Bunya Mts & District AmCom Inc.
News in Brief.
November/December 2013

Hmmm just a few days till Christmas Blimy.

From the Editor.

OK, we have been a bit pre occupied of late, with no time for the good things. But, if I hurry I might get this newsletter out before Christmas. Having said that, on Behalf of the club, I would like to wish you all a very happy and joyous Christmas and I am sure we all look forward to a bright and progressive 2014.

Now I guess, time to see what other nonsense I can come up with this round.

Club meetings.

Well what a great day we had for the November club meeting at Kingaroy, we had a great morning tea at the Captain's paddock winery, followed by a very productive meeting, then we enjoyed a scrumptious lunch at the Kingaroy RSL. Many thanks to Andy VK4TH and the team from the South Burnett for a job well done organizing this day.

We did discuss fundraising for the club at this meeting and one decision was to have a go at doing Sausage sizzles, and after much difficulty, we did manage to seek some sense regarding obtaining permits to do this down town in Dalby. The second one of these has happened on the 14th of December. more details further down.

The next meeting s of the club will be held on Saturday the 1st of February 2014 at the Myall Youth & Community Network Centre in Dalby. This will be a double bunger with the first being a SPECIAL General Meeting to discuss some constitutional changes. this meeting will start at 1000hrs sharp, then we will hold the general meeting probably starting at about 1030hrs. we will follow these meetings with a BBQ lunch.

Neil VK4NJ R & his lovely XYL Sandra along with a few other likely lads & lasses further down the table, attending the November club meeting held at the Captain's Paddock winery near Kingaroy.
Club Web Site.

Don't forget to check out the club web site, and if you have anything you wish to contribute, please send to vk4bad@wia.org.au. The web address is www.bunyaamcom.org.au or simply Google the club name and hey presto, you will find it. We will be setting up a member profile on this site, so watch the space.

Foundation Licence Course & exams.

We have set the dates for 2014 for the foundation licence course/exams, these are. 22nd 23 February, 7th 8th June. 4th 5th October 2014. These will be held at the MYCNC complex in Dalby unless otherwise advised. Foundation licence manuals, (Your entry into Amateur Radio) are available if required. give me (Neil VK4NF) a call or Email and I will organize that. Just $20 to buy or $20 to hire with $15 refundable on return of the book in good order.

Don't forget that exams for upgrades to Standard and advanced licences can be arranged.

“ I haven't spoken to my wife in years. I didn't want to interrupt her. ”

No Comment as to where this came from. ED.

More exam questions.

1. The feed point impedance of a folded dipole antenna, (correctly tuned to the operating frequency of course) would be.??

   A. 50ohms  
   B. 100ohms.  
   C. 75ohms.  
   D. 300ohms.

2. A full wave bridge rectifier will.

   A. collect stray RF in a transmitter.  
   B. convert AC current to DC Current. 
   C. Convert DC current to AC current  
   D. convert RF to DC current.

Answers at the end of the rag. DON'T CHEAT!!!
Here we go, what an interesting bunch, there is a couple of the crew missing from this pic taken at the Rainbow beach sports club after we all enjoyed a great evening meal on the Saturday night. --- with over 40 attendees, a great time was had by all.

A lady inserted an ad in the classifieds: ‘Husband Wanted’. Next day she received a hundred calls. They all said the same thing: ‘You can have mine.’

May 2nd 3rd 4th 2014. Clairview camp 150klms south of Mackay. Please contact Noel VK4NL for more info on this event, might be room to squeeze in a couple more, but you will need to be quick hop to it!!!!

March 28th 29th 30th 2014. Kirkleigh Somerset Dam camp. This camp is organised and run by the Bunya Mts & District AmCom Inc, so please contact the club to find out all the nitty gritty details. This is the 10th anniversary of our April camps and we recon that this weekend is close enough to April, given that all weekends in April 2014 are either long weekends or school holidays. So don’t miss this one, we are still awaiting the updated camping rates, there will be an invitation and details mailed out as soon as I can sus out the info.

Can you please mark off these dates in your dairies; further information will be sent as each event gets closer. Regards NN (Nutty Noel) & NN (Notorious Neil)

Club fundraising.

On Saturday the 14th of December a team of wild amateurs/club members gathered outside the local Super Cheap Auto store in Dalby to cook up a few bangers to sell to the foolish ARRR wise Dalby residents as we raised some funds to help with club finances and thus funding some club projects. We sold a sausage with onion on bread, coffee & Tea, along with cans of soft drinks and water. we operated between 8am and 1pm and though we struck a quiet Saturday, we effectively raised around the $200. A big thanks to all those who assisted with this event, with a special thanks to Kerry VK4FKDB and Sharon VK4FSRB for travelling out from Toowoomba to assist, very much appreciated guys.
Here we have Reg VK4AQU, Neil VK4NF & Ricky VK4NRL trying to make out that they are busy doing something at the sausage sizzle last Saturday morning. These photos were taken at about 0930hrs, you will note how quiet the footpath was, maybe we scared them all away !!!! I just cannot understand that.

Club Netts

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Each Sunday evening at 1930hrs we run an 80mt nett on 3.650 MHz. If you have some time to spare on a Sunday evening, please call in and say hi, and join in the different topics of discussion that arise from time to time. It is great to have our regulars on this nett, but there are quite a few missing, So, the question. Where are you all.???

A young son asked, ‘Is it true Dad, that in some parts of Africa, a man doesn’t know his wife until he marries her?’ Dad replied, ‘That happens in every country, son.’

An update on the IRLP & ECHOLINK Nodes.

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Irlp node 6983 now operating on VK4RET 2mt repeater, There is still some work to be done on the WIA news broadcast for Sunday mornings and evenings. but it is getting close. The reflectors can now be used, as the link setup is now operational. the Toowoomba 2 mt nett, is not happening at present, due to problems, this should be sorted soon. Thanks to all. Rick Lammas VK4NRL.

LADIES!

If a man says he will do a job, he will. There is no need to keep reminding him every 6 months.

The Efficiencies, or rather the inefficiencies of Lead acid batteries and solar panels.

Well folks, we might let this article float over till the next edition due to things that are happening, I wander do you have any feedback, ideas or suggestions that could be added to this article, please be encouraged to let me know your thoughts. Neil.
Subject: [Clubs] The future of Amateur Radio - a possible way forward

A recent Wireless Institute of Australia email survey of radio clubs on the promotion of Amateur Radio found it faces some serious barriers, but there were a few worthwhile responses to consider.

Clubs who did not reply may rely on their existing membership base for activity and meetings. By their lack of response, it seems external promotion of Amateur Radio is not a high priority for some of them.

The survey found the activity of promotion can be in the hands of new radio amateurs and their enthusiasm really shines through.

The themes expressed are that; Amateur Radio is fascinating; should be targeted for younger people; promoted through schools as part of the existing curriculum; Scouting and JOTA deserves more emphasis; and that emerging do-it-yourself opportunities exist.

Other responses suggest the use of notice-boards, speakers, websites and social media, including a prepared presentation to complement the existing WIA brochure and poster.

The WIA is thinking about how best it can further promote Amateur Radio within its resources, by helping the membership and affiliated clubs. Among the initial thoughts is to have radio amateurs recruit a new person or re-activate one each year. How to overcome the general community lack of awareness of Amateur Radio is being considered, along with the need to have everyone thinking about promotion.

The WIA is steadily working towards the PR4AmateurRadio Expo in April. Details of this exciting Expo can be seen via the What's On section of the WIA website.

(PR4AmateurRadio)

Sunshine Coast to host WIA Annual Conference

Yes folks, in May 2014 the Sunny Coast will be hosting the Annual Conference and annual meeting. no doubt there will be more detailed information of the exact dates, and the venues that will be used to facilitate this, and I am sure that Queensland clubs will be well represented at this event.

Remember that AR magazine is the WIA journal that is posted out to members each month, if you are not a member of the institute, you can purchase a copy of this mag at your local newsagent.

I've often thought that life is like a roll of toilet paper.
The closer it gets to the end, the quicker it rolls.

Darling Downs Radio Club netts.

The club conducts two nets on a committed and regular basis.
1. A 2m net is conducted each Sunday morning at 10am after the news broadcast.
   At 9:00am the WIA News re-broadcast following which a call-back which the node automatically records and sends to the WIA. Then, at 10:00am, Please note: The IRLP and Echolink facilities will be shut down from 9:00am to the end of the WIA news and call-back, after which the IRLP and Echolink will be enabled. However, if you wish to join the 10:00am net, you can call in on IRLP or EchoLink approximately 8 minutes before 10:00am, and join us on the net.

2. Each Saturday evening there is an 80m net on 3.587 MHz (+ or – QRM) commencing at 7:30pm and is hosted by Theo Moller (VK4ESK). This net is also well attended by both local and interstate amateurs. The Club has two repeaters, VHF and UHF, co-sited, and both employing the call sign vk4rdd.
The 2m repeater transmits on 146.750 MHz with standard 600 kHz offset. IRLP is available on the 2m repeater. Node number is 6958. Connect: Use DTMF for the node number you require. Disconnect: Use DTMF “73” EchoLink is also available on the 2m repeater. Node number is 69580. Connect: Use DTMF “star” and then the node number required. Disconnect: Use DTMF “73” only. [NB: No “star” required]

The Committee for the 2013 - 2014 period is:
President - David Curry - VK4SP  
Vice-President - Bill Main - VK4ZD  
Treasurer - Kevin Crandell - VK4VKX  
Secretary - Terry Walters - VK4KTP  
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Secretary: Terry Walters VK4KTP.
Web page: http://www.ddrci.webs.com
The club meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month
The Club meets at the Drayton Bowling Club, 44 Gipps street, Drayton.
All meetings start at 7:00pm sharp.
The second Monday is always a Management committee meeting, and is held each month.
The fourth Monday is usually a social and technical evening, with 2 exceptions:
1. In July this Monday is the Annual General Meeting of the club  
2. In December there is no meeting on the fourth Monday.

A good way to support any of your radio clubs and its assets activities and projects is to become a financial member. To find out how to do this, and obtain an application form. Please make contact with your club via any of the avenues below.
Some folks do not wish to be members of a club, and that is quite understandable. Given this, the best way to support you club is to make a financial donation. many thanks..

Some newspaper headlines.
The total Lunar Eclipse will be broadcast on Community Radio.  
Starvation can lead to serious health problems.  
City unsure why the sewer smells.

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Meets on the first Saturday in February, May, August & November.  
@ the MYCNC complex in Dalby, or at other venues decided @ previous meetings.
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For sale, give away or wanted

Blimy where is all this unwanted gear that needs a new home, or has everyone forgotten my Email ad or phone number?? I found a TV program last night that was actually half worth watching, on there these Fireies put a sign out the front of the station "WANTED A WORKING TV " Well they got some TVs. I might try it on here.

WANTED, DETAILS OF PRELOVED GEAR THAT NEEDS A NEW HOME
no I am not going to put the contact details here, U know where to find them. ED.

For sale.

"Various Frequency / Police Scanners for sale. Radio Shack Pro 405 / Uniden BC 350 A and others. Starting at $ 75. Please contact Andy (VK4TH) : hawat1@yahoo.com"

Answers to the exam questions. Q1. (D) Q2 (B) how did U go ???

If you would like to add some copy for publication in the next issue of News In Brief, please Email same to - holmzie@bigpond.com

Thought for the month.

Wow it is Christmas again. so why do we have such a thing. It is all in the word, (CHRIST MAS)

Please stay safe this season, we want to C U all in 2014. .

Until next time, enjoy your hobby. Neil Holmes VK4NF.---- Editor.