



Sarc Radio Net numbers/check ins:

HF Dawn Patrol – 56 for the week ending 22nd March 2019

Sarc Digi Net – full “*Digital Modes Report*” below

Wicen Net – 5 - Paperwork

Wed Tech Net – 7 - Radios with inbuilt PC interfaces

Thursday Night Net – 6 - Bureaucracy

Friday Night Net – 5

UPCOMING EVENTS

WICEN NR AGM

April 14 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am

COMMITTEE MEETING

April 14 @ 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

News Items:

MAN AT WORK

Not just any man, **FMAN!** Last Friday *Brian VK2FMAN* and *Duncan VK2DLR* went for a drive to the Woodburn repeater site.

"The drive took longer than the job" said Brian. With DLR taking a couple of "long cuts" the total drive time wasn't that much shorter than the time spent on site. Just a couple of hours brush cutting and weed control around the hut, mast and guy anchor points and it was done.

Perhaps a working bee / picnic day some time in cooler weather to tidy up the site a little more to make it easier to maintain?



Working Bee Sunday April 31 from 1300 onwards.

How about we clean out the side shed next Sunday afternoon. It's full of "no longer loved" equipment (Junk), some repeater site related coax and guy wires. We need to keep what we need and dump the rest. The object of the exercise is to turn the side shed into a place for site maintenance / gardening gear. The club's wheel barrow, sprayer and chemicals, mowers, trailer and the like need to fit in there. A couple of hours and it'll be done.

Everyone welcome,

Duncan VK2DLR

President

WEBSDR @ SARC

After extensive testing by *Ross VK2ARD*, the club SDR was re-installed by *Dave VK2ZDR* today.

It's up and running but hasn't shown up on the Web SDR page yet.



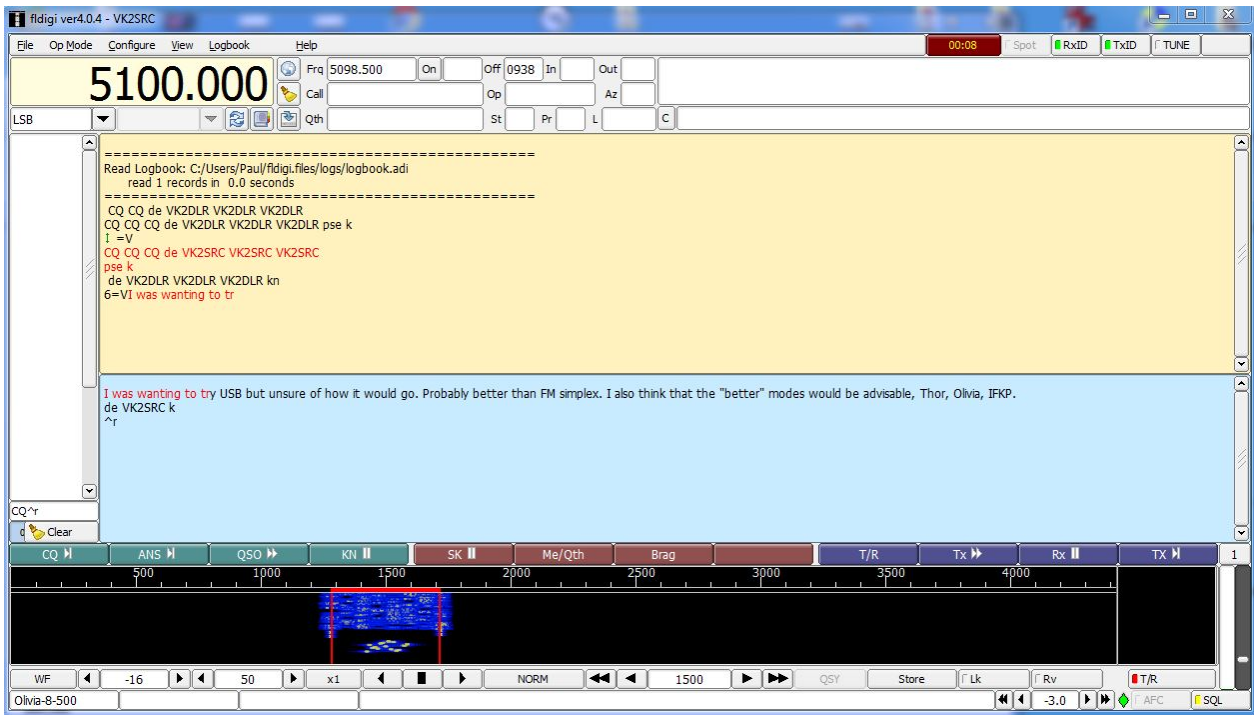
DIGITAL MODES:

Monday 18 MARCH 2019

This week we had Leith VK2EA, John VK2JWA, Steve VK2SLM, and Duncan VK2DLR. Well, the radio I normally use for the digi net was the newer Yaesu FT897 but unfortunately the mode and band switches on the front panel locked up, possible due to a power spike. This is the same problem that stopped the older 897. A quick switch over to the old rig, not used for over 12 months, saw it perform normally, much to my relief. Duncan was the only operator who could transmit on digital modes so after a couple of rounds of chat we started off using F1-Digi and Olivia 8-500. This was pretty easy going so Duncan suggested that we try 2 metre USB, so we tuned to 144.230 USB, in the middle of the CW-Digital part of the bandplan for 2 metres.

There was the usual fine retuning that seems to have been necessary using SSB on 2 metres in the past. This was to achieve a natural sounding voice pitch. Once that was done Olivia performed perfectly well, with no real decoding problems that I can remember. Voice signals between us were quite good, no problems with readability. An interesting experiment away from the repeater, showing that the MFSK type modes in F1-Digi do the job well. Thanks to all who logged in.

Cheers from Paul VK2PMG



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