

Weekly HF Dawn Patrol – 38 For week ending Thur 04APR2024.

(See report)

Monday – 0 ()

Tuesday – 6 (See report)

Wednesday – 6 (See report)

Thursday- ? ()

- - 2m Parrots Nest

- - 2m Mallanganee

- - 6m Parrots Nest

Friday 80m (After Dark Net) – ? ()

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VK QRP HRS 80m CONTEST

APR 13th 1000-1059 UTC_CW/Digital
1100-1159 UTC_SSB/Digital Voice

JIDX CW

APR 13th 0700 UTC - 14th 1300 UTC

COMMITTEE MEETING

APR 14th 1300 HRS

WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY

APR 18th

CQMM CW CONTEST

APR 20th 0900 UTC - 21st 2359 UTC

ANZAC DAY (AX PREFIX)

APR 25th

SPDX RTTY CONTEST

APR 27th 1200 UTC - 28th 1200 UTC

Dawn Patrol Report - Jeff VK2WSR

The numbers for the Dawn Patrol for the week ending 4-4-24 were 38.

Due to the end of Daylight-Saving Time in NSW, the Dawn Patrol has returned to its traditional frequency of 3.604MHz at a time of 0630 EAST.

Thank you to all that supported the Dawn Patrol throughout the summer months with the changes.

Hope to catch up with you all during the winter.

- Cheers Jeff VK2WSR

Tuesday Net Report DIGITAL MODES - Paul VK2AMT

TUESDAY 02 APRIL 2024

The screenshot shows a software interface for digital modes. At the top, there's a menu bar with 'File', 'Op Mode', 'Configure', 'View', 'Logbook', and 'Help'. Below that, a large display shows '0.000' and various frequency-related fields like 'Freq 1500', 'On', 'Off 0927', 'In 599', 'Out 599', 'Cnty/Cntry', and 'Notes'. There are also fields for 'Call', 'Op', 'Az', 'St', 'Pr', and 'L'. The main area is a chat log with text from users like Duncan, Paul, and Dave, discussing missed calls, purchases, and antenna issues. At the bottom, there's a frequency spectrum display with various modes like 'RstID CQ', 'ANS H', 'QSO H', 'KX H', 'SK H', 'Me/Qth', 'Brag', 'T/R', 'Tx H', 'Rx H', and 'TX H'. The frequency scale ranges from 500 to 5500 kHz.

Tonight, we had a pretty good rollup. Logging in with Paul VK2AMT as VK2SRC were: Jo VK2ZJJ, Duncan VK2DLR and Phil VK2YGF. Jeff VK2NU was on 40 metres and Dave VK2ZDR logged in later on our 40m frequency also. It was good to hear Phil on a net and especially good to have Duncan back on deck also.

We QSY'd to 40 metres, 7.045 USB due to interference on 7.050. Fldigi and Olivia 8-500 mode. Noise at my QTH was S7 – S8. Duncan was strongest at S9 + 10dB and S/N ratio around +10dB. Jeff was S8 and -1 to +6. Dave was S9 and +4. Everyone used around 30 - 40 watts or so and that enabled everyone to be above the noise easily, with no scrambled characters. Topics discussed included travel and my suggestion that we drop the voice part of the Diginet and just start off on our frequency. I'm not sure about that yet, it's just an idea.

Dave got back from some necessary house duties for another round just as the final "73" round started. It was another good net with excellent band conditions. Thanks to all who participated and also to anyone who was receiving and decoding us.

- Cheers from VK2AMT (as VK2SRC).

Wednesday Net Report

- Paul VK2AMT

After the Mt Nardi net finished, Fred VK2YF, Andrew VK2XI and Jeff VK2NU joined me on 2 metres Parrots Nest for a test. Fred had only light path noise from Ballina and 5 watts, readability 5/5, Jeff was full scale but dropouts on the remote system led to half words going missing. Andrew was readability 5/5 with fairly heavy noise for the first over but dropped away to 2-3/5 for the next one. There is some evidence that the Parrots Nest signal dropped away.

Thursday: 2: Paul VK2AMT and Ian VK2FBDX.

Friday After Dark Net Report(s)

- Jeff VK2WSR and Andrew VK2XI

Last week's Friday After Dark Net numbers for Friday night 29-3-24 were 8. They were VK2WSR Jeff, VK2ZDR Dave, VK2UMA Mark, VK2XI Andrew, VK2MBJ Brian, VK4SRS Ross, VK2ARD Ross and VK2CVD Steven.

Conditions were good on 80m, with great contacts again. The topics included for discussion this Friday were the weather, Andrews portable antenna, remote radio use, Contacting the Mt Kaputar repeater and some of the footy over this Easter.

That'll be the news for this weeks net, we look forward to hearing your topic for discussions on Friday nights at 8pm VK2 time, 7pm in VK4 (only for 1 more week).

Cheers All. - Jeff VK2WSR

Friday After Dark Net numbers for Friday night 5-4-24.

A good rollout for the After Dark Net with 11 stations. The group consisted of Dave VK2ZDR, Jeff VK2WSR, Ralph VK4GCR, Tony VK2RI, Brian VK2MBJ, Peter VK4BT, Jim VK2YHP, Rod VK2TTL and myself VK2XI as VK2SRC. Band conditions were excellent and most signals were received without difficulties. Discussions included the current weather event, Leaches, RF noisy battery charges and the end to Daylight Saving for 2024.

We were informed 1/2 watt Shano VK2HAZ and Nathan VK4NJK were listing in via SDR's
The net closed at 8:50.

Thanks to all who joined in and the other SWL's.

- 73. Andrew VK2XI

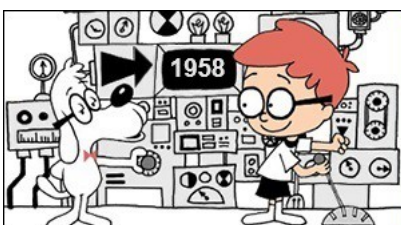
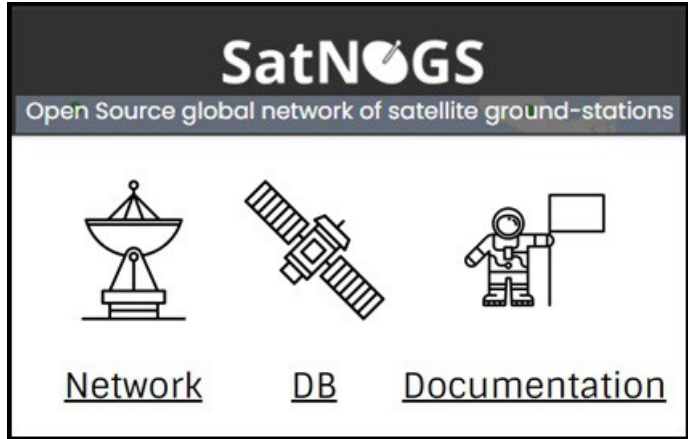
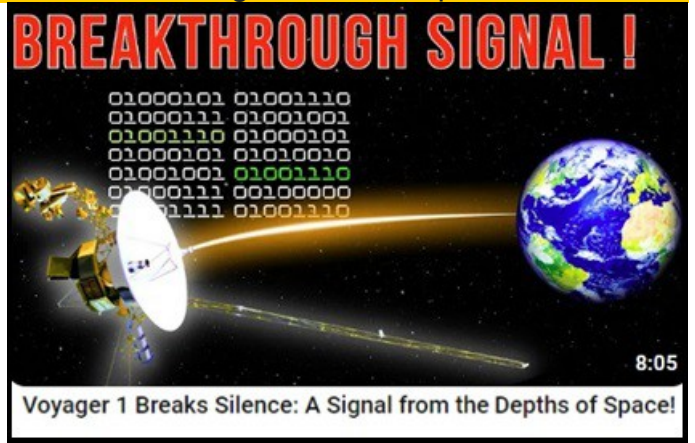
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January 14, 2022



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Forecast for East Lismore

	Tue. 9 Apr	Wed. 10 Apr	Thu. 11 Apr	Fri. 12 Apr	Sat. 13 Apr	Sun. 14 Apr
Max (°C)	28	25	24	23	25	25
Min (°C)	16	12	11	14	13	13
Chance of rain (%)	20	5	40	70	60	60
Rainfall range (mm)	0	0	0 to 1	0 to 4	0 to 2	0 to 2

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".....and this is what happens if the SWR is too high."