



“HAPPY NEW YEAR”

Hi & Good Evening, welcome to 2019, Thanks for sticking with us throughout 2018 & now into 2019... :)

Sarc Radio Net numbers/check ins:

HF Dawn Patrol – 54 for the week ending 4th Jan 2019

Sarc Digi Net – 2 HWA+1

Wicen Net – Wicen HF 2 - Noisy

Wicen 2m 4 New year ahead

Wed Tech Net – 5 VK2EA back on air

Thursday Night Net – 6 - Family & other animals

Friday Night Net – 5 - upcoming things to do

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVANS HEAD FLY-IN

January 11, 2019 @ 12:00 pm - January
13, 2019 @ 4:00 pm

COMMITTEE MEETING

January 20, 2019 @ 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

NEWS ITEMS:

Summer VHF/UHF Field Day

It's Summer Field Day time again, next weekend 12th & 13th January, starting Midday Saturday, finishing Midday Sunday.

Pat VK2FAAD, Dave VK2CDG, Graeme VK2QJ will all be heading to Vista Lookout (1310m ASL) to activate the VK2SRC call in this event.

Planned frequencies, first frequency will be used unless busy;

6m USB 50.150MHz - 50.200MHz **Graeme**

2m USB 144.150MHz - 144.200MHz **Pat**

2m FM 146.500MHz -146.550MHz **FM Pat**

70cm USB 432.150MHz - 432.200MHz **Dave**

70cm FM 439.000MHz **Dave**

23cm USB 1296.150MHz - 1296.200MHz **Graeme**

We should be setup late Friday afternoon/night for testing.

We achieved good results & hope we done Geoff memory proud with provisional results showing two first places in our classes in the Spring Field Day.

Hope to hear you during the event, **Graeme VK2QJ**

VK2ELH Rattles The Record Books!

The recent spell of hot weather has yielded heaps of DX for those working the higher bands but VK2ELH snagged the biggest of all.

SARC's very own Robbie VK2ELH worked New Zealand on 23cm! The contact has yet to be confirmed but Robbie VK2ELH worked Wayne ZL2BKC on 23cm. That's a distance of about 2419Km. The 23cm Australian record is just that little bit longer at 2455.1Km. Both stations were running about 120Watts. ELH's 4x35 element Yagi array 20+metres up his tower on the eastern escarpment of the Great Dividing Range near Mallanganeer certainly repaid all that hard work.

Congratulations on a magnificent achievement Robbie!

ZDR LOOKS UP STUFF

Who says that the Zulu Doctor only looks stuff up on the Internet?

Here's Dave VK2ZDR with the very nice telescope he picked up for a song the other day. Looking forward to some spectacular Astro-photography shots.



SARC at the GREAT EASTERN FLY-IN January 12-13

The club will again be at the Evans Head Memorial Aerodrome for the annual fly-in from 8 am Sat-Sun. Look for us directly across the road from the main apron where the warbirds park, next to the old canteen (hut with a verandah), in a marquee tent. The main task is to record the air traffic and we will also be promoting the club and amateur radio. The local frequency (CTAF) is 124.2 MHz AM.

Setting up will be from 1200 hrs Friday 11th. Receiving equipment will be an AOR 5000D, with a Yaesu FT-3000M as back-up. Antennas will be Diamond and Icom discons. Please note – you must park in a designated public parking area. Entry is free, however there will be donation collectors at the entry, a 'gold' coin donation is usual.

Weather permitting, this event attracts big crowds and provides unforgettable aerobatic displays. There is a catering on-site, from 'bangers to bourgeois'. Plus joyflights and lots of private aircraft to look at close-up. A bonus feature is the display of vintage and veteran cars, and you can also visit the Aviation Museum in the historic Bellman hanger. For further information including a site map, go to the fly-in website greateasternflyin.com.

For info on the Aviation Museum go to the website ehmahaa.org.au

Further inquiries to Chris VK2ACD via vk2src@gmail.com

Listen out for New Zealand

Wayne, ZL2BKC runs beacons on 2m, 70cm and 23cm.

Look for his signal on:

2M 144.271MHz 70cm 432.271MHZ 23cm 1296.271MHZ

You can't work them if you don't listen for them.

Australia's WW2 Secret Flying Boat Base.

Lake Boga was an integral part of allied defence during World War II, with a facility that helped to keep Australia safe – the No.1 Flying Boat Repair and Service Depot.

Following the Japanese attacks on Broome in 1942, resulting in the loss of 16 flying boats, the establishment of a safe haven for flying boats and amphibians was deemed “Essential to the Defence of Australia.” - “South and inland” were prerequisites.

Inspections of Lake Boga and Kangaroo Lake were made, Lake Boga being the preferred site as it was an ideal stretch of water for the flying boats and amphibious aircraft because it was almost circular (offering unlimited choice of landing/take off direction) and free of obstructions.

The required infrastructure was already in place, vacant land around its foreshore, an adjacent railhead and highway, electricity from Swan Hill and telecommunication.

Today the Flying Boat Museum is situated on the site of the base and houses an interesting collection of restored items from a Catalina A24-30 to communications equipment of the time.

The original underground communications bunker has been restored and houses radios from the period, some are still in working order and are used on special occasions.

Some of the radios are shown below. For further information check out the web site at

<https://www.flyingboat.org.au/>

Lake Boga is in northern Victoria near the town of Swan Hill.

Cheers from Rob VK2ARL



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