



SARC RADIO NET NUMBERS / CHECK-INS

Weekly HF Dawn Patrol – 27 - For week ending Thur 09NOV2023.

(See report)

Monday – 7 ()

Tuesday – 4 (See report)

Wednesday – 9 ()

Thursday (See report)

- 6 - 2m Parrots Nest

- 4 - 2m Woodburn (With Jeff VK2WSR listening)

- 4 - 2m Mallanganee (With Jeff VK2WSR listening)

Friday 80m (After Dark Net) – 5 (See report)

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** & **RED**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLICK ON EVENT NAME TO OPEN

SPRING VHF UHF FIELD DAY

NOV 25th 0100 UTC - 26th 0059 UTC
(0400 – 0359 in VK6)

CQ WW CW CONTEST

NOV 25th 0000 UTC - 26th 2359 UTC

FT8/FT4 ROUNDUP

DEC 2nd 1800 UTC - 3rd 2359 UTC

ARRL 10M

DEC 9th 0000 UTC - 10th 2359 UTC

COMMITTEE MTG + XMAS PARTY

DEC 10th Sunday @ 1200 noon.

Silent Key

On Sunday 5th November, 2023 Chris (VK2ACD) went silent key, Chris had been battling a debilitating disease for the last 6 years or so and finally succumbed to his final calling.

I met Chris when I first came back to the club in 2004 and struck up a great friendship through not only radio but several other interests that we had.

Chris was instrumental in helping to shape our club into what it is today. He undertook every job assigned to him with a dedication that we all admired, from tables at festival days to large amounts of research and work put towards the constitution that we now use.

He enjoyed our field and contest trips and operated with the attitude of take no prisoners. Chris was an integral part of the team which won our club's first John Moyle Trophy, "The Presidents Cup" and continued within that team for several years, he was also a part of the team which ventured out in the cold every May to help with communications for the Tenterfield Endurance Riders club. That was his weekend for camping out and self sufficiency.

As a part of my technical team Chris was instrumental in the hut rebuild at Parrots Nest and the Woodburn Site. Building his own gear was a major part of his shack achievements and I remember him showing me the first transceiver he hand built from a kit from Elecraft. It would have taken a good eye to tell the difference between his radio and a factory build.

Photography was also one of his passions and he was asked on several occasions to exhibit his works at the gallery in Lismore.

In true Chris style there will be no funeral, his body will be cremated sometime during the next four weeks and his ashes laid to rest at the community cemetery on the property where he has lived for many years. There is the potential for a gathering, however there are no details at this stage.

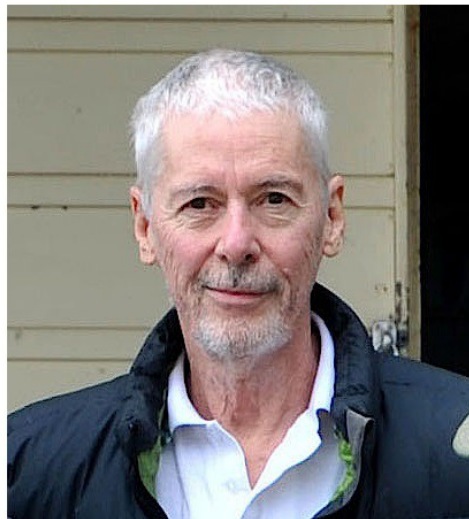
I for one will miss our discussions on various subjects and certainly miss his voice on our airwaves.

Vale Chris Meagher VK2ACD.

Yours Sincerely

Ross Dowse

SARC President VK2ARD



Tuesday - Net Report

DIGITAL MODES

- Paul VK2AMT

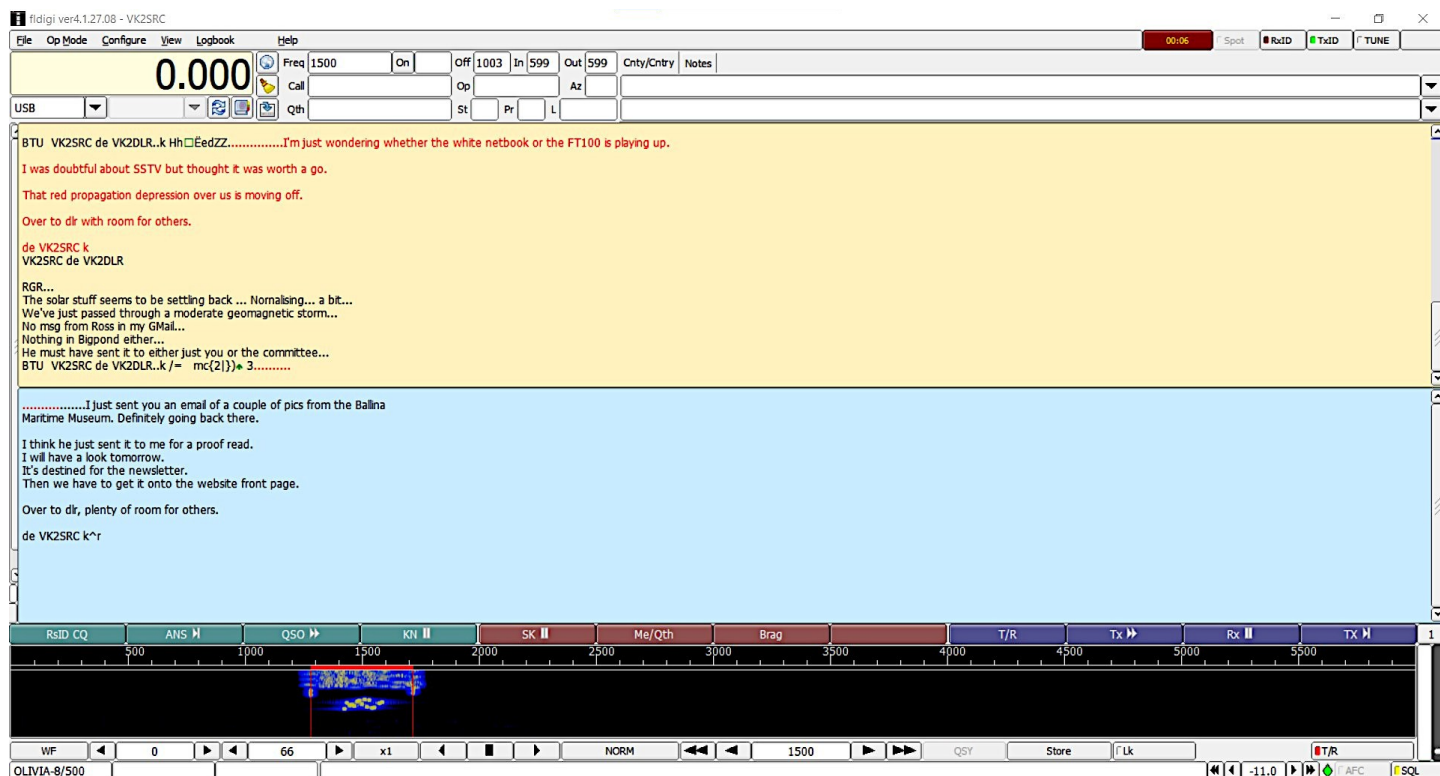
TUESDAY 07 NOVEMBER, 2023

This week, logging in with Paul VK2AMT were: Jo VK2ZJJ, Duncan VK2DLR and Barry VK2VBG. We had our normal couple of overs on Parrots Nest 2 metres before Duncan and I QSY'd to our normal frequency of 3.590 USB. This evening, it was just the two of us.

I had intended to try SSTV this evening, just because we haven't tried it for a while. I must admit that I was sceptical about how good the images would be on 80 metres HF. I started off with a few images but didn't receive any from Duncan. We were uncertain where the problem lay, but after a restart, decided to try Fldigi. That seemed to work so we stayed with Fldigi and Olivia 8-500! The images I had sent were apparently pretty horrid. Duncan isn't much more than 5 kilometres away. I was using 75 watts and even that didn't help much, so I'm not bothering to include them in this report.

The keyboard discussion centered on the recent Coronal Mass Ejection that had rendered the HF bands pretty unusable for a few days. It was interesting following the solar event on Space Weather. The T Index map is particularly helpful in trying to track the ionosphere's varying conditions. Trying MMSSTV on 80 metres is always going to be pretty tough. VHF works much better, but that is only suitable if everyone can transmit there. I use 80 metres to help distant stations to participate. Thanks to Duncan for his support.

- Cheers from VK2AMT (as VK2SRC).



Thursday Net Report

- Duncan VK2DLR

Thursday Night Net Numbers $6+4.5+4.5 = 15$

15 spread over three 2M repeaters. 6 on the opening repeater Parrots Nest 146800, 4 and one listener on Woodburn 147250, and 4 and one listener on Mallanganee 147500. Jo VK2ZJJ, Paul VK2AMT, Brian VK2MBJ, Dave VK2ZDR, and Jeff VK2WSR joined Duncan VK2DLR operating as VK2SRC on Sarc's original 2M repeater VK2RSC at Parrots Nest. After two rounds we QSY'ed to Woodburn with ZJJ bowing out due to upcoming meetings. Woodburn performed as reliably as ever with WSR listening but unable to transmit via remote operations from afar.

The final rounds took place on the Mallanganee repeater. Excellent audio from the Yaesu repeater. It's a pity the voice identification overrides the voice of the user.

Topics included "Over smart smart phones", "Sleep apnea", and "Solar T Index as an indicator of band conditions"

What's special about fifteen? Well, it's just one less than the sweet hexadecimal 16. Fifteen is also the number of bricks you would use if you stacked bricks in a flat isosceles triangle; 5 layers high and 5 bricks wide at the base. Go check it out on your nearest brick wall.

- de Duncan VK2DLR

Friday After Dark Net Report

- Jeff VK2NU

The Friday After Dark Net numbers for Friday night 10-11-23 were 5.

VK2NU Jeff, VK2ZDR Dave, VK2XI Andrew, VK2UMA Mark and VK4TSA Steve.

Last Friday evening, the conditions were quiet noisy, with lightning crashes all around. The discussion included conditions, signal strengths, to plug or unplug coax during lightning and Armistice Day. Several regulars were missing due to difficult conditions.

- Cheers Jeff VK2NU

SARC CHRISTMAS PARTY

- Paul VK2AMT

It was decided at the Committee Meeting to hold a Christmas Party this year. It will be held on Sunday December 10, at the clubrooms, 412 Richmond Hill Road. There is a Committee Meeting on that day but it will be moved to 12 noon. The party will start when that meeting is finished, hopefully before 1pm when the party is planned to begin. The event will be catered for, so anyone intending to attend are asked to send an email to: vk2src@gmail.com, confirming names of anyone planning to attend.

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



Forecast for East Lismore

	Tue. 14 Nov	Wed. 15 Nov	Thu. 16 Nov	Fri. 17 Nov	Sat. 18 Nov	Sun. 19 Nov
Max (°C)	28	33	30	24	25	27
Min (°C)	15	15	18	16	13	13
Chance of rain (%)	5	20	60	30	20	30
Rainfall range (mm)	0	0	0 to 10	0 to 1	0	0 to 1

OTHER INTERESTING BITS Click on the 4 images below to open.



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



Answer: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/19dgggisM9GTiFEGAUjaSylfu80OAwXj9/view?usp=sharing>

Finally components matching my
soldering skills



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