on this hideout in Port over the Field Day week-end!!

SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

Can't let the cat out of the bag, but a certain fellow (member of the Oxley Club) is in for quite a big surprise at presentation time at the Field Day on Sunday afternoon. Can assure you he will be very flabbergasted and might need some support to hold him up when the cat gets out!!! That's 1985 Field Day of course, in a few weeks time!

PHOTOGRAPER:

We have lost the services of VK2DPE (Geoff) so we need a new photographer this year. Will be checking to see if VK2BGG (Jim) will do the professional job as we have been asked by WIA to gather as much photographic record as possible. VK2ATM (Arthur) will be taking care of the video filming; another request from WIA., so as to help with the recording and celebrations of the big 75th Anniversary year. Get the Colgates out!! By the way, we extend our thanks to VK2DPE (Geoff) for all the help he gave to the CLUB before moving back to Sydney. Kindest regards to Meg and family, Geoff.

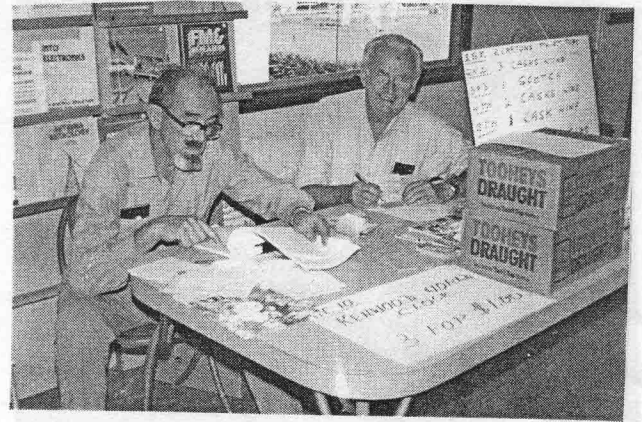
The Club members gave Geoff and Meg a special send off dinner last year and made a special presentation in recognition of some very special services rendered. We will probably have to find at least two men to replace Geoff!!



It was a great day for the Savin family of Tormina. l.to r. Philippa, Kerry, Gloria. An excited Philippa collects her trophy from VK2ZTM (Tim)



Great to have WIA State Repeater man VK2ZTM (Tim Mills) present one of the hardest working men in the club, VK2ZCV Bill with the Handy Kink 1984 trophy.



The boys behind the scene! VK2ALI Alan (left) and the then VK2ZFQ Hilary, hard at work, 1984.



VK2DVD (Tony) from Tamworth picks up his trophy from 1984 President VK2EJK.



Bob again, presents VK2DKP (Kim) with one of his three trophies!



"Good question," says Arthur (VK2ATM) left, as John, Barry and Hector listen intently.



Top brass to top brass! WIA "heavies" VK2PJ (Peter Jeremy) at left presents VK2BYY (Jeff Pages) with his trophy.

1984 FIELD DAY RESULTS:

We certainly experienced some "growing pains" at our 1984 Field Days! The Youth Club Hall at Oxley Beach was literally bursting at the seams trying to cope with all of the displays, contests and a very big crowd of visitors and club members. We might just fit it all in again in 1985 but we will have to start looking for larger premises thereafter. It will be a pity if we have to move away from such a beautiful spot right at the beach and with the picturesque Oxley Oval adjoining.

Wall to wall blue sky and beautiful warm sunshine sure encouraged a lot of people to come to our 1984 Field Days, and, as the list of winners indicates; they came from near and far. Thanks for the great support!

RESULTS:

<u>EVENT:</u>	<u>WINNER:</u>
2 METRE FOX HUNT: Runner Up	VK2DVD (Tony) Tamworth. VK2BYY (Jeff) Sydney.
40 METRE FOX HUNT	VK2DKP (Kim) Booral.
10 METRE FOX HUNT	VK2DKP (Kim) Booral.
2 METRE TALK-IN	VK2PJ (Peter) Sydney.
HOME BREW CONTEST	VK2BOT (Dick) Taree.
QSL CARD DISPLAY	VK2LS (Lewis) Port Macquarie.
OLD GEAR DISPLAY	VK2DLM (Brian) Urunga.
HANDY KINK CONTEST	VK2ZCV (Bill) Port Macquarie.
BEST PRESENTED FOX VEHICLE	VK2DXA (John) Tamworth.
COMPUTER PROGRAMM CONTEST	VK2BYY (Jeff) Sydney.
SATURDAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE	D. McLeod & C.M. Hartley. Port Macquarie.
7 MHZ. FOX HUNT	VK2BYY (Jeff) Sydney.
146 MHZ. FOX HUNT Runner Up	VK2YGM (Peter) Newcastle. VK2EPE (Peter) Nelsons Bay. VK2EYL (Debbie) Tamworth.
C.W SENDING CONTEST Runner Up	VK2EW (Wal) East Ryde. VK2PRB (Vince) Frederickton.
40 METRE PEDESTRIAN HUNT	VK2ZTM (Tim) Sydney.
10 METRE FOX HUNT	VK2DKP (Kim) Booral.
144 MHZ. FOX HUNT Runner Up	VK2BYY (Jeff) Sydney. VK2DKP (Kim) Booral
LADIES RADIO THROW CONTEST	VK2ECL (Carol) Tamworth. 26.9 Mtrs.
GENTS RADIO THROW CONTEST	VK2DLM (Brian) Urunga.
LADIES 80 Meter SPRINT	VK2ECL (Carol) Tamworth.
GENTS 160 METER SPRINT	Steven Andrews. Sydney
SUNDAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE	VK2YHQ (Annette) Gloucester.
GENERAL QUIZZ	Philippa Savins. Toormina.
TECHNICAL QUIZZ	VK2EPE (Peter) Nelsons Bay.
LUCKY REGISTRATION: Lady	VK2ECL (Carol) Tamworth.
LUCK REGISTRATION: Gent	VK2BEK (Eric) Taree.
Raff. Contest: First:	S. Fowler. D5 Yellow.
Raff. Contest: Second:	A. Martin. F74. Green.
Raff. Contest: Third:	VK2EW (Wal) B20. White.
Raff. Contest: Fourth:	N. Worner. F83. Green.
Raff. Contest: Fifth:	G. Roods. D50. Yellow:
WORLD CLOCK (Courtesy of Kenwood)	VK2ATM (Arthur) D27.

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Congratulations to all of the winners; try your luck again
in 1985!!

OUR 1985 FIELD DAYS!

Well, its only a few weeks away now (Queens Birthday week-end) 8th and 9th June and we will be in full swing! Given another serving of great weather, this year's Field Days should be our biggest and best in the fourteen years history of our Club.

A lot of time and effort has gone into the planning as we want to make a very special effort for this 75th WIA Anniversary year. VK2ATM and Wife Wendy have already gathered in the trophies, plus obtaining some great assistance from some trade houses. Also, Wendy has extended the range for our Saturday smorgasboard to help celebrate this big year. The range of goodies will steady up those chocolate eating boys we mentioned a little earlier.

THE OXTALES CUP:

The inaugural presentation of the OXTALES CUP will occur this year. It will be presented to the winner of the Fox Hunt Championship event. See the programme for full details of the points score system.

MOBILE 75 AWARD:

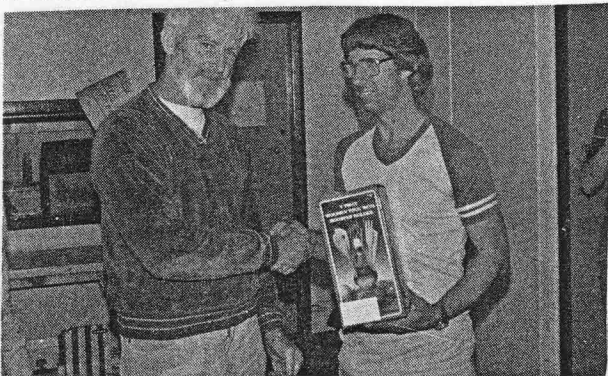
As part of this club's contribution to the 75th WIA Anniversary celebration, we will be conducting a once only contest for mobile stations attending the Port Macquarie Field Days. It is also designed to give the travellers (and Club members too) something to occupy themselves with whilst coming to the activity of the week-end. See the programme for the rules....they are simple and brief.....plus the award will be operated on an honour system.

A NEW CLUB IN PORT MACQUARIE????

Recently the office manager of WIA NSW Division (Maureen) phoned and asked for the secretary of the Rip Van Winkle Club in Port Macquarie, "It's a new amateur radio club," she said. Deeply puzzled, more information was sought. "Any club that sends in its list of Club members and advises its Delegates names for the Annual General Meeting a week after the AGM, must be a Rip Van Winkle Club," and she roared laughing. How red can a man's face get???? Oh, well....back to sleep!!

SUPER OXTALES:

Next issue of "Oxtales" will be produced immediately after the Field Days. We want to make a special issue to feature the 75th Anniversary of WIA so will be looking for old photos of this club, plus any very old articles concerning WIA or amateur radio. Brief and to the point stuff is what we need please. Would also like to prepare some personal coverage on some of our longer operating members, too.



Brian (VK2DLM) left accepts his trophy from VK2BYY.



"Now, what's this knob for?"
1985 Club President, Keith.

That's it folks! Glad the photos were of better quality this time. Thanks to Col (VK2VDD) See you all at the Field Days, please bring folding chairs with you as there are simply not enough to cater for the crowd!! Safe driving, have fun!

Lester O'Connell

VK2BFP. Lester O'Connell. Hon. Secretary & Ed.