



NET CHECK-INS:

Dawn Patrol – 50 for the week ending 30th November

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

Wicen Net - 5

Wednesday Tech Net - 5 - upcoming Fly-In & Noisy RF

Thursday 6Mtr Net - 4 - Crossing flooded roads

Friday Night Net – n/a

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

WICEN NR MEETING

December 9 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

December 9 @ 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

COMMITTEE MEETING

December 9 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

News Items:

Caught up with Malcolm VK2OTA a couple of days ago for a very short visit. He's still in Maclean Hospital recovering from surgery complications. A bit of work to be done in the physical department but mentally he's back to the Malcolm most of know and have been missing.

Item 2.

Elizabeth E2R and Duncan VK2DLR had a very enjoyable lunch with Ian VK2AIK (formerly VK5IK) and June last Friday. Great to catch up with old friends talk about many and various subjects including the ways Government Departments and private business interacted (or sometimes didn't interact) in the past.

Item 3.

VK2EA has gone to Kuwait. No; not really but Q8 is indeed the number of his current room in Caroona village. After a few too many falls the medical world has been poking and prodding Leith and decided he needs to receive a higher level. The good news is that things have settled to the extent that Leith and Shirley are now booked in to attend the SARC Christmas Lunch next Sunday.

De Duncan/E2R

WORD OF THE WEEK: "TELEMETRY"

From last weeks NL: *Poor Dave the Dog....hihi*

Our USA Marines have a saying: "Nobody is ever good for nothing, they can always be held up as a bad example".....

Ed Tipler (WI6RE)

VHF / UHF Spring Field Day 2018: Dedicated to the memory of Geoff Carmont VK2AGC

Pat VK2FAAD & myself VK2QJ arrived at Vista Point around midday Friday to start setting up for the event, unfortunately Dave VK2CDG could not make it out for the weekend. It was a mild but very windy afternoon, David VK2FDJB arrived around 17:30, we help him setup camp & settled in for the night, the wind keep up all night with temperatures drop to around 3 deg. Next morning we completed the set & conducted a few tests before the event.

Activating VK2SRC for this event, things stated of a little slow with poor conditions on all bands, none of the usual VK4 contacts were heard, as time past there was the occasional contact made over the border.

We work our last contact just before midnight, then back into it at 3:45am, by Sunday morning things were starting to pickup with David making a 446KM contact to the Sunshine Coast on 70CM & I made several 23cm contacts into Brisbane.

At the end of the event we got David packed & on the road, then Pat & I packed up & left the hill by 15:00.

All in all it was a great weekend had by everyone with 243 contacts made with over 65000 points.

Thanks to everyone that made contact with **VK2SRC** over the weekend, great team effort for Geoff's memory.

VK2QJ Graeme



GOONENGERRY:(Update)

The weather Gods weren't all that kind as Rob VK2ELH, John VK2JWA and Duncan VK2DLR headed to Goonengerry to install the solar panels for **VK2RBB**. 38 Degrees is not a good temperature to do that sort of thing. But at least the final ascent to the site was nice and dry.

Shade from the awning on the Landcruiser was really important as we carefully managed hydration and fatigue in the trying conditions. At least the weather Gods took pity on us in the afternoon by providing a refreshing cool breeze.

There really wasn't that much work to be done but gremlins or Murphy kept leaping out and biting us. Have you seen the movie "Martian" or read the book? Our day was just like that. A problem would appear and we'd work out a solution. Then the next problem would appear and another solution found. In the end we achieve our objectives for the day. It may have taken extra time but we succeeded. isn't that the SARC way? We see challenges and discover problems BUT what sets SARC apart is that we create solutions.

de DLR

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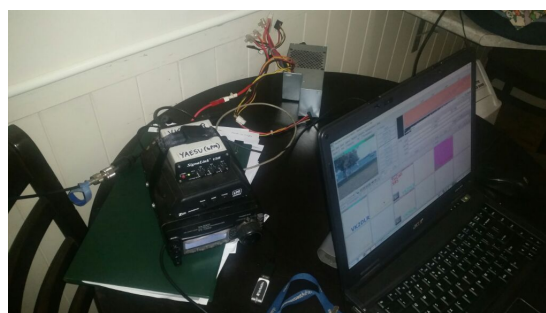
DIGITAL MODES: Monday 26 NOVEMBER 2018

For tonight's net we had VK2PMG/SRC as net control with Duncan VK2DLR (in Iluka) and Steve VK2SLM logging in. After an initial call on Parrots Nest we QSY'd to the Woodburn repeater that Duncan could reach. We used MMSSTV. Duncan was using the old FT100, Signalink and a small whip hanging a magnetic base off the roof of the cabin he and Elizabeth were staying in.

Not surprisingly, low power – 7 to 10 watts wasn't holding the repeater, an increase to 20 was better but 25 watts worked quite well. The power supply was one of Duncan's famous computer power supply units. The distance and path noise resulted in some speckles and noise bars when the signal dropped but that is to be expected.

One advantage of an analogue mode like MMSSTV is that you will get an image, even if it is snowy but it will work. I seriously doubt that the digital Easypal image program would have held decode on that path. An interesting test that was very satisfactory considering the small antenna Duncan was using. Thanks again for being there Duncan.

Paul VK2PMG



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