

OXTALES

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NEWSLETTER OF THE OXLEY REGION AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

P.O. BOX 712 PORT MACQUARIE 2444

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I feel this has been a most successful year. Our membership numbers are up, we had an excellent field day and our training classes have produced an incredibly high exam pass rate.

The main low shots have been the failure of myself, ably assisted by Arthur (2ATM) and Paul (2BZC), to obtain better club premises. There are a few chances left so there is some hope in the New Year.

Many thanks to Tracy (2GTM) and his XYL for their hard work on the Field Day and the few who pitched in to help. There will have to be much more effort by non-participating hams and their XYL's if these Days, that are so vital to the Club, are to continue to be successful.

Congratulations also to Larry (2CLL) on his richly deserved Life Membership status.

Charles (2FSH)

REPEATER COMMITTEE REPORT

A very elusive, intermittent fault in the 2 metre Voice Repeater has resulted in a limited coverage for some time. A number of faults have been rectified and it is hoped that by the time you receive this report it will be in full operation again.

The 70 CM Voice Repeater has been enjoying considerable use and has proven to be very reliable, except when a well known Engineer member of the Club accidentally bumped one of the switches to the OFF position.

The Packet Digipeater is still undergoing testing in the workshop and is almost ready to be re-installed.

A complete new Repeater System for all VHF and UHF bands is being developed and a Licence application lodged, for the Mount Cairncross site. This should give enhanced coverage of the Oxley Highway.

Frequencies: 2m Voice 146.700 Digipeater 147.575 moving to 144.87

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined the Club during 1991. Will Jamieson (Dunbogan), Arthur Perry (Port Macquarie), Max Bradburn (Port Macquarie), Ronald Wyles (Port Macquarie), Barry Gilson (Port Macquarie), Jim Daniels (Port Macquarie), Geoff Stephenson (2BTU) (Wauchope), Garry Hancock (2GCH) (Wauchope), David Pilley (2AYD) (Wauchope).

New faces that we are pleased to see returning to the Club are Terry Meehan (2KL), Peter Kucera (2MPK), Anders Bergman, Paul Gibson, Ralph Downes, Bill Roth (2CWR), Bob Brodie (2EJK) John Bartlett (2GJX), Jack Leeds (2KN).

NEW SECRETARY

Ken Beck (2WKB) is moving to Kilandra. Trevor Thatcher (2TT) has returned to the hot seat. Our thanks to Ken for his contribution to the Club and we wish him a happy, healthy life at Kilandra.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Club income for year to 30/9/91 amounted to \$3,636.20. Expenditure for the same period was \$2,982.85.

The Clubs main income source remains the Annual Field Day held in June each year and Net Profit from this event amounted to \$1,390.33.

Some of the large outgoings to end of September have been \$400.00 covering purchase of a 70 CM Kenwood Transceiver. \$139.00 for the purchase of a multi capacitance meter and frequency counter and \$201.95 covering the purchase of Technical Books for the Club Library. **(THE CLUB URGENTLY NEEDS A VOLUNTEER TO TAKE OVER AS LIBRARIAN).**

Club funds at 30/9/91 held by St. George Building Society amount to \$4,759.22. This balance includes \$445 being P.E.G. Contributions. Kevin(VK2MAM).

CLUB LIBRARY

As mentioned in the Treasurers report, we do have a substantial library and books may be lent to members as required (and available). We urgently need a Librarian to maintain records so how about a volunteer. It isn't a difficult job. But it is worthwhile and can be your contribution to the club.

THE GREAT AUCTION

The Club has planned an AUCTION to be held on SUNDAY 10th NOV. at the home of Bill Sinclair (2ZCV), 8 Astronomer's Terrace (Lighthouse Beach area). Commencing at 10 a.m. We have to have the Auction here as there is no way we can move Bill's garage....! Bring all your goodies, junk and things you don't want and let us auction it off for you. It's an opportunity of a life time . . don't miss it!

CLUB TEST EQUIPMENT

Ian Dalrymple (VK2XU), our equipment officer, would like to remind members that the club has some very useful test equipment available for loan. Some members may be unaware of this service as much of the equipment has had little use.

Each item may be borrowed free of charge for a period of one week. Equipment available includes: VSWR meter, power meters, analog and digital multimeters, GDO, low pass filter, VTVM, signal generator and much more.

Some pieces of test equipment are not used enough to justify purchase by an individual but are a worthwhile acquisition for a club if used by its members. If you have any suggestions for future purchases, please pass these on to your committee.

RUMOUR QUASHED

Apparently, there is no truth in the rumour that an eminent "brass pounder" in our club, was to make an attempt at breaking the Morse code receiving record which has stood for over half a century. According to the Guinness Book of Records, the highest speed at which anyone has received morse code is 75.2 WPM. This was achieved by Ted R. McElroy in a contest held at North Carolina, U.S.A. on 2 July 1939.

- Q. What do you call a brunette standing between two blondes?
- A. An interpreter.

YOUR CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Charles Edmondson VK2FSH 84 0945

VICE PRESIDENT: Arthur Monck VK2ATM 83 1311

SECRETARY: Trevor Thatcher VK2TT 85 2278

TREASURER: Kevin Coulter VK2MAM 83 6380

COMMITTEE: Bill Sinclair VK2ZCV 82 0329
Ian Dalrymple VK2XU 82 0175, Paul Webster VK2BZC
83 7553, John Bartlett VK2GJX, Gerry Slade 81 0738

WIA DELEGATE: Vern Keena VK2VLK 85 1057.
WICEN OFFICER

REPEATER COMMITTEE:

Arthur Monck VK2ATM, Bill Sinclair VK2ZCV,
Ian Dalrymple VK2XU.

LIBRARIAN: Vacant.

CLUB TRUSTEE: Larry Lindsay VK2CLL 87 1155

TRAINING OFFICER: Larry Lindsay VK2CLL

NEW BATTERY

The new Toshiba 2200SX computer employs new battery technology which will probably soon see application in hand-held transceivers. The new battery is a nickel metal hydride unit which gives a better power-to-weight ratio than ordinary batteries. More importantly, it does not suffer from memory effect. This means you can top it up whenever you want and it recharges fully in three hours

TECHNICAL QUESTION

A VHF/UHF receiver has a two position switch marked "power ON-OFF". In which switch position will the best reception occur?

REMEMBER: The AGM is scheduled for Saturday
24th January, 1991.

THE NEXT 3 MONTHS

A few dates for your Diary:

- o Friday 1st Nov: Quarterly Open Committee Meeting (7.30)
- o Friday 8th Nov: Weekly Meeting
- o Sunday 10th Nov: Auction at Bill Sinclair's (2ZCV) (see below)
- o Friday 15th Nov: Weekly Meeting Friday 22nd Nov: Weekly Meeting
- o Friday 29th Nov: Weekly Meeting
- o Friday 6th Dec: Monthly Open Committee Meeting (7.30)
- o Friday 13th Dec: Weekly Meeting
- o SUNDAY 15th Dec: Christmas Picnic at Pilot Beach (12.00)
- o Friday 20th Dec: Weekly Meeting
- o Friday 27th Dec: NO MEETING
- o Friday 3rd Jan: Monthly Open Committee Meeting (7.30)
- o Friday 10th Jan: Weekly Meeting
- o Friday 17th Jan: Weekly Meeting
- o SATURDAY 24th Jan: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As you can see, lots of meetings and no Agenda. How about a few volunteers to give a talk. It doesn't have to be Ham Radio. It certainly would be a change from just blank meetings.

TRAINING CLASSES REPORT

Training classes this year, were provided for club members wishing to upgrade to full call status. As an experiment, we decided to trial the full call course offered on video tape by the Gladesville Amateur Radio Club. The participants felt that the syllabus was covered in excessive detail by Ron Bertram in the tapes. However, this thorough treatment of course material obviously paid dividends as all participants were successful in the theory exam. Special congratulations go to Will Jamieson who topped the class with a mark of 92 percent.

Four club members obtained their full call as a result of the September examination. These were: Tracy Dignam (VK2GTM), Mike Emery, Warwick Hall, (VK2WGH) and Col Pryce (VK2KQX). Will Jamieson can apply for a limited call. Bill Stofmeel (VK2WST) got a little impatient and passed his full call exam at Taree earlier in the year.

Port Macquarie's Postmaster and exalted Morse Codian, Keith Hanlon conducted Morse classes on a weekly basis at the Post Office. Keith is now commencing a new class with Will Jamieson and Col Pryce having a go at 10WPM. Keith would be more than pleased to see a few of you limited calls in the class (hint hint ZCV).

CONTESTS

October saw the VK/NZ Worldwide contest out as well as the JOATA event. Some dates for those interested in Contests: *Oct 26/27 CQ WW SSB, * Nov 9 YL/OM SSB/CW, *Nov 9/10 JARL CW, * Nov 9/10 OK DX SSB/CW, * Nov 9/10 RTTY WAE, * Nov 16/17 RSGB 1.8MHz CW, * Nov 16/17 Austrian 1.8MHz CW, * Nov 16/17 WIA Oceania QRP, * Nov 23/24 CQ WW CW, * Dec 7 ARRL 1.8MHz, * Dec 14/15 ARRL 28MHz

AMATEUR TV

The club recently purchased video equipment (at a near give-away price). If our bid to dismantle a local TV transmitter is successful we should have the equipment to operate our own ATV station. Just think of all the publicity we could obtain from this, especially if we could obtain a licence to operate in the UHF bands. Technical classes, as an example, could be put to air and our membership could double.

CLUB NET

For those of you that have forgotten, the Club still maintains a Club net on 3597.5 every Wednesday evening at 20.00 local time. There are usually 6 to 10 members on the net so why don't you join us?

SOCIAL EVENTS

Please note the Christmas Picnic has been scheduled for Sunday 15th December 1991 at Pilot Beach at 12.00. Its a family and friends affair and we look forward to seeing a few people that are unable to be with us on Friday evenings. Its a bring-your-own picnic and the club will provide a few surprises to make it a happy day.

Don't forget our Sunday evening social get togethers at one of the local eating houses. Charles (2FSH), Keith (2KDV) and David (2AYD) and XYL's have been meeting regularly on Sunday evening either at the Port R.S.L. (Oxley Rooms), or the Hot Wok Chinese restaurant on Gordon Street. They are both Smorgas-bords and the Hot Wok is only \$9 a head which is a bargain for all you growing lads. Come and join us.

O.R.A.R.C. MEMBERSHIP LIST 1991

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	CALL SIGN	ADDRESS	TOWN/CITY	TPH. NO.
PETER	ALEXANDER	VK2PA	ROLLANDS PLAINS ROAD	ROLLANDS PLAINS	065 85.8254
PETER	ALLAN	VK2GLJ	15 61/65 SWIFT ST	PORT MACQUARIE	065 84.9150
IAN	AUSTEN	VK2XIA	33 FAIRMONT DR	WAUCHOPE	065 85.1811
JOHN	BARTLETT	VK2GJX	16 PEAD STREET	WAUCHOPE	-
KEN	BECK	VK2WKB	8/61 SWIFT ST	PORT MACQUARIE	02 83.3876
ANDERS	BERGMAN	-	26 CATHIE CCT	LAKE CATHIE	065 85.4141
MAXWELL	BRADBURN	-	4 ARAWA CL	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.6247
BOB	BRODIE	VK2EJK	12 VENDUL CRESCENT	PORT MACQUARIE	065 82.0592
JOHN	CAINE	VK2AXH	LOT 6 OLD PACIFIC HIGHWAY	KEW	065 59.4537
BILL	CAVANAGH	VK2WC	3 HASTINGS STREET	WAUCHOPE	065 85.2130
HILLARY	CHAPMAN	VK2BHC	9 BANOO L ST	CHESTER HILL.	02
T.	CLARKE	VK2DYQ	57 EDWARDS ST	BEXLEY NORTH	
KEVIN	COULTER	VK2HAM	8 REGENT ST	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.8325
NIEL	CUNNINGHAM	VK2RD	259 HASTINGS RIVER DR	PORT MACQUARIE.	065 83.6380
IAN	DALRYMPLE	VK2XU	158 GRANITE STREET	PORT MACQUARIE	065 82.0175
JIM	DANIELS	-	42 WAUGH ST	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.1933
MAX	DATSON	VK2GE	17 CATHIE CIRCUIT	LAKE CATHIE	065 85.5732
TRACY	DIGNUM	VK2MTD	TRASSINDALE OLD SCHOOL RD	HERONS CREEK	065 85.7061
RALPH	DOWNES	-	3 PARK ST	WAUCHOPE	065 85.3181
CHARLES	EDMONDSON	VK2FSH	RMB 7 WILLOW CRESCENT	PORT MACQUARIE	065 84.0495
PAUL	GIBSON	-	33 BABINDA AVE	WESTHAVEN	065 59.9513
BARRY	GILSON	-	6 HUDSON AVE	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.8814
GRAEME	GREENWOOD	VK2ZIS	5/22 BURRAWAN ST.	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.4684
WARWICK	HALL	VK2PWH	5 THE BEAM	PORT MACQUARIE.	065 83.7182
GARRY	HANCOCK	VK2GCH	BROADAXE HOTEL HIGH ST	WAUCHOPE	065
KEITH	HANLON	-	14 FLORIDA STREET	PORT MACQUARIE	-
PETER	HILL	VK2BZA	49 CHEPANA STREET	LAKE CATHIE	065 85.5349
SNOW	HODDER	VK2DV	104 PACIFIC DR	PORT MACQUARIE	065 82.1301
BILL	JAMIESON	-	47 THE BOULEVARDE	DUNBOGAN	065 59.8622
VERN	KEENA	VK2VLK	46 SARAH'S CRESCENT	WAUCHOPE	065 85.1057
PETER	KUCERA	VK2MPK	31A BAIN STREET	WAUCHOPE	065 85.3406
BRIAN	LACKIE	VK2DLM	60 YELLOW ROCK ROAD	URUNGA	066 55.6135
JACK	LEBDS	VK2KN	41 RIVERSIDE DRIVE	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.2496
LARRY	LINDSAY	VK2CLL	P.O. BOX 161	WAUCHOPE	065 87.1155
TONY	LONSDALE	VK2DHU	6 MARSDEN CRESCENT	PORT MACQUARIE	065 84.0345
HENRY	LUNDELL	VK2ZHE	P.O. BOX 134	PORT MACQUARIE	065 -
KEITH	LUTTON	VK2KDL	LOT 2 FARRAWELLS ROAD	TELEGRAPH POINT	065 85.0321
DOUG	MCDONALD	VK2BUM	29 THE SPINNAKER	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.6157
JIM	MCINTYRE	VK2CJM	15 KALINDA DRIVE	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.5696
TERRY	NEEHAN	VK2KL	51 HUDSON AVENUE	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.2737
ARTHUR	NONCK	VK2ATM	27 PARK STREET	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.1311
RAY	MULLINS	VK2PPY	8 LAKE INNES ROAD	PORT MACQUARIE	065 81.0685
LAURIE	NEWHAM	VK2ELN	111 LORD STREET	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.3981
LESTER	O'CONNELL	VK2BFP	14 REGENT STREET	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.4274
ARTHUR	PERRY	-	83 YARRANABBE RD	PORT MACQUARIE	065 82.3960
DAVID	PILLEY	VK2AYD	LOT 4 CAINE CL. JANEDA PARK	WAUCHOPE	065 85.2647
COLIN	PRYCE	VK2VDD	88 GRANITE STREET	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.2372
PAUL	ROMAINE	-	P.O. BOX 1671	PORT MACQUARIE	065 835736
BILL	ROTH	VK2CWR	P.O. BOX 998	PORT MACQUARIE	
BILL	SINCLAIR	VK2ZCV	8 ASTRONOMERS TERRACE	PORT MACQUARIE	065 82.0329
GERRY	SLADE	-	MID PACIFIC CARAVAN PARK	PORT MACQUARIE	065 81.0738
LEWIS	SMITH	VK2LS	30 CUNNING STREET	PORT MACQUARIE	065 82.0424
GEOFF	STEPHENSON	VK2BTU	LOT 3 BURRAWAN DR	WAUCHOPE	065 85.3991
WILLIAM	STOFMEL	VK2WST	LOT 28 KING CREEK RD	WAUCHOPE	065 85.3971
RODNEY	TAYLOR	-	70 SAVOY STREET	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.7371
TREVOR	THATCHER	VK2TT	KHANDANI ROSEWOOD RD	WAUCHOPE	065 85.2278
NATHAN	WADDS	VK2FFE	24 BULLER STREET	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.4131
GRAHAM	WADDS	-	24 BULLER STREET	PORT MACQUARIE	-
DARRYL	WALDOCK	VK2DAZ	26 PANORAMA CCT	FORSTER	065 54.3797
PAUL	WEBSTER	VK2BZC	P.O. BOX 1505	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.7553
ANDREW	WHALEN	VK2JAW	50 OUTER ROAD AUSTRAL BDN	VIA GLADSTONE	-
KEN	WITCHARD	VK2CRN	P.O. BOX 549	KEMPSEY	065 62.5755
RONALD W.	WYLES	-	7 TOZER ST	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.5295