



Sarc Radio Net numbers/check ins:

Weekly HF Dawn Patrol – 57 week ending 14th June

Monday_INFO Net – 9 - News including Vista Point next weekend!

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

Wed_70cm Net – 8 - IRLP

Thursday_(ex 6mtr) Net – 7 - travel and qualifications.

Friday Night Net – 6



from *Malcolm VK2OTA*

News Items:

Another Bom Bom Success

Another successful Bom Bom Horse Enduro for SARC members. Eight members assembled at Bom Bom for this year's Bom Bom Horse enduro. Steve VK2ARS and Roger VK2LRB came down from the Tweed while David VK2IXI, Rob VK2ARL and Maeva VK2MWL came from Kyogle. Paul VK2PMG and Duncan from the Lismore area with Chris VK2ACD from Woodburn. Communications were established Saturday afternoon and worked flawlessly throughout Sunday. The 5m tall vertical mounted above the roof line of Rob and Maeva's van served very well with the two checkpoints being able to operate at reduce power levels. Noisy but workable communications could even be carried out using a hand held.

Rider numbers and maps of the course were provided Saturday evening. The maps were very useful in determining rider flow through the checkpoints. 0400 starts aren't for everyone but it's always good to before dawn and watch the world come alive. Taking numbers from riders hurrying past and sending the information back to base makes the pre-dawn hours challenging. Eventually the rush of the morning gives way to riders being spread all round the tracks. This is the time when the riders focus on managing their horses fitness. An overstressed horse means disqualification. The final hour or so seems to drag as the last of the riders make their way back to base before the time limit expires.

Why do Steve, Roger, David, Rob, Maeva, Paul, Duncan and Chris do it?

Mostly because it's fun. Partially because you're challenged to provide communications in difficult or unusual situations. And finally; for the good feeling that comes from volunteering your time and expertise to help nice people enjoy their chosen sport.

Duncan, VK2DLR





Rob ARL & Maeva MWL (night duties)



DIGITAL MODES

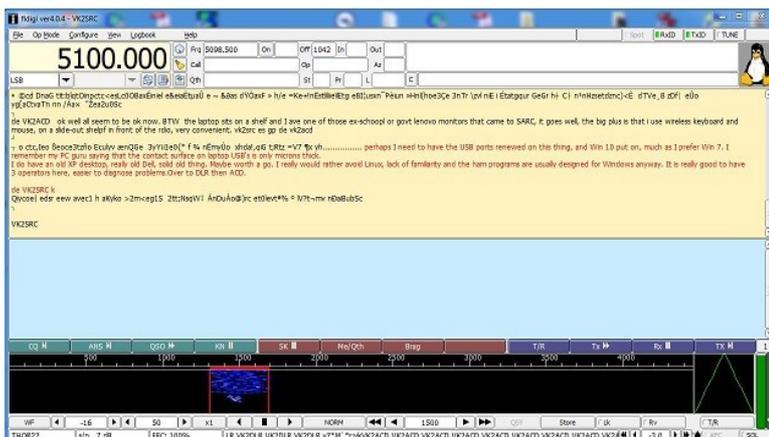
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Tuesday night, Digi Net time. Leith VK2EA, John VK2JWA, Duncan VK2DLR, Chris VK2ACD and Steve VK2SLM logged in. As usual we had our introductory 2 rounds of chat before we QSY'd to the Woodburn repeater. It was good to have Chris joining us, it is always better to have more than two operators. It is definitely easier to diagnose problems in these more complex modes with a third operator. Geoff VK2AGC-SK said once that data modes are complicated and it only takes one thing in the chain to go wrong and it all stops, and it can be difficult to pinpoint the problem.

Over to the Woodburn repeater we went and used FI Digi, once again. The mode was Thor 22, a perfect combination of robustness and speed, not too narrow and not too fast!! One criticism sometimes levelled at the digital modes is that it lacks the personal touch. FI Digi enables you to have that "conversational" aspect, something that it is important to remember. FI Digi also covers a wide variety of modes from legacy modes such as RTTY, and PSK31 to the more modern modes, designed to be decoded successfully during high noise levels.

The net was mostly free from the poor decode that we experienced a couple of weeks ago, although Duncan had a few patches of poor decode later in the evening. Once again, from mid evening on, 2 metre propagation does seem to drop off, something I have noticed on the digi net before. I don't think that I'm imagining it!! Thanks to all who logged in and participated, it is really appreciated.

Cheers from Paul VK2PMG



7-DAY WEATHER FORECASTS (LISMORE)

“Mixed bag of weather this week” ...hihi

Sun Jun 16	Mon Jun 17	Tue Jun 18	Wed Jun 19	Thu Jun 20	Fri Jun 21	Sat Jun 22
 Possible shower	 Mostly sunny	 Mostly sunny	 Mostly sunny	 Possible shower	 Possible shower	 Mostly sunny
21°C	21°C	21°C	21°C	19°C	19°C	18°C
11°C	8°C	4°C	7°C	7°C	8°C	5°C

6m Repeater; a little bit closer

Sarc has discussed & will be heading up to our repeater site soon for more finishing off of the hut AND sorting out the 50MHz antenna system for this repeater...YAY :)

SES looking for communication specialists from SARC

Representatives of SES and SARC met recently to discuss a new SES unit to be formed on the Northern Rivers. Rather than SARC members being recruited as message handling radio operators, this unit is looking for members who want to increase their technical knowledge and put their skills to good use. SARC endorses this new concept and asks that any interested members check the details at the links below. Some of our members who have seen the letter are very interested. If you decide to join, please let SARC know and we'll put you in touch with other like minded individuals so you can support each other. SARC will not be formally involved with the unit but will support our members who join SES.

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For any further queries please contact either SES Local Commander

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