

SARC RADIO NET NUMBERS / CHECK-INS

Weekly HF Dawn Patrol – 37 - For week ending Thur 30MAR2023.

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- Monday – 5 ()
- Tuesday – 5 ()
- Wednesday – 4 (Discussed ACMA's Class Licence Deferral)
- Thursday- (Dual-Bander)
 - 8 – 2m Parrots Nest. (Lightning show last night)
 - 6 – 70cm Parrots Nest. (Roman Concrete vs Current)
- Friday 80m (After Dark Net) – 6 (Apparently, there were 3 Jeffs)

SARC nets and times: <https://sarc.org.au/nets-broadcasts/>

SARC repeater information: <https://sarc.org.au/repeaters/>

CALENDAR NOTES

Events of interest to SARC are in **BLUE**

Other events of interest for our subscribers are in **GREEN**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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JIDX CW

APR 8th 0700 UTC - 9th 1300 UTC

VK QRP HRS CONTEST

APR 8th 1000 UTC – 1200 UTC

CQMM CW

APR 15th 0900 UTC - 16th 2359 UTC

COMMITTEE MEETING

APR 16th @ 1300 – 1600 hrs

SPRTTY CONTEST

APR 22nd 1200 UTC - 23rd 1200 UTC

Tuesday-Net Report

DIGITAL MODES

- Paul VK2AMT

TUESDAY 28 MARCH, 2023

This evening, logging in with Paul VK2AMT, as VK2SRC were: Duncan VK2DLR, Jeff VK2WSR, Andrew VK2XI and Dave VK2ZDR. As usual, we had a couple of overs on Parrots Nest 2 metres before we changed to 40 metres, 7.048 USB.

We used Fldigi and Olivia 8-500. I had pretty good decode from Duncan, but all sorts of problems decoding Jeff, working through the club 7300 at Richmond Hill. The best I had was only about 50%. Duncan had done some improvements to his OCF dipole. I tried all sorts of adjustments to RF gain and preamps on and off. The signals were just noisy and weak from the clubrooms. Really strange considering that the clubroom radio and antenna is only a few kilometres away, even though it is on the other side of the hill from me.

Later in the net, Duncan also lost a fair bit of Jeff's over but he decoded him better than I did. A couple of days after the net, a test receive session on a voice QSO on 7.197 showed that the 991A's voice receive was indeed weak and noisy compared to the Icom 7410 on the vertical. A switch to the FT997, same OCF dipole antenna and QSO as the 991A, showed that the 897 was much better than the 991A. I suppose that the next digi net will reveal more when I switch to the 897. Thanks to Duncan and Jeff for persevering.

PS: No screenshot this week, the lousy decode on the diginet made me forget it!

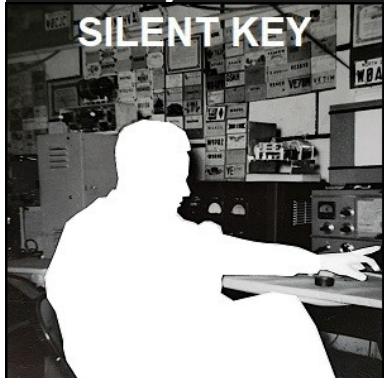
-Cheers from Paul VK2AMT (as VK2SRC).

SARC Public Liability Insurance Renewal

- Andrew VK2XI

You may not be aware that the SARC pays more for its public liability insurance if our members are not a member of the WIA. If you are a current member of the WIA could you please let me know asap so we can claim the maximum discount on our upcoming renewal. Please respond with your Name, Callsign and WIA Membership Number to sarcradiotreasurer@gmail.com or Text me on 0400494019.

- Andrew VK2XIn (SARC Treasurer)



Another SARC Elder goes silent.

Ted Smith, VK2EGS (formerly VK2ZFS) passed away peacefully with his family by his side last Monday. He was just 2 months shy of his 93rd birthday. Ted was one of our oldest long term members and has been a member of SARC since before most of us entered amateur radio. There would not be many old hands left that could recall the old days when people like Ted and the Late Horrie Stephens (VK2ZES) would operate mobile using 6 metres AM. Those were the days when transmitter frequencies were derived from a crystal while receivers were tuneable. A mobile 6M net would require everybody to tune into the frequency of the current operator's transmitter and then re-tune to the next person's frequency. Those were the early days of using second hand ex-commercial or ex-military equipment that was modified for amateur radio use.

Ted was one of the active members who built SARC's first two metre repeater VK2RSC at Parrots Nest. He remained on the repeater committee for many years contributing over a range of areas while specialising in power supplies. A lifetime of work in the electrical supply industry meant that Ted was the "go to" person for all mains power electrical problems and for home built power supplies.

He remained active to the end. Just getting a bit quieter as the years caught up with him. Ted will always be remembered as someone who always lent a hand whenever he could. He also managed to keep a low profile; never displaying his knowledge or experience unless you were close enough and realised he was up there with the best. We'll miss Ted; His conversations were long and deep when he felt relaxed with friends.

At Ted's request there will be a quiet graveside service for close family and friends at the Lismore Memorial Gardens, Skyline Road Goonellabah at 10:00 AM on Wednesday the 5th of April. Club Polo shirts would be appropriate.

6-DAY LISMORE (FORECAST). Click image to open METEYE (2480 for East Lismore).

Forecast for East Lismore

	Tue. 4 Apr	Wed. 5 Apr	Thu. 6 Apr	Fri. 7 Apr	Sat. 8 Apr	Sun. 9 Apr
Max (°C)	25	27	26	29	31	27
Min (°C)	15	14	15	14	17	15
Chance of rain (%)	80	50	60	20	20	30
Rainfall range (mm)	0 to 5	0 to 1	0 to 1	0	0	0

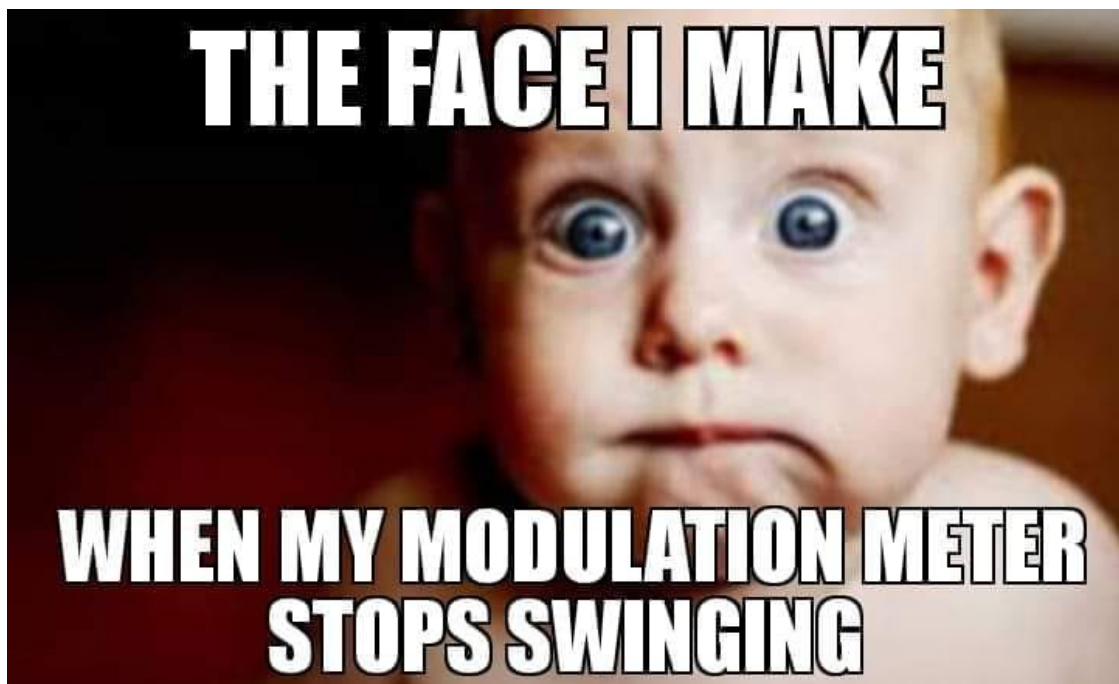
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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE The right-hand image has 10 alterations. Can you spot them?



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