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The Leading Amateur
Radio Club in
Far North Queensland.

Coming events

November 2011

Weekend 26th/27th.

Spring VHF/UHF Field Day

Field day activity-portable operation 24 hour station. Members on roster at Hallorans Hill

December 2011

Saturday 3rd

End of year/Xmas function at Tolga hotel. Snoopy will be our quiz master.

Saturday 17th.

Club Social get-together 1000hrs — Show and Tell at clubrooms, followed by a management committee meeting.

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The Editor's Desk

G'day all,

It's been a busy month at the DMC QTH lately, new solar system installed, painting and fund raising for the Queensland Cancer Council. Not a lot of time to play radio but I did work the CQWW contest, great fun and challenging to break through the huge dog-piles. QRO sure helped.

Listen out for VK4WAT in the Spring VHF/UHF contest 26/27 November. Call in and give us some numbers.

73 & Travel Well - Dale VK4DMC.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

G'day TREC members.

As I write this TREC is in the middle of the CQWW contest we have a number of individual members operating from their own QTH and at the end of the contest the logs will be combined and submitted on behalf of the club, I happen to be one of the operators.

People that know me know I only participate in contests as a club activity but this time, operating from home has exposed me to contesting in a different way, and I'm not to proud to say it is a lot of fun (and hard work if you want to get decent scores)!!

It is amazing how a contest can affect the propagation, before the start time not a signal can be heard, but come contest start time the bands come alive, amazing coincident?????

Now for something a little more serious, its coming up to cyclone season up here in the north, we should all be prepared for what could eventuate if a storm hits!!!

Make sure your emergency kit and supplies are in good order.

That's all for this month I'm going back to call CQ CONTEST.

Get on the radio and have some fun,

Cheers

Stu VK4SDD

TREC CHRISTMAS/BREAK-UP PARTY.

The 2011 TREC Christmas / Break-up party will be held at the Tolga Hotel on Saturday 3rd. December starting with pre-dinner drinks and nibbles at 1200 hrs. The main meal will be from the extensive menu in the lounge.

After gorging ourselves on the scrumptious fare there will be time to relax before another great "TREC TRIVIA CHALLENGE"

Gary VK4FD (Snoopy) is our quiz guru this year. There will be a prize for the winning team so brush up on your trivia knowledge, you can bet Snoopy is!



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SMILE AWHILE

The Coat Hanger"



A woman was at work when she received a phone call that her small daughter was very sick with a fever.

She left her work and stopped by the pharmacy to get some medication. She got back to her car and found that she had locked her keys in the car. She didn't know what to do, so she called home and told the baby sitter what had happened. The baby sitter told her that the fever was getting worse. She said,

"You might find a coat hanger and use that to open the door."

The woman looked around and found an old rusty coat hanger that had been left on the ground, possibly by someone else who at some time had locked their keys in their car. She looked at the hanger and said, "I don't know how to use this."
She bowed her head and asked God to send her help.

Within five minutes a beat up old motorbike pulled up, with a dirty, greasy, bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag on his head.

The woman thought, "This is what you sent to help me?" But, she was desperate, so she was also very thankful.

The man got off of his bike and asked if he could help.

She said, "Yes, my daughter is very sick. I stopped to get her some medication and I locked my keys in my car. I must get home to her.. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said, "Sure." He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was opened.

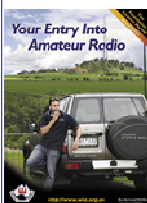
She hugged the man and through her tears she said, "Thank you So Much! You are a very nice man."

The man replied, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison today. I was in prison for car theft and have only been out for about an hour."

The woman hugged the man again and with sobbing tears cried out loud,

"Oh, thank you God! You even sent me a Professional!!!!"

Is - GOD GOOD - or what!!!!???



Foundation Manuals.

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

Contact VK4DMC

WIA News.

www.wia.org.au



WIA National Field Day 2012

The dates of the next WIA National Field Day is the weekend of the 14th and 15th of April 2012. Providing two days of possible operation will support club requests for some flexibility to suit their local community with operation on either the Saturday or Sunday. This is not suggesting that the clubs would need to operate their displays over the two days unless they wanted to.



Advertising material will require a little customising by local clubs to match the times and date of the local activity. Acknowledging valuable feedback from clubs, some changes to the rules and guidelines of the 2012 event will be advised to support the two days of operation of this event as it is certainly not a traditional AR contest. The rewarding or recognition of clubs who take pride in their preparation and presentation will still be encouraged.

The objective of the WIA National Field Day is to positively place the hobby of amateur radio in front of the general public, to provide various clubs with an opportunity to promote their activities and increase the awareness of amateur radio training opportunities, either via the local clubs or the amateur radio fraternity as a whole.

Expressions of Interest - WIA NFD Committee

The event will continue to be coordinated and managed by a small committee. In September, interested parties were invited to express their interest in joining this committee. Please forward your expression of interest via your state WIA Advisory Committee members prior to the 28th of October 2011. The chair of each Advisory Committee is asked to forward these nominations during the first week of November to the WIA office. Former committee members are welcome to nominate if they wish to continue in this role.

Surfin the web

A Hams guide to RFI, Ferrites, Baluns, and Audio interfacing.

<http://audiosystemsgroup.com/RFI-Ham.pdf>

VHF—QUA

6 Metres. (The Magic Band)

The band opened up again on many days during October with contacts being heard and worked from China, Japan, Hawaii US and southern VK areas.

2 Metres/70cms. and 23cms.

2 and 70 still 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, 4BKs, 4FLJS, VK4FBLU, VK4FMAG, VK4FRJG, VK44BEG, VK4ARQ, VK4FP and VK4DMC.

Drop in and say G'day around 2130 UTC. Activity can also be found on 144.115 some mornings around 2000 UTC

TREC on air for the CQ World-wide contest

CQWW SSB TREC RESULTS (from Jeff VK4BOF - contest coordinator)

TREC has claimed a total points score of 575282 points in the recent CQ World Wide SSB contest.

This was achieved through the efforts of Jeff - VK4BOF, John - VK4TL, Stuart - VK4SDD & Dale - VK4DMC

Their individual scores were as follows: Jeff 131066 points (20,15,10M only with 100Watts), John 32370 points (15M only with 400Watts), Stuart 158046 points (20, 15 & 10M only with 400Watts) & Dale with 253800 points (80, 40, 20, 15 & 10M only with 400Watts).

The individual logs are on hand at BOF HQ and will be sent on later today after processing and error checking.

I would personally like to thank my fellow contest ops, This is an excellent result for our first foray into CQWW.

In the future I'd like to see CQWW SSB become a part of our clubs activities during each year. (Time will tell I guess)



Stu VK4SDD hard at it



John VK4TL tuning around for CQWW calls with his K3



Dale VK4DMC logging yet another CQWW contact.



Jeff VK4BOF outlining the CQWW rules at the TREC meeting a couple of days before the contest.

TREC members — out and about.



L to R John (VK4TL), Chris (VK4YCG) and Dave (VK4DK) listening to Art's (VK4GO) presentation on APRS at the last TREC meeting.



L to R Martin (VK4FMJR), Jeff (VK4FBBB), Baden (VK4FMAC), Les (VK4FLJS) and John (VK4TL) also paying attention to Arts presentation.

John's (VK4TL) homebrew ATU in the foreground

This little snippet from Jeff VK4BOF

Happy Birthday to 'The Dish' (aka Parkes Radio Telescope)

50 years ago this week Parkes celebrated the beginning of operations of its wonderful dish.

(And speaking from experience, yes you can do the EME thing with on 2M with it!)

