



Sarc Radio Net numbers/check ins:

HF Dawn Patrol – 47 for the week ending 7th December

Sarc Digi Net – (see full report below)

Wicen Net – 7 - Sunday's meeting

Wed Tech Net – 4 - Saving tiers

Thursday Night Net – 4 - There's propagation out there

Friday Night Net – 5



NEWS ITEMS:

LISMORE REPEATER HUT RENOVATIONS UPDATE

More work has been done. The north and west walls are now insulated and lined inside with villaboard. Also there has been maintenance of the grounds. See pics – ZDR mowing, DLR whipper-snipping, ACD inside hut, ARD was outside sorting out more upgrades.



SARC Xmas lunch enjoyed by all

The numbers may have been down but the Spotted Pig has done us proud yet again. They put on an excellent feast yet again that was enjoyed by SARC members and members of the LSWC. LSWC? That's the Long Suffering Wives Club; that band of spouses (in this case five ladies) who support their amateur radio operators in their ever expanding pastime. Our good President may have been laid low with a respiratory ailment but our elder statesman Leith VK2EA and Shirley were able to attend.

Repeating the words spoken over lunch:

"Thanks for being there throughout the year,

Have a happy and safe festive season and we look forward to your ongoing support during the year ahead"

With lunch behind us and a minimum quorum for the monthly meeting we set a new SARC meeting record! 30 minutes end to end. Perhaps we can keep this pace up during the year by doing more research and debate during the month and leaving the meetings for report tabling and formal decision making.

de Duncan, DLR

DIGITAL MODES:

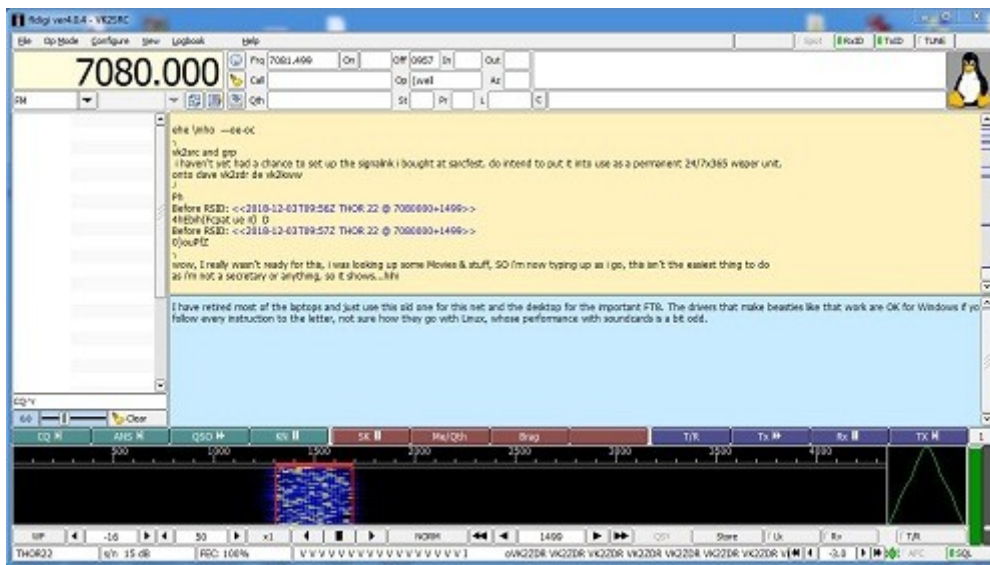
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For tonight's net we had VK2PMG/SRC as net control with Duncan VK2DLR, John VK2JWA, Kris VK2KWW, Tom VK2VTB, Dave VK2ZDR and Steve VK2SLM all logging in. Congratulations to Tom on the new callsign. Well, after a very busy week at work I was looking for something relatively easy so decided on F1 Digi and Thor 22 was the mode.

This seemed to strike a chord with everyone so we had Duncan, Kris and Dave joining me on the Woodburn repeater. It really was good to have four of us transmitting rather than just Duncan and I!! F1 Digi is the easiest digital mode to try, as once the software is installed and all the hardware talks to each other, it is about as difficult as typing up an email.

I strongly recommend this software to get into the swing of using digital modes. Another advantage is that it is conversational. Thor 22 is one of the most robust modes available, that really handles noise well, as does Olivia. You could say that it is overkill on a repeater. The conversation flowed strongly as we got going. Very satisfying and thanks to all who logged in and participated. The net closed at 9.50pm.

Paul VK2PMG

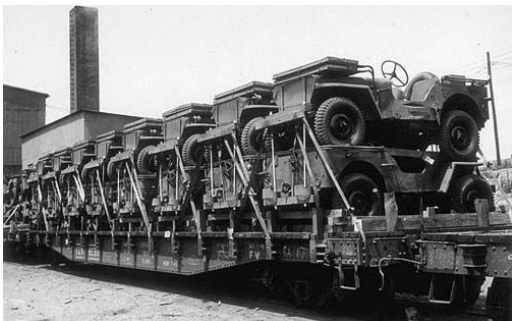
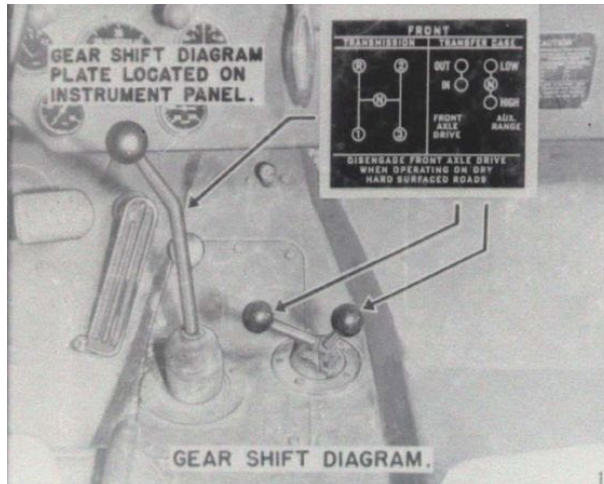
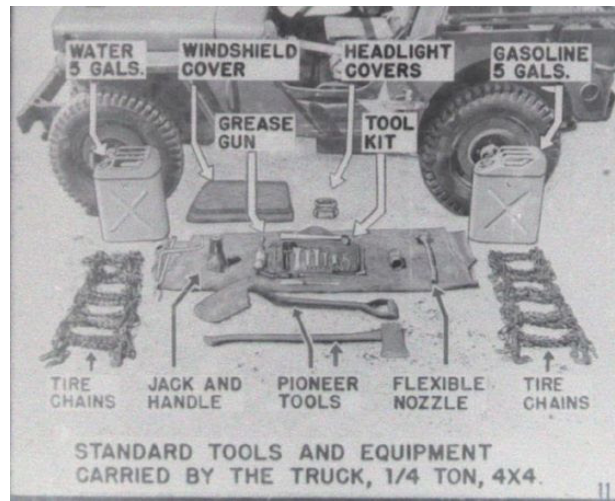


The (very) versatile Willys Jeep

Interesting stuff.....

At the end of WWII, there hundreds of acres of closely parked jeeps in Britain. Since they would depress the auto industry if sold, they were all bulldozed into the sea. Trucks too. Thousands and thousands of them :(

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“That’s it for this week, Thanks”

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