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NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY October 24, 2008
At 7.30 pm

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CLUB INFORMATION

REPEATERS and BEACON

D—STAR

CALLSIGN:	MODE:	FREQUENCY:	TX OFFSET:	USER SETTINGS
VK3RBA A	Digital Data	1298.700 MHz	Nil (half duplex)	URCALL: VK3RBA RPT1: VK3RBA A RPT2: not in use
VK3RBA B	Digital Voice	439.9875 MHz	-5.0 MHz	URCALL: CQCQCQ RPT!: VK3RBA B RPT2: not in use

VK3RBA (UHF)	(70 cm Voice Repeater (Uses CTCSS of 91.5 Hz to access))	39.275 Mhz	Mt Buninyong
VK3RBA (VHF)	(2 m Voice Repeater)	146.750 Mhz	Mt Buninyong
VK3RWA*	(2 m Voice Repeater)	147.100 Mhz	Mt Ben Nevis
VK3RPC	(2 m Packet Repeater)	144.750 Mhz	Mt Warrenheip
VK3RBU	(70 cm Voice Repeater)	438.475 Mhz	Mt Hollowback
VK3RMB	(70 cm Beacon)	432.535 Mhz	Mt Buninyong
VK3RBU-1	(2 m APRS Repeater)	145.175 Mhz	Mt Hollowback

* IRLP Node 6310 using VK3RWA

CLUB e-mail vk3bml@barg.org.au.

CLUB NET VK3BML 3.610+/- QRM Thursday Nights at 8 pm E.S.T (Summer & Winter)

WIA Broadcast and Club Call Back. Sunday's 11.00 via VK3RWA (IRLP Node 6310)

NEWS ITEMS Send to Harry VK3KGL

Or mail to Box 1261 Mail Centre BALLARAT 3354 or e-mail vk3kgl@barg.org.au

Broadcast Times and Dates on VK3RWA Repeater

Every Sunday at 11.00 am, WIA National News, followed by VICLINK

Every Monday night at 9.30 pm, ARRL News

Every Tuesday night at 9.30 pm, WIA National News Repeat

Every Wednesday night at 9.30 pm, Spectrum Tasmania News

The Secretary's Page

Doug, VK3FDRE

Minutes of BARG General Meeting 26th September 2008

Meeting opened by President Doug at 1932

Apologies Reg VK3CAZ, John VK3AIG, John VK3CFH, Bruce VK3WL Peter K3FPOL

Visitors New member Peter VK3KP

Attendance Approximately 24 Members

Minutes of the Previous (August) general meeting were not available

Secretary Report

Correspondence: Incoming Nil - AR magazine and QST magazine were the only mail
Outgoing Application to Ballarat South Rotary for Raffle Tickets
Moved VK3GNB / VK3BVI - carried

Treasurers Report

Acting Treasurer Gordon VK3FGC thanked the club and committee for granting him life membership, this had come as a complete surprise to him.

Gordon also tabled a proposed budget for the 08/09 year.

Moved Gordon VK3FGC / VK3ADE report and budget be accepted – carried

Gordon also moved a motion “That the audited accounts for the financial year ending 30 June 2008 be received and accepted, together with the auditors report, and that the required numbers of copies of the accounts be sent to the appropriate Victorian Government departments”.

Seconded VK3BVI – carried

Other Reports

Radio Modernisation – David VK3BUR

Dipole was fixed at Saturday morning working bee, problem was a bad coupler, computer interface For antenna controller almost completed, no news on grant application as yet, awaiting opportunity to complete antenna work at Mount Buninyong – to be done in conjunction with work by other users of site.

Repeaters – Roger VK3ADE

Ben Nevis still suffering from noise problem, there is also a design problem at this site, if the computer link fails, it fails the repeater as well.

Mt William 2 metre repeater apparently has a broken antenna and faulty finals, there is a new 70cm repeater coming soon, and antenna work will be carried out shortly. Application for community services grant is in progress (projector?)

Convention – Roger VK3ADE, Ian VK3AXH

55 tables have been booked, catering arrangements have been confirmed, cash register has been arranged, may need to get some extra trestles, ICOM will be doing D-STAR presentation in a separate area, we will need to set up chairs, we will need plenty of helpers early on the morning of convention.

Education – Craig VK3CMC

2 Candidates for assessment only on 19th October – 1 for upgrade, 1 for F Call, 2 members will be travelling to Geelong for assessment training, this will help to reduce the workload of the existing assessors. Another foundation training course could be arranged for late November or early December if there is sufficient interest.

Construction – Brian VK3KQB

Some members are working on projects at home, Brian has a mystery project planned for next construction night, components supplied, bring a soldering iron if you can.

Amenities – Doug VK3VBA is going to continue doing the shopping for suppers etc. Bob VK3NBV will be the cook.

General Business – Doug VK3VBA has purchased a SD card for club members to used to record / store photos of club events, photos will need to be downloaded to computer, Charlie VK3DCS offered to donate an internal card reader for the computer if someone could fit it, Craig VK3CMC suggested that we should have more, and more recent photos on the website.

Christmas break-up was discussed, 12th December will be the date.

Lunch at Beechworth Bakery, 10 attended.

Gordon and Ian will be giving their talk / demonstrations to Damascus students on 29th/30th of October, would like a couple of additional helpers.

John Hazeldine VK3CFH and Gordon were participating in WICEN exercise on 8th October.

John Kennedy VK3AIG needs an assistant on the Red Cross emergency team if anyone is interested.

There has been nothing more heard regarding the Airport user groups EXPO which had been proposed

For mid- November

David VK3BUR reported that the Light Car Club had been told that their lease would not be renewed as their building will be required for another purpose.

There was some discussion regarding the success or otherwise of the Shepparton and Albury Hamventions, Shepparton only had around thirty tables, and Albury around eight, one of the reasons for our success is the way that we help the traders set up and pack away their stands, this fact has been commented on by several of the traders.

Craig mentioned that the club tables for the Hamvention were open for donations of goods for sale, Bob had been contacted by Harold Benson VK3VSX regarding selling some equipment on consignment.

It was decided to have an informal dinner the night before Hamvention, David and Ian agreed to send e-mails to traders and others advising them of this.

Clem suggested that a contact board at Hamvention would be a good idea for those wanting to contact or be contacted by other attendees on the day, Ian and Roger will discuss and implement something.

There was some talk regarding the possibility of getting guest speakers to come to some of our meetings more to follow in due course.

Craig reported that Drew Diamond had released book 4 in his series, BARG will be buying a copy for the Library to keep our set complete, following the adoption of a motion by Craig that this should occur. Ian VK3AXH has sent a cheque to WIA for a copy of QEX on CD.

The committee meeting had suggested that the contact details and list of Office Holders for BARG in the call book and on the website needed to be updated, it may be too late for this years call book, but web site will be done.

Meeting closed at 2040.

Disclaimer: I apologise for the lateness of these minutes, and for any inaccuracies or omissions, I will endeavour to be more timely in their delivery in the future, this will also help with the accuracy, as it has become apparent that both my note taking, and my memory are somewhat imperfect.

Doug Ellery
VK3FDRE
Secretary BARG

FEES REMINDER

BARG annual subscriptions were due to be paid by the 1st of October 2008. That time is now passed, so please pay by this next Club meeting.

If not paid, under the Club constitution you membership will lapse and you name removed from the club distribution list. (ie no more news letter etc.)



Our last coffee meeting with the boys from Rockhampton Radio Club.

As you can see, coffee with scones with cream and jam.....

See you next year.....

Harry, vk3kgl and Bob, vk3bnc

A few words from the President.....



Doug, VK3VBA

Hi to all members

Well its time again our big event for the year our Hamfest, this year it has been brought forward by one week.

Because of an event being held at the Great Southern Woolshed on the Saturday night we are unable to gain access on the day before consequently we desperately in need of commitment from as many members as possible at 6-00am on Sunday 26-10-08 to enable us to set up tables sound system etc last year we had approx 20 people lets see if we can come up with those numbers this year.

Our group relies on this event so we have to give it our best shot.

Its good to see Bob bnc and Harry kgl and wives safely back from Queensland not that Harry has been sitting idol with him still running our newsletter from interstate.

We are still looking for one more committee member and a publicity officer love to see these positions filled.

That's all for now so all the best from Doug catch you all later.

If you look in the mirror and see a beer belly, bald head, red nose, varicose veins, and a complexion like leather.

Look on the bright side... at least your eyesight is OK

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QST Report with Craig, VK3CMC

Content review of current QST in library



QST Review 2008-10 Oct

- P30 Short boom, Wideband, 3 element yagi for 10Metres.
- P33 Look at the Rhode & Schwarz XK2100 HF Transceiver.
- P36 Experimentors RF Spectrum Analyser.
- P41 Product Review: ICOM IC-7700 HF & 6M transceiver.
- P48 Rove warrior. Mobile in your vehicle.
- P51 Master Contester Tim Duffy K3LR.
- P54 A history of Radio Sport.
- P64 Public Service Emergency communication American style.
- P66 The Doctor: Nicad charging for HTT, Antenna gain in dBd and dBi, Feedline radiation on ladderlines, ground radials for vertical antennas.
- P68 Through glass HF antenna and tuner.
- P70 Feeding the Zepp with coax.
- P71 Hands on Radio. Ex #69. Phase Locked loops, Applications.
- P73 Pile up Buster. A Voice Keyer.
- P76 Shower Head Microphone.
- P78 Hints & Kinks. USB to Icom interface, rotatable Minipole antenna. FT-817 power conditioner kit, Anderson power poles.
- P85 World above 50Mhz. The summer of 2008.
- P88 UK Dxpedition to Syria YK9G Part 2.
- P92 Old radio. Antiquing
- P94 Eclectic Technology. Software Defined Radio.
- P95 Microwavelengths. Sequencers for Transverter control.
- P98 Reviews contents from QST for Oct 1933, 1958 and 1983
- P103 Hamspeak. Lists word bibliography used in this edition.

Rest of magazine is filled with advertisements and ARRL club matters.

That's all for Oct 2008.

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