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Hello, King Hussein? Jack calling

By COLETTE EMBE

Some people think you have to be a politician, evangelist, film star or international personality to talk to the world but one Port Macquarie man knows different.

Amateur radio enthusiast, Jack Hill, has spoken to thousands of people from all parts of the world including King Hussein in Jordan and the Marquis of Siciluna in Sicily.

'When I called King Hussein, he said I'm Hussein away you go, so I did and after I spoke with the Marquis he sent me a cable the next day confirming the conversation,' Jack said.

Before every one rushes out to start calling the world on an amateur radio set there are a few rules and regulations pertaining to the use of the instruments which can cost thousands or as little as \$200.

Jack started his hobby by building his own re-



ceiver in 1923 and was one of the first in the Maitland district.

During his Sydney University days he gave his hobby away to concentrate on his teaching studies and later favoured motor bikes.

But in 1936 he got his amateur radio operators certificate of proficiency

and except for the war years has continued 2ADT (his call sign) but which means to him 'always doing things.'

Jack won the American Radio Relay League International DX/long distance competition two years running in 1947/48. He sees his hobby as

educational, but more importantly, as a way of furthering world friendship.

Oxley region amateur radio club is keen to welcome new members. Contact the secretary at Post Office, Box 712, Port Macquarie for more details.

A thumbnail sketch of amateur radio and one of our popular members, VK2ADT (Jack). This article was one of many which appeared following the club's "Post Office" display as part of the 75th Anniversary Celebrations of WIA. We appreciate the co-operation of our local newspapers with their coverages of the activities of our club and some of our members.

A special "thank you" to the Port Macquarie News for the above article which they kindly featured.



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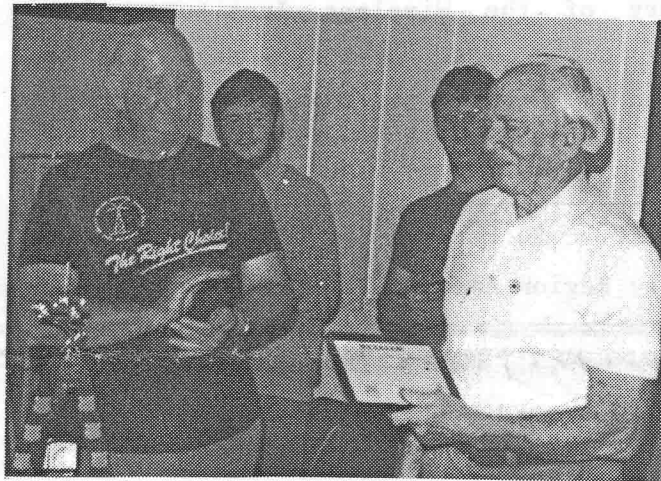
CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD:

You hardly ever hear VK2LS (Lewis) stuck for words! Well, the surprise of his long amateur life time left him almost speechless when it was announced that he had won the inaugural CLUBMAN of the YEAR AWARD at the 1985 Field Days.

The inscription on the award reads " in recognition of outstanding and continuous services to the Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club, and to Amateur Radio as a whole"

No wonder Lew won the very first award! He has always been a very active member of our club, is a great ambassador of the amateur airways and has conducted the Club Net every Thursday night (3.595 + or -) on 80 at 8pm for several years. Fifty times each year, Lew is there, calling members and any visitors to join the Club Net. And there is no style like Lew's!

Club events, such as the John Moyle Memorial Field Day, Car and Bike rally radio control etc., and you will find Lew is there. Congratulations Lew from the committee, club members, visitors and S.W. Listeners alike. It was a unanimous win for sure!



Club President Keith (VK2KDL) presents a stunned Lewis (VK2LS) with the very first Clubman of The Year Award.

And, here is another surprise for you, Lew. Recently we had a pleasant contact from a very nice young lad Jens Jensen. He called in on the Club Net a few weeks ago from his Rotary hosted address up in Goondiwindi, Queensland. Jens was kind enough to send you a card Lew. The story below, says it all, my friend!

Hi. I'm a danish radioamateur and Rotary Exchange Student, 1985-86. Please QSL to my danish callsign, OZ1KMS, via bureau.

Thank you much for letting me on the club net 10/4 1986. Thanks to VK2LF, net control, and all others on the net.

Nice to be operating on 80m.

Usually I ~~operate~~ operate 15m, trying to reach Europe, but not very successfully. Hope to come up on ~~the~~ your net again.

73's

Jens



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OVERSEAS VISITORS:

Some short time ago, a chance contact brought two visitors from America to the home of Wendy and Arthur Monck's home in Port Macquarie. VK2ATM and his wife Wendy had the pleasure of being host to visitors Austin and Ruth Rudnicki of Santa Barbara. Their visit, unfortunately, was all too brief. It would have been great to have had Austin and Ruth here for a few days in order to tell us about their home club. Austin (K6IA) is a director of Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club as well as being greatly involved with the publication of the club magazine "Key Klix". He has kindly sent us a copy or two since returning home.

We were interested to read an article which gave special mention to one of their hard working club members, the late Bob Dyruff (W6POU). Just prior to Bob's passing the Santa Barbara Club boys fitted out an emergency communications van, complete with antennae, HF and VHF rigs, batteries, generators and all controls etc., in one year flat. They dedicated the van to Bob's memory by presenting his wife with a special memorial plaque.

Pictured below, is the Late W6POU (Bob) and as the caption said; "Lest we forget, here's Bob - hard at work at a Field Day past".

Thanks for your visit Ruth and Austin; hope you might be able to return some day and be our guest speaker at a Club function, "down under". 73's.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Our annual general meeting was held in February and reports show that the Club continued to expand, as did our financial position; humble though it may be. An all time record number of members attended the meeting (about 34) and this was very pleasing. The meeting was held in the showroom of GMH Dealer, Todd Holden. After the meeting a tour of the electronic network of the car dealership was arranged. We saw computers, a new type PABX telephone system caring for some seven "in" lines and thirty extensions. The latest in Videotex machines show how this dealer can locate any new GMH product anywhere in Australia in just a few seconds. Plus the new addition Facs machine which transmits documents via telephone networks to any other Facs location in Australia or the world. Colour photo copier etc. etc; yes the age of electronics has more than arrived. Much more!

BON VOYAGE: We extend best wishes to VK2XU (Ian) and his wife Betty in wishing them a safe and happy extended tour of the Continent. Ian intends to take in some of the big car races in Europe. Guess Betty will just go shopping! We are sure going to miss Ian's help in organising car rally radio check points; not to mention our Annual Field Days where he is master of ceremonies of the Surplus Gear Displays as well as guest adviser of suggested prices!



Wonder what Wendy Monck is saying? Could it be:

"You must be kidding?"

OR

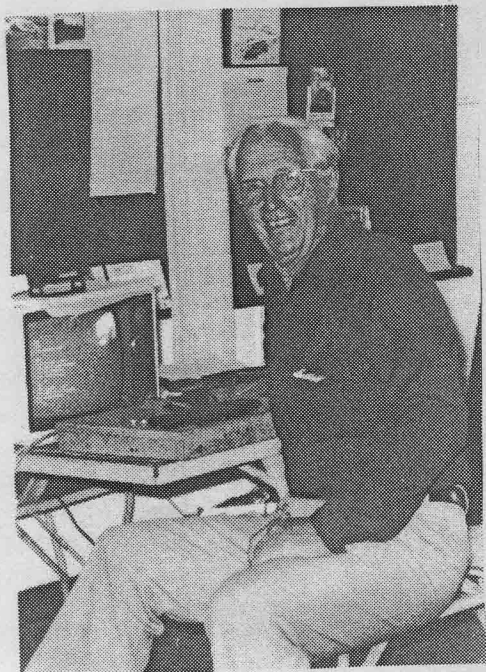
"A dozen for five dollars?"

OR

"Are you trying to pull my leg???"

In regards to the latter, we are quite sure Hiliary (VK2JHC) is too much of a gentleman, plus he is flat out keeping the WIA book stall operating. Hi!

We are not going to have Hiliary's help at this year's Field Day as holidays just don't allow. It's a big task being on call for two days and we will certainly miss your untiring help Hiliary. Enjoy that holiday!



"Well, I guess I will have to just go out and buy one of those new fangled computers" - and that is what VK2WC (Bill) of Wauchope did.

Having a ball too!

By the way, our 1986 Field Days will provide a feast of computers to tempt your cheque book out of that snug pocket.

Commodore - Amstrad - I.B.M - Apple as well as software will all be there! (Wouldn't miss it for quids!)

Rumour has it that VK2ZCV (Bill) who bought a computer for himself (I mean his children, last Christmas) has an antenna designing programme which he is bringing to *the* Field Days this year. You can have your design requirements printed out for a small charge which will go to the Club finances. Thanks, Bill. (If its true)

POST OFFICE DISPLAY: Our club did as most other clubs; joined in the spirit of the special WIA Celebrations by participating in a special display of amateur radio at our local Post Office. The result was outstanding. Post Master Keith Hanlon and staff asked us to keep the static display on show for a whole week. Thanks Keith to you and your staff for excellent co-operation, plus the kind staff donation of special release stamps. The outside display, specially rigged by hard workers, drew tremendous interest. We worked "around" Australia with contacts in all major cities. Great Pleasure!

WANTED:

A reward is offered for information leading to the arrest of Eddy Current, charged with the induction of an 18-year old coil named Milli Henry found induced, half choked and robbed of valuable joules.

This unrectified criminal, armed with a ferite rod, escaped from Weston Primary Cell, where he had been clapped in ions since Faraday.

With an erg to be free, his escape was carefully planned in three phases. First, he fused the electrolytes, then he climbed through a grid, despite impedance of the warders whose reactance was too slow. Finally, he went to earth in a magnetic field.

What seems most likely is that he stole an a.c motor. This is of low capacity, and he is expected to try to change it for a megacycle and return by a short circuit to ohm. He may offer series resistance and is a potential killer.

A.C. Maynes-Hum,
Sheriff:

(Tnx TESA Newsletter-(Great))

THE "OXTALES CUP"

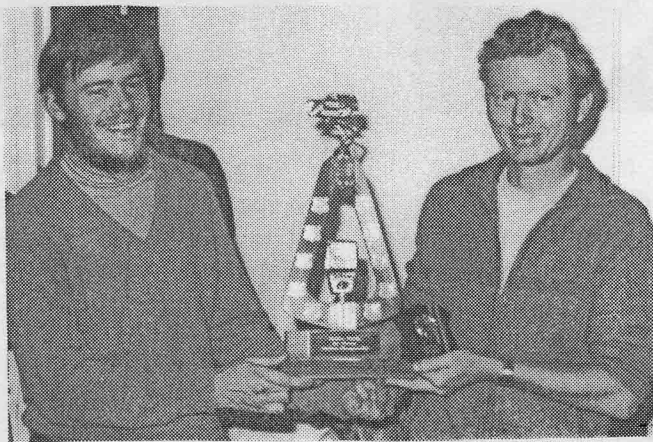
This magnificent trophy for our FOXHUNT CHAMPIONSHIP will be fiercely contested again this year at our Annual Field days over the Queen's Birthday week-end in June 1986.

The event was very closely contested for the first time last year and we saw a very excited VK2BME (Mark) of Newcastle become the initial winner. The trophy is perpetual and is fitted with suitable shields on which the winners call sign is engraved each year. A suitable replica goes to the lucky winner as a permanent memento.

The championship foxhunt events are held on both days. Four events on Saturday and four on Sunday. Each event stands alone for individual events, but attracts special points to decide the championship of the week-end.

The trophy was provided by the editor of Oxtales, our club's spasmodic newsletter.

"THE OXTALES
CUP"



FOXHUNT CHAMPIONSHIP
TROPHY (For the Port
Macquarie Field Days)

P.S Mark is on the
right.

1985 Oxtales Cup winner VK2BME (Mark) all smiles
as he accepts the trophy from WIA Pres.VK2PJ (Peter).

CHOCOLATE CAKE MYSTERY:

The promise of a succulent chocolate cake was partially kept at last year's Field Day. A really fierce battle raged in the preparation of this annual private "feast" and despite special sniffers the hide-out was not successfully located for a raid. Although bribery was offered to this humble scribe (in the shape of a large helping of cake) some Dirty Distasteful Urchin got in first and only a few crumbs and delightful aroma was all that remained.

Suffice to say, there had better be a better performance with keeping promises in 1986 or the "lid will be blown off" the chocolate cake gang and their identity. You have been warned, fellows!



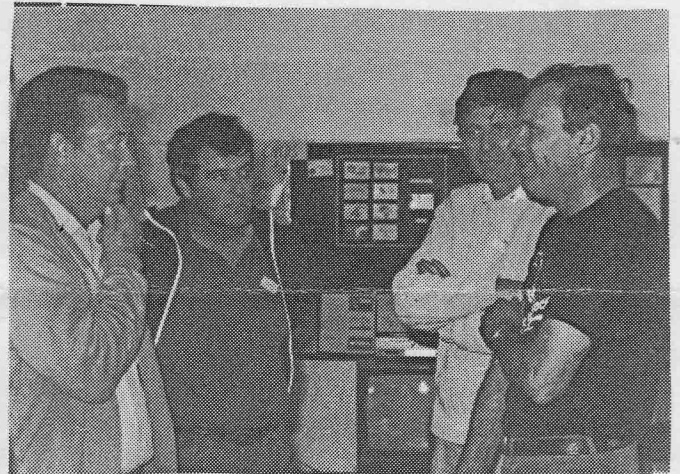
"Bees 'round the honey!" This ute load of goodies was pounced upon before the motor stopped running!



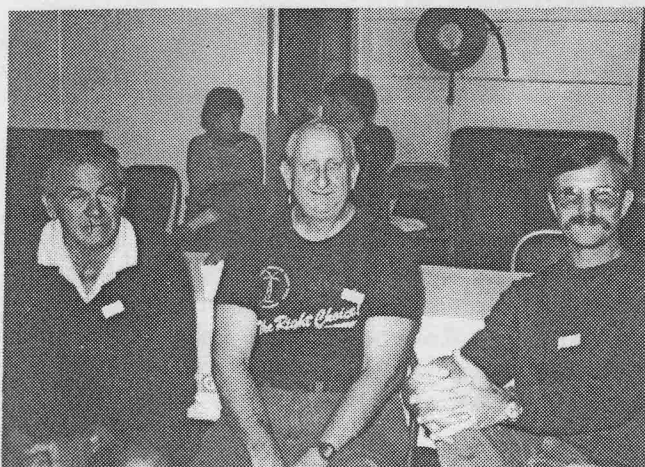
Inside wasn't much better. Surplus gear is like a giant magnet to every Ham! The surplus gear sale for 1986 looks like being bigger than ever!



A man and his best friend! Great to see VK2ACY (Ade) and his friend at the 1985 Field Days. Thanks for joining the Club Ade!



VK2ATM makes it clear, "We don't allow the fish to bite during our Field Day." (Barry)VK2KAY (left) seems convinced. In the back VK2KPP (Greg) and VK2CWR (Bill) are not quite sure!



Come on you guys! There's work to be done and no time for loafing! From the left we see clubmen VK2EUM (Doug) president Keith (VK2KDL) and Larry VK2CLL.



Foxhunt marshall Laurie (VK2ELN) at left, gives final info to Chris (VK2YMW). The foxhunt championship sure sparked interest, and its on again in 1986.

" A TRUE C.W. CHAMPION "

On behalf of the committee and members of our club, we extend warmest congratulations to club member VK2PA (Pete) on his outstanding effort in winning the President's Cup for 1985. In fact, the state of New South Wales own little amateur "world" is also very proud of Pete! It was no mean feat to take the Cup away from the boys of the southern states. They are top operators and have had a strangle hold on this famous cup for too many years!

We understand the cup will be contested in 1986 in conjunction with the John Moyle Memorial Field Day which will a totally different system for scoring. No doubt solar power operators will come to the fore!

Late news is that Pete went "bush" out at Rollands Plains and set up his own camp in order to comply with the rules of that great contest for 1986. Pete did not have solar power, so his task will be a daunting one in his effort to retain the President's Cup. Best of C.W-ing Pete, we are all in there with fingers crossed for you!



"The winner! VK2PA (Pete)"



Australian award for Morse Code

A Rollands Plains amateur radio operator has won an Australia wide Morse Code contest.

Mr Peter Alexander won the Federal Presidents Cup after scoring 16,088 points with a total of 247 different contacts being made.

This is the first occasion that the prestigious trophy has been won by a member of the Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club.

The award was accepted on behalf of Mr Alexander by the Federal Councillor of the Wireless Institute of Australia, Mr Stephen Pall at the Federal Convention of the Institute which was held in March.

Mr Alexander is to receive his replica of the trophy at a field weekend to be held in Port Macquarie on June 8 and 9.

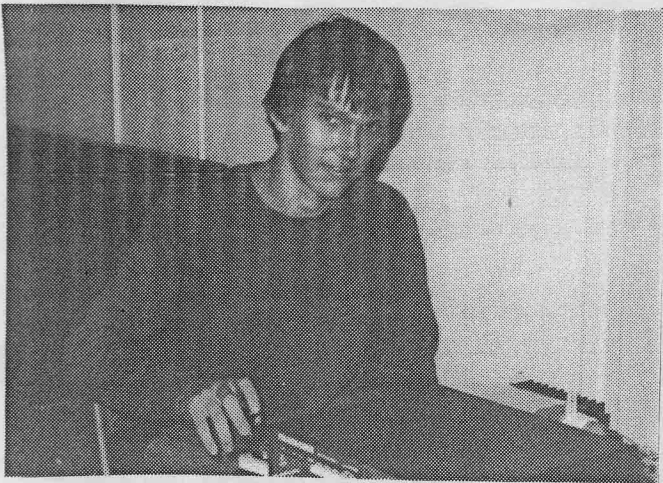
The Divisional President of the Institute, Mr Peter Jeremy will be presenting the trophy.

The original of the President's Cup is kept under lock and key at the Parramatta headquarters until next year when the cup will be returned to Melbourne for the presentation to the 1986 winner.

In the photo above, we see NSW division WIA President Peter Jeremy (VK2PJ) about to present VK2PA with the Cup for 1985.

Peter gave a-brief run down on the history of the Cup at the Port Macquarie Field Days presentation time, last year.

Members and visitors joined in with very enthusiastic acclamation when VK2PA took "delivery". Club members also feted Pete and his good wife Ina to a special dinner on yet another great occasion. This time it was to present Pete with a specially mounted and suitably engraved key which was very kindly donated by William Willis and Company Pty. Ltd.. This was yet another fine trophy attached to Pete's prestigious win.



A new champion of C.W! Young Allan(VK2EFM) of Tormina took out the C.W SENDING contest for 1985.

Allan managed to pass all his amateur exams whilst completing High School Study.

Now he is down Sydney at University!

Our CW SENDING contest is one of skill in regard to accuracy of sending. Speed does not enter into it. Sounds easy? The event runs continuously from 10am to 3pm on the Sunday. More and more are enetering each year to test their skills!

Congratulations Allan! Trust that yor dad VK2KHD (Merv) has better fortune at next exam for upgrading.He's good at CW too!



"Mad Morrie" the sign said. But the sale results were'nt mad! VK2QV had a real clear out of surplus gear at last year's Field Day at Port Macquarie.



Boy, there's nothin' better that the great aroma of steak, sausages and onions cooking on the Bar B Q! VK2KDL (Keith) at left takes a lesson from another chef VK2DLM (Brian) from Urunga.



We always appreciate the effort made by WIA officials in coming up to our Field Days. VK2PJ (Peter) VK2BYY (Jeff) and VK2ZTM (Tim). VK2BAD (Athol) hiding at the back!



President Keith, left; stands by ready to start the thirty odd presentations as Club Secretary Lester (VK2BFP)-checks the list of winners. Note the new circle type club insignia.

Well, 1985 took the blue ribbon as far as prizes go for Port Macquarie Field Days!

Our biggest roll-up ever and financial results well and truly topped all our other efforts. We had some difficulty with the point scoring results for the inaugural "Oxtales Cup" for the fox hunt championship. However, that's how we learn to better next time!

Just prior to our Field Days, Dave Hall gave the club a piece of old equipment, little guessing that it would win the "Old Gear" award in a very closely fought contest. Thanks Dave; the list of prize winners below, will tell you the detail.

As predicted; we were pretty crowded again and the RSL Youth Hall was stretched almost to its limit in trying to cope with the great crowd of visitors and club members. In the plans for 1986 we will have better table arrangements and should be able to fit displays and exhibitions into the premises in a much more orderly fashion.

Please bring along folding chairs, as there is a problem with seating availability.

O.K., on with the list of prize winners:

RESULTS FOR 1985:

<u>EVENT:</u>	<u>WINNER:</u>
2 METRE FOX HUNT	VK2BAD (Athol) Sydney
Runner Up	VK2CTB (Tony) Tamworth
40 METRE FOX HUNT	VK2KTS (Trent) Tamworth
10 METRE FOX HUNT	VK2BAD (Athol) Sydney
2 METRE TALK IN	VK2YMW (Chris) Waitara
HOME BREW CONTEST	VK2ATM (Arthur) Pt. Macquarie (Recln. Cahir)
QSL CARD CONTEST	VK2ATM (Arthur) "
OLD GEAR CONTEST	VK2BOR (Oxley Club) Resistance Bridge. Mftg W.GPye&Co. Cambridge. MkIV. No.725 1918.
HANDY KINK CONTEST	VK2LS (Lew) Port Macquarie.
BEST PRESENTED FOX HUNT VEHICLE	VK2BAD (Athol)
BEST COMPUTER PROGRAMME	VK2PA (Pete) Rollands Plains
SATURDAY CROSSWORD	Gwen Lutton. Lake Cathie.
7 Mhz. FOX HUNT	VK2BME (Mark) Newcastle
146 Mhz FOX HUNT	VK2DGT (Ken) Coffs Harbour
Runner Up	Vk2BAD (Athol)
C.W. SENDING CONTEST	VK2EFM (Allan) Tormina
Runner Up	VK2PA (Pete)
40 METRE PEDESTRIAN HUNT	VK2ZTM (Tim) Sydney
10 METER FOX HUNT	VK2DKP (Kim) Booral
144 Mhz. FOX HUNT	VK2BME (Mark)
Runner Up	VK2BYY (Jeff) Sydney
LADIES RADIO THROW	Rebecca William .Newcastle
Gents Radio Throw	Mark Cederblad - Tamworth.
LADIES SPRINT	Lorraine Sampson - Tamworth
Gents Sprint	Steve Andrews - Sydney
SUNDAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE	Annette Eckert - Gloucester
GENERAL QUIZZ	VK2KCU (Wayne) Gloucester
TECHNICAL QUIZZ	VK2BYY (Jeff) Sydney
"OXTALES CUP" - FOXHUNT CHAMPIONSHIP	VK2BME (Mark) Newcastle
MOBILE 75 AWARD CERTIFICATE	VK2DVZ (Ross) Lansdowne
CHILDREN'S SPRINT	Viki Austin of Woolgoolga.
CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD	VK2LS (Lewis) Port Macquarie.

Thanks to all who came and participated in all the events. Congratulation to the winners and place-getters.

PLEASE COME AGAIN IN 1986 OVER THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEK-END AND TRY YOUR LUCK!!

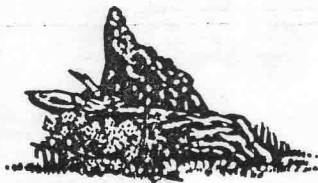
REMEMBER; THE "OXTALES CUP" FOXHUNT CHAMPIONSHIP IS NOW
AN ANNUAL EVENT...

: MOBILE 75 AWARD :

PORT MACQUARIE. NSW.

Awarded To

in recognition of achieving "75" contacts, whilst in mobile operation, thus qualifying for this special award. The award being the Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club's contribution to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Wireless Institute of Australia, 1985:



(VK2BFP - Secretary) (VK2KDL - President)

Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club: Port Macquarie.

This is what our special Mobile Award looked like last year. It was a contribution to the WIA's 75th Anniversary Celebration effort.

This year, a similar award will be issued to amateurs who attend at the Port Macquarie Field Days. You must be mobile in operation; contact 25 different stations, 10 of which must be with fellow amateurs who are also going to attend the Field Days. These 10 other stations need to be identified by quoting their car registration number.

It's an award with a difference and will now become an annual event for the Port Macquarie Field days. It will be known as the "OXLEY MOBILE AWARD" and you will find details of the rules, plus log sheet in our official programme.

SPONSORSHIP:

The response from business houses, members and well wishers has been nothing short of fantastic this year. Trophies and prizes which have all been donated, now amount to a staggering \$1,500 and still climbing. Can't believe it, but it true. Thank you to all who have so willingly given us a big helping hand.. We greatly appreciate your kindness.

THANKS, PHOTOGRAPHERS! VK2PA did a fine job of shutterbugging (except he forgot B & W) and then our good friend VK2BGG (Jim) and his Wauchope compatriots M.&S.Printing Pty/Ltd came to the fore, with professional help. Thanks fellows; a great job for the club!

Well, once again....that's it folks. There are some typewriter errors this time (asin the past) due to a rush pressure job. Well, I am only an amateur so I know you will understand. Plus, I do have an "Irish" typewriter, you know...

Best wishes; see you all (plus your friends) at our big Field Days over the Queen's Birthday week-end.....7th and 8th of June, 1986..

Yours in amateur radio

Lester Donnelly

(VK2BFP)