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REWARD

I was in the supermarket the other day (under duress I must admit, but I was there) and heard a mother talking to her two ankle biters. Who'll run and get me a tin of beans she asked. I will - I will replied one of them and shot off like a Bondi Tram (that mean bloody fast for you youngsters and foreigners). When the kid came back she praised him (rather excessively I thought, but then). The other kid said: 'Aw: I could have done that.' Maybe so she did but you didn't!

EMBARRASSED

I have a problem (Yes! I know it's my fault for marrying her, but that wasn't the one I meant!). I'm trying to make this newsletter more personal, involving club members but I don't make contact with many other operators, so all my comments are directed towards the ones I do meet. I would appreciate some information from you. It doesn't have to be written, although if you want to write, you are quite welcome. Just a comment two is enough to get me going. I think I would make a good politician 'cause I can write for hours without saying anything!!

One more thing. My sense of humour is a bit strange at times, and if you think I'm 'Having a shot' at some one, you are mistaken. I don't use this newsletter to air petty grievances. (I don't think I have any). Every comment is made in a light hearted way, although there is also a lot of thought provoking comment too meant to assist our club. (I hope)

PACKET

Stand by for some new, unexpected activity on the PACKET scene.

One of our operators was heard making some inquiries about that transmission mode. Not too many of you would have heard the conversation, but I heard it as plain as day on 10M. (Good repeater that one!) No names to add to the rumour (unless the case of beer doesn't appear on my doorstep by the end of next month!).

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LAST MONTH

Last months issue went to all the local amateurs as you know. How was it received? (Same way all mail is received; of course !!) We'll know when the subs start flowing in!!!!

I've had a couple of comments. One was very appreciative and took the time to phone me, even though he wasn't a member. Another was from an acquaintance (not a club member either), and he really had a go at me for daring to suggest that since he couldn't read the morse in the first article he wasn't a REAL AMATEUR. Morse is dead he said, always has been. Why should he be forced to do something he didn't want to. It's a stupid mode of transmission. It's comments like mine that prevented him from joining the club if that was their attitude etc etc etc for half an hour.

Well! This time you must be tactful Peter, I said to myself. He's a potential club member and deserves every consideration so in my most tactful manner I laughed at him. To hell with tact!!!

POOR

Com in trouble! It's now the 12th September (must not forget the committee meeting tonight) and I haven't written much for this issue. Looks like you'll have 10 pages of articles, but then again, if I talk rubbish like this for another 10 pages, I won't have the problem will I!

I still have articles to come from the REPEATER CHAIRMAN John VK2XGJ and the TREASURER John VK2XGJ and the PACKETEER John VK2XGJ.

RELAY

I went over to Peter VK2KHE QTH last Sunday night (although, by the time you read this, it won't be last Sunday) to do the 80M broadcast. What a job he has! Scrunched up in a corner of the dining room. (He sure has a good wife to let him be there). First of all the RTTY has to be set up and tested and then he has 2 microphones; one for 2M and one for 80M. With his third hand, he turns the pages of the broadcast, the fourth is used to adjust the volume and power, the fifth to belt the kids for making too much noise, the sixth hand is used to turn off the computers when the RTTY is over and the other hand is used to scratch himself, or would be if he had the time! If you're looking for a job, don't take his; take mine. Actually, this has given me an idea. I'm going to give a job description about all the positions in the club then you can decide which one you want next year. You had better ignore the above description, cause it's a lot of garbage (I was going to say a naughty word there). The Broadcast Officers job is a breeze. This is what it's really like

Once a month he goes into his well equipped shack, turns a couple of switches that automatically link everything together, presses a couple of buttons that broadcasts a pre-recorded, professionally written speech, has a drink or two (only two???) and then replies to the 50 or 60 call backs (that's a bad day; on a good day there's a hundred) and accepts thunderous applause and adulation for a job well done. I honestly don't see why he would want to give it up.

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AUCTION

Just a reminder. In November we have our Club Auction. This I'm told is a great night. What you do is bring all your unwanted gear, donate it to the club and then buy the unwanted gear someone else has donated!!

On a more serious note, this Auction will see Amateurs from all over Sydney and beyond. We have an INCREDIBLE amount of equipment available. I'm talking BIG BIKKIES. See an article later.

NEXT MONTH

What the hell are we going to do? Lets have dancing girls. No!!! You do it, it's your job!! I like dancing girls. I can't; I'm working. You do it; you've done nothing all year. It's not my job. Bring on the dancing girls. Phil's not here lets delegate him. How about a fox hunt. What about dancing girls. I think a video night would work. I like dan... If you mention dancing girls one more time I'll brain you. 's make a decision .. (a deathly silence followed)

What was that? A comedy skit? No. The committee trying to decide what to do for the October meeting. As President in Charge of Vice I still think the dancing girls was a good idea!

FIELD DAY

The committee is considering holding a FIELD DAY. It will be along the lines of Gosford, but a lot smaller. Personally I'm against the idea as there aren't enough bodies prepared to do the work, but others in the committee are very keen on the idea. It could be a reasonable fund raiser as well.



* "Hang on! This isn't a wildlife program ... I think I've found the hamper."

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DOTC QUESTION

Bad luck fellows, in a fit of madness I decided to tidy up and found the questions. Now you'll find out how much you really don't know or have forgotten. So far my score is 0 out of 5 and I read the answers before I look at the questions!!!!

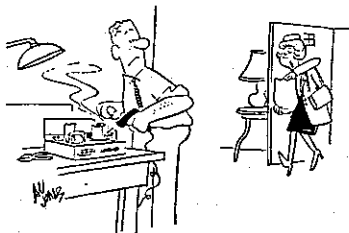
Just before I carry on though, I must say I have found the earlier copies of VK2KING that Brian VK2AXI has done. They were in an envelope addressed to Morry hidden in the right place. We now have heaps of them so I may just put a couple in this time. I have heard some operators say they are the only thing worthwhile in the Propagator!!!

Back to the DOTC question. Last month's answer was "a".

This month Keith VK2OB asks :-

The charge stored in a bank of capacitors totalling 10,000uF in a 50 volt DC supply is equal to.....

- a) 500 coulomb
 - b) 50 coulomb
 - c) 5 coulomb
 - d) 0.5 coulomb
- ☹ I haven't a clue.



"They didn't have a 3-amp fuse so I bought three 1-amp fuses instead!" (From Popular Electronics magazine).

ADVERTISER

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BROADCAST

I don't know how many of you listen to the Sunday broadcast, but why not try it sometime. I don't always get the chance (shift work), but whenever I do, it's always interesting, especially the historical segment. I guess in these high tech times, we tend to forget the pioneers. We get so blasé these days when we can just turn on and talk to anyone anywhere anytime. It's great to sit back and contemplate the excitement that the early amateurs must have felt when they made contact using primitive (to us) equipment. Where has all the pioneering spirit gone? Don't tell me there's nothing left to discover! Lyle VK2ALU is working with 23cm equipment. What's the highlight in your life?

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JOTA

I am new to the amateur ranks and have had nothing to do with Jamboree On The Air except eons ago when I was a scout. I remember (vaguely) speaking to someone somewhere about something and would love to say I was excited about it, but the old memory isn't what it used to be and I'm not sure although it obviously left an impression else I wouldn't be here. What all this rambling is leading to is US. Why don't we get involved in JOTA and help our club.

(Continues in the next column)

It must be an ideal opportunity to introduce some new blood into our ranks. Heaven only knows we do just about nothing else to encourage the youth. JOTA is late in October (about the 24th) and I think there's just enough time for us to get something organised if a few (not too many) members contact the committee and stir them up. Not that they need stirring, it's the offer of assistance they are looking for. I honestly don't expect anything will come of this so maybe someone can write a short article on a previous JOTA they attended.

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PRESIDENTIAL COMMENT

Well as you may have read in another article in this issue, a trip to Sydney was undertaken by various members (and non members) of our club to try to obtain some goodies for the November auction and various other future activities to be organised. What we came back with is a reasonable range of items that will be enough to make any radio enthusiasts mouth water but, it does not stop there. We have been given ki invitation to help sort and itemise a vast (and I mean vast) amount of disposals equipment and in return we will be allowed to obtain some of this equipment for our club auctions etc. So as you can see, this will be an ongoing thing for some time yet and volunteers are necessary to aid in the sorting of the equipment so, if you can spare some of your valuable time to assist in this project please contact the committee and please note, YOU are the one who benefits from these projects.

Brief Minutes of September General Meeting

Correspondence in: D.O.T.C. Letter regarding use of ha. field telephones, Brochure on new equipment from Barry Hartley VK2FE of Macalec and various newsletters.

Treasurers Report: Club financially viable with outstanding accounts for solar panel and VK2RAW antennae.

General Business: Club station given priority with John VK2XGJ, Pat VK2KCV and Peter VK2KHE lending various transceivers covering HF to 70cm. Peter VK2KHE chasing insurance for club station. Field day activity suggested, committee to look into. Tower

for club station located by Vic Hee. Brian Clarke VK2KLH reported a disposals store was to be cleared in Sydney with plenty of electronic gear available to us. Steve VK2XNH gave a report on 70cm tests from Point Perpendicular. A request was made to use the Sublime Point 70cm repeater. The next working bee for MT. Murray is to be arranged. Meeting closed 20:35

Brief Minutes of September Committee Meeting

Meeting opened 20:00. Rob VK2MT reported there could be major problems ahead regarding the Sublime Point repeater site. A major company has approached the Park Trust requesting permission to establish more pagers. It was suggested that if the site becomes too congested requiring more filters and other modification to our equipment, then the site would become a rather dismal operation. The committee are to evaluate the situation and keep a watchful eye on developments. It was proposed that the repeater VK2RIL both 2M and 70cm be relocated to a new site in view of the situation at Sublime Point. It was noted that 3 X 18ft sections of tower had been donated to the club by Allied and Vic Hee was making the transportation arrangements. It was also noted that Vimcom had donated all components for the clubs power supply leaving only the power transformer to be found. Repairs to the clubs photocopier have now been completed including a drum replacement. Estimated cost, \$1000+. Cost to the club, \$200. It was decided to offer a \$50 bonus as a gesture of gratitude to the fellow who did the work. Meeting closed 21:50 (Report trimmed due to lack of time and space. Editor).

POST BOX All mail can be sent to The Illawarra Amateur Radio Society at P.O. Box 1838. Wollongong. NSW. 2500.

Repeaters
VK2RAW - 146.850 Voice VHF Mt. Murray
VK2RAW - 147.575 Packet VHF Mt. Murray
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VK2RUW - 438.225 Voice UHF Hill 60 Pt Kembla
VK2RIL - 438.725 Voice & RTTY UHF Sublime Point
VK2RAH - 29.520/.620 Voice HF

Broadcast is on Sunday evening at 6.45 pm. RTTY mode transmitted on 147.275 and relay on 3.562 Mhz +/- GRM. Callbacks taken immediately after. Voice broadcast held after WIA broadcast on 146.850 Mhz (VK2RAW) and 3.562 +/- GRM.

WIA Relay is on 146.850 at 10.45 am and 7.15 pm each Sunday.

Newsletter is published monthly to reach all financial members in the preceding the club meetings. Articles and letters are welcomed.

Membership costs \$12 per annum. Concessions are \$9 per annum.

Lawrence Margreave Award
VK stations require 10 contacts with I.A.R.S. members. Overseas stations require 5 contacts. One contact with the club station VK2AMW is suitable. Details of contacts to be sent to secretary.

Store The club runs a store each meeting where the unusual and hard to obtain hardware may be purchased.

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