



OXTALES

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President's Report

"What you see is what you get, except for pre-packaged strawberries" (Anon)

So, we have now reduced our meetings to twice per month, the object of the exercise being to have a business meeting on the first Friday and have an activity or talk of interest on the third, thus lessening the obligation to attend as well as providing interest for the nights we do meet. Well, I have to tell you that this has not made the slightest difference to the indifference obviously felt by the majority of our members towards the Club and its Committee.

We still have the usual six or so turning up to the meetings. The activities organised for meetings are not being supported, for example, last Friday night there was an activity organised and we had the usual half dozen members present. It's as if there are only 6 to 8 members in the Club.

It is now obvious that no matter what the existing Committee does, we cannot muster enough interest from the members to allow us to operate in any manner other than that of a caretaker Committee who will keep the club repeaters operational and maintain a presence within the community so that in the event of a resurgence of interest then a framework will remain for a new Committee to lead.

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As you will now be aware, the Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club will not be holding a Field Day this year due to there not being any Club member willing to co-ordinate such an activity. Kempsey Radio Club will now be holding a "Boot sale" and BBQ on the Saturday of the long weekend to which we will be all invited. The details will be announced in due course.

If this dismal report makes anyone feel "agro" and you feel that you would like to have a go to revive the Club, I, and no doubt some others of the Committee, would be prepared to stand aside and let you have a go.

73's de David (VK2DAL)



The following snippet was obtained from the latest AAPRA Newsletter, "Digipeat". Packeteers who dabble in this mode on HF will no doubt be interested:-

MJGATE:VK2MJ-1 GATEWAY

The gateway is now fully operational 24 hrs a day on 7.035 cross linked to 145.050. HF users can now access VK2GMU, the Macquarie University

internet gateway either by connecting to VK2MJ-1 and then use (x VK2GMU) to connect to the VHF port on 145.050 or use (c VK2GMU via VK2MJ-3). VK2MJ-3 is a cross port digi and is used like any other digi.

The gateway can be used by VHF users in the same manner as on HF but at this time **ONLY FULL CALL OPERATORS** can use the gateway.



The ROSE Codes

NEWCOMERS to the packet scene (and some of the less-active oldcomers) may find the following list of ROSE codes of use, or just plain interesting. The list below is obtainable from any ROSE NODE digipeater by simply connecting to INFO via VK2xxx,nnnnnn (where xxx represent the call letters of any ROSE NODE digipeater, and nnnnnn represents the six digit ROSE CODE allocated to that repeater.) For example, our very own ROSE digi, VK2RPM is allocated 658300 as its ROSE CODE. Thus a call put out on 144.875 MHz as follows, C INFO via VK2RPM,658300, should result in a connection which produces a list of ROSE codes allocated to functional or proposed ROSE NODES. The list you see below was obtained this way, from VK2RPM.

Some equipment sponsored by AAPRA. Node Manager Paul. VK2BZC
Local BBS (VK2ATM-1) id: vk2atm.nsw.aus.oc
Voice Repeaters: 146.700 MHz & 438.525 MHz
VHF Digi VK2RPM-1, 144.875 MHz
UHF Digi VK2RPM-1, 440.050 MHz
Middle Brother Mountain 552m asl

Index of Rose Nodes :

602000	Albury.....	VK2RAY	
665200	Coffs Harbour.....	VK2RCH	147.575
684200	Coonabarabran.....	VK2RCC	144.825
673200	Glen Innes.....	VK2RGI	144.725
655800	Gloucester/Taree.....	VK2RET	144.925
482100	Goulburn.....	VK2RPG	144.750
674200	Gunnedah.....	VK2RAB	144.700
487100	Highrange/Mittagong	VK2RPS	144.925
247600	Hornsby.....	VK2RPH	144.900
668900	Lismore.....	VK2RPL	145.050
442100	Nowra.....	VK2RSD	144.875
496800	Newcastle.....	VK2RND	147.550
677700	Nowendoc.....	VK2RPW	144.775
636500	Orange.....	VK2RAO-3	147.575
658300	Port Macquarie.....	VK2RPM	144.875
939750	Roleystone Perth.....	VK6RAP	144.875
676000	Tamworth.....	VK2RTM	144.750
475700	Wentworth Falls.....	VK2RKS	144.750
655400	Great Lakes.....	VK2RGL	144.725
447400	Batemans Bay/Moroya	VK2RMW	
637900	Kandos.....	VK2RKN	440.050 UHF Link Site
432300	Somersby test link.....	VK2RSB	UHF Switch Only Testing

*To connect to a station via Taree issue this cmd:
C VK2RET-5 V VK2RPM,655800*

Additional Digipeater for the Area

The traffic density on the VK2RPM ROSE Frequency (144.875 MHz) has increased significantly over the past few months, with BBS traffic being the most noticeable traffic category to increase.

Here is a gentle observation received from a member in the Kings Creek area :-

"Have you heard the Packet Racket on VK2RPM digipeater lately ?

We seem to have 2 PBBS's vying for customers, both with the same message list, lots of PMS's asking for hopeful messages, funny I.D.'s, some northern PBBS's passing traffic to southern PBBS's and vice versa. I even had a message the other day from "No name" (who since identified himself. It seems he reset his TNC and forgot his call).

PBBS's are asked to pass their traffic after midnight or to use UHF. Our PBBS, VK2ATM-1 has UHF facilities for this.

It has been suggested that we fire up VK2RCN for a second digipeater channel for this area. Is this a solution or should we have better discipline on VK2RPM. Your comments (with workable solutions) would be appreciated."



Proposed new
voice repeater

Guarantee

(Supplied with Compressor from
Hong-Kong)

- 1) *This is an excellent equipment with very few noise and excessive reliability. Though un-fragile, it is also robust and should not be belted.*
- 2) *Circuit arrangements ensure environments and Input Current is best at both temperatures, including Snow and Hot!*
- 3) *Very heavy fuses are supplied in plenty.*
- 4) *Stability is too good on full Battery and this should be lowered but the input may be reduced if Danger Level is preferred.*
- 5) *The Negative will be and the Positive is not, if supply Polarity is incorrect also, a Humming noise will be introduced together with Smoke.*
- 6) *When setting up, the best angle has no smoke and slight smell.*
- 7) *For accessibility without Vandalism, use the many entrances but switch them all OFF afterwards and before.*
- 8) *When aligning, twiddle for Strong Current and prevent sparks.*
- 9) *The Motors should be good forever, but pregnant wear-out may occur after a few Summers if heat is applied.*

DO NOT DOUBT THIS GUARANTEE; IT IS BACKED BY MANY YEARS IN HONG-KONG WITHOUT ODOUR, PATIENCE OR THREAT!

Acknowledgments to a Safety Magazine dated May-June 1979

CQ CQ CQ de VK2LSG

Sam Griffiths . of Taree recently successfully completed the full call morse sending and receiving examination conducted by ORARC at Wauchope. Sam Passed his NAOCP theory and regulations exams last year and is now the holder of call sign VK2LSG. Well done Sam! Congratulations, and welcome to the ranks.

Letter to OXTALES

Dear Oxtales,

I was disappointed to learn that the traditional Field Day Weekend in May will not be taking place this year.

It is my understanding that the reasons behind its cancellation relate to insufficient human resources being available to undertake the many tasks necessary to ensure its satisfactory organisation and consummation.

It seems that in each of the last three or four years, the same problems have been experienced in obtaining members willing to shoulder the not insignificant responsibilities. The few that were willing, and successful, in bringing about our last three or four annual events must have experienced a strong feeling of apprehension because of the fragility of the support that was available to them from the membership at large. These members are surely due for our applause for the results obtained with the meagre support that they enjoyed.

During the first few years of my association with the club, beginning in 1988, the membership effort, and general

response to the need for support was, to me, seen as the club's greatest attribute. There was a particularly high level of XYL support, and there seemed to be a complete air of confidence of success exuded by all members of the large team who ran the show.

That all now seems to have wound down, seemingly to an air of doubt, apprehension, and apathy. It prompts the question "What has happened?" Is the answer, "We have all lost interest!"? I doubt it. My view is that it is possibly the result of at least two factors. One is that a large percentage of our members are retired people, in the later years of life, where disturbance to good health is more common than in younger people. As a consequence, members in this group are less likely to commit their time and energy to scheduled future responsibilities and activities upon which many others depend. The second one is, I feel, that those who have in the past worked hard to ensure success have perhaps, justifiably, become tired of being the "willing horse" and are quite content to allow "new blood" make a contribution. These two factors must surely reduce the pool of willing and able members from which to obtain the resources necessary to ensure success of an event such as our traditional fields days.

Perhaps more of our older members would be encouraged to provide valuable assistance and back-up, if they saw our younger members with positive attitudes taking on the roles of "prime-movers" in each of the organisational positions?

I personally would not wish to take responsibility for a role, the outcome of which is certainly going to impact (favourably or otherwise) on the integrity of the club and its members, some six

months down the track. Many factors could arise over this extended period which could disrupt the best of intentions.

There must surely be other members in my age group, with similar levels of reluctance for a prime role, but with perhaps the willingness to provide active support, and fruitful effort to bolster a younger team.

Next year ??

73 de VK2TT (Trevor)

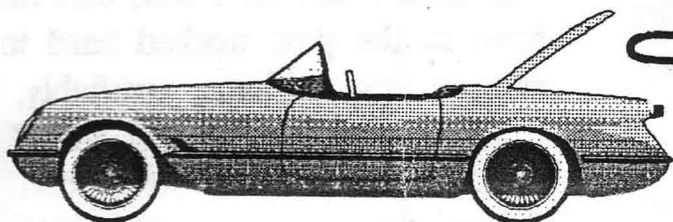
(Age withheld on psychiatric advice).

For Sale

One Emotator Rotator new \$485
One Nippin Rotator \$150
One Keyboard musical stereo, unused \$400.
One Hyperscanner (Tandy PRO 2032) \$350 ono.

Sam Griffiths (065) 52.3149

Boot Sale



THIS

NOT THIS



Kempsey ARC is going to conduct a "Boot Sale" on Saturday July 10 at the Guide Hall in Verge Street, Kempsey. The sale starts at 9am. To get to Verge Street, take the last turn on the left before the railway lines in Belgrave Street and follow your nose. Kempsey repeater 146.875

ORARC Inc. List of Members April 1995

1	PETER	ALEXANDER	VK2PA	ROLLANDS PLAINS	065 85 8254
2	KEN	BECK	VK4WKB	CALOUNDRA	074 91 5798
3	COLIN	BELLINGER	VK2GMD	PORT MACQUARIE	065 82 3803
4	KARL	BILGER	VK2DYX	TAREE	065 512024
5	KATHRYN	BILGER	VK2CKB	TAREE	065 512024
6	W.L. (Bob)	BLYTH	VK2XIQ	TELEGRAPH POINT	
7	PHILLIP	BOWMAN		VIA JOHNS RIVER	065 56 9664
8	MARK	BRENTON	VK2XFK	FREDRICKTON	065 63 1663
9	KEN	BROWN	VK2AJJ	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83 1738
10	BILL	CAVANAGH	VK2WC	WAUCHOPE	065 85 2130
11	CLIFF	COOPER	VK2KVR	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83 4630
12	KEVIN	COULTER	VK2MAM	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83 8325
13	RICHARD	COURT	VK2CHC	WAUCHOPE	065 86 1007
14	PETER	COX	VK2TCI	PORT MACQUARIE	065 81 1236
15	IAN	DALRYMPLE	VK2UA	PORT MACQUARIE	065 84 9922
16	JIM	DANIELS		PORT MACQUARIE	065 83 1933
17	MAX	DATSON	VK2GE	LAKE CATHIE	065 85 5732
18	TRACY	DIGNUM	VK2GTM	HERONS CREEK	065 85 7061
19	CHARLES	EDMONDSON	VK2FSH	PORT MACQUARIE	065 84 0495
20	BADEN	GLEESON		BANORA POINT	075 24 8577
21	LUKE	GOW	VK2EQ	CUNDLETOWN	065 53 9933
22	RODNEY	GOW	VK2NO	CUNDLETOWN	065 53 9933
23	LEWIS	GREEN	VK2AG	PORT MACQUARIE	065 84 9162
24	GRAEME	GREENWOOD	VK2ZIS	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83 4684
25	SAM	GRIFFITHS	VK2LSG	TAREE	065 52 3149
26	KEITH	HANLON		PORT MACQUARIE	
27	PETER	HILL	VK2BZA	LAKE CATHIE	065 85 5349
28	SNOW	HODDER	VK2DV	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83 7095
29	WILL	JAMIESON	VK2XXU	DUNBOGAN	065 59 8622
30	JOHN	JONES	VK2DX	JOHNS RIVER	065 56 5038
31	ANDY	KEIR	VK2AAK	BARRAGANYATTI	
32	HORST	KOPPEL		LAKE CATHIE	065 85 5992
33	PETER	KUCERA	VK2MPK	WAUCHOPE	065 85 3406
34	GARY	LEEDS	VK2NOV	LITHGOW	
35	JACK	LEEDS	VK2KN	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83 2496
36	ADRIAN	LEVI		WAUCHOPE	065 85 2040
37	LARRY	LINDSAY	VK2CLL	BAGNOO	065 87 1155
38	TONY	LONSDALE	VK2DHU	PORT MACQUARIE	065 84 0345
39	HENRY	LUNDELL	VK2ZHE	PORT MACQUARIE	
40	KEITH	LUTTON	VK2KDL	TELEGRAPH POINT	065 85 0321
41	ALLAN	MADONN		WAUCHOPE	065 85 2043
42	JOHN	McDONAGH	VK2VY	PORT MACQUARIE	065 82 0020
43	DOUG	McDONALD	VK2EUM	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83 6157
44	JIM	McINTYRE	VK2CJM	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83 5696
45	JOHN	McLEAN	VK2KCE	PORT MACQUARIE	065 84 1998
46	LEO	McPHERSON	VK2CLM	PORT MACQUARIE	065 82 3183
47	TERRY	MEEHAN	VK2KL	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83 2737
48	ARTHUR	MONCK	VK2ATM	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83 1311
49	RAY	MULLINS	VK2WRM	PORT MACQUARIE	065 81 0685
50	LAURIE	NEWHAM	VK2ELN	PORT MACQUAIRE	065 83 3981
51	LESTER	O'CONNELL	VK2BFP	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83 4274
52	ARTHUR	PERRY		PORT MACQUARIE	065 82 3960
53	DAVID	PILLEY	VK2AYD	KING CREEK	065 85 2647
54	PAUL	ROMAINE	VK2UPR	PORT MACQUARIE	065 84 1830
55	BILL	ROTH	VK2CWR	PORT MACQUARIE	065 81 1776
56	BILL	SINCLAIR	VK2ZCV	PORT MACQUARIE	065 82 0329
57	GERRY	SLADE		PORT MACQUARIE	
58	DAVID	SMITH	VK2DAL	WAUCHOPE	065 85 1004
59	BILL	STOFMEEL	VK2WST	BONNY HILLS	065 84 8104
60	COL	TERRY	VK2VQT	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83 5268
61	TREVOR	THATCHER	VK2TT	WAUCHOPE	065 85 2278
62	NEIL	TROTTER	VK2NNT	LAKE CATHIE	065 85 4430
63	PAUL	WEBSTER	VK2BZC	PORT MACQUARIE	065 82 3371
64	RONALD	WYLES		PORT MACQUARIE	065 83 5295

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded, in the nicest possible way of course, that our annual membership subscriptions are to be paid by the 30th June 1995. This simply means that we should pay our subscriptions BEFORE midnight on that day to maintain continuity of membership.

All members are no doubt aware that we are an incorporated organisation, and as such, we are bound by quite strict rules as to membership status and responsibilities. Failure to pay membership dues by the due date, results in that member becoming an "unfinancial member." This status does not absolve an individual from his/her obligations or responsibilities as a club member. This is in effect saying that unfinancial members are required by law to share the load in any future debts or liabilities for which the club is responsible. The obligations and responsibilities remain until such times as a member ceases to be a member. (The simplest way of terminating membership is to formally submit a written resignation.. there are other ways, but they are not nice to talk about in a friendly reminder such as this.)



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Enclosed is my membership subscription of \$15 for 1995:

Name: Call Sign:

Address:.....

..... Post Code:

Phone:.....