

SARCNEWS



Good evening everyone.

First up, very sorry for the NL last week, it seems Gmail/Google likes to tag sarcnews as "SPAM" when sending out to more than 100 e-mail address when attachments are over 1.5MB... :(

I then had to wait another 24Hrs to 'try' to resend again, after having 100% of the 233+ sarcnews recipients bouncing back.. "Not Happy Jan"... {Australian Joke}

ANYWAY, lets put that behind us (Please Google, do the same...hihi)

Attached at the very end of this NL is a photo of a R.A.A.F Receiver – this will be donated to a local Aviation Museum; this way, it will enjoyed by many for years to come...

We have added another new Sarc Member to the sarcnews NL, welcome Ian...

Cheers
Dave ZDR
{editor}

NET CHECK-INS:

Wia National News – n/a

Dawn Patrol - 53 check-ins for the week ending 10 March 2017.

Sarc Digi Net - 7 (see "digital modes" report below)

Wicen Net - HF – 1 (Bad noise)
2M - 8 (VRA Training to go to RFS)

Wednesday Tech Net - 6 (Parrot repeater)

Thursday 6Mtr Net – 6 (Audio levels)

Friday Night Net – 3 (SARC Constitution)

DIGITAL MODES:

On Monday 6th March we held the Summerland Amateur Radio Club's Digital Net. Operators logged in on the 2 metre repeater on 146.800 were PMG/SRC, ACD, AGC, ZDR, DLR, EA and OTA. That sounds like a great list but ZDR couldn't stay, DLR was dog tired, EA went to bed and OTA was on the side of the road somewhere, on the way back from Brisbane. That left ACD and AGC to join PMG/SRC.

The computer issues that have plagued me for the last couple of weeks were still continuing so I switched to another laptop, delaying things for a few minutes. I hadn't used it for Digi before so had to quickly set it up. As there was a small group, and I was not feeling the best we decided to use FLDigi on 80 metres, 3,625 USB and Thor 16. The Woodburn repeater was used for voice comments when needed.

The band was pretty quiet and everyone had excellent decode. There were a couple of subjects discussed, the use of the digital P25 radios being one. Another subject was trying Easypal digital SSTV, but on a simplex frequency. The main reason was that although the Woodburn repeater had done an excellent job when we tried Easypal the previous week and also the analogue MMSSTV on an earlier net, the repeater timeout of 3 minutes reduces the size of file that can be transmitted. That suggests that a test of Easypal on simplex FM or possibly SSB would be a good idea. As always, thanks are expressed to those who participated.

de VK2PMG

Sarc EDUCATION:

SARC education ran two courses in the last week.

Last week we were scheduled to run a standard licence course. While up to four candidates had expressed interest in the standard course, as often happens the field shrank as the week approached. Monday arrived and only one candidate sat down to start the course. We weren't even through the first module when it became obvious that the standard course would be a push-over for candidate Marcus. So how about we re-jig things and do an advanced course instead? No worries.

Slight problem. The standard course runs over three training days and a day for revision and exams. The advanced course needs an extra day of training. Prior commitments limits our time slot to the original four days. Still no worries. We just lift the pace a bit and fit four days into three. So there we have it. Marcus absorbs the advanced level theory in three days while studying the regulations on the side. Come day four and he successfully passes advanced theory, regulations and the practical exams in one sitting. The practical as well? Yes, Marcus had just gone from no amateur radio licence to advanced in one step and had to do the practical as well.

That's an exceptional achievement by an exceptional candidate. Well done Marcus. Look out for VK2DOG in 3 - 6 weeks when the WIA and ACMA systems have done their thing. SARC members can feel proud of our part in this success story. Our clubrooms are a great training venue. We offer intense 3 or 4 day courses that very few if any other clubs offer. And of course changing from standard to advanced and condensing four days into three just shows that SARC flexibility isn't a throw away line; It's what we do.

Marcus wasn't the only success story for the week. Candidate Steve undertook the foundation course on Saturday and passed the exams on Sunday. Steve's taken the 'next available callsign' option as he intends to upgrade to standard not too long down the track. Well done Steve.

de Duncan VK2DLR
SARC Education Officer

COMING UP SOON:

<h1>What's On</h1> <p>For the full year's calendar visit http://sarc.org.au/</p>	
<p>This Month</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March 2017</p> <p>Sat/Sun 04/05 Mon/Thu 06/09 Standard Course Sat/Sun 11/12 Sat/Sun 11/12 Foundation Course Sun 12 Committee Meeting 1300 Sat/Sun 18/19 Sat/Sun 18/19 John Moyle Field Day Sat/Sun 25/26</p>	<p>Next Month</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 2017</p> <p>Sat/Sun 01/02 Sat/Sun 08/09 Sun 09 <u>Wicen AGM 1000</u> Sun 09 Committee Meeting 1300 Sat/Sun 15/16 Sat/Sun 22/23 Tue 25 Anzac Day (<u>AX Prefix</u>) Sat/Sun 29/30 Sat/Sun 29/30 <u>WICEN Horse Enduro (Girard)</u></p>
<p>Coffee morning: 1000 on the 1st Wednesday of the month <u>Rous Hotel 44 Keen St. Lismore</u></p> <p>Lunch day: 1200 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month <u>Yings Chinese Restraint 142 Keen St. Lismore</u></p>	



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