

SARCNEWS



Good Evening,

Two photos (below) of some Sarc activities this weekend, Paul PMG playing with some varied Multi-meters brought in by other members. Also a photo of a new shelf system that replaced an old cupboard near our computer 'hub'....

Also, don't forget it's Coffee Morning at the Rous Hotel at 1000 on Wednesday.

Cheers & have a great week.

Dave ZDR
{editor}

NET CHECK-INS:

Wia National News – 5 ?

Dawn Patrol - 48 check-ins for the week ending 24 February 2017

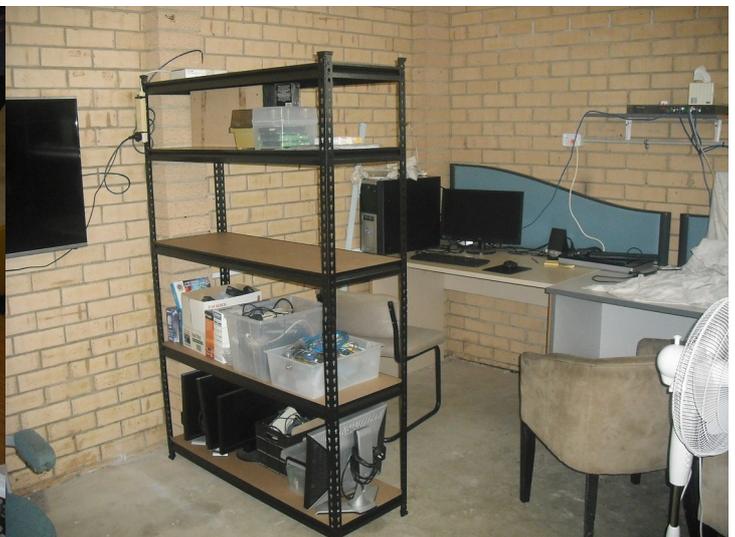
Sarc Digi Net - 6 (see "digital modes" report below)

Wicen Net - 6 - (Corrosion)

Wednesday Tech Net - 7 - (Multimeters)

Thursday 6Mtr Net – n/a

Friday Night Net - 3 (6m & 2m antenna tests)



DIGITAL MODES:

On Monday 20th February at 8.00pm local time we held the Summerland Amateur Radio Club's digital net. Starters were: VK2EA, JWA, DLR, AGC, TRD and VK2 SRC-PMG Net Control. All operators except JWA and EA transmitted. The frequency used for transmission was 80 metres, 3.625 USB after an initial meet and greet on 146.800, we then went to the Woodburn repeater on 147.250 for our secondary phone frequency to give signal reports and ask questions.

This week we were using FL Digi and Thor 16. The 80 metre band conditions were comparatively quiet and signals were really strong, all S9 or better. There were no problems with decoding. Eric TRD from Mt Isa came in fine and although not strong in signal strength, everyone had a clean decode on his signal.

There was general discussion on Chris's boat project, DLR's laptop keys and PMG/SRC's SWR issues. PMG/SRC asked about multimeter recommendations. You might think that they are a pretty standard tool for any amateur but I personally have had little exposure to them. The name Fluke was recommended and will almost certainly find a home with me after considering the advice. The discussion was very interesting and enjoyable and much appreciated. Multimeters and how to use them. Soldering, Batteries... care, charging and discharging... Circuit analysis / trouble shooting... How to build and use simple cheap test gear. These were topics that DLR mentioned and everyone felt were not covered well enough at a practical hands-on level in the syllabus. TRD had said 73 a bit earlier and the net closed at 10.05pm with thanks expressed to the operators who joined in.

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INTERESTING INFORMATION/SITES:

Flux Capacitor for SALE... :)

<https://www.jaycar.com.au/flux-capacitor/p/OUTATIME>

Time & Date:

This is a great site for DX'ing or looking up countdown timers/calculators/time zones.

<https://www.timeanddate.com/>

In History this week:

1836 25/2 Colt patents his revolver.

1935 27/2 Radar first demonstrated by Robert Watson-Watt, UK.

1807 28/1 Pall Mall, London, first street to be lit by gaslight.

1878 28/1 First commercial phone switchboard, New Haven, Connecticut.

1897 ?/3 Marconi demos to UK Army etc achieving about 5 kms.

1893 1/3 Edison opens first motion picture studio, West Orange, New Jersey.

1894 3/3 First steel sailing ship Dirigo, launched in Maine, USA.

1899 3/3 SS "R F Matthews" collided with the lightship, which alarmed the lighthouse ashore to get assistance. This was the first time ever a distress call was transmitted by radio from a ship at sea! Sent 'HELP' etc...

COMING UP SOON:

A working bee morning at one of the Repeater sites is happening this week. (weather permitting)

Cleaning of the clubs solar panels & gutters will be arranged when the weather becomes 'nicer' for the workers & not being burnt to a crisp or drowned like a rat in doing so. :)

Weed spraying & fantastic plant husbandry (hihi) has been carried out by Brian. He takes great care of the club's plants & driveway weeds on a regular basis.

More shelving & general tidy up of the club rooms will be ongoing, as will the outside of the building, making sure it looks as good as it can, something that club members are very proud of. (looks good for new members also)

| What's On For the full year's calendar visit http://sarc.org.au/ | |
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| This Month | Next Month |
| February 2017 Sat/Sun 04/05 Sat/Sun 11/12 Sun 12 Wicen 1000 Sun 12 SARC AGM 1300 Sun 12 Committee Meeting 1400 Sat/Sun 18/19 Sat/Sun 25/26 Sun 26 Wyong Field Day | March 2017 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 |

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