



SARCNEWS



Good evening; Many thanks to the contributors who made this weeks NL possible.

Cheers
Dave ZDR
{editor}

NET CHECK-INS:

Wia National News - 6

Dawn Patrol - 62 for the week ending 19th May.

Sarc Digi Net - 5 (see "digital modes" report below)

Wicen Net - 8 - (Spring Mountain Enduro)

Wednesday Tech Net – 8 (Parrot Repeater)

Thursday 6Mtr Net - 4 (dipoles & weather)

Friday Night Net - 4

For all 'net' times & frequencies please check out the sarc website:

www.sarc.org.au/nets-broadcasts/

More things to do:

Coffee morning: 1000 on the 1st Wednesday
of the month
Rous Hotel 44 Keen St. Lismore

Lunch day: 1200 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month
Ying's Chinese & Thai Restaurant
142 Keen St. Lismore

FUNERAL NOTICE:

Just a quick note about VK4BT Peter`s partner Dale`s Funeral (Wed 17th). It was well represented by a large number amateur radio groups with the Summerland amateur radio club, Gold coast amateur radio society, Southside amateur radio society, Mt Isa amateur radio club, Hervey Bay amateur radio club and Bayside District amateur radio club.

Eric, VK2TRD



DIGITAL MODES:

On Monday 15 May the Digi Net was held. John VK2JWA and Leith VK2EA logged in. Stations transmitting were Paul VK2PMG/SRC, Duncan VK2DLR and Geoff VK2AGC. We decided to start with FL Digi using 70cm for a test, working on 438.675. Using Thor 16, Duncan had some problems quite soon and we switched to Easypal.

A number of images were sent successfully, some needing a BSR to complete the image. DLR's radio output issues had him receiving much of the time but he did transmit successfully towards the end. We tried Mode A in Easypal and that shortened the transmit time without affecting the quality of the image.

Geoff wondered if Easypal would work via IRLP on that frequency. Perhaps that could be trialled one day.

Thanks to all who participated and the net finished at 10.30 pm

Cheers from VK2PMG



MORE INFORMATION:

G'Day. The Mount Isa Amateur Radio Club has recently refurbished their repeater site with new cables, batteries & a complete new paint job all round. A special thanks goes out to Eric vk2trd/4, Daryl vk4fdar & Albert vk4pow for all their efforts over the few weeks. The Mount Isa taxi Radio Club can be contactable on irlp 6921 or Echo link 522778. If you are travelling through Mount Isa area the repeater frequency is 146.700 with no sub tone. The Simplex frequency used in the area is 146.575Mhz.

This is vk2trd/4 portable for the Mount Isa and HF radio club.

Spring Mountain expedition:

Last Friday Duncan VK2DLR & Geoff VK2AGC popped up to Brisbane to check out checkpoint and repeater sites for the upcoming Spring Mountain Horse Endurance ride. The weather wasn't all that flash with showers on and off all day. The organisers has warned us that two of the checkpoints required 4WD for access. They weren't kidding. Washouts, creek crossings, slippery climbs and ground clearance challenging road drainage kept the Land Cruiser busy. The good news was that a good location for the repeater was found and some 70cm path testing carried out.

The photo (below) shows our test set-up. A Baofeng Hand-held and an Argent Data simplex repeater were placed in an old ammunition box. A chain and padlock ensured that it would still be there when we returned. The antenna was a short Diamond X30 dual band antenna about 4m in the air on a length of electrical conduit. This set-up could be installed in just a few minutes and allowed us to check out how well 70cm at 5 watts propagated over the terrain. Planning for the Wicen (NR) Spring Mountain Endurance Ride is exercise to be held over Sat/Sun 27/28 May is well under way. de Duncan VK2DLR {photos below}



COMING UP SOON:

June coming events the Oxley Region ARC field day at Port Macquarie on the long weekend 10th/11th June at the Tacking Point Surf Lifesaving Club Hall in Matthew Flinders Drive.

73 - Tim VK2ZTM

<h2 style="margin: 0;">What's On</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">For the full year's calendar visit http://sarc.org.au/</p>	
This Month	Next Month
<p>May 2017</p> <p>Sat/Sun 06/07 <u>BARC Brisbane Hamfest?</u> Sat/Sun 13/14 Sun 14 Committee Meeting 1300 Wed 17 World Telecommunications Day <u>(AX Prefix)</u> Sat/Sun 20/21 Sat/Sun 27/28</p>	<p>June 2017</p> <p>Sat/Sun 03/04 Sat/Sun 10/11 Sun 11 Wicen 1000 Sun 11 Committee Meeting 1300 Mon 12 Queens Birthday Sat/Sun 17/18 Sat/Sun 24/25 Winter V/UHF field day</p>

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