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UHF- 438.075 CTCSS 123Hz VK2RAG IRLP node: 6060

UHF VK2RTG 439.300 Voice Multimode

Morse (CW): 439.725

APRS: 145.175 - VK2AFY, VK2RAG

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Saturdays at the Club House

What is going on at our club house?

Most Saturdays members meet for a chat, a cuppa, and most importantly improving knowledge about our great interest—Amateur Radio. Questions? Geoff VK2ZC will fill you in. Starting time is around 10.30am—drop in for a few minutes or a few hours. It's your club—an informal time together with those who share your hobby.

Questions are asked and answered. Advice is shared. Information is picked up and an interesting time is shared.

◀ *“Antennas are fascinating, ... Does this widget go with the long thingy or what?”*

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 VHF (time out 3 Min) 146.725 Mhz
 UHF (time out 3 Min) 438.075 Mhz-123Hz tone
 IRLP 6060
 Morse Practice 439.725 Mhz
 Packet CCOAST 44.136.16.14
 1200 bps 439.150/434.150 Mhz Duplex
 APRS 145.175Mhz
 Non Linked UHF voice 439.950 (under construction)

VK2RTG (site: KARIONG, 150 Metres ASL)

ATV
 Vision Carrier In 1250 MHz Out 444.250 MHz
 Sound Carrier In 6.8 MHz +/- 75 KHz Out 449.75 MHz
 Polarity Horizontal
 Multimode 439.300/434.300 MHz Duplex,

VK2AFY (site: KARIONG)

APRS 145.175 MHz

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HELP NEEDED

Members please do not let the Club down; we need a Secretary **now**, not until after the next AGM, **but**

right now.

"" Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party/Club""

Field Day Snippets

- ⇒ Remember, all members, the Field Day is only **5 weeks after New Year's Day**, so please prepare yourselves for the great day.
- ⇒ Members if you wish to sell/dispose some of your radio gear at the Field Day, we need people to man the disposal stall. NO people to man the stall NO disposal! It is as simple as that. The sellers place their own value on the goods, the people only try to sell the gear.
- ⇒ We will have qualified people at the Field Day for Radio Licence examinations. If you know of any persons who wish to try, please contact President Col for further info.
- ⇒ We now have volunteers to erect and man the on-site Field Day radio station. Also we have new Call Sign (temp) for the day, this is a new and interesting feature for Radio Amateurs on the great Field Day.
- ⇒ Remember to visit the Central Coast Potters Society display adjacent to the tea/coffee counter.
- ⇒ **Ray still needs help with publicity for the Club and The Field Day. ph. 4325 2182.**

From the Editor

Please send any articles for publication to the Smoke Signals Editor:

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Did you Know?

East Coast Net

The East Coast Net is held on Wednesday night at 8:30 PM on 3.551 MHz.

This is a club based net started by members of the Central Coast Amateur Radio Club Inc.

It is a controlled net for three rounds and then changes to an open net.

With news and upcoming events in our local area, as well as abroad, the net has participants from New Zealand and other states of Australia as well as the locals.

All are welcome.

For any enquiries contact Paul, VK2HMY on the Sommersby 2m repeater on e-mail at VK2HMY@hotkey.net.au.

Disclaimer

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President's Report

Please note, as we go to press the position of CCARC secretary is still unfilled (to quote Charlie Brown, **ARRGH !!**).

We need, again, to thank Geoff (VK2ZC) who, by now, has taken the minutes of the last two business meetings.

Thanks are extended to Fred (VK2FSP) who has taken the position of Membership Secretary. New members who have not yet received their Club Badges please advise Fred so the matter can be addressed.

We also have a new CCARC Webmaster, Greg (VK2NGE). Greg has accepted an extension of his responsibilities from oversight of the Field Day webpage to coordinating the whole of our website. Thanks Greg.

Following the CCARC Committee's decision in a 'phone in, VK2IIR is now VK2WFD (obviously for use during the Field Day, <Wyong Field Day>)

The festive season is upon us again as club activities appear to ease off, we usually have no lecture for December, while meeting attendances also decrease slightly. This may give the appearance of a decrease in activity but there is still work going on behind the scenes.

Maintenance and trouble shooting continues at our repeater sites.

Secretarial, Treasury and Presidential duties continue unabated.

The Field Day Committee effort increases as the FD date approaches. The allocation of display areas and the preparation of entry passes for example.

Naturally best wishes for this festive season are extended to all CCARC members and their families, wishing one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Remember, Good Will to All is a prerequisite for Peace on Earth.

Cheers,
Col,
VK2ZCO

NEWS

How often have you said "I must get around to fixing that up.?"

It is noted that we still have some unfinancial members of the Club. If you do not wish to belong that is your right, however we will miss you.

These members have now been sent their last (rites)

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Morse for Horse and Course

Years ago "out-side" race broadcasts were performed from race courses where telegraphists transmitted the race event to the broadcast station.

There an announcer, using studio props, turned the broadcast "live".

The source of this poem was probably the Morsecodians.

I first heard this poem in 1955

VK2ZCO



Comming Round the Bend "Spru" Spruham

I well remember Charlie Teede,
Who used to word the races;
No need, indeed, to ask the speed,
He'd pace it with the pacers.
Lord help the man who "broke" him once
Or questioned his "creations";
On him a flood of scorn was turned
The atmosphere with brimstone burned,
And Pitman, green with envy, squirmed
At his abbreviations ...

THE FIELD GOT WL AWA TO TI
& AS TY SETTLED DWN
THE SCHICER 1ST T BK TE LI
WAS FLWD BI JO BROWN.
IN CLOSE PROXIM WS TRIED TIM
TN CME ARBTRATN
BHND TE BUNCH WS CNTR LUNCH
GD LUCK & HI TAXATN
TY WHISSED ALNG (and so did Charles)
WTOUT TE LEAST CESSATN.
C R T B TE TOPWT JUMPED
& GOT ON TRMS WI SHICR,
WO TN & TRE HS BUNDL DUMPD
WN LABLD HM A TWICER.
I scrambled after Charlie
Like a trailer round the bend
then gave OK - but queried:
C R T B U SEND.
NOW WHAT IS THAT IN AID OF?
ENLARGE A BIT MY FRIEND.

The sounder nearly hit the roof
As Charlie scorched the line.
U ORT T B ON TE RABTPROOF
OR UP AT DOODLEKINE.
CHASIN PODDIES RND TE YD
SHD B UR CHF PASTIME.
T TNK U CDNT WRK IT OUT
IT NRLY MKES ME SIK

FANCI A MAN WHO CALLS HMSLF
A TGST ASKG TT
A RECORD O S VACUUM
IS LOCATED NEATH UR HAT
D U WANT IT IN OILS SI LAMBERT?
OR CARVD ON A MARBL STONE?
OLE WINJA MORTILL CD TKE IT
& UD NEVER HR A MOAN,
NOT SPELT OUT LI IVE DUN FR U
BT CUT DWN TO TE BONE
WL I MST SA ITS TE BST DSPLA
OF IGNRCE IVE HRD
O ALL TE SQUTRS IN W A
UR CRTNLI TE BIRD.
& ANI HRSH REMKS IVE MIST
TY ALL ON B INFERD
C R T B, ITS KNOWN BY ROTE
WT WD U HA ME SND?
ITS CMG RND TE BND, U GOAT
COMMING ROUND THE BEND!

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