

## THE OXLEY AMATEUR RADIO NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER, 1988.

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### SHARING WHAT WE HAVE: A word from the Publicity Officer.

Do we suffer from loss of identity? A common rural complaint. Then why not participate in our Amateur Radio Club Activity? From this month we commence a contest with an award for the greatest number of Oxley Amateur stations to be contacted on the 80 Meter Wednesday night Nett (8pm on 3.5975Mhz)

More details will be given on the nett.

Get on the air and talk to each other, come to the picnics and Club Meetings: share in the experience of getting to know what it means to "belong"....

Make your knowledge really count by sharing it with others then you'll be richer than you ever were.

### WHERE DO WE GO ON 2 METERS?

It's a bit of a complicated situation what with Packet Radio Channels, repeater channels, Ritty Channels etc, but just to put it simply, then what is left to Novices for Simplex operation is as follows ;

146.425 to 146.575 and 147.400 to 147.550 in 25khz steps and F.M. operation only.

#### What's happening on the 27 and 28 MHz bands?

Well, the top end went mad over the week end of September 9th. There were Europeans, Yanks, Gxs and Japs romping in at S9 some using only low power and really mundane little dipoles: it's eased off a bit now there is going to be plenty more openings soon so get ready. VK2PA. Peter says he filled three pages of his log book in two days from last weekend. 80, 40 and 20 meters have been consistently good, not quite as good as a few weeks ago, but much more consistently good although 80 meters is now dropping off quicker at evening and morning as the days lengthen out. It might be best now to concentrate antenna construction to the higher frequencies.

There is plenty of time to get ready for the best 2 meter openings which generally occur around the end of December to mid January.

## NOW: WHAT ABOUT OUR SISTER CITY?

The Hastings District here has adopted the City of Hastings in the North Island of New Zealand as our Sister City and has delegated our local Radio Club to foster relations with the Kiwis over there. That's a challenge, isn't it?

The Branch call sign for Hastings N.Z is ZLBEI, David Walker ZL3. ZL3DK is the Hastings Branch president and is looking for us. Others in the district and active are ZL2AAA, ZL2HT, ZL2BCS, ZL2QS, ZL3DK and others. You can get them on 80 mtr or on 20 mtrs around 14.1605 and 8pm New Zealand time and often on 40 between 7 and 9am ZL time. Get cracking and make friends. Keep a record and let us know about the contacts. We want to tell the Hastings Council and local people here.

## FANTASTIC NEWS.

Our very active member Ken Witchard VK2KPW and XYL have come up with a brand new ham named Cameron. Cameron must be a winner with a proud Scottish name like that. Congratulations and Best Wishes from all our Club Members.

## TRAVELLERS.

VK2XU went up to Expo last week and had a nice time looking around at all the modern wonders.

VK2LS went wandering off out to Theodore in South West Queensland and had a good time fishing in the flooded Dawson River meeting the locals at a Strawberry Fair. He also reckoned the Bi-centennial Pageant at Biloela with 300 performers on the stage and the Laser lighting was a real winner.

Two meter performance on the trip was below par with not many people responding to calls on the various repeaters.

## RUNNING REPAIRS.

Sorry to hear that our favourite Librarian VK2ALI Alan Hartley is in Hastings District Hospital for an overhaul. Our last bulletin is that Alan is making satisfactory progress. Good Luck Al, we're hoping to see you up and about again soon!

## FROM THE SECRETARY:

About this Club net on Wednesday night? Wednesday night, you say - Well, we have to try something: the net held on the 15.9.88 netted a total of SIX FISH. A pretty poor effort coming from a water hole with approximately seventy members. Well after that tirade I had better confess, it says in the good book, and I quote, "Let he who has not sinned cast the first Transformer Core". As you may have guessed the net held on the 15th was my first (shame) and I was extremely surprised at the poor response, upon investigation the excuses ranged from other commitments to a death in the Shack.

The idea of trying Wednesday night came up at an unofficial meeting in the Club Room SES hall on Friday night the 16.9.88 it was found that the suggested change would suit the greater majority at the meeting.

The first Wednesday net will come up on 3.5975 MHS at 8pm on the 15 of 10/88. The Club Net is probably the most relevant exercise that the Club undertakes in insuring the continued existence of the club as gathering place for Amateurs to share their Ideas, Knowledge and Experience, and the participation of as many members as possible will ensure a strong Club with a Secure Future.

~~4th Sunday in Month.~~

### MORE CLUB NEWS.

The Club has recently purchased a 120 Victor with the idea of setting up the beginnings of a shack in the Club Room, SES Hall, UK2LS is constructing a Power supply and permission has been given to erect an antenna.

Classes are still being run regularly on Friday nights with our excellent education office, VK2CLL Larry giving theory lessons and Keith our local Postmaster teaching the morse with his enduring flair and high success rate. VK2RPM the 2 metre repeater is still behaving itself but is not used as much as one would expect especially with the new novice privileges.

The digi repeater has had some hiccups but VK2ATM is making the appropriate repairs. There is also the possibility we will have a second digi repeater in the not too distant future.

Our illustrious hand working Treasurer Charles VK2XLK is organising a talk to be given to club members on the Item of incorporation. Regarding our Public Liability commitments, all members will be informed of the date of this meeting and hopefully after serious consideration of the issue a resolution will be made.

With a new committee taking office earlier this year, the Field day on 11 & 12th June seemed like a daunting task, but with the help and guidance of previous committeemen especially VK2BFP the day went off without too many snags (mainly because yours truly forgot the BBQ) and we have had excellent feedback from several individuals and clubs, and suggestions that we run a separate Fox hunt weekend as the organisation of the events, the spirit of the hunt, the location of the venue and the trophies awarded all attracted great interest. (Food for thought eh!)

VK2ALI Allen with the help of VK2VNW Nathan has arranged quite a substantial Club Library from donations from several members (another good reason for popping in on Friday nights).

Well I hope we haven't missed anything of earth shattering importance, so with fingers crossed, we'll go to press and I'll look forward to hearing from you ay 8pm on the 15/10

Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club  
Secretary

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