



Sarc Radio Net numbers/check ins:

Weekly HF Dawn Patrol – 53 for the week ending 8th November

Monday_INFO Net – 6 - News

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

Wed_70cm Net – 8 – Life is Busy

Thursday_(ex 6mtr) Net – 4 – Remote Control

Friday Night Net – 4 – Fires and other concerns

UPCOMINGEVENTS

GOLD COAST ARS HAMFEST

November 16 @ 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

SPRING VHF/UHF FIELD DAY

November 23 @ 12:00 pm - November 24 @ 12:00 pm

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SARC Christmas Party

At today's *SARC Committee Meeting* we decided to hold this year's end of year party at the Clubrooms.

SATURDAY 7th December from about 1600 to 1830 (NSW time) at the clubrooms.

Bring your own drinks. SARC will provide a variety of finger food and nibbles.

Cost to be determined but expect it to be about \$5 to \$10 per head as a

"chuck your money into the tin" affair.

Current thoughts are that we'll set up a couple of tables and some chairs out the back of the clubrooms where it will be cooler and quieter.

We might also set up a gazebo in case of rain or other flights of fancy.

Please bring along "your better half", "significant other", "dearly beloved" or whoever so they can be thanked for lending you to us and making our Amateur Radio world a better place.

Please RSVP your numbers to vk2src@gmail.com so we know how much food to prepare.

Another SARC Education week has drawn to a close.

This was the first round of courses to be run for the AMC administered examination system.

The week ended with three exams being attempted under the new system.

Administration of the exams themselves has been simplified but leaving the candidate and education provider in limbo until the exam is marked by the AMC leaves a lot to be desired. The week also marked the first time in many years that the Foundation Course was run without reference to the WIA text. While the text remains a reasonable reference; cost, ongoing errors and coping with existing and proposed changes make it difficult to insist that the candidates purchase the book. SARC Module notes and resources freely available off the Internet work very well indeed.

Quality candidates attending the Advanced Course as usual contributed to revision and improvements to the SARC Module notes for the Advanced Course. This course also led to SARC Education deciding that the CASIO fx-82AU PLUS II was the calculator of choice for the Advanced Course.

Why that one?

It's readily available at a reasonable price. It's one of the calculators recommended for high school use. It does everything you need for the Advanced exam and beyond. It's large multi-line display simplifies the review and editing of expressions.

BTW What's a 36dB gain expressed as a multiplier? Both of the advanced candidates can do it in their heads. Can you?

DIGITAL MODES

TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2019

Tuesday night – Digi Net Time! Logging in were *Leith VK2EA John VK2JWA, Duncan VK2DLR, Ian VK2FBDX and Dave VK2ZDR*. There was the customary two rounds of personal news and chat before we QSY'd to our normal frequency of 144.230 USB.

We used Fl Digi and the mode was Thor 22. Duncan could only stay for a short while but would be back later, so he had first go for two rounds before Dave and I continued. Duncan's signal was S6 and Dave S9. We had an excellent net, no problems with signals or decoding. Dave started to fatigue and signed off at 9.25pm.

Duncan had left his gear going so I filled in the time chasing FT8 contacts until he returned. FT8 has been working well into western Europe on 20 metres later in the evening, so I had no trouble filling in time. Duncan said when he resumed that everything had decoded perfectly while he was away, so we had another burst of FL Digi. A net in two parts therefore, but a good one. Thanks as always to all who logged in.

Cheers from Paul VK2PMG

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Lismore 7-day forecast

Sun Nov 10	Mon Nov 11	Tue Nov 12	Wed Nov 13	Thu Nov 14	Fri Nov 15	Sat Nov 16
 Hazy	 Hazy	 Hazy	 Hazy	 Hazy	 Sunny	 Mostly sunny
30°C	29°C	35°C	29°C	29°C	33°C	37°C
9°C	10°C	13°C	18°C	12°C	13°C	16°C

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