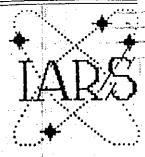


THE PROPAGATOR



ILLAWARRA AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, (EXCEPT JANUARY) AT 7.30.PM. AT THE STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES . BUILDING , IN MONTAGUE STREET , NORTH WOLLONGONG VISITORS ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING'S .

PAGER ORM RAMPANT

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May Committee Meeting

were received Treasurer Dave from VK2VAV who reported a healthy financial state and from Mike VK2DFK on printing supplies.

Graeme VK2CAG had a pile of repeater business which is detailed in the repeater report.

Discussion took place on the moving of the Digipeater from High Range to Mt Murray.

the LOTTO FUND RAISING SYSTEM which is now due to start the third series.

INTERFERENCE PAGER was also discussed and DOC is now taking action on this matter.

Jim VK2EJH reported C.A.C. is the progressing with Incorporation.

May Monthly Meeting attended the May monthly meeting , a ragchew meeting. reported that the C.A.C. lots of information had returned our articles flying about and a of incorporation for pleasant evening of incorporation for alterations and minor have been they resubmitted.

Lyle VK2ALU reported that Oscar 10 will be available with restrictions on useage. One member who travels a long distance to attend the occasional meeting is VK2QU Jim Bainbridge who has moved to the Wodonga Jim was staying at Engadine so managed to attend the May meeting and enjoy a ragchew with old friends.

Some discussion took place about pager noise on VHF highlighting the members need for submit LOG extracts Graeme or a Committee member if. action needed.

There being Forty members and guests speaker arranged for the Dave VK2VAV/YKQ session then ensued with concluded with the usual cuppa and biscuits.

JUNE MEETING

speaker at the meeting will be June VK2JTB Tom Brown who will speak on tower design, construction and welding.

PAGER INTERFERENCE.

Members wanting club action on pager interference should submit copies of log extracts to Graeme VK2CAG or a Committee Member. Both 146.850. 147, 275. have recently been affectted by pager operations.

F.R.L. 3. BEINIT.

NEXT LOTTO

The next lotto (fund raising list No 3) will start with the first lotto draw in July (Monday 6th July). Come along to the June meeting and hand over \$25 (or part thereof).

This next scheme will run for twenty-five weeks (not twenty-six as before).

Members who were fully paid up on the last lotto scheme will be given preference for the same number they had in the last scheme, but it's strictly first-come first-served, so get in early.

These lotto schemes are our only means of fund raising - if you do not patronise them, then you cannot expect the club to provide YOU with the services you want (Repeaters, Propagator posted before the meetings, etc.)

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PAGER INTERFERENCE.

Both of our 2 metre repeaters have been suffering from interference by high power paging transmitters for some time now. It started on 7275 on 24/7/86 and has continued to date. It is not destructive interference, in that it is not strong enough to interfere while the repeater is in use, but it causes the repeater to trigger dozens of times a day and give out bleeps and blurts which is very annoying to anyone who is monitoring the channel.

6850 has been affected since 3/3/87 by pager interference of a different kind. This is destructive interference, as it obliterates signals from legitimate users of the repeater as well as putting out clearly audible messages. The particular transmitter responsible has been heard by a number of amateurs

on other repeaters and on simplex channels on 2 metres.

Now we have all heard a lot about pager interference to 2 metre repeaters in general, and almost all of the other clubs experiencing trouble have their repeater co-sited with the offending pager. In these cases, even if both the amateur repeater and the paging transmitter are well within specifications, trouble is to be expected because of the close proximity both distance and frequency wise of the two units. However, our situation is different. Neither of our repeaters is within kilometres of the offending pager transmitters. It is obvious then that the pagers have problems.

At the last committee meeting the problem was discussed at length, an as a result a letter has been written to the DOC containing logs and description of the interference. This appears to be all we can do officially about it.

Up to the date of writing, the interference has persisted on both repeaters and its starting to make people ANGRY! The source of interference is known, as I have done my own investigations. In the case of 7275, the culprit is located at Brokers Nose above Corrimal. Its carrier is 148.4125 MHz and has a low but constant level spurious output on 147.875 which is our repeater's input freq. It is run by Telecom, and DOC has informed me that Telecom will be notified of the problem and requested to fix it. This happened a couple of weeks ago, and given that the problem has been there for 10 months now, another wait while Telecom gets onto the job won't make much difference. Anyone in our club who works at Telecom who can pull a bit harder on those strings of red tape would be doing the rest of us a service.

The culprit upsetting 6850 is on 148.815 MHz and is located at Knight's Hill and is run by Illawarra Paging. (I didn't have to be Sherlock Holmes to deduce that... they identify regularly through our repeater!). Now the firm who is responsible for it, the technician who installed it, the local office of the DOC all know about the problem. It seems that everyone knows but nobody is doing anything about it. Consider what would happen it our repeater was causing the same problem to a licenced commercial user of a VHF channel (or lots of channels, as in this case!). I wonder how long our repeater would be allowed to run rampant with spurious signals before some sort of action was taken? I hereby make a similar appeal to anyone in our club who has dealings with Illawarra Paging to have something done 'through the back door'. Otherwise I feel that it is our duty to ring them up every time their messages are heard through our repeater and let them know that their messages are being heard by dozens of people other than the intended recipient. I don't think their customers would be too happy about the situation if they knew. Another thing, surely it must be a breach of regulations to continue operating a defective transmitter in a manner that causes destructive interference to another licenced service Incidentally, the problem is plainly visible on a spectrum analyzer located some two kilometres from the transmitter. The spurii vary in frequency as the transmitter warms up, and there are several of them. CONTINUED PAGE 5

TINK ABT IT

Can you see yourself as foreman material?
Well perhaps not but you could function in a position on the Club's Committee. Election time is just around the corner so give it some thought as to how you can contribute to the running

of your Club for the next 12 Months. It is not hard and usually only takes two tuesday nights Month with the General meeting the on second tuesday of the Month a Committee meeting next week. Fresh faces always appreciated (along with a few not fresh) in the lineup.

If you think you are unsuitable, surely you could nominate someone else in the Club.

THINK ABOUT IT.

A PLEA.

If any person interested in being Co-ordinator for Sunday evening nets on 80 metres, we would be glad to hear from you . much is involved. All you need is a rig on 80 metre SSB capable of antenna (preferably that works). The person involved would, hopefully only have to run net once a Month or even less if enough people can be coerced. A roster will have to be drawn up for Months, the next 12 now is a good time to think about it. See Tony VK2ENX, at the meeting, or on air Sunday evenings if you are interested.

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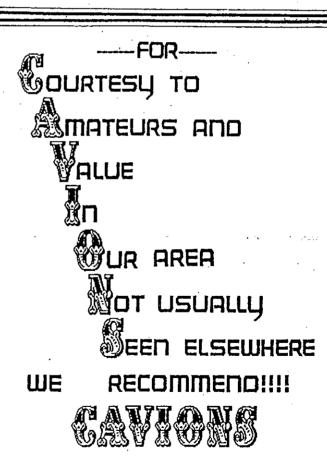
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TO ALL OUR CLUB MEMBERS. Satellite Notes - June 1987 (prepared 21/5/87)

Permission was given early this month for the use of the Oscar10 transponder for general communications as from the 15th May, by which time it would have recovered to a large extent from the long eclipse period earlier in the year. However, as the on-board computer is unservicable, due to damage from ionised particles, there appears to be no easy way to determine the attitude of the satellite and thus to know when to expect best operating conditions.

When I have made checks, in the MA30 to 80 part of the orbit, I have found its beacon signal strength to be down to 2 to 3 "S" points above noise. VE7BBG has told me that he has found it to be better around MA 180 to MA 220 and has made several contacts, using his 20 foot dia. dish. This has provided S7 to S8 signal reports! I have heard a few stations on, prior to apogee, but they were not of any great signal strength. I plan to make checks this weekend at around MA200 to compare conditions then.

Stations using Oscar10 have been requested to keep their power level down until the battery voltage is fully recovered (and remember normal power level to use is that which will provide "echos" at about the same signal strength as that of the beacon) Also, as the transponder is now permanently switched on, only use it between MA 030 and MA220 as the satellite is in the shadow of the Earth for a time each orbit, near perigee.

The launch of the Phase 3C satellite has suffered further delay because of the continuing series of problems being experienced by the Ariane rocket program.

The FO12 satellite Packet Mailbox operation is expected to be available for use soon.

Lyle VK2ALU.







RECIPROCITY WITH JAPAN ->

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Under recently announced regulations, holders of the Novice Licence will, by application, be able to use VHF in the band 144 Mhz on all the modes presently available to full call amateurs.

In addition, Novices Licence holders will have access to the 160 metre and 7 Mhz bands again with all the modes presently available to fully licensed amateurs, although there is a frequency restriction on both these bands.

There will be a 10 watt limit - the present Australian Licence allows 30 watts on SSB. Operation on 10Mhz and on 14Mhz will not, however, be permitted.

Gaining the concessions will be easy and all that will be required is a simple application and the presentation of your Novice Licence and some other relevant documents. No further examination is required.

The privileges were announced earlier in the year - 25 February to be exact, but the details have only just been received. They apply only to those radio amateurs who already hold a valid DOC Novice Licence.

And this isn't all Limited Licensees have not been forgotten.

Holders of the Limited Licence also will have access to <u>all bands</u>

using all modes except A1A and A1B with the exclusion of 10 and 14 Mhz. Again the power limit will be 10 watts for any mode of transmission.

The above conditions, long sought after by groups within the ranks of both novice and limited grades has been just as strongly opposed by full call licensees.

The cry has always "why give them been, bands when they extra haven't passed the full licence examination?" The fact that limited licensees could have almost all the band presently privileges enjoyed by unlimited licence holders will cause no end ofdiscussion among those who have struggled hard with the CW tests.

In like manner, the idea of novices having R.T.T.Y. facilities on half the 2 metre band as well as all other privileges is likely to raise a few eyebrows.

Novices have campaigned long and hard for such conditions, knowing that in Y2 and some other European call areas, the first band used by novices is the 2 metre band.

Now. supposing you are a Novice or Limited callsign holder, you will want to know how you can advantage oftake operation on all these frequencies. you will not Remember, new have to do a examination.

The newly announced reciprocal licensing agreement with Japan allows holders of a current DOC licence the issuing of a reciprocal licence from the Jadministration.

A news release from the JARL announces that the unrestricted (FULL CALL) Australian Licence will entitle its holder to 1st class licence conditions with 50 watts power limit.

Amateurs intending taking advantage of the new arrangements for the granting of a reciprocal licence in Japan will be handled by the JARL.

Documents required are:

- 1. Completed station information from JARL-86-01.
- 2. Signed letter of attorney allowing JARL to submit the application on your behalf.
- 3. A photocopy of the photograph page of your passport or equivalent proof of citizenship.
- 4. A photocopy of your current amateur radio licence.
- 5. An international money order for funds due or a copy of a bank transfer documenting the funds have been transferred to JARL.

So, if you want all those bands and modes set out on the front page, ticket and your get passport ready and make sure that your application reaches JARL at least 60 days before your arrival Japan.

Full details of the VK/J reciprocal licensing arrangements are available at the Club.
Taken from WESTLAKES Amateur Club newsletter.

Now for something more interesting.

The UHF 8725 repeater at Sublime Point has been fixed and was put back into service on Sunday 24/5/87. The fault was caused by moisture condensation on the transmitter control logic board. A small spot of corrosion between two tracks of the board stopped the PTT voltage from going high enough to fully turn the transmitter on. This repeater has never been touched since it was installed in June 1983. Not a bad record for reliability! Its output and sensitivity had degraded, but came up to normal after re-alignment.

The packet digipeater VK2BFI-1 failed about the second week in May. I went up to High Range om 16/5/87 to check it out. Water had entered the shack and a small amount had entered the TNC box causing the TX timer to fail, preventin the transmitter from keying. As soon as it was dried out it worked normally. However, it had been at High Range on test to determine whether it would serve the Illawarra district from that location, since there was power on site, and other considerations making it an attractive proposition.. But with a number c new packet stations in this area recently started up not having a good path to High Range, we decided to re-locate the digi to Mt. Murray, where it was orig-

inally proposed to go.

During the last week the digi at Mt. Murray has proved to be a real winner for packet operators on the coast. It seems that every packet station in this area can access it, and it has a good path to the Sydney packet repeater VK2RF and stations in Sydney's West and the Blue Mountains. This is the link we have been needing to get our packet signals reliably into Sydney and the wild blue yonder! Two problems were expected with the co-siting of the two repeaters. First, the interference between them, being separated by only one megahertz, and second, the energy situation, both repeaters being run from the same solar As it happens, in one weeks operation the battery voltage has reached maximum during the days and has been well above the minimum in the early morn ing. So far its looking good, and it is being monitored closely. On the inter ference side, the problem was not as bad as expected. There is a small amount of de-sensing between each repeater, but not noticeable unless input signals are weak. Filters are being constructed to overcome this. (We are re-cycling the old cavities ex-Sublime Point from pre-duplexer days)

So the future for Mt. Murray digipeater (callsign VK2RAW) Looks promising. The battery capacity has been increased to 150AH. A change of aerial from dipole to Ringo, fitting of cavity filters, and close monitoring of the energ situation will keep us out of the pub for the next month. If any problem does arise with energy or unforseen happenings, then 6850 will be given priority

and the digipeater will be switched off.

At present the digipeater runs half the power, has half the aerial height and much less aerial gain compared with 6850, so a fair difference in signal

strength can be expected between the two repeaters.

The Southern Highlands Club deserve our thanks for being host to the digipeater and for giving our repeater committee access to their site during the test period. Another digipeater is destined for High Range in the near future to be sponsored by a Sydney packet group, so the link which our digi establis ed between Sydney and Canberra will not be missed for long.

On the 6850 re-build project, we have purchased a surplus 25 wattaVHF high band transceiver which was used in duplex configuration in commercial service It is solid state, has separate TX and RX boards, capable of being re-housed suitable RF proof boxes. The TX/RX separation was originally 5 MHz. so there quite a good deal of work to be done before it will work as a 2 metre repeate However, the gear is old (its an AWA repeater version of the model 25M), and if anyone has a more modern unit to dispose of, please don't wait too long to tell us because work should start on this unit in a couple of months.

WOMBAT BITES THE DUST???

SYDNEY AMATEUR'S LICENCE CANCELLATION

Taken from W. A. R. C.

The . following release is for the Wireless Institute Broadcast:

David Wardlaw, President Wireless Institute of Australia, today congratulated the Department Communications വ succesfull action help clean up the Sydney voice repeaters.

"It Was unfortunate" said David "that a very small minority persisted using foul abusive language on air. Apart from being offence under the Radio Communications Act. was a real abuse of the privileges Amateur Service. "

David Wardlaw went to say that amateur operators refraining from using the repeaters rather suffer offensive behaviour.

The Wireless Institute's 51st Annual Convention has some time discussing this decline in behaviour on Amateur Bands.

Advice was received Mr Robert Lear, that VK2ASZ, was issued with a notice of cancellation of his licence Thursday 30th April 1987

The Department of Communications have also expressed their concern

about the level of antisocial behaviour by some operators amateur Sydney.

"The Department Communications has acted on our complaints" David (C) is the "This first licence cancelled Radio the under the new Communications Act and the behalf ofInstitute I would like extend our appreciation the the Radio work of Inspectors involved and Dr David Wardlaw, we hope that this action Federal President, will act as a deterrent all those amateurs wilfully disrupt repeater operations".

David Wardlaw said the investigation that the conducted had been extremely quietly. "Todays announcement of the action taken is real relief to those who were so upset and constant the disruption our

conclusion At the Convention the this discussions on following topic, the resolution was carried unanimously:

"That this convention recommends:

- The Institute (A) supports education appropriate operating techniques and conduct within training courses,
- Institute The (B) publishes

distributes information statements on operating and conduct. techniques

This information should, wherever practical, incorporated within available widely "Getting on the Air" information package.

This institute strongly recommends members to support DOC in whatever manner in its efforts to control blatant and offenders serious ' against long standing codes of conduct.

Wireless Institute Australia. 2nd May 1987.

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ANOTHER PLEA... woulds-VK2CAG, Graeme like anyone who has surplus gear who may in interested contributing towards the VK2RAW, upgrade of contact him as soon repeater possible. This is a very well known one covers a very large Persons have even known to access been from Newcastle using handheld from inside <u>help</u>in house...Please this worthwhile cause (if you can of course).

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ON THE CALL-BACKS I.A.R.S. CLUB BROADCAST OF THE STATION VK2AMW/P on 147.275. VHF. were:-VK2BIT-VK2CAG-Graeme, VK2EJH-Jim, Peter. VK2EXN-Ian, VK2IU-Ralph, VK2KCV-Pat, VK2MT-Rob. VK2ENX-Tony, VK2KHE-Peter VK2ALU-Lyle, VK2DF-Len. VK2EMV-Morry. and 3.562 Mhz. VK2HQ-Frank. _____******

ON THE NET: Sunday 24th May:

VK2EBI-Kevin Co-ordinator VK2MT-Rob, VK2NNJ-John, VK2IU-Ralph, VK2FDU-Paul, VK4???

Also a good roll up on the 10th of May but have no info ???????

I would like to thank the members who have been kind enough to supply some material for use in the PROPAGATOR.

TNX the Editor.





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The system operates in the 800 Mhz band and uses a series of transmit receive units which each send and receive in a radius or cell of from 2.Km to 12.Km according to population density.

Already in use .cellular overseas the system has each cell linked to performance monitoring equipment and a central computer which into the normal taps telephone system. As the vehicle moves from one cell to the next the monitoring equipment switches calls to the cell with the strongest signal!

The system also provides for diverting calls back through the phonepatch computer to another number by entering codes on the mobile unit.

Available now Sydney and Melbourne and other : Capital Cities for a mere \$3600 soon, Telecom fees of plus \$600 per year plus calls the motorist can have a which phone vehicle to the normal connects system and phone near perfect provides

coverage throughout the City. by the Editor. VK2JT.

100 YEARS SINCE

This month is the one hundredth anniversary of the first successful demonstration of transfer of energy through air by electrical waves.

Heinrich Hertz used a primitive spark transmitter to energise a resonant coil a few inches away causing a spark across a tiny spark gap on the receiving coil.

This was a first step in wireless transmission and while only a laboratory demonstration was a breakthrough in proving the theories of Maxwell that electrical waves would travel through space.

Hertz died in 1894 without wireless waves being developed for practical purposes. Guglielmo Marconi read of Hertz's experiments in his obituary and set out to develop the Hertzian waves.

Marconi then progressed from sending waves to an adjacent room to two-way communication across the English Channel in 1898 and would have to be regarded as the main developer of early practical radio.

Hertz's name was adopted internationally as a frequency unit of one cycle per second as a belated tribute to Hertz in the mid 1900's.

This confounded those of us who had grown up on Kay Cees and

Megs and had to switch (KAY CEES) to Hertz.

I suppose Giga - Marconis would have been worse.

The probability of as much change and development in the next 100 years is quite a thought.

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GODOOOOR BLIMEY NOW I HAVE SEEN AT AL TOM

THE STORY OF AUSSAT

AUSSAT -The Australian Satellite System

(Part: 1)

AUSSAT, the Australian national satellite system, will provide a wide range of services across Australia, including it's offshore islands, with some potential capacity for Papua New Guinea. Domestic services include direct television & sound broadcasting distribution & relay, digital data transmission & centralised air traffic control services.

AUSSAT Pty Ltd, in May 1982, signed a contract with Hughes Communications International, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hughes Aircraft Company, to manufacture three satellites & two telemetry, tracking, command & monitoring stations. The

contract also provided for launch & operational services & ground support.

Two Satellites have to now been launched. AUSSAT 1 was launched from the U.S. Space Shuttle "Discovery" on 28 August, 1985. This was followed 4 months later, on 27 November, 1985 by AUSSAT 2, which was carried aloft by Space Shuttle "Atlantis".

The original plan was for a third satellite, AUSSAT 3, to be lifted into orbit by the unmanned European "Ariane" rocket in August last year, but technical problems with the launch vehicle have now delayed this until at least halfway thru' this year.

Communication Satellites like AUSSAT are placed in geosynchronous orbits 36,000 klms above the Equator. At this height they take exactly 24 hours to complete one orbit. This means that they turn at the same speed as the Earth & appear to remain at the same point in the sky, although in practice there is some drift. For this reason, small thruster rockets are fired from time to time to keep the spacecraft on station & to maintain the correct attitude in relation to Earth. The AUSSAT satellites operate from nominal geostationary orbital locations of 150°E, 160°E & 164°E longitude for the future AUSSAT 3. The satellites are to be maintained such that the "sub-satellite point" will be within (+) or (-) 0.05° north/south & east/west of the nominal position. The "sub-satellite point" is defined as the point on the Earth's surface which is intersected by a line from the Earth's centre to the satellite.

The satellites themselves are of the Hughes HS 736 spin stabilised design. They have a diameter of 2.2 metres & weigh 660kg. The satellites incorporate two telescoping cylindrical solar panels & a folding antenna for compactness during launch at which point they will be 2.8 metres high. After the satellite nears it's orbital position, the antenna erects & the solar panel deploys exposing the inner solar array. They then have a height of 6.6 metres. The dual polarized three-reflector antenna system provides seven transmit beams & three receive beams. Four of the beams give spot coverage of the western, central, north-eastern & south eastern regions of Australia. A fifth spot beam covers Papua New Guinea. The remaining two transmit

beams provide continental coverage.

Each satellite carries fifteen 45 MHz wide transponders which pick up signals directly from either of the 2 main Earth stations (at Perth & Sydney), on frequencies in the range 14-14.5 GHz. These signals are frequency changed to the range 12.25-12.75 GHz. This combination of frequencies is known as Ku Band. After being frequency changed, the signals are amplified by either four high-power 30 watt or eleven low-power 12 watt Travelling Wave Tube (TWT) amplifiers. The receiver, frequency converter & TWT are collectively known as a "transponder".

The electrical power system uses high-efficiency solar cells which provide 1,054 watts of direct-current power at the beginning of life. Two nickel-cadmium batteries

provide full power when the space craft passes through the Earth's shadow.

AUSSAT 1,2 & 3 have a life expectancy of seven years at launch. Presently, AUSSAT 1 is due for retirement in March 1993 & AUSSAT 2 in January 1994. Assuming AUSSAT 3's successful launch in the next few months as planned, it should remain operational until early 1997.

Next month we will take a look at why the "B-MAC" Transmission standard was

adopted for AUSSAT instead of the normal Terrestrial PAL-D.

73's de VK2MT

PART 2 CONTINUED NEXT MONTH:

THE ILLAWARRA AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY POBOX 1838. WOLLONGONG.2500. NSW.



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MEETINGS:
           Are held every 2nd Tuesday of the Month except January, at 7.30.pm.in
             the S.E.S. Headquarters, Montague street, North
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REPEATERS:
                VK2RAW - 146.850. - (VOICE)
                                                         ⊸Mt Murry.
                                                      VHF
                VK2RIL - 147.275. - (VOICE & R.T.T.Y) VHF
                                                          Sublime Point.
                VK2RUW - 438.225. - (VOICE)
                                                      UHF Hill 60 Port Kembla.
                VK2RIL - 438.725. - (VQICE & R.T.T.Y) UHF Sublime Point.
BROADCAST:
            On Sunday evening prior to the club meeting, at 7.00.pm., R.T.T.Y.
Mode, and at 7.15.pm. on voice. Transmitted on 147.275.VHF, and relay on
                                   taken after the
3.562.Mhz.
            Callbacks will be
                                                           voice broadcast.
                  On 146.850. at 11.00.am. and at 7.30.pm. each Sunday.
W.I.A. RELAY:
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NEWSLETTER: "THE PROPAGATOR" , published monthly to reach FINANCIAL-MEMBERS in
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