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NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY November 29, 2010
At 7.30 pm

Contacting us

You can write to the club at the address below, or e-mail the secretary.

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Phil Seddon	
Charlie Stewart	VK3DCS
Bob Terrill	VK3BNC

CLUB INFORMATION

REPEATERS and BEACON

VK3RWA*	(2 m Voice Repeater) (Uses CTCSS of 91.5 Hz to access)	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
VK3RWP	(2 m Voice Repeater) (Temp. Repeater)	146.925 MHz	Green Hill

* **IRLP** Node 6310 using VK3RWA

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

CLUB NET VK3BML 3.608+/- QRM Thursday Nights at 8 pm E.S.T (Summer & Winter)

WIA Broadcast Sunday 11.00 am via VK3RWA (IRLP Node 6310)

NEWS ITEMS Send to Harry VK3KGL

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

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Every Tuesday night at 9.30 pm, WIA National News Repeat

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Anything FOR SALE or WANTED???

Why not send it to the Editor to be included in the next Newsletter.

Send to: Newsletter, BOX 1261, Mail Centre, Ballarat, 3354.

or

member.vk3kgl@barg.org.au

Next DEADLINE for articles is the 22nd of January, 2011 !!!



The following items are offered for sale on behalf of a deceased estate.

All correspondence should be addressed to Bob, VK3BNC and may be contacted on e-mail at rgterril@bigpond.net.au or Tel. 053 395317

Arrangements can be made to view equipment or alternatively viewed at our February meeting in the club rooms.

Thank you, **Bob, VK3BNC**

Kenwood TS-530S with Microphone	\$ 350.00
Antenna Tuner MFJ-949B	\$ 100.00
Antenna Tuner MFJ-949B	\$ 50.00
Rotator, Kenwood Pro KF-1000S	\$ 400.00
Tri- Band Yagi, HB-33 DX. with 15m of RG 213 Coax	\$ 150.00
Morse Key, Hi-Mound HK-707	\$ 50.00
Morse Key, Dick Smith	\$ 10.00

Where possible if handbooks are not available assistance will be given to obtain the information.



Can any reader identify the type of antenna (not the silver one on the left hand side) and what it is used for. We know its use.

We can supply the answer for its use for the next Newsletter.

Ian (VK3CIS) & Kathy (VK3HRZ) Stanley



Some photo's taken at the BARG Hamvention 2010





Doug, VK3FDRE

The Secretary's Page

Minutes of the BARG General Meeting – 22nd October 2010

Meeting opened at 19.35 by President Craig VK3CMC

Attendance

Craig VK3CMC, Doug VK3FDRE, Bill VK3PAL and approximately 12 other members.

Apologies

VK3HHK, VK3CAZ, VK3BVI, VK3NBV, VK3GND, VK3FIVE, VK3KQP, VK3DAE, VK3CIS, VK3HRZ.

Moved Bob VK3BNC, Doug VK3VBA that apologies be accepted.

Minutes of the Previous

(September) general meeting had been distributed previously, they were passed as being correct.

Moved Bill VK3PAL, Charles VK3FCSC – carried.

Secretary's Report (Correspondence)

In

Council and Neighborhood Cable – acknowledging direct debits for accounts.

QST and AR Magazines

Hamvention table booking for Len Hearnes.

Council – Grant Contract for signature.

Membership Application from Jonas Sadauskas VK3VF / VK3DXA

Out

Signed Grant Contract

Moved Craig VK3CMC, Gordon VK3FGC that correspondence be confirmed – Carried.

Raffle / Last Man Standing

Raffle was won by Stewart VK3ASH, I forget what the prize was. Last man standing was won by John VK3CFH, a rather nice LED Lantern.

Hamvention

The new banner had been purchased, and lettering had been purchased and applied by Doug VK3VBA. 58 Traders tables had been booked.

Gordon VK3FGC was to supply some cash tins.
Entry will be via Southern gate.
We will need members with trolleys to assist traders on the Sunday.
There are movable partitions available to manage pedestrian traffic flow.
People needed to shift trestles in from 9.30 on Saturday.
Helpers needed from 7.30 on Sunday.
There were no entrants for the homebrew competition as yet.
Saturday night dinner booked for 15, 8 confirmed so far.

General Business

Next meeting (26th November) we will have renowned international traveller Peter Pollard VK3FPOL as a guest speaker, this is a night where ladies are even more welcome than usual to attend and listen to Peter's presentation, and supper will be provided.

Speakers for Damascus activities days were organised - Ian VK3AXH and Gordon VK3FGC on Wednesday, John VK3CF and Bob VK3BNC on Thursday.

Neil VK3GND has donated a replacement tower for use at the clubrooms, ready to be erected when a suitable work party can be organised.

Ian VK3AXH has prepared an application and covering letter to ARV for a repeater licence at Green Hill, information copies to also be sent to WIA and ACMA.

There being no more business, meeting closed at around 2130.

Next Meeting - 1930, Friday 26th November.

Usual Disclaimer: While I have endeavoured to make these minutes an accurate record of the meeting, I may not necessarily have succeeded. If I have upset anyone by error or omission I apologise.

*Doug Ellery
VK3FDRE
Secretary BARG*

Gas Problem

A man was driving down the road and ran out of gas. Just at that moment, a bee flew in his window.

The bee said, "What seems to be the problem?"

"I'm out of gas," the man replied.

The bee told the man to wait right there and flew away. Minutes later, the man watched as an entire swarm of bees flew to his car and into his gas tank.

After a few minutes, the bees flew out.

"Try it now," said one bee.

The man turned the ignition key and the car started right up. "Wow!" the man exclaimed, "what did you put in my gas tank"?

The bee answered, Wait for it. Wait for it...

You're just gonna love this...

"BP."



Gordon, VK3FGC

From our Roving Reporter

Gordon, VK3FGC

Sessions at Damascus College

The BARG twice yearly Amateur Radio sessions at Damascus College for 2010 finished on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th October 2010. Those members taking part were John VK3CFH, Bob BNC, Ian AXH Gordon FGC with Charlie DCS, Doug KAY and VK4LS joining as well as contact with VK100WIA.

It was decided that instead of having members do half day sessions, we would do a full day. This enabled us to set up more complete stations.

Wednesday. Bob & John arrived before 0900 to set up a 40 m mast and aerial attached to John's Land Rover and ran the co-ax through the second floor window to the class room and their transceiver.

The student group arrived about 0915 where Bob & John talked about amateur radio and their equipment. Demonstration of both 2 m hand held and the 40 m was then used by the students.

After lunch the second group of students received a similar presentation During the practical sessions contact was made with Charlie VK3DCS and Gordon V_k3 FGC on 2 m and VK100WIQA station.

Thursday. Ian & Gordon took over both with hand helds and HF gear. The same format was used with the morning & afternoon groups

Ian set up the remote connection to the club station at the airport using the College's computer while Gordon set up his "squid pole" on 40 m on the grass outside.

Once again contacts were made with Doug VK3KAY on 2 m. and contacts between the remote and back to the college. A contact with VK4LS north of Brisbane demonstrated a random QSO to the group.

Making it a full day on each day would appear to be a better option than the half days as in the past and it is most likely that this will be the format next year.

Damascus College has sent a letter of thanks for the two days and the students have said how much they enjoyed BARG's presentations.



Craig - VK3CMC

Presidents Report

Nov 2010.

Well one month to go and Christmas will soon be upon us. Hopefully those planning a holiday away for a few days are looking forward to the break and those staying at home will find plenty to keep them occupied over the holiday season. Our final activity of the year is Christmas BBQ on Fri 10 Dec at the rooms starting around 6.30. If you are coming can you please advise me before the Wed 8th so we can order the meat. Can the ladies also bring a salad or sweet for sharing. This Friday as advertised is a ladies night and we will have a speaker, Peter Pollard with slides of his most recent trip to Europe with XYL Kathy.

It looks like we will have a late hot summer this year with the countryside now showing signs of a lot of grass growth which may have a busy time for the CFA again.

Close to home we have already had a house destroyed by fire last Friday.

This brings me to remind people who need to, that its not too late to prepare their houses for Fire Preparedness now.

Recently in listening about the bands I have noticed that many operators do not really listen to what the other person is saying and do not respond to questions from them.

I am always hearing operators say “ what a great signal you have here and I have been listening for a few minutes and decided to get a report” They then go on to ask, “could you repeat your name please as I didn’t get it before”. Now then, if the signal as so good and they were listening for a couple of overs before breaking then why haven’t they got the other persons name.?

It would seem that many do not keep some form of running notes while operating so they can respond when its their turn in nets or conversations. The keeping of the station log has now declined also and it seems that people don’t have the brain capability to retain information between overs. What’s wrong with having a piece of paper and pencil and just jot down small comments so that they can respond back. My bench has an old exercise book or scraps of used printer paper that can be used. Some times you hear a station report that they have been listening to the other station but have not yet noted the others name. Are we failing to listen to what the other person is saying ? or maybe its just that we are all getting “deaf” by degrees possibly caused by listening to loud sounds or band white noise through wearing headphones or ear buds for too long.

Nets can get pretty bland with just a quick hand over to the next station without really listening to what the other person says or asks.

See you at the Friday meeting.

73 Craig VK3CMC