GATEWAY

October 2010

NEXT MEETING Friday October 15 2010 at 8 pm

WHERE : Cranbourne Girl Guide Hall, Grant St off Sladen St.

TOPIC :   THE LIGHTHOUSE TEAM presents…..

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DEAR MEMBERS,

As you know, Saturday 16th is JOTA / JOTI and as usual,
GGREC will be providing radio communications and activities for
the Guides to participate.
I ***URGENTLY*** need to know who is coming to help on the day,
even if it is for one hour.
This year we will start at 2:00PM for setting up etc. and officially
kick off at 3:00PM.
That's only 5 hours MAX., so anyone who has an hour to spare
will fill in the roster very well.

The Guides would like to operate HF until 8:00PM but we can
only do that if we have members willing to put in.
Please have a think about it and reply as soon as possible.
Please, all replies to **secretary@ggrec.org.au**
Thanking you in advance,
Bruno Tonizzo
VK3BFT

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From Mike VK3KTO

I have just bought a Japanese Kenpro KA50 1:1 balun and have found that the instruction manual makes for very interesting reading:

"KENPRO" Products Balun for Doublet Antennas, Model KA-50, KA75

The KA-50 and KA-75 are balanced to unbalanced converter. The KA-50/75 are usefull to connect unbalanced coaxial cable to balanced antenna systems such as doublet antennas. Direct connection coaxial cable to such antenna is occurred various bad harms of TVI, BCI or directivity discrepancy in radio reception due caused electric currency leakage to outside of braided wire.

The manual contained some other gems but I thought that one the best. I must remember it next time I am instructing a Foundation Class on the advisability of the use of a balun when feeding a dipole with coax!

THE GURU SAY.

"Any attempt to repeal Ohms Law certain to fail by meeting with resistance."

Mike VK3KTO

HURRY HURRY HURRY HURRY HURRY HURRY: CUP-DAY LONG WEEKEND AT BONNIE DOON

At a recent club meeting a number of members showed interest in having a Club outing to Bonnie Doon on the Melbourne Cup weekend.

Bruno has checked out the facilities, and advises that the Bonnie Doon Caravan Park currently has availability for vans and cabins, and they can take online bookings. But please be quick, they expect to be booked out before too long because of the now 60% full Lake Eildon reservoir. The website is at

http://www.bonniedooncaravanpark.com.au.

Just follow the directions to book for the Melbourne Cup Weekend. If you book online, please be sure to note in the Special Requirements box that you are with the GGREC (radio club) and they will try to put us all together.

Otherwise you can ring the park on 03 57787254 and book by phone. Remember to mention you are with the GGREC (Radio club). Kathie knows about us.

GIPPSLAND GATE RADIO & ELECTRONICS CLUB

Club meetings are held on the third Friday of each month at the Cranbourne Girl Guide Hall in Grant Street. Prac nights are held on the first Friday night in the Peter Pavey clubrooms. Both nights commence at 8:00 PM. **Visitors will be made welcome.** Committee meetings are also held in the clubrooms.

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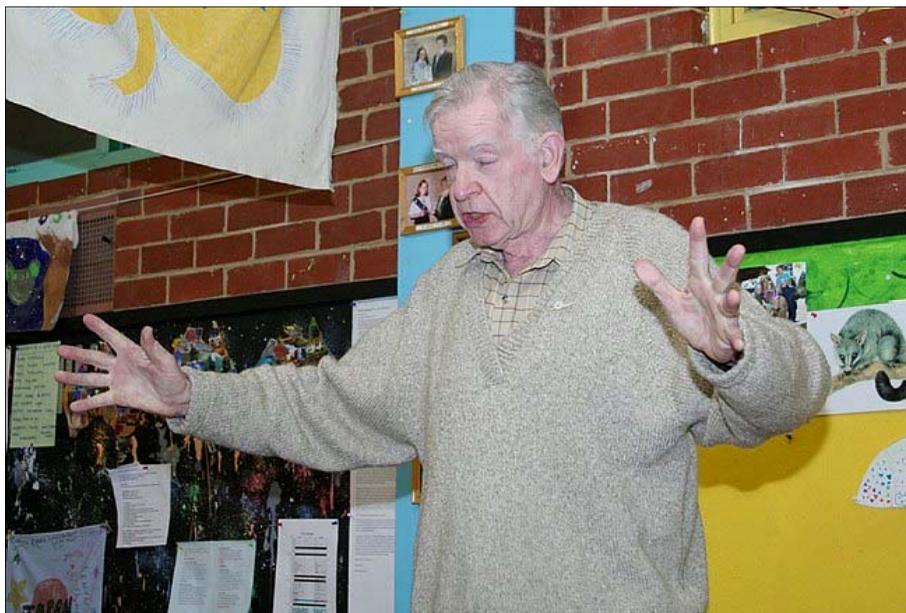## <u>The deadline for magazine items is the third day of each month.</u>

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Mike VK3KTO on the "Radio Amateurs Old Timers Club Australia"

. [September general meeting]

The radio was THIS BIG!

If you want to be an old timer, you have to have the rite microphone!

photos'n'words Paul VK3TGX

<u>Amateur Radios Wanted.</u>

A work colleague of mine has recently joined the amateur ranks and is now looking for 2 meter and 70 cm radios suitable for home use.

If you can help, please contact me Bruno Tonizzo VK3BFT (03)9700 4526, and I will pass on all information. Thanks *Bruno* VK3BFT

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QST NEWS BYTES

The sixth annual Paris, Texas Hamfest was held at the coliseum of the Lamar County Fairgrounds, 570 E. Center St., beginning Friday October 8. The event was from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Admission just two-dollars.

Hams received an emergency call from Pearl River County Emergency Management Saturday morning, part of an exercise in case a real emergency occurs in the county. The plan is to train hams to help during real emergencies, since they have the ability to help keep communications going when most other technology fails and can also provide extra eyes and ears when resources are low.

From the president ... *Chris Chapman VK3QB*

Photo by Paul VK3TGX

Ian VK3BUF rang me this week. He is really keen to get the Introduction to Micro-processors and AVR Course off the ground early next year. As a preparation he will provide an overview of the course outline and what people can expect if they are interested in attending this course.

It is expected the course will commence sometime early in the new year (say March or thereabouts) and last about 10 weeks. I understand from Ian that this will be very similar to the course run a couple of years ago and will include theory and considerable practical work. It sounds fascinating and I am sure that anyone who wants to further investigate this area of our hobby will get excellent value from the course – not to mention the learning and social aspects that go along with such ventures.

To facilitate Ian's presentation in November, Brenton and I will move our planned presentation on our recent Dxpedition to Vanuatu (YJ0VK) to the January meeting.

Don't forget that this month is JOTA.

The following Police Comments were taken from actual police car videos around the USA. **A-nony-nony-mus**

#15 "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while."

14 "If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document."

#13 "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."

#12 "Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you."

#11 "You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?"

#10 "Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that I'm the shift supervisor?"

#9 "Warning! You want a warning? O. K., I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."

#8 "The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"

#7 "Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy, and corn dogs and step in monkey poo. "

Mike VK3KTO more on the "Radio Amateurs Old Timers Club Australia"

Old Timers News magazines & antique microphones.

A *VERY RARE* sign, made in Australia—Max Howden crystal.

Photos'n'wordsPaul VK3TGX

POLICE RECORDINGS *cont'd from page 10*

#6 "Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."

#5 "In God we trust, all others we run through NCIC."

#4 "How big were those 'Just two beers' you say you had?"

#3 "No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we can."

#2 "I'm glad to hear that Chief (of Police) Hawker is a personal friend of yours. So you know someone who can post your bail."

 #1 "You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't. Sign here."   *A-nony-nony-mus*

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From the president ... *Chris Chapman VK3QB*

If you are at all able to help out please drop down to the rooms over the course of Saturday 16 Oct or give Bruno a yell for more information. The Guides need our support for this important event. Please let Bruno know if you can help.

It's probably timely for another reminder about the annual Christmas hamper. Nev, VK3ADG will be looking after the hamper this year, so please bring along a contribution if you are able. Nev will be selling tickets at the General Meeting and the basket will be there for any contributions you are able to make. As always, the hamper promises to be a good catch for one lucky member, and as they say, you gotta be in it to win it.

Well, that's it from me for this month. As always, please refer to the Club's website for the most up-to-date calendar of events and news. I am looking forward to hearing Brenton's presentation on the ILLW event down at Wilsons Prom at the meeting this month. See you there.

Til next month, vry 73 /Chris VK3QB -...- -.-   . .

Mike VK3KTO on the "Radio Amateurs Old Timers Club Australia"

The free magazines are going fast, The GGREC better lift its game, these leave ours for dead. Or should I say, the members better get active so we have something to publish.

Photos'n'words Paul VK3TGX

NEWS FROM QST

Cape May County Amateur Radio Club has connected its equipment to the large tower at the U.S. Coast Guard LORAN Station. The club was celebrating 35 years of service and was invited by Coast Guard Commander Gary Thomas to use the 625-foot tall tower that has been decommissioned along with the rest of the LORAN Station. Thomas is a member of the club. In addition to connecting to the tower, club members put up a vertical antenna outside a gazebo on the grounds and club members were communicating with stations in France, Puerto Rico, Ontario, & Michigan, using 100 watts and the tower over a few hours.

GGREC Christmas BBQ Breakup

Qth IS OPPOSITE WARNEET NORTH JETTY

It's soon that time again. This year Susan VK3UMM and Grahame VK3XK will host the Christmas BBQ. The date is Saturday 11th December from 12:30pm onwards.

The QTH is 70 Rutherford Pde., Warneet, Melways Ref 142 E12, Ph 0408 32 33 22.

The Club'll have 145.450 running for anyone needing directions.

The club website will have a map and reference details.

Rutherford is at the end of Warneet Road—the dirt section, Qth is opposite the jetty and its boatshed – there is parking across the street.   As usual, please bring a small table and a chair or two, as well as your selection of BBQ fare, and if you can make your favourite dessert or nibbles to share that's great. The club will provide a selection of salads and bread. Please tell Chris if you are intending to come.

PLEASE NOTE

The usual games, quizzes and activities are planned, If the tide and the weather are right you can catch fish off the jetty.

BEAUTIFUL WARNEET COASTAL VILLAGE

Warneet is on Westernport opposite Quail Island—55 minutes from the GPO, 12 k south of Cranbourne—turn right to Frankston and Portsea at the big roundabout on the South Gippy. Then take first left —that's Warneet Road. Proceed down Warneet Road till you hit the dirt—that's Rutherford—numbers are descending from number 80. Qth is 70.

We'll be barbequing in the park across the street from the Qth, where there are free barbecues—normally not too busy on a Saturday—but eating at the Qth.

Event Queue

Upcoming Events

Thu	Oct	7th	8:00pm	Morsecodeians	Club Shack
Fri	Oct	15th	8:00pm	General Meeting	Guide Hall
Sat	Oct	16th	2:00pm	JOTA / JOTI	Club Shack
Mon	Oct	25th	7:30pm	Committee Meeting	Club Shack
Fri	Nov	5th	8:00pm	Prac Night	Club Shack
Fri	Nov	19th	8:00pm	General Meeting	Guide Hall
Sat	Nov	27th	6:30pm	Pub Night	TBA
Mon	Nov	29th	7:30pm	Committee Meeting	Club Shack
Sat	Dec	11th		Christmas breakup	TBA

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2010 *cont'd from opposite*

New business *cont'd* Lots of discussions about what the cost of the tickets should be, and it was finally agreed

VIRTUAL SECRETARY FOR A DAY

that they should be the same as last year, $2 each or 3 for $5.

WIA Field day – Discussion but no outcome

JOTA - 16th October - Discussion about Club members needing to support this event. WWC card preferable.

Christmas party - Susan and Grahame Coleman have offered the use of their home in Warneet for this year's Christmas party.

Pub Night: 25th September, see magazine.

Meeting closed : 8:44 pm
Next Committee Meeting : Monday 27th September
Next Prac Night : Friday 1st October
Next General Meeting : Friday 15th October

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2010

PLAYING PRESIDENT

Date : 17 September 2010
Start time : 8:00 pm.
Location : Guide Hall.
Chairperson : Brenton Vowles VK3CBV (in Chris's absence)
Minute Taker : Bruno Tonizzo VK3BFT (in Steve's absence)
Guest Speaker: Mike VK3KTO on Old Timers Club
Present : Attendance sheet
Visitors and guests : nil
Apologies : Chris VK3QB, Steve VK3EGD & Maria, Ron VK3EXJ & Judy, Ian VK3BUF & family, Geoff VK3HGG, Ivan VK3ARV, & Russ VK3MWR
Correspondence received : Various Club magazines
Correspondence sent : as tabled
Treasurer's report : as tabled
New Call signs : nil.
Previous Minutes :
Read : as per magazine **Moved :** Brenton VK3CBV **Seconded :** Doug VK3KMN **Approved :** yes
Business arising from the previous minutes :
VK3RDD – The equipment has been removed from the site at Cockatoo and is now undergoing bench testing and repair. The receiver was found to be 800 KHz off frequency and there are problems in the squelch circuitry. The output power is varying. It is recommended that RT85 radios be sourced to replace the current radios.
AVR Course: - The proposed training course was again publicized.
Melbourne Cup Weekend - away at Bonnie Doon Caravan Park – Members are starting to get their bookings in.
New business :
Christmas hamper: The basket is now in the club room ready for donations.

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