



The PROPAGATOR IARS

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Visitors are most welcome.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

I've just had a nasty surprise. Today is the 25th March, and I thought I had better get down and finish off the Propagator. I booted up Phred, and surprise surprise, I haven't written anything yet!!!

Inspiration Inspiration,
wherefore art thou Inspiration.

Up in Annies room behind
the clock?

No! Where? Here?
There? Think Man! There must
be something intelligent you can
say!! Inspire people! Say some
wittv comment! Something deep
an meaningful! A blow for us
against mediocrity!

No! It's just no good!
There's nothing there! In my
time of need, I have been
deserted.

Oh Hang on! I hear
something; a small voice in the
distance! What will it be?
Shhhh! Quiet!! Yes! It's
getting louder. Ah fantastic,
inspiration is coming back to
me. At last! What will it be?

A great moment awaits

No! Forget it! It was the
wife calling me for supper! Oh
well, I've now got 6 weeks to
think of something suitable for
the next issue.

PROGRAMME

This is list of 'planned'
events for the rest of the year.

APRIL This month!
Auction night. Let's hope it
is a great night. I've some
bad news though! We don't have
an auctioneer! Will you help us
out and volunteer?

MAY Technical night.
Video's and discussion. Roger
Harrison from ETI will be giving
a talk on ??????????

JUNE Rag Chew. Discuss the
future of the club, next year's
committee, bitches. Also a wine,
cheese and bickies night.

JULY AGM. If you're not
there, you've got the position!

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NEXT MONTH

In June, we'll be having a members/visitors social night. You are expected to be full of ideas about who the new committee should be and some of the things they should be aiming for. I know that the current President, Treasurer, Vice President, Broadcast Officer, Repeater Chairman and Editor won't be standing again. They all feel they have done a reasonable job, and will stand aside for a couple of years before seeking a position again. I have no intention of criticizing what they have/haven't done because it will serve no useful purpose. It is up to the new committee to carry on with the good work that has been done.

I nearly forgot. The PRESIDENT has authorised the expenditure of \$750 for purchase of wine, cheese and biscuits to make this an interesting evening. They say that wine loosens the tongue, so here's your chance to have your say in the running of the club.

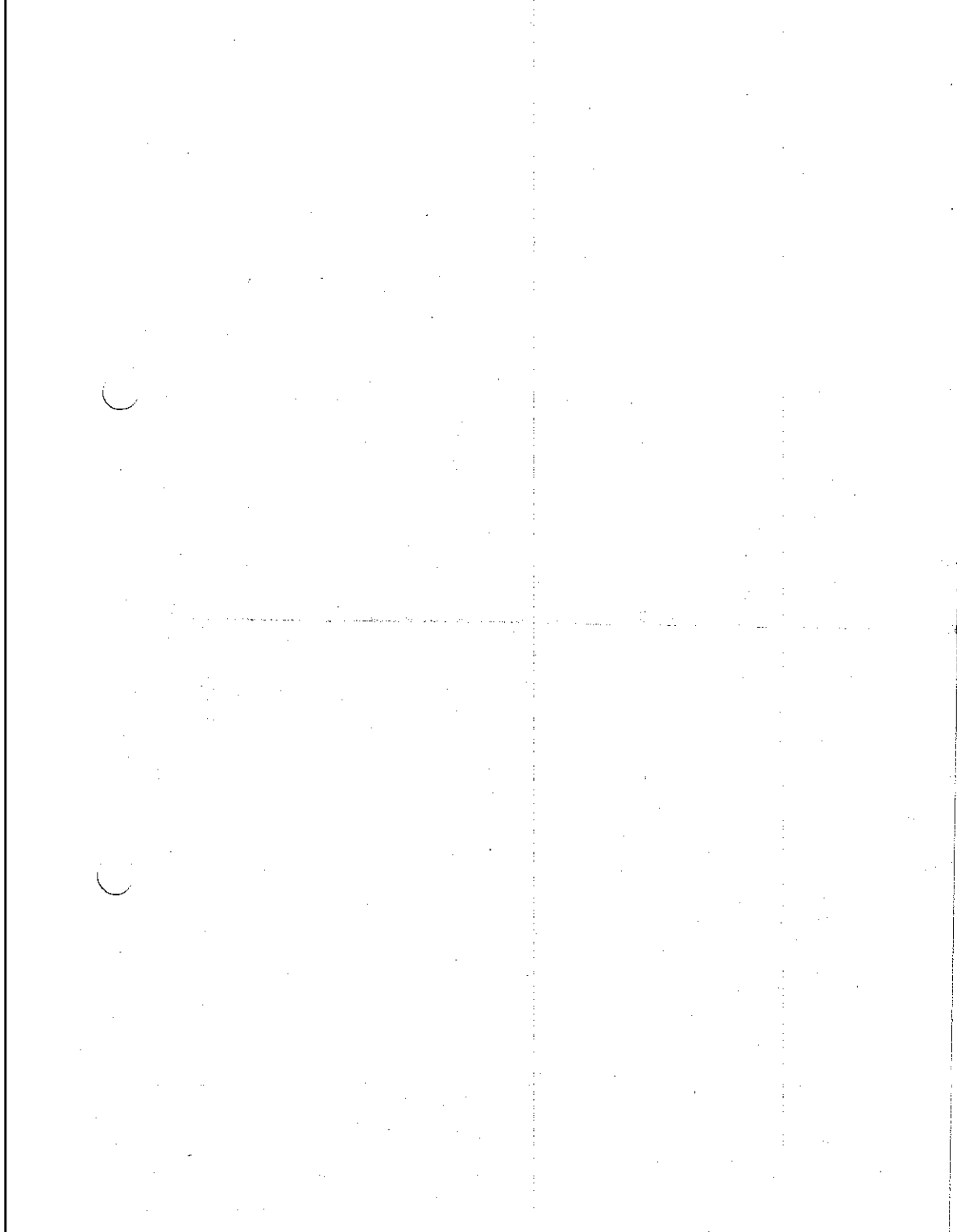
LATE NEWS

The TREASURER has vetoed the previous story! He has given the President \$10 to purchase a couple of kilo's of grapes and a pair of sweaty socks. I hope the wine has time to mature! The Treasurer, being the conasseur (I can't spell that. Let's say expert) of fine cheeses will be purchasing about \$250 worth of same to complement the aforesaid wine. Biscuits with the compliments of the makers of Chum.

The End

Well, it's too late now. I don't have time to write in any more, so I'll sign off and hope to see you at the next meeting. Apologies to Morry VK2EMV for not publishing his story. To Ken VK2TKE for not printing his story. To Peter VK2KHE for not printing the articles he didn't send me. To John VK2XGJ for the brilliant repeater report I wrote. To Noel VK2ZNS for not printing the article he didn't send me. To Phil for not printing the minutes he didn't send me and finally to you, the reader for such a poor abbreviated copy this month.

Regards Peter VK2FPN.



FOR SALE

Rob VK2MT has a scanner for sale. It's an AOR 2001 25-550MHz set in good condition. (only used by a little old lady to go to church on Sundays) (OOPS!! Wrong advert). Rob want's \$350 but if you put the screws on him, he might consider a lower offer.

REPEATER

VK2RAW received some attention last month. There were several people up there including Ken VK2TKE, Peter VK2KHE and John VK2XGJ (he must have been there as he's been too busy to write a repeater report). (I'm making this up as I go!). Some insulators were put in the guy wires and genreal maintenance done, but I regret to say, the receiver is in Dire Straits. It needs a good turn up and there is talk of silverplating the cavities or at least pulling them to pieces and making a decision then. Whichever way, it's going to mean a shutdown for 2 weeks or so! Talking about repeaters, the 70cm down the coast is being improved all the time. As with everything else, there are always ongoing problems and thin cropping up. I hope to have a full report the next issue.

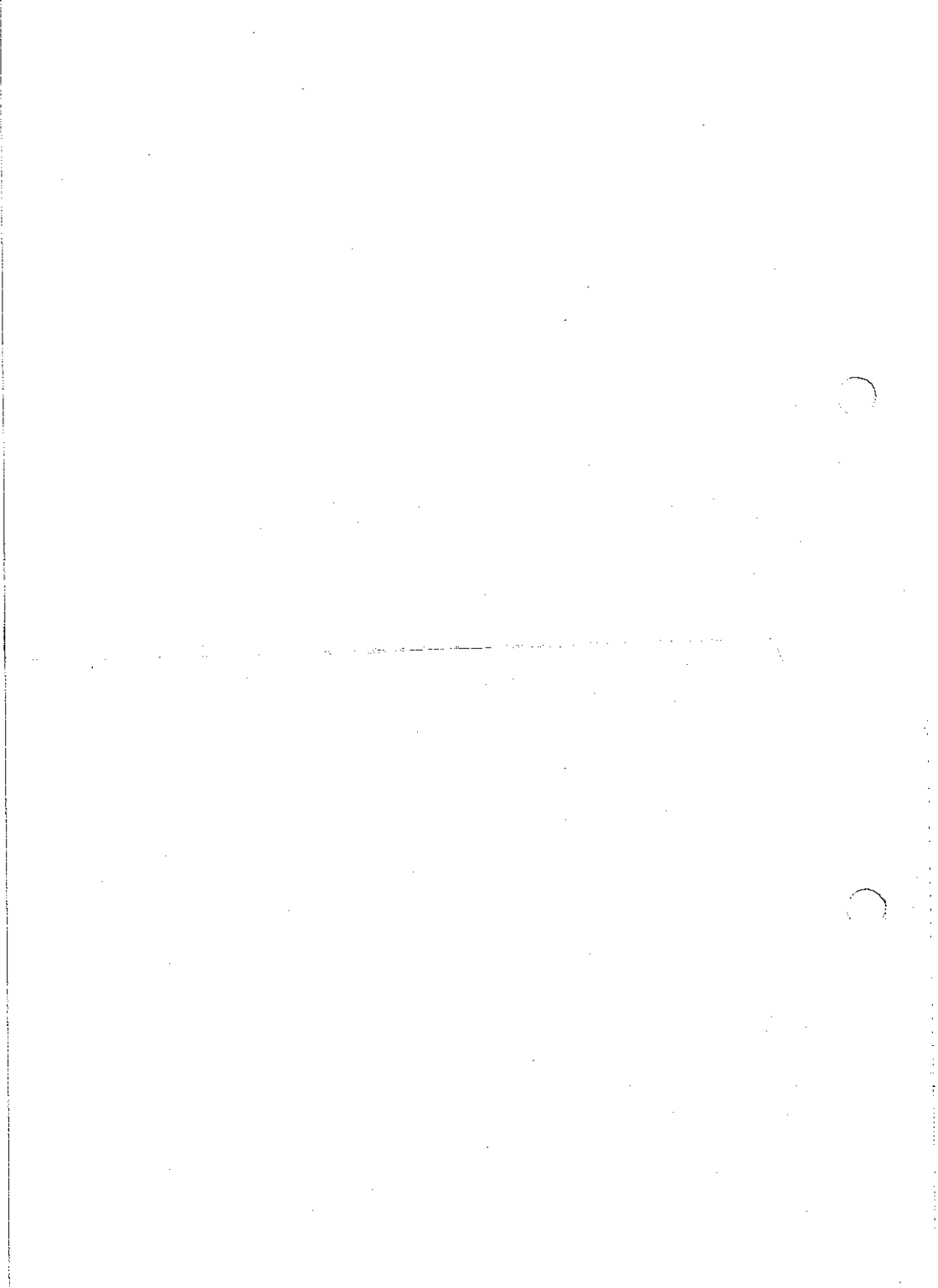
NEXT ISSUE

Next month the Propagator is going out to all amateurs in the Illawarra (guess who's going to start early and make sure he has a backup!). I want a lot of articles to make it a bumper issue and try to encourage others to attend the AGM in JULY, so please send them in. (Thanks for those ones Morry. I'll use them next month when I get Big Blue back).

80 METER NET

Where are all the HF operators. There is now an 80 meter net going on Sunday Evenings after the broadcast. Frequency has been moved from 3.563 to 3.618 due to QRM. It's a way for distant stations to have a chat to the locals, so how about being there with Neil VK2JNC, Ray VK2XCC, Morry VK2EMV, Pat VK2KCV, Peter VK2KHE and a couple of others who's names and call signs I can't read.

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EDITORIAL

G'day. Disaster has struck! Last month the photocopier died, and this month, my IBM went out in sympathy. What's worse, is it's timing. I had written 3/4 of the Propagator and was going to finish it off today (Sunday) and print tomorrow afternoon for delivery to Ray VK2PHD that evening so he could fold and mail it. Unfortunately, the IBM died yesterday afternoon and all my work is locked away so I have had to scribble something very fast on the trusty Mighty Amiga. I had written an editorial, and downloaded some articles off the Packet system, but all that is locked away in the depths of despair or somewhere.

The above events must give rise to a good editorial, but I have no time (great excuse that one!) since I have to go to work tonight, and sleep for a couple of hours tomorrow morning. Of course, if I had taken a backup of my work onto a floppy disk as well as on the hard disk it would have been easy, but guess who didn't back up to a floppy! Will I never

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THIS MONTH

Roger Harrison, VK2ZTB, electronics editor of Electronics Today International (ETI) will be down to give us a talk on something. His last talk a few years ago was a little controversial and created a lot of interest. I hope I can make it although I might be in Melbourne on a training course. Anyway, it should be worthwhile hearing.

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
VK2RIL - 147.275	Voice & RTTY	VHF	Sublime Pt
VK2RUW - 438.225	Voice	UHF	Hill 60
VK2RIL - 438.725	Voice & RTTY	UHF	Sublime Pt
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 +/- QRM. Callbacks taken immediately after. Voice broadcast held after WIA broadcast on 146.850 Mhz (VK2RAW) and 3.562 +/- QRM.

SUNDAY NET 3618 at 8.15 EST
is on 146.850 at 10.45 am and 7.15 pm each Sunday.

WIA Relay

Newsletter

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

Membership

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

Lawrence Hargreave Award

VK stations require 10 contacts with IARS 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 may be purchased.

***** COMMITTEE *****

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