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ORARC Chrissie Party

The annual ORARC Christmas party was again held at John's house (VK2JJ) with great success. It was a great turnout, with over 30 people there to share in the festivities. A few spits of rain threatened the gathering at first, but was soon gone and everyone moved their table to the outside area on John's beautiful front lawn. Charles, VK2FSH, brought the snags and onions to feed the troops. After a few tears were shed peeling the onions, the barbie

was promptly fired up the cooking began. Larry, VK2IPO, brought his home-made BBQ sauce for everyone to partake of. So, when the food was cooked everyone was served out with a bit of that. After everyone had their fill, and Larry VK2IPO fell off his chair due to over-eating, it was award time. The award this year was the "Stirrer of the year award", and was presented to Bill, VK2ZCV, by David, VK2DAL. That's a pretty prestigious award,

and what I am sure took a bit of doing on Bill's part to achieve! But, everybody reckoned that he was deserving of it, so he was presented with a helmet that looked like it had surely belonged to Flash Gordon! It had an antenna out of the top, and a piece of coax attached to it!

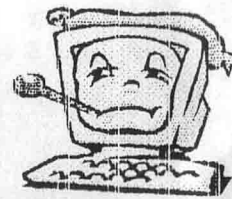
We reckon we'll be hearing from Bill, Pedestrian mobile in the very near future! A little cheek goes a long ways. Good on ya Bill!



Bill is that you?

Y2K

Computer Virus



WARNING! New Y2K virus spreads through email!

W32.Mypics.Worm is a new, destructive Y2K worm virus. It comes into your system as an email attachment disguised as a picture. The worm propagates automatically on Windows 9x and Windows NT platforms and has a destructive payload that triggers in the year 2000. It also changes the Home page in Internet Explorer to a site containing adult content.

***** THIS VIRUS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS!**

Do NOT open an email attachment named Pic-s4You.exe. ***

To ensure that your system is protected against this new virus, you must update your detection definitions.

*** Monitor the site

<http://www.symantec.com/techsupp/vURL.cgi/nav23>

for notice when the virus definitions have been updated and for full details on this destructive virus. ***

W32/MYPICS.WORM Y2K VIRUS DESCRIPTION:

* A new, destructive Y2K virus has been discovered that disguises itself as a Y2K problem. W32/Mypics.worm is a computer worm that is received as an email attachment disguised as a picture.

* Once it infects the host computer it attempts to send itself using Microsoft Outlook to up to 50 people in the users' Microsoft Outlook address book. It also changes the Home page in Internet

Explorer to a site containing adult content.

* Additionally, on Jan. 1, 2000, the worm will overwrite the checksum data in the host computer's CMOS memory so when the system is rebooted the user will think that there may be a Y2K related problem with the computer's BIOS. Once the computer is restarted the virus will attempt to format the local hard drives and erase all data.

CHARACTERISTICS OF INFECTION:

* W32/Mypics.worm arrives in an email, with no subject line. The body of the message reads, "Here's some

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pictures for you!" The e-

mail message contains a "Pics4You.exe" attachment that is approximately 34,304 bytes in size.

* Once the user opens the attachment, the worm loads itself into memory and executes by sending out copies of itself attached to e-mails addressed to up to 50 people in the users address list.

* In addition, it modifies the system registry to load its dropped file "cbios.com" on system startup and also changes the user's home page in Internet Explorer to

<http://www.geocities>.

com/SiliconValley/Vista/8279/index.html

a site that contains some adult content.

* On Jan. 1, 2000 or on any day during the year 2000, the worm writes to the computers CMOS memory to invalidate the system integrity or checksum data. The next time the system is rebooted, the user will be warned that the "CMOS checksum is invalid," making the user believe that it is a Y2K problem, not a computer worm. After validating the CMOS data the computer will continue to boot and if the file 'cbios.com' is located in the root directory of the C drive, the virus will silently load itself and then completely reformat the D: and C: local hard drives.

VIRUS RATING:

Medium/High Risk

RECCOMENDATIONS/ PROTECTION:

* Do not attempt to open the attached document.

* Download new definitions set. This will be available late December 3, 1999, through Symantec's Live-Update feature or from the Symantec Web site at www.symantec.com/avcenter/download.html. Update virus anti-virus software to ensure protection against both variants.

Submitted by VK2JJ.

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Central Coast Hamfest – Wyong – February 26 & 27
John Moyle Field Day – Ballangary – February 5 & 6
ORARC Club meeting – SES Bldg – January 8

Editor's Corner

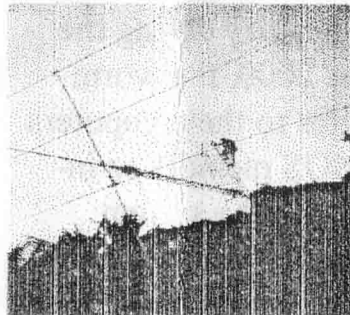
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It was a long hard battle, but the big tower and 204 BA mono-bander finally was finished. I'll never forget all the days I stood on the veranda staring out towards the back paddock in the in the area where the yagi's final resting place would be once it was up. I must have put that antenna up a million times in my imagination.

The biggest opposing force was *Mother Nature*. The whole thing went up between rain drops. The day I sched-



uled the concrete to be delivered it was too wet for the truck to get to the back paddock to pour it. So, we had to wheel barrow it down the side of the house. Then it started raining as we were dumping it in the hole! We only dropped the antenna once from about 10

feet, damaging one side of the reflector. It was repaired, and the pulley system was reinforced to avoid that again. Special thanks goes out to Steve Burgess, my mate, whom isn't a HAM yet . He hopes to get his ticket in the near future though. Without his help I couldn't have got this project accomplished. Thanks to VK2ZCV and VK2ATM, and VK2HOT as well for their contributions.

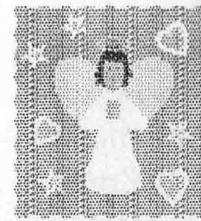
VK2RPM Repeater

The 70 RPM repeater & Digipeater have been off for several weeks now as everyone knows. Everyone is anxious to hear the melodious tones soon I am sure. Unfortunately, the pro-

prietors of the site are not yet finished putting their new equipment on the tower as of yet. So, that kind of leaves us at a stand still at this stage. Once they get their stuff on the tower then we can

proceed to remount our antennas to their new home. So, as they say patience is a virtue. We are hoping that after the holidays they will be finished.

The tradition of Christmas



It was supposed to be a happy time, but it wasn't. Santa was really ticked off. It was Christmas Eve and NOTHING was going right.

Mrs. Claus had burned all the Christmas cookies. The ELVES were whining about not getting paid for the overtime they had put in making toys, and the reindeer had been drinking all afternoon and were dead drunk. They had taken the sleigh out

for a spin earlier in the day and crashed it into a tree, breaking off one of the runners.

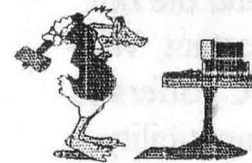
Santa was beside himself with anger. "I CAN'T believe it!! I've got to deliver millions of presents all over the world in just a few hours from now and all my reindeer are drunk, my ELVES are on strike and I don't even have a Christmas Tree!! I sent that stupid little Angel out hours ago to find a tree and he isn't even back yet!! What am I going

to do?"

Just then the little Angel opened the front door and stepped in from the snowy night, dragging a Christmas Tree. He says: "Yo, Santa, where do you want me to stick the Christmas Tree this Year???"

And thus the tradition of Angels perched on top of Christmas Trees came to be.

WINDOWS 98 HUMOR



Congratulations on your purchase of Windows 98

A Congratulations on your purchase of Windows 98 (C), the latest version of the world's #1 computer

operating system from Microsoft. Before using your new software, please take the time to read these instructions carefully. Failure to do so may further limit the terms of the limited war-

ranty.

Windows 98 (C) represents a significant technological improvement over Microsoft's previous

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operating system, Windows 95 (C). You'll notice immediately that "98" is a larger number than "95," a better than 3 percent increase. But that's not all. Windows 98 (C) contains many features not found in Windows 95 (C), or in any competing computer operating system, if there were any.

Among the improvements: faster storing and retrieving of files (not in all models), enhanced "Caps Lock" and back-space functionality, smoother handling, less knocking and pinging, an easy-to-follow 720-page User's Guide, and rugged weather-resistant shrink wrap around the box. Most important, Windows 98 (C) offers superior compatibility with all existing Microsoft products. We're betting that you'll never use another company's software again.

Windows 98 (C) comes factory-loaded with the latest version of Microsoft Explorer, the world's most popular Internet browser. And

despite what you may have heard from the U. S. Department of Justice, Windows 98 (C) offers you the freedom to select the Internet browser of your choice, whether it's the one produced by the world's largest and most trusted software producer, or by a smaller company that will either go out of business or become part of the Microsoft family.

Configuring Windows 98 (C) to use a browser other than Microsoft Explorer is easy. Simply open the "Options" folder, click on the "time bomb" icon, and select "Load Inferior Browser." A dialog box will ask "Are you sure?" Click "yes." This question may be asked several more times in different ways; just keep clicking "yes." Eventually, the time-bomb icon will enlarge to fill the entire screen, signifying that the browser is being loaded. You'll know the browser is fully loaded when the fuse on the time bomb "runs out" and the screen "explodes." If at any time after installation

you become disappointed with the slow speed and frequent data loss associated with other browsers, simply tap the space bar on your keyboard. Microsoft Explorer will automatically be re-installed-- permanently.

Windows 98 (C) also corrects, for the first time anywhere, the "Year 2000" computer problem. As you may know, most computers store the current year as a two-digit number and, as a result, many will mistake the year 2000 for 1900. Windows 98 (C) solves the problem by storing the year as a four-digit number and, in theory, you won't have to upgrade this part of the operating system until the year 10000. However, the extra memory required to record the year in four digits has prompted a few minor changes

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in the software's internal calendar. Henceforth, Saturday and Sunday will be stored as single day, known as "Satsun," and the month of June will be replaced by two 15-day months called "Bill" and "Melissa."

Please also take the time to complete the online registration form. It only takes a few minutes and will help us identify the key software problems our customers want addressed. Be assured that none of the information you provide, whether it's your Social Security number, bank records, fingerprints, retina scan or sex-

ual history, will be shared with any outside company not already designated as a Microsoft DataShare partner.

We've done our best to make using Windows 98 (C) as trouble-free as possible. We want to hear from you if you're having any problems at all with your software. Simply call our toll-free Helpline and follow the recorded instructions carefully. (The Helpline is open every day but Satsun, and is closed for the entire month of Bill.)

If we don't hear from you, we'll assume your

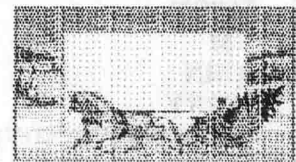
software is working perfectly, and an electronic message to that effect will be forwarded to the Justice Department. We'll also send, in your name, a letter to the editor of your hometown newspaper, reminding him or her that American consumers want software designed by companies that are free to innovate, not by government bureaucrats.

Again, thanks for choosing Windows 98 (C).

Merry Christmas to all

Another year winds down and it's time to reflect and ponder the gift of life that we have. It's a time to be with family and friends and the ones we love. It's a time of giving. A time of sharing. That's what makes it such a special time of year for all of us. Gifts are nice, and presents are fun. But

we all know that it's the love and letting that person know that you love them in a very special way that really is the true meaning of Christmas. So, with that in mind, let's all make this the best Christmas we have ever had in the true Aussie fashion. Yes, the dream is still alive



in this wonderful place. I personally am very proud to share in it in my wonderful new country. My thanks go out to all the people in the ORARC and here's wishing you a very merry Christmas.

By VK2IPO

**OXLEY REGION AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.
MEMBERSHIP REGISTER.**

1	F	JOHN ((FLORENCE))	BAILEY	VK2KHB	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.2192
2	F	JOHN ((MARY))	BAYLIS	VK2JB	LAKE CATHIE	
3	D	ALAN	BELL	VK2BEL	WOOTTON	02 4997.7293
4	F	COLIN ((JAN))	BELLENGER	VK2AF	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.3803
5	F	BOB	BRODIE	VK2EJK	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.0592
6	F	ROY W ((JUNE))	BURGES	VK2YOR	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.9349
7	F	BRUCE	CLARK	VK2MAZ	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.5245
8	F	LARRY ((SHIRLEY))	CONNER	VK2IPO	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.6924
9	F	KEVIN ((JUNE))	COULTER	VK2MAM	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.8325
10	F	IAN	DALRYMPLE	VK2XU	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6584.9922
11	F	TRACY ((CINDY))	DIGNUM	VK2GTM	HERONS CREEK	02 65 85.7061
12	F	CHARLES ((PAT))	EDMONDSON	VK2FSH	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6584.0495
13	D	STAN ((BETTY))	ELLIS	VK2DDL	TUNCURRY	02 6554.7996
14	F	BADEN ((VALERY))	GLEESON	VK2MOQ	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.2018
15	F	KENNETH ((-))	GWINNELL		PORT MACQUARIE	02 6584.2860
16	L	KEITH	HANLON -		PORT MACQUARIE	-
17	L	PETER	HILL	VK2BZA	LAKE CATHIE	02 6585.5349
18	F	SNOW	HODDER	VK2DV	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.7095
19	F	WILL ((CAROL))	JAMIESON	VK2XXU	DUNBOGAN	02 6559.8622
20	F	JOHN ((THEA))	JONES	VK2JJ	LAKE CATHIE	02 6585.4522
21	F	DON	JONES		PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.5084
22	D	BRIAN	KELLY	VK2WBK	TAMWORTH	02 6776.2004
23	F	GARRY ((LINDA))	LAWER -		PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.0597
24	F	JACK	LEEDS	VK2KN	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.5991
25	L	LARRY	LINDSAY	VK2CLL	WAUCHOPE	02 6587.1155
26	L	HENRY	LUNDELL	VK2ZHE	PORT MACQUARIE	-
27	F	KEITH ((GWEN))	LUTTON	VK2KDL	TELEGRAPH POINT	02 6585.0321
28	F	ALLAN ((DAWN))	MADIGAN	VK2MAI	WAUCHOPE	02 6585.2043
29	F	JASON	MARIS	VK2FT	TELEGRAPH POINT	02 6585.0426
30	F	JIM	MCINTYRE	VK2CJM	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.5696
31	F	JOHN	MCLEAN	VK2KCE	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.7400
32	F	TERRY	MEEHAN	VK2KL	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6584.2997
33	L	ARTHUR ((WENDY))	MONCK	VK2ATM	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.1311
34	F	LAURIE ((ROBIN))	NEWHAM	VK2ELN	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.5387
35	F	ALAN	NUTT	VK2GD	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.3557
36	F	DAVID A ((DEE))	PILLEY	VK2AYD	KING CREEK	02 6585.2647
37	F	BILL	ROTH	VK2CWR	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6581.1776
38	F	NEIL ((VERENA))	SANDFORD	VK2EI	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.5830
39	F	BILL ((RUTH))	SINCLAIR	VK2ZCV	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.9302
40	F	DAVID ((ROMA))	SMITH	VK2DAL	WAUCHOPE	02 6585.1004
41	D	DARYL	ST. JOHN	VK2MZ	FORSTER	
42	F	DAVID ((AILEEN))	TARRANT	VK2HBC	SARATOGA	02 4369.8738
43	F	TREVOR ((PHYLLIS))	THATCHER	VK2TT	WAUCHOPE	02 6585.2278
44	F	NEIL ((WENDY))	TROTTER	VK2NNT	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6584.1940
45	F	BRUCE ((GWEN))	WALKER	VK2HOT	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.8360
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