



SARC-NEWS



NET CHECK-INS:

Wia National News - n/a

Dawn Patrol - 47 for the wk ending 27 Oct 2017.

Sarc Digi Net – # (see full “Digi Modes” report below)

Wicen Net - 10 (Bom Bom)

Wednesday Tech Net - 8 (Radio Maranoa)

Thursday 6Mtr Net – 7 (moved from 6mtrs to 2mtrs due to Storms)

Friday Night Net - 5

More things to do:

Coffee morning:

1000 on the 1st Wednesday of the month

Rous Hotel (cnr) Keen/Zadoc St. Lismore

Lunch day:

1200 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month

Ying’s Chinese & Thai Restaurant
142 Keen St. Lismore

For all ‘net’ times & frequencies please check out the sarc website:
www.sarc.org.au/nets-broadcasts/

COMING UP SOON:

GCARS HAMFEST

November 11 @ 9:00 am-2:00 pm

COMMITTEE MEETING

November 12 @ 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

<h2>What's On</h2> <p>For the full year's calendar visit http://sarc.org.au/</p>	
This Month	Next Month
November 2017	December 2017
Sat/Sun 04/05 Mon/Fri 06/10 Standard Course Sat 11 <u>GCARS Gold Coast Hamfest</u> Sat/Sun 11/12 Foundation Course Sun 12 <u>Committee Meeting 1300</u> Sat/Sun 18/19 Sat/Sun 25/26 Spring V/UHF Field Day	Sat/Sun 02/03 Sat/Sun 09/10 SUN 10 <u>Wicen 1000</u> Sun 10 <u>Committee Meeting 1300</u> Sat/Sun 16/17 Sat/Sun 23/24 Sun/Tue 24/25/26 Christmas/Boxing Day Sat/Sun 30/31

DIGITAL MODES:

Monday 23 October, 2017

For tonight's net we had VK2PMG/SRC as net control with John VK2JWA, Steve VK2SLM, Kris VK2MRN and Leith VK2EA logging in. Also joining for digital transmission were Rob VK2ARL, Duncan VK2DLR and Dave VK2ZDR. Kris was having problems with his soundcard and did not transmit but I look forward to hearing him on future nets. We used the Woodburn repeater.

Tonight we experimented with RTTY, the first digital mode to be used by amateurs using the software F1 Digi. The choice of RTTY followed a request from Rob VK2ARL.

The following links from the WIA describes the history and development of RTTY (Radio Teletype) from its teleprinter origins very nicely:

<http://www.wia.org.au/members/digital/rtty/>

This link describes the development of other modes (including Packet) that emerged from RTTY:

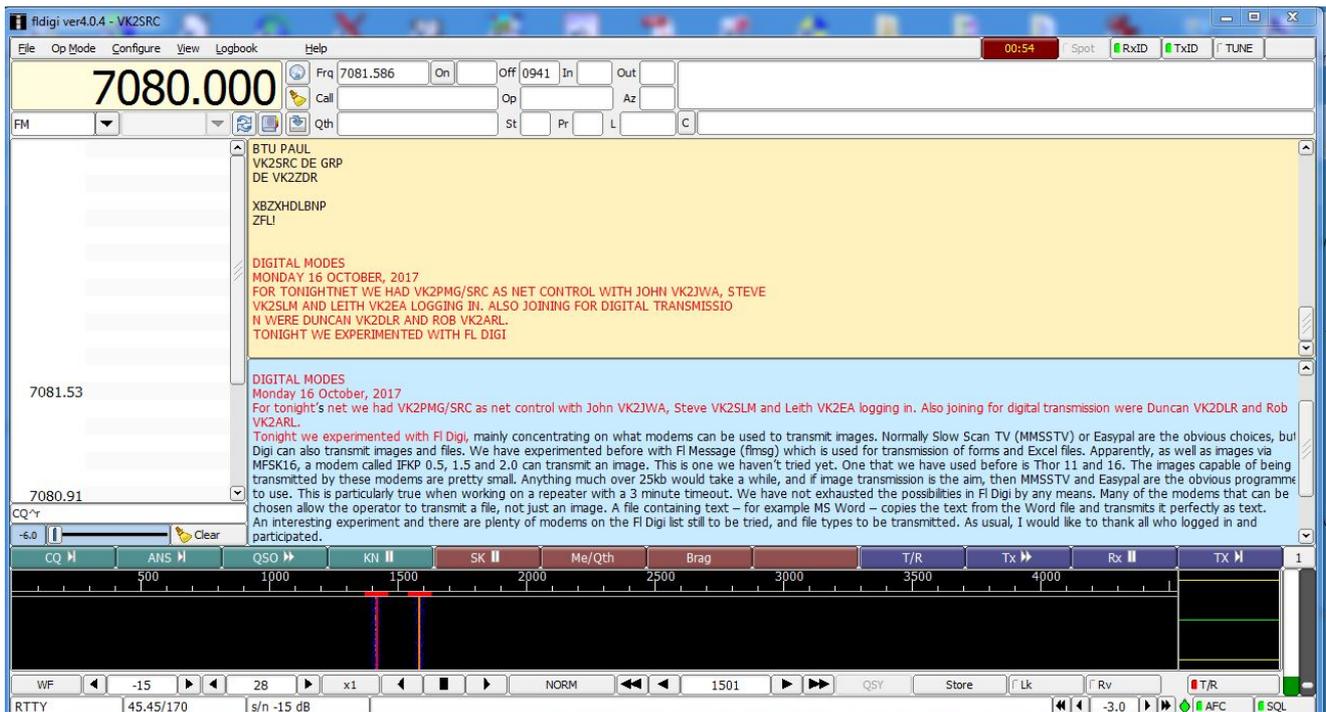
<http://www.wia.org.au/members/digital/about/>

We used RTTY 45, the traditional speed. All operators had no problems sending decoding RTTY. The mode can send a file by extracting the text within it – for example a .txt or Word file - and sending it. The text is converted to all capitals so there is no point using lower case letters. Formatting the text is also a bit pointless as RTTY sends it as a mass of text. There were no problems, no missing or incorrect letters. RTTY is quite robust and copes with noise or poor propagation better than other early digital modes.

A very successful net ended at 9.30pm, thanks to all who logged in and participated. As always, I am always ready to explore any suggestions from operators, do don't hesitate to mention any requests.

73 from Paul

VK2PMG



[Bom Bom State Forest Horse Endurance Ride:](#)

Well, Sunday 29 October was a great day. A small team of VK2DLR Duncan, VK2ACD Chris, VK2PIX Trevor, VK2ARL Rob and VK2FMWL Maeva camped out at Bom Bom State Forest on Saturday for the long awaited Jackadgeree Horse Enduro on Sunday with a 3:30 am start. Yes, we were all awake at the appropriate times. Although the weather forecast was not too good, it turned out to be a beautiful weekend weatherwise.

With only 40 riders registering in three categories, it was a very easy day except for Duncan on checkpoint 2. He was required to wait until the bitter end for a float to collect the last rider.

VK2FTAY Taya arrived and got her first taste of life at an enduro, sleeping in a swag for the first time and observing the procedures. She is enthusiastic to come back!

These endurance events are good fun. We are always looking for others to help out so how about it folks? The photo below is the base station with a couple of riders coming in to the finish line and the base station.

Cheers & 73

Rob VK2ARL & Maeva VK2FMWL



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