



SARCNEWS



SILENT KEY :(

It is with a heavy heart that I report tonight of the passing of Mr Geoff Carmont (VK2AGC) a long time member of the Summerland Amateur Radio Club.

Geoff passed away peacefully in the Lismore Base Hospital on Friday evening 14th July, 2017, after a short illness.

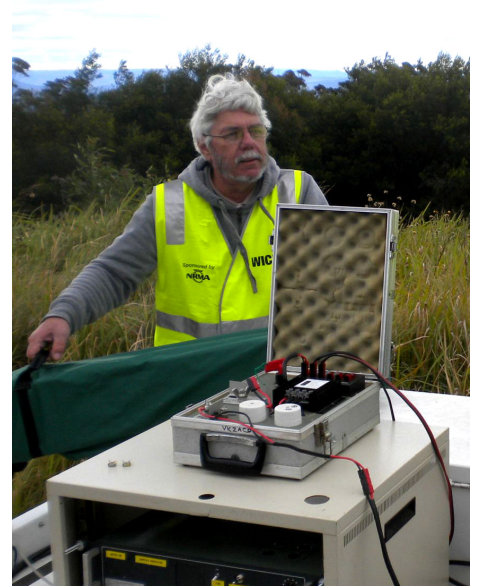
Geoff was a great stalwart of the club and will be greatly missed by all. Funeral arrangements are under way & I will advise via email and radio of the time and place of the service.

Yours Sincerely

Ross Dowse

Sarc President

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Geoff was like the radio waves he loved. Often silent, often invisible. But like those waves Geoff was always present and always working. While others saw problems, Geoff built solutions.

Our lives are better because Geoff made it so.

*When we remember those who have helped light our way,
the name Geoff Carmont VK2 Alpha Golf Charlie shines brightly.*

NET CHECK-INS:

Wia National News – n/a

Dawn Patrol – 54 for the week ending 14th July 2017.

Sarc Digi Net - 4 (see "digital modes" report below)

Wicen Net - 5

Wednesday Tech Net - 4

Thursday 6Mtr Net - 4

Friday Night Net – n/a

DIGITAL MODES:

Monday 3 July, 2017

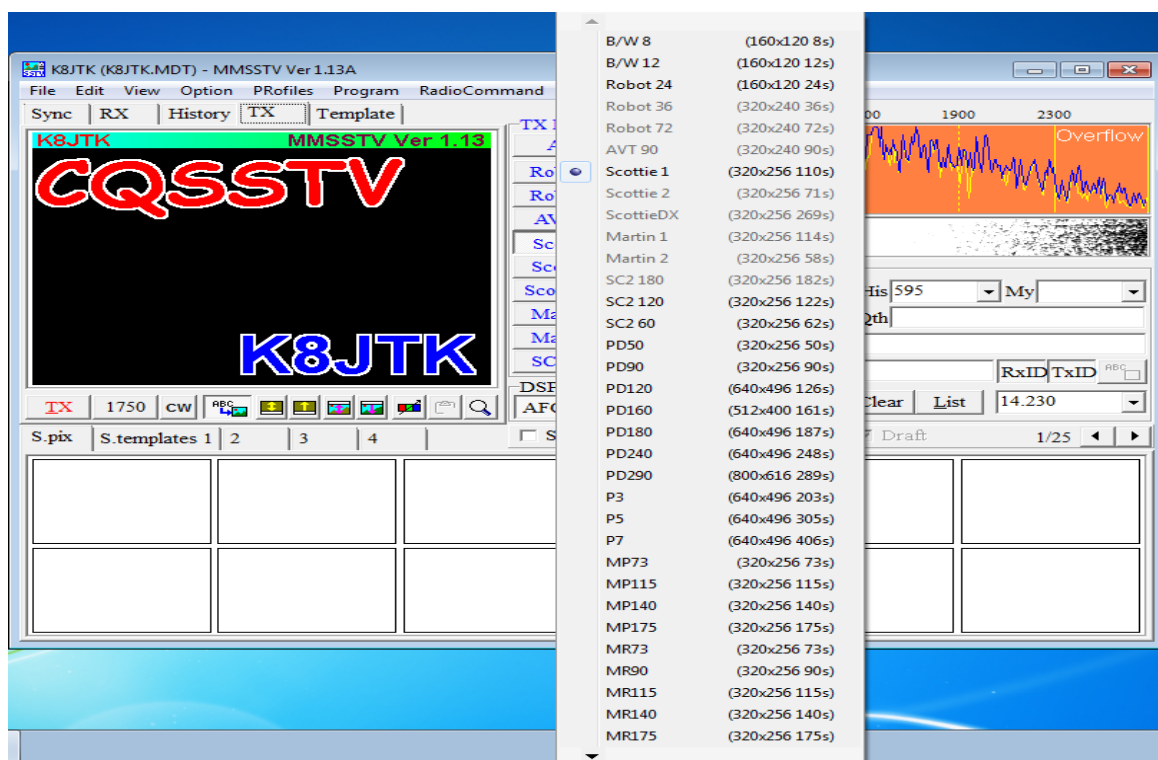
For tonight's net we had VK2PMG/SRC as net control and VK2JWA and EA logged in to say hello. The only station logging in for digital transmission was Chris VK2ACD. After a brief discussion we decided to try 6 metres. We went to 52.200 USB and used Olivia 8-500. Net control was experiencing some very strange SWR issues but in spite of that we had a go. I could hear Chris's signal very strongly and that is how it appeared on the waterfall. The decode was also 100% but Chris could not hear me at all. Difficult to understand why as 6 metres is usually fine. After a few more tries we decided to call it quits

Well, that would not do for a report for the newsletter so I am including an image showing the various modems used in MMSSTV and the image sizes they support. The most popular ones seem to be Scottie 1 and 2 and Martin 1 and 2. The modem PD290 supports a large image size. Right clicking on the main list bring up all of them. I generally resize the images I plan to use to a little larger than the modem needs. This can be done in fancy programs like Photoshop or the free one called Irfanview, and it works well. An easier way is to use MS Paint, a normal inclusion in Windows. Simply right click on an image and choose "open with Paint". Once open choose "resize" and choose "pixels" rather than percent and ensure that "maintain aspect ratio" is selected and type in an image size in pixels slightly larger than the 320x256 pixel size of, say, Scottie 2 and save it. I use a couple of folders to store images so they don't get lost. I like to resize images first so the program does not have to any image adjustments.

If anyone would like to read a really good guide to using graphics, fonts and templates in MMSSTV, have a look here:

hamsoft.ca/pages/mmsstv/quick-start-graphics.php

Cheers from VK2PMG



UPCOMING DATES/INFO:

What's On	
For the full year's calendar visit http://sarc.org.au/	
This Month	Next Month
July 2017 Sat/Sun 01/02 Sat/Sun 08/09 Sun 09 Committee Meeting 1300 Sat/Sun 15/16 Sat/Sun 22/23 Sat/Sun 29/30 Sat/Sun 29/30 Bom Bom Horse Enduro	August 2017 Sat/Sun 05/06 Sat/Sun 12/13 Sun 13 Wicen 1000 Sun 13 SARC Mid year Meeting 1300 Sun 13 Committee Meeting 1300 Sat/Sun 19/20 ILLW Lighthouse weekend Sat/Sun 26/27 Sun 27 SARC Show, Tell & Sell

SARC “Show, Tell & Show:

Sunday August 27 SARC will open the clubrooms for a SHOW, TELL & SELL day. We'll provide the usual Tea, Coffee, Cake catering along with an all day BBQ. Bring along things you've built or assembled and show how you do stuff. Members of the Monday night Diginet will have digital, image and file transfer stations operating. Stuff to sell? Bring it along-car boot style.

WebSDR:

A WebSDR is a Software-Defined Radio receiver connected to the internet, allowing many listeners to listen and tune in.

<http://www.websdr.org/>

note: This is very handy for checking your actual signal/sound in a ‘real time’ situation. Pick the frequency, key up & listen in “Live” on WebSDR...{ed}

International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend – ILLW (19-20 August 2017)

<https://illw.net/>

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