

Oxtales

Newsletter of the OXLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.
OX1.QW January, 1994

The AGM is upon us. In spite of the tireless efforts of our President, Tracy VK2GTM, to generate enthusiasm, there is a strong feeling amongst members that the Club is falling into a state of apathy.

Unless determined steps are taken, it can be foreseen that our very existence may be threatened.

May we suggest in the pursuing weeks that if members would like the Club to continue in good health, that they consider their mutual goals and ambitions towards the organisation, and generously consider what they are prepared to contribute to guarantee its future well being.

Some suggestions already indicated include:

1. Club projects. i.e. building of a repeater station or we all build mini DF sets so that we can take part in the Fox Hunts and keep our trophies at "home".
2. Club nights once a month to be addressed by a speaker on Amateur Radio topics. This could be by members talking on such subjects as antenna's, Packet Radio, etc..
3. Show and Tell nights where people can bring their problems for diagnosis and repair.
4. More regular BBQ social meetings.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD TO THIS LIST?

Questions that come to mind are:

1. How important are new Club premises?
2. What can we do to attract new members?
3. Do we want an Annual Field Day?
4. Do we want a second voice repeater at Cairncross?
5. Do we want a third voice repeater at Yarrahappinni?
6. Does WICEN have a role in the Club?
7. Are you satisfied with the Quarterly Saturday meetings?
8. Should we as a Club, participate in the John Moyle Field Day in March? What can you contribute towards this?

SO WITH ALL THESE THINGS TO THINK ON LETS MAKE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO ATTEND THE AGM AND BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CLUB.

It is proposed to produce an OXTALES Newsletter bi-monthly throughout the year, however to do this effectively I need your input. What would you like to read about? Your ideas are most essential to a Newsletter success.

WEEKLY NETS

Just a reminder that the Club operates two voice nets each week.

Every WEDNESDAY evening at 20.00 hrs local time on 3597.5 kHz.

Every SUNDAY morning at 08.00 hrs local time on 144.7 mHz.

SUMMER BBQ

Following the fiasco at the Field Day last year when we suddenly found ourselves without a BBQ, the Club now has its own which can be rented out at a nominal fee by any member. It received its big work out at our Summer BBQ on Sunday January 2 at Shelly Beach. We were lucky to be able to select a cool spot under the trees. The only concern were the Iguana's who were after Tracy's steak. At one time there was concern for Charles (2FSH) poodle when he became over zealous with an Iguana, but Peppi survived !

With warm seasonal wishes for a healthy and happy 1994 to you all.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the
OXLEY REGION AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.,
will be held at 13.00 hrs at the S.E.S. building,
on SATURDAY, 29 JANUARY 1994.

AGENDA

- 1 Minutes of 1993 AGM
- 2 Presidents Report
- 3 Secretarys Report
- 4 Treasurers Report
- 5 Repeater Sub Committee Report
- 6 Education Officer Report
- 7 Appointment of Officers for 1994
 - Executive - President*
 - Executive - Vice President*
 - Executive - Secretary*
 - Executive - Treasurer*
 - Committee Members (3)*
 - Education Officer*
 - Equipment & Librarian Custodian*
 - Repeater Sub Committee Officer*
- 8 Other Business relating to the A.G.M.
 - (a) Appointment of a Patron or - consider changing the Executive title of President and Vice President to Chairman and Vice Chairman.*

ALL POSITIONS WILL BE VACATED AND YOU SHOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER WHICH OFFICE YOU ARE PREPARED TO FILL.

All OTHER BUSINESS subjects to be submitted to the Hon. Sec. by January 25. No OTHER BUSINESS matters will be considered from the floor unless pre-registered, or at the discretion of the President.

All 1993 Executive Officers to have written reports. (needed for record and publication in the March Oxtales).

NOTE: We have no proxy forms.

Only members attending will be able to vote so PLEASE ATTEND.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Your subs (\$15) for 1994 are now due.

The increase has been necessary as we were not covering our overheads with the current subscription. As an additional bonus we plan to produce an OXTALES News Letter 6 times during the year.

Remember - you need to be financial to be able to vote at the AGM

If unable to attend, please mail your subs to the Treasurer on the form provided.

OXLEY REGION AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

NAME: _____ CALL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

I enclose herewith my subs (\$15) for 1994.

In 1994 I would like to see the following subjects/ideas/etc. implemented:

I would be prepared to stand for the following office: _____

Please bring this form with you to the AGM. If you are unable to attend the AGM please mail it to:

The Treasurer.
O.R.A.R.C. Inc
P.O. Box 712
Port Macquarie 2444

Before January 25th please

Real Life Stories From Timbertown Computers

Insanity is Hereditary Parents inherit it from their children

PS/2 Adaptors for Sale

You need to buy an adaptor to connect a normal keyboard to a PS/2 style keyboard outlet. Price **\$39 at Manning Computers**, \$12 at Computer & Things and \$9 at Timbertown Computers.

Priced by Experts

In the Autumn of 1993, the Hastings Co-op had problems with one of its computers. The assessment by Hastings Computers was that the only way to overcome the fault was to upgrade the computer for \$1700. Timbertown Computers was contacted for a price on the same upgrade, which was \$1200. Naturally we won the job. However the upgrade was not necessary, as we could replace the Video Card for \$80 plus \$30 for labour.

Outsmarting Smartdrive

Have you ever needed to occasionally re-install either Windows or Windows software on your computer because it developed a fault. This problem only occurs if you have MSDOS V6.0 and computers with cached memory. The problem rests with Smartdrive which rewrites program files back to the hard

disk as it finishes with them. Ninety nine percent of the time this is quite OK, but if there is a glitch in the system while this is happening, that means a bug is written into the program as it is being recorded. To overcome the problem, change the line in your AUTOEXEC.BAT file to read **C:\DOS\SMARTDRV.EXE C** And while on Smartdrive, use the latest version which is MSDOS V6.0, and not the one supplied with Windows v3.1. Now Smartdrive will only write back your updated datafiles.

Wouldn't It Rock You?

Several months back an agitated gentlemen appeared at the door and asked whether we could replace several keys on his keyboard. I said, "Look mate, it is not worth the trouble because when you do fix the problem another one appears. It is cheaper and far more convenient to supply you with a new keyboard for \$49. At least if there is a problem within the 12 month warranty I can replace it with a new one for you." The frustrated gentleman retorted, "I just paid \$60 to Solid Rock Productions to get it fixed and it is still not right"

I told you a thousand times never to exaggerate

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