



1992 OXTALES NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER

DO NOT FORGET THE O.R.A.R.C. Inc ANNUAL BARBECUE

AT
PILOT BEACH, DUNBOGAN.
SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER, 1992
FRIENDS, RELATIVES, VISITORS ALL WELCOME.
(See item within for full particulars and how to get there.)

INCORPORATION OF THE O.R.A.R.C.

Perhaps the most significant recent event in the activities of the Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club, was the ultimate realisation of the step taken in April of this year, to seek incorporation.

Members will recall that at a special meeting held on 10th April 1992, that a special resolution was passed to make application to the Business and Consumer Affairs Agency for incorporation.

Following the multitude of formalities required to bring this about, official notification was received in August, 1992 in the form of our very own certification of incorporation. From that time our club officially became The Oxley Region Amateur Club Inc.

A new letter head, and a new rubber stamp became necessary to legally reflect the new status of our organisation. This resulted in nothing more than the letters "Inc" being inserted in the appropriate place on our old letter-head and old stamp. It was deemed fitting (and very simple) to preserve as near as possible the original appearance of these club "artifacts".

Perhaps the most notable acquisition, which came about as a result of the legalities required of incorporation, was the procurement of our own Common Seal, which is now waiting to be affixed, as required, to our legal documents.

For those members who may not be aware of the identity of our first Public Officer, be advised that

it is none other than our current President, Tracy, (VK2GTM).

The advantages of incorporation are well known to most, but as a refresher to the memories, the official words which appear in the helpful documents of the Business and Consumer affairs Agency are included below. They read:-

"The main benefit of incorporation is that it protects individuals within an association. Committee members of unincorporated bodies face the possibility of being sued as individuals. Creation of a separate legal entity through incorporation usually prevents this happening provided the committee operates in accordance with acceptable business and community standards."

Other major advantages are -

- The incorporated association can sue or be sued;
- The incorporated association continues regardless of changes to membership, etc., unless it is wound up - or its registration is cancelled;
- The incorporated association can accept gifts and Bequests;
- The incorporated association has the power to hold, acquire and deal with property;
- The incorporated association can enter into and enforce contracts."

It is clear from the above that there are very good reasons for us to continue in the traditions already established under our earlier name... i.e maintaining acceptable business and community standards.

RELOCATION.

Over the past year our President, Tracy Dignum,(VK2GTM) has been very active with the Hastings Council, endeavouring to seek a new location for the Club so that we can have both a meeting room and lecture room and not the current cross modulation we experience. Much of Tracy's effort has been with the local FM Community Radio station with the objective of sharing premises. Last month we were close to obtaining ground in the industrial area, but this has since been denied by local council. If anyone has any bright ideas where we could relocate, please speak up - we really do need better rooms for our tuition classes.

There is another option being prepared as a submission to Council, but this option is in its infancy as we go to press. We MAY have encouraging news should this receive acceptance by those who sit in judgment on such cases.

CHRISTMAS B.B.Q.

Again it was voted to hold this at Pilot Beach on Sunday, December 13th, 1992. A good starting time would be around 11 a.m.. For those of you who do not know the location, its over the bridge at Laurieton, Dunbogan and Camden Heads. When you enter the beach area, turn left, there is a great BBQ area with tables and overhead cover. Bring your own food. The club will provide wine and softdrinks.

If there is enough fishermen amongst us, maybe we could have a contest off the rocks or beach.

SO MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.....DECEMBER 13th, 1100 HRS B.B.Q.

A.G.M.

Don't forget, this will be coming up, probably last Saturday in January. Date will be advised.

JOTA

Club members participating in the Jamboree Of The Air activities this year adopted a variation in our previous two years' format. This time, instead of inviting interested small groups to visit individual Amateur shacks (at the home QTH), the Amateurs took their gear to the Scouting JOTA venues and set up HF and VHF stations.

Laurieton Scout Hall was manned by Keith (VK2KDL) and Tracy (VK2GTM) on Saturday and Sunday. The Port Macquarie Sea Scout's Headquarters was manned by Lewis (VK2LS), Richard (VK2VHC), Ian (VK2XU) and Trevor (VK2TT) working on a roster system to cover the Saturday afternoon/evening and a short burst of a couple of hours on the Sunday morning.

Geoff (VK2BTU) provided valuable assistance in transporting equipment to the site, and installing the gear and the portable antenna systems in readiness for the operation.

Charles (VK2FSH) was prevented from taking his rostered shift at Sea Scouts Headquarters by the onset of a bout of poorliness, but his absence was covered with a minimum of fuss.

Contacts were made with many similar JOTA stations throughout VK and ZL. There appeared to be an extremely high level of interest displayed amongst the Scouts and Guides in the taking and giving of names and addresses for future follow ups. Cupid's presence seemed to overshadow that of Mercury, quite dramatically.

RECENT EXAM PASSES

Congratulations are in order to the candidates who succeeded in obtaining passes at the recently held examinations for the various Amateur qualifications.

The successful candidates were:-

Brenton Jones (VK7JAB - a visitor) passed Full call Morse.

Richard Court (VK2VHC) passed Full Call Morse.

Arthur Perry passed Full Call Morse and Novice Theory.

Paul Romaine passed Novice Theory and Full Call Theory.

David Johnston passed Full Call Theory.

Bill White (VK2PWC) passed Full Call theory.

It will not be long before the bands see some new faces, plus some old faces with new calls. Well done fellahs!

EDUCATION CLASSES

Larry (VK2CLL), our hard working and enthusiastic education officer advises that a new class for candidates for the Novice grade call is scheduled to begin in the new year. A minimum of six students will be required to justify the running of this course. So you fellows out there who know of someone aspiring to "get on the air" then please pass this on with the advice to contact Larry direct, or any of the office bearers of the club for further information and "steering" instructions.

PACKET RACKET

The VHF frequencies have all changed and locally we operate on 144.875 MHz. If you want to use the Walcha repeater for ROSE contacts throughout Australia, use 144.775 MHz.

VK2WST has an active VHF/HF Gateway if you want to send Packet overseas.

VK2ATM-1 is still the local Bulletin Board/Mail Box stop if you want to send or receive messages.

Most of the Packet Racket makers are using commercial TNC/Modems such as KAM, MFJ, AEA, etc. These also have facilities for other modes of transmission/reception such as RTTY, AMTOR, CW, FAX, etc.. A few people in the area who are not amateurs (cannot transmit) also use these TNC's for listening to commercial transmissions on non-amateur frequencies. Its actually amazing just what you can hear and you would be amazed at the number of commercial stations using AMTOR, (just listen around 16.500).

Bill, VK2WST has also an excellent weather satellite receiving black box which down loads pictures better than those on TV.

MEMBERSHIP BADGES.

A recent meeting discussed and agreed upon the concept of badges (Name Tag type) for members of Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Charles (VK2FSH) undertook the task of ferreting out a manufacturer willing to produce suitable Name Tags, bearing call sign given name, and club logo, at a reasonable price. One such manufacturer was selected who produced quite satisfactory units. Some twenty odd members have purchased these useful devices which are of engraved "Traffolyte" construction with a locking "safety-pin" to attach to the wearer's apparel. Club members wishes to acquire one of these device may do so by ordering same through

Charles (VK2FSH) and coughing up with \$6 of their hard-earned. (Price is subject to change without notice... depending on Manufacturer.)

FIELD DAY RAFFLE WINNERS.

The raffles, conducted and drawn at the June Field-days Weekend resulted in the following winners:-

Ladies Raffle (Basket of Goodies) won by Mrs. McDonald (XYL of Doug, VK2EUM) of Port Macquarie.

OM's Raffle :-

First Prize Warwick Hall (VK2WGH)
Port Macquarie.

Second Prize Peter Allen (VK2GLJ)
Port Macquarie.

Third Prize Bruce Valentine (VK2BAV)
Collaroy. (NSW)

Believe it or not, we still have one ladies' lucky door prize on our hands because we cannot find the winner! She is Mietta of Cunningham Radio Club. We are following up one lead that Cunningham Radio Club (not currently mentioned in the Call Book Directory) could be at Stanthorp in VK4. Rest assured... she will be found!

HF OPERATION

The HF bands have been very bad during the day these past few months. Life seems to appear on 14 MHz and up, after about 1700 local time. There has been a lot of DX-peditions operating over the winter months especially from the Pacific Island regions. VK2AYD who is a Competition freak, won first prize (Oceania) in the First Class CW Operators' Contest, but only made second place in the ARRL International Contest. (VK2APK made first place).

WICEN

It is noted with regret that Geoff (VK2BTU) has had to relinquish the position of Regional Co-Ordinator (Mid North Coast) of WICEN as a result of family and business commitments.

Geoff has been responsible for getting the newly restructured WICEN up and running on the road. This has involved a significant amount of time, effort, and personal expense, including many days away from home attending conferences and exercises which formed part of the "getting it going" task. Geoff is remaining as a member of WICEN, so we have not lost him, altogether.

On behalf of the ORARC Inc membership, which includes WICEN members, "OXTALES" says "Thank you Geoff. Your efforts in getting the system up and running were sincerely appreciated".

Mid North Coast WICEN is now looking for somebody with the time and sense of dedication to this community oriented group, to take on this important role of Regional Co-Ordinator, and continue the work that will necessarily follow on from where Geoff left off. What about some nominations??

With Geoff's permission, we provide below, a copy of his formal notification of resignation to the local WICEN membership.

"Dear Members,
It is with regret that I wish to inform you of my resignation as Regional Co-ordinator of Mid-North Coast WICEN due to business commitments.

Over eight months have passed since we formed a region and during that time we have gained new members and participated in numerous events to the credit of WICEN and O.R.A.R.C. members producing first rate communication skills.

Radio equipment has been purchased for repeaters and we are now on the list for Council Funding for the benefit of all club members as well as WICEN, not to mention being involved

with DISPLAN which is a Disaster Plan for the Community.

We have given many hundreds of hours into promoting Amateur through various organisations and Emergency Services and this can only benefit our club members in the future in way of being recognised in the Community and Council.

I wish to thank all members for their support especially Richard VK2VHC, Trevor VK2TT and Peter VK2MPK as it is an impossible task to do alone.

Best wishes to all for Christmas.

73 Geoff VK2BTU.

POET'S CORNER.

The presentation of "OXTALES" in monochrome does not do justice to the colourful and attractive way in which the following little gem was presented for inclusion in our newsletter. It was submitted in two colours of copperplate cursive script, and comes from the prolific pen of Gwen Lutton, XYL of Keith (VK2KDL).

Kitchen Maids.

Five kitchen maids are we
So charming, as any group can be.
Chopping tomatoes, onions, and meat
With tears in our eyes, we will greet
But - not putting on too many graces!

Tea, Coffee, and Biscuits flow all day!
These things - you don't have to pay
Ahead of schedule we have been
Because we're all very keen
To finish - before the great Rush

And enjoy the spread - How lush!
At the end of the day, we relax - to a chair.
As we think - this is being very fair
A good day was had by all.
You - really couldn't wish for more.

FIELD DAY WORKERS.

The Kitchen Maids, to whom that little poem of Gwen's must surely allude, would have to be those willing slaves who manned (or is it "personned" these days?) the "kitchen" on our Field Days. As all attendees at such events will agree, the service and facilities which are provided via the "kitchen" are major factors upon which we tend to judge the success (or otherwise) of a Field Day. These people go largely unseen in the areas under the spotlights, but the results of what they do in their enforced environment does impinge upon our percipience (even our palate and stomach sensors) and we come away recognising that somebody must have been doing something very worthwhile behind the scenes.

At the 1992 Field Day weekend, five willing workers, who were not members of the club, donated their time and skills towards the catering effort. They were, in alphabetical order of surname ;-

Cindy Dignum, Pat Hall,
Gwen Lutton, Dee Pilley,
and Sue Stephenson.

They are all XYL's of club members, and they gave this valuable support to our club, for which the membership is sincerely grateful.

This special mention should in no way detract from the efforts of members who also participated in the planning, organisation, and execution of the array of tasks involved in our annual event. Those members get the well deserved pats on the back at the club meetings. The non-member workers are usually only seen (fleetingly) "in the kitchen". Our thanks again, Maids!

Don't forget though, fellahs. Fellahs make rather good kitchen maids too, and are allowed to volunteer without fear of application of discriminatory practices based on gender differences.

NEW SECRETARY WANTED.

It is with regret that Trevor (VK2TT) has to formally announce that he will be unable to take on the roll of Secretary in the new year. He has enjoyed the job over the past three years (ignoring that little break he had when Ken (VK2WKB -- Now VK4WKB also!) took over the reins in 1991 for a few months). Be assured that he will be happy to continue giving assistance to the production of "OXTALES", but family and other community involvement will prevent full attention to the Secretary's roll.

Trevor is confidently looking forward to being knocked down in the rush to take up his chair, and will be happy to assist in the settling in period for the new Hon. Sec. Get your nominations in early and beat the rush before A.G.M. day!

THE SICK LIST.

Peter (VK2PA) has been on the poorly side. A stint in the sick bay recently caused his absence from 7.025 for a while. He is now back on there again, from a temporary portable QTH, even doing a bit of "lip-flappin" SSB-wise. We believe he will be QTHR soon (probably before this newsletter hits the street). Welcome Home Pete!

Pat Edmondson (XYL of Charles, VK2FSH), well known field day worker and popular XYL in the district, had a "little holiday" in hospital recently. Members and their XYL's will be glad to know that she is progressing well. Pepe reckons Chas's presentation of Pal, Meaty-Bites, and Good-O, although just meeting the acceptable standard, was not as good as Mum's. He also mumbled something about being dished up a plate of Whiskers!!! Yuk! Cat Food! He (Pepe) was not the only one happy to see Pat home!

INFO (Trivia)

The copy for this issue of "OXTALES" was transferred from VK2TT to VK2ZIS by Packet Radio using paKet pP digipeating through VK2RPM-1.

OFFICER BEARERS AND CLUB INFORMATION.

PRESIDENT - Tracy (VK2GTM)
VICE PRESIDENT - Charles (VK2FSH)
TREASURER - Kevin (VK2MAM)
SECRETARY - Trevor (VK2TT)

PUBLICITY OFFICER - David (VK2AYD).

COMMITTEE

Bill (VK2ZCV), Arthur (VK2ATM), Bill (VK2WST),
Ian (VK2XU), Larry (VK2CLL).

DELEGATES

WIA - Henry (VK2ZHE)
Wicen - Currently vacant.

ASSISTANT SEC - Lewis (VK2LS)
ASSISTANT TREASURER - Charles (VK2FSH)

REPEATER COMMITTEE

VK2ATM, VK2ZCV, VK2XU, VK2WAC.

CLUB LIBRARIAN - Ian (VK2XU)

Meeting Place: S.E.S. Headquarters, Gordon St., Port Macquarie.

Meetings Held: Each Friday Night, 7.00pm (Pub. Hols. Excluded).
Visitors welcome.

Radio Nets : Club Net each Wednesday, 8.00pm, 3.5795MHz
Visitor's Net Sundays 8.00am, 146.700MHz (RPTR)

Repeaters: VK2RPM FM Voice (146.700 MHz and 438.525 MHz)
Packet ROSE 658300 (144.875 MHz)
1-1 Digi VK2RPM-1 (144.875 MHz)

OXLEY REGION AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. MEMBERSHIP REGISTER.

Sat. 21st Nov., 1992 16:33:42

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	CALL SIGN	TOWN/CITY
1 PETER	ALEXANDER	VK2PA	ROLANDS PLAINS
2 PETER	ALLAN	VK2GLJ	PORT MACQUARIE
3 IAN	AUSTEN	VK2XIA	WAUCHOPE
4 KEN	BECK	VK4WKB	CALOUNDRRA
5 MAXWELL	BRADBURN		PORT MACQUARIE
6 BOB	BRODIE	VK2EJK	PORT MACQUARIE
7 KEN	BROWN	VK2AJJ	PORT MACQUARIE
8 BILL	CAVANAGH	VK2WC	WAUCHOPE
9 CLIFF	COOPER	VK2VWC	PORT MACQUARIE
10 KEVIN	COULTER	VK2MAM	PORT MACQUARIE
11 RICHARD	COURT	VK2VHC	PORT MACQUARIE
12 PETER	COX		PORT MACQUARIE
13 ALAN	CRIBB		SANCROX CLOSE
14 NIEL	CUNNINGHAM	VK2RD	PORT MACQUARIE.
15 IAN	DALRYMPLE	VK2XU	PORT MACQUARIE
16 JIM	DANIELS		PORT MACQUARIE
17 MAX	DATSON	VK2GE	LAKE CATHIE
18 TRACY	DIGNUM	VK2GTM	HERONS CREEK
19 JOHN	DUNN		WESTHAVEN
22 BARRY	GILSON		PORT MACQUARIE
23 BADEN	GLEESON		PORT MACQUARIE
24 LEWIS	GREEN	VK2AG	PORT MACQUARIE
25 GRAEME	GREENWOOD	VK2ZIS	PORT MACQUARIE
26 WARWICK	HALL	VK2WGH	PORT MACQUARIE.
27 KEITH	HANLON		PORT MACQUARIE
28 PETER	HILL	VK2BZA	LAKE CATHIE
29 SNOW	HODDER	VK2DV	PORT MACQUARIE
30 WILL	JAMIESON	VK2XXU	DUNBOGAN
31 DAVID	JOHNSTON		PORT MACQUARIE
32 PETER	KUCERA	VK2MPK	WAUCHOPE
33 BRIAN	LACKIE	VK2DLM	URUNGA
34 JACK	LEEDS	VK2KN	PORT MACQUARIE
35 LARRY	LINDSAY	VK2CLL	WAUCHOPE
36 TONY	LONSDALE	VK2DIIU	PORT MACQUARIE
37 HENRY	LUNDELL	VK2ZHE	PORT MACQUARIE
38 KEITH	LUTTON	VK2KDL	TELEGRAPH POINT
39 JOHN	MCDONAGH	VK2VY	PORT MACQUARIE
40 DOUG	MCDONALD	VK2EUM	PORT MACQUARIE
41 JIM	MCINTYRE	VK2CJM	PORT MACQUARIE
42 TERRY	MEHAN	VK2KI	PORT MACQUARIE
43 ARTHUR	MONCK	VK2ATM	PORT MACQUARIE
44 LAURIE	NEWHAM	VK2ELN	PORT MACQUARIE
45 ARTHUR	ROMAINE		PORT MACQUARIE
48 BILL	ROTH	VK2CWR	PORT MACQUARIE
49 ALAN	SLADE		PORT MACQUARIE
52 LEWIS	SMITH	VK2LS	PORT MACQUARIE
53 GEOFF	STEPHENSON	VK2BTU	WAUCHOPE
54 WILLIAM	STOFMEEL	VK2WST	WAUCHOPE
55 RODNEY	TAYLOR		PORT MACQUARIE
56 TREVOR	THATCHER	VK2TT	WAUCHOPE
57 PAUL	WEBSTER	VK2BZC	PORT MACQUARIE
58 ANDREW	WHALEN	VK2WAC	VIA GLADSTONE
