

TREC—NEWS

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The Leading Amateur
Radio Club in
Far North Queensland.

Coming events

August 2011

Weekend 13/14th.

FNERA communications support at Tepon Equestrian Centre. John VK4TL coordinator. (Night ride)

Weekend 13/14th.

Remembrance day contest and VP day at Rocky Creek War Memorial? *(To be confirmed)*

Saturday 20th.

Club social get-together 1000 hrs _ "Show & Tell" followed by a General meeting at 1100. 2011/2012 membership fees to be set.

September 2011

Weekend 3rd/4th.

FNERA communications support at Ravenshoe. John VK4TL coordinator.

Saturday 10th.

Annual General Meeting. To be held at the Mareeba Heritage Museum *(venue to be confirmed)* Members will be advised of time and catering details well before the meeting.

Weekend 25th/26th.

FNERA communications support at Tepon Equestrian Centre. John VK4TL coordinator.

The Editor's Desk

Start planning now for a couple of events coming up soon -firstly the TREC AGM to be held this year at the Mareeba Heritage Museum. The AGM will be followed by lunch and a tour of the museum with Ron VK4EMF showing off the XQA Spark Gap transmitter display.

The North Queensland Convention is being held in Charters Towers this year, full details below.

73 & Travel Well - Dale VK4DMC.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

G'day TREC members.

Contests and field days, great times for club members to get together, practice setting up a station and operating outside our normal circumstances.

TREC has operated the VK4WAT call sign in all previous outings, we now have a second call sign to use **VK4XQA**.

VK4XQA will be used for special event operation, all these contests field days and special events are going to need organization and coordination !

In my opinion this job can not be undertaken by one person.

I think TREC needs a contest and field day committee, do we have any volunteers, suggestions?

My email is vk4sdd@dodo.com.au please let me know what you think, I hope we have enough interest to formalise a committee at the next club meeting.

That's all for this month.

Try out a band that you have not previously used it may become a favourite.

Cheers

Stu VK4SDD

THE NORTH QUEENSLAND AMATEUR RADIO CONVENTION

The 2011 Convention is being held from Friday evening 16th September until Sunday afternoon 18th September in Charters Towers.

This will be the 20th time the Convention has been held - 38 years of showcasing Amateur Radio in North Queensland.

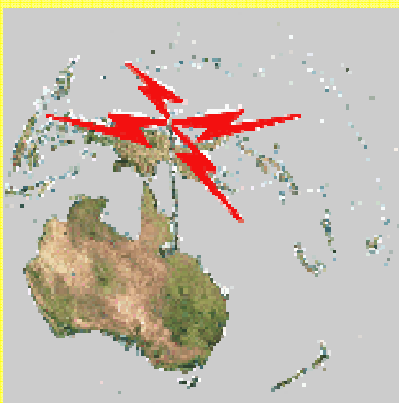
The Convention is dedicated to the spirit of trailblazers in the hobby, whether it be the technical, operational or policy areas of Radio Technology.

The Convention will be hosting such diverse activities as:

- * Technical lectures
- * Trade displays by manufacturers, dealers, and special interest groups
- * Demonstrations of several facets of the hobby including Direction finding, computer enhanced communications and long distance communications
- * Social functions
- * Display of self-made equipment and handicrafts
- * Future planning talks
- * Used equipment sales and monster auction

For further information and registration forms go to:

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1900 –1930 VK4RTA repeater 146.675 - offset

THURSDAY
1930 - 2030 Henry Fulford—Tom Debel Memorial net
3.588MHz



SMILE AWHILE



Some amusing sayings.

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.

How is it that one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Some people are like Slinkies ... not really good for anything, but you can't help smiling when you see one tumble down the stairs.

Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.

A bank is a place that will lend you money, if you can prove that you don't need it.

Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says "If an emergency, notify:" I put "DOCTOR".

If I agreed with you we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

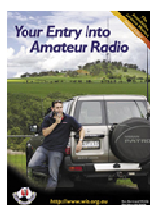
The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on the list.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening', and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.



Foundation Manuals.
TREC has copies of the WIA Foundation Manuals on hand.
\$20.00 ea.
Contact VK4DMC

WIA News.

www.wia.org.au



RADIO AMATEUR KILLED IN TOWER COLLAPSE ACCIDENT

Story from WIA news 31 July 2011.

A Hot Springs, South Dakota ham radio operator was killed and another seriously injured Saturday, July 16th. This after a communications tower they were helping dismantle was blown over by a gust of wind.

According to Fall River County emergency manager Frank Maynard, Tim Anderson, K0OR, died of his injuries at Rapid City Regional Hospital shortly after arriving by Life Flight helicopter. The second man, Tom Embree, NC0K, also of Hot Springs, was also flown to Rapid City Regional Hospital where surgery was performed Sunday. He remains in serious condition.

The men were helping their amateur radio club remove a 110 foot high tower on the top of a near-by peak known as Gull Hill. The tower was no longer in use, and the owner had offered it to the radio club, which was going to move it to a new location.

News reports say that several other radio club members were on the ground at the time of the accident. They had taken down all but the final 30 foot section of the tower and were just beginning to release some guy wires when a gust of wind blew the tower over with the two men still on it and then collapsed on them.

Both Anderson and Embree are members of the Hot Springs Amateur Radio Club. Hot Springs is located about 60 miles south of Rapid City. At the time of his death, Anderson was the club's president.

This story is a timely reminder to all to take care when working at heights.

Surfin the web

AC6V's Amateur Radio & DX Reference guide
700 Amateur Radio Topics – 6000 links and 123 pages from antennas to zones.

<http://www.ac6v.com/>

VHF—QUA

6 Metres.

A very quiet month on the magic band this month with little activity being reported.

2 Metres/70cms. and 23cms.

2 and 70 also very quiet during the month with mainly NQ stations being worked from the Atherton area.

The usual early morning get together on 144.125 with 4FNQ, 4AFC, 4FLJS, VK4ME, VK4FBLU, VK4FMAG, VK4FRJG, VK44BEG, VK4ARQ, VK4FP and VK4DMC continues, Drop in and say G'day around 2130 UTC. Activity can also be found on 144.115 some mornings around 2000 UTC

Gary VK4FD rebuilds his KPA-500 amplifier.



Hmmmm! lots of wires here.



Ahhhh this looks like where it goes.



Starting to look good now.



Now for the front panel.



Wow! It all came together.



Now for the ultimate test—power on.

Yay!! NO SMOKE!