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CLUB CALL SIGN VK3SOL

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Hi to everyone,

Welcome to all our new members, our club is building from strength to strength, our current financial members stand at 73, not a bad effort, and well done to all those members that have promoted our club in a positive manner.

Our first meeting for 2007 saw a good attendance, our guest speaker Michael Wakefield put on a power point presentation on Radio Communications in Rural remote parts of Papua New Guinea, very interesting indeed, the presentation was well received, and again thank you Michael, and by the way Michael, a boy or a girl?

A couple of weeks ago I caught up with Reg VK3ARB in Nagambie, he is currently residing in the age care hostel situated at the Nagambie Hospital. Reg is in need of a 2 mtr Radio, he is keen to get back on air. If you have a 2mtr radio that you don't need, how about making a donation, the radio could be one channel rock bound, he only needs to access VK3RGV. Reg would love to come up on air on our 2mtr repeater.

Our 80 mtr Club Net on Wednesday Nights starting time 7.00pm local time 3.620mhz is going really well, the roster system is also working very well, if you would

like to participate in our 80mtr Roster please contact the Club Secretary Duncan VK-3MDC and arrange for your name to be put on the list.

Much work needs to be done at the club rooms, our first priority is to make the Radio Room secure, Ben VK3FBGS will source the materials and the cost, once this is done, we are going ahead to finalize the antenna situation, we need to purchase a second hand rotator for the TH3 jnr beam, Kane also needs a beam for the IRLP Link, for the link from the club rooms to the repeater VK3RGV, Ed VK3BG said he would make up a beam for our IRLP Link.

As a Club we need to get more active, member participation is always a problem, at the last meeting I discussed this at length, what do we need to do to encourage member participation, on my travels, I come into contact with many similar Radio Clubs, they appear to be very active with high member participation, we have tried in the past to encourage our members to get involved, but without much success, this hobby is full of wonderful opportunities, and the activities are endless, lets have a purpose, other than attending a club meeting, can you, the membership, come up with some ideas on what

you want, I would love to hear from you.

The Sunday Night rebroadcast is going very well, Neil is doing an excellent job on this front, he puts a lot of his own precious time to provide this service to the membership, so please check in on Sunday Nights this is the only way Neil can gauge the response to his labour of love, he puts in many hours of work to make these rebroadcasts available to the membership, please don't just be a listener, "check in only", that's fine, this also goes for the Wednesday night Club Broadcast and the Monday night International News rebroadcast.

What about a news item for Lisa, our Editor, again many hours of time is spent in preparing the Club newsletter, this is not an easy task, Lisa is doing a great job, how about some support, Lisa is currently in the final stages of preparing Club Membership Certificates, these certificates will be available at the next Club Meeting.

If you have any photos related to our hobby or a trip somewhere, or a few lines to add to our newsletter send them to Lisa at newsletter@sadarc.org

In 2007, make a note to yourself or put it in your diary, "I am going to put aside 2 hours this year to sup-

port a club activity", that's not too much to ask, well let's do it.

DXCC "100 countries confirmed" and how to achieve it, at the next meeting I will do a small presentation on how to achieve your DXCC in 12 months or less,

how to QSL efficiently, what tools are required to chase the DX, and how to streamline and make your on air time a winner, and contests, which ones will benefit you the most, EQSL is not a winner? I will also touch base on a few

of the other awards available, such as how to achieve WAS "worked all states USA" in 64 days, interested, come along and have a listen.

73s For Now Roger Conway VK2RO
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Club President

THE PRESIDENTS REPORT

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Taking great photos - tips 'n' tricks

I don't want to sound critical here but i would truly like to share with you all a few tips on how to take a great photo, not just for the newsletter but for your everyday life as well, i get a lot of photos from members for the newsletter so i know a lot of you have cameras, digital or otherwise.

You do not need a fancy camera to take great photos- you just need to follow these simple tips to improve your photography. Start seeing and thinking like a photographer. Notice how light falls on different objects - see how light changes colour throughout the day - capture these moods and textures.

Get in Close

View each subject through the viewfinder with a critical eye. Leave out anything that doesn't add to the overall image. If the photo is meant to be of a person, Move in on that person - the whole person - and nothing but the person. Watch out for cluttered, untidy backgrounds. Use neutral backgrounds where possible - The sky; the beach; a brick wall etc.

Capture The Essence

Highlight the centre of interest in your photos. Whether the picture be of a person, pet, product or a scene. Capture details that give the subject individuality.

Give your photos Depth

When you take a photograph, you are trying to create an illusion - from a three-dimensional stereoscopic image, to a flat, two-dimensional replica (print) - try to give an impression of depth by showing foreground, middle-ground and background in your photographs.

Don't make people Dots in the Distance

When photographing people in a scene - in front

of a building, or other object.(If the people are the main subject) keep them within three metres of you, focussing on their eyes. Fuzzy eyes annoy the viewer.

To Flash or not to Flash that is the question

Try not to use flash at greater distances than three metres, when photographing night-time sports or stage shows, it's a waste of time. If you are taking flash pictures of people within the three-metre range, indoors, try diffusing your flash with a tissue in front of the flash window to try to avoid "Red-Eye". But if this occurs, and you must have the photo, with a great image editing program you can remove red-eye but you need at least a little know-how on using the program of course. Even if you are at a dark location, you can try to lure your subject to a window, and use the subtle ambient light for a pleasing portrait. For outdoor portraits on sunny days, use flash, it fills unwanted shadows in faces.

If your camera uses flash for every photo, and you want to take an available light photo, cover the flash window with black electrical tape.

Choosing which light to use

Photography is about understanding light-its direction, its temperature, its intensity.

Natural light in the morning is cool and clear, at midday the light is white, and in the afternoon the light is warm. Photos taken in the late afternoon have a dreamy quality about them. To better understand how light affects your photos, stand in an open area and hold your hand (palm down) out in front of you. Slowly turn 360 degrees, and notice how the light changes, on your hand. Look for even lighting with details in the shadows, and this is where to place

your subject. Ideally, light should come from 45 degrees of subject both vertically and horizontally. You can use reflectors to send light into shadow areas if your camera doesn't have a flash facility.

Impacting the Image

Try using a viewpoint from a different angle to gain unique perspective in your photos - looking up-looking down - Tilt camera 30 degrees up from level - photograph small pets from ground - level, photograph toddlers from 600mm - 800mm high. When taken from a step ladder double chins disappear - give your photos impact!

Get Composed

Never bisect the frame horizontally or vertically, it creates a tension-instead look at 30%/70% either way. If a scene, 70% land or water; 30% sky; or vice-versa. If a vertical object place 1/3 of distance from one edge. Try to have a person looking into the picture, rather than out of the picture-it's annoying not being able to see what they are looking at!

By tilting the camera 30% when taking shots of oncoming trucks or motor-cycles, or even water skiers, this gives dynamism to the picture. Be aware of lack of depth in the camera's view-look for fences going through ears and trees growing out of heads!

Now if you follow those few simple tips then not only will your family and friends be envious of your picture taking skills and want to learn from you, imagine how great the SADARC newsletter will look!

Lisa

Information sourced from the Internet 2007

If you are not a financial member of S.A.D.A.R.C. but would like to become one then please contact The Secretary, PO Box 692, Shepparton, 3632.

Here is an interesting series of tutorials on using a computer. A lot of you will already have some knowledge about these, but there is also quite a bit of help in understanding something's that have not been clear. It is worth a cruise in small stages, and seems very easy to understand.

<http://www.homeandlearn.co.uk/index.html>

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Minutes of February Meeting

Shepparton and District Amateur Radio Club Inc. A6677S. Minutes of monthly meeting held on Saturday 3 February 2007 at the Mooroopna Community Hall, Echuca Road Mooroopna.

The President Roger VK2RO opened the meeting at 1305 hours and welcomed all present including guests and new members.

Present: Roger VK2RO, Duncan VK3MDC, Danny VK3FDTH, Kane VK3HKH, Daryl VK3KL, Ernie VK3BSD, Tibor Nemeth SWL, Les VK3TEX, Rob VK3FMAC, Michael Wakefield, Terry VK3FTHS, Alan Vearing, Brian VK3HBW, Max Matthey SWL, Clint VK3CAF, Rob VK3ECH, Neil VK3KAL, Angela VK3FELT, Ed VK3BG, Gordon VK3ACC, John VK3PXJ, Pat VK3OV, Max VK3DSF, Terry VK3FTED, Ben VK3FBGS, Rodney VK3UG, Les VK3FLGL, Bill VK3DWG, Ray VK3RW, Alan VK3AYD, Jac VK3TJS, Peter O'Connor SWL.

Apologies: Norma Matthey SWL, Nandor Barabas SWL, Jan VK3ALF, Wayne VK3XQA.

Moved Ben VK3FBGS, seconded Terry VK3FTHS, carried.

Roger VK2RO informed the meeting that he had met with Reg VK3ARB who was a keen past member of the club. Reg is anxious to get back on the air, and Roger helped with the installation of antennas at the Nagambie Aged Care Facility where Reg now resides. Reg would like to operate on 2 meters in addition to HF but does not have a 2m rig. If any member has a 2m radio that they no longer need and would be prepared to donate it to the club, could they please let Roger know.

Acceptance of minutes of last meeting: The Secretary Duncan VK3MDC read the minutes of the last meeting, which were accepted. Moved Duncan VK3MDC, seconded John VK3PXJ, carried.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer Danny VK3FDTH presented the report on the club finances. Moved Danny VK3FDTH, seconded Rodney VK3UG, carried.

Inward Correspondence:

Christmas card from the WIA.

Letter from Dr. Sharman Stone regarding BPL.

QSL Cards.

December AR.

Outward Correspondence: Nil

General Business:

BPL: Rodney VK3UG read the letter received from Dr. Stone regarding BPL to the meeting and gave a report on the letter.

It was decided that Rodney VK3UG and Duncan VK3MDC would prepare a submission to the ACMA regarding BPL which will be tabled at the next club meeting prior to posting.

Club Projects:

The President Roger VK2RO Indicated that the club had a good year in 2006 with the repeater upgrade, IRLP project and new club rooms etc. but we needed to look forward to 2007 and he identified a number of projects that need the attention of club members.

LED Project: We need to complete the equipment and make a record attempt in April. Roger and Ray VK3RW are to liase regarding preparation of the equipment.

Club Radio Room Security: The club needs to provide a security screen and door to secure the radio room. It was suggested that weldmesh could be used.

Measurements were to be taken following the meeting.

Club Rooms Antenna Project: The beam and rotator need to be installed and a 70cm beam is required for the IRLP. Ed VK3BG will arrange for the 70cm antenna.

Lost Club Members: Pat VK3OV the Club membership Secretary has sent a reminder to a number of non-financial members. Peter VK3YF has since renewed his membership.

VK3RGV Repeater Report:

Neil VK3KAL reported that some water had leaked into the 2M antenna and that this needs to be addressed. Neil also indicated that the power supply for the repeater site had failed and that his power supply was currently being used. Greg VK3ZKV may be able to source a replacement power supply. Neil is to follow this up with Greg. There is also some work to be done at the site regarding filters. Neil also suggested that the club could hold an open day at Mt. Wombat as a club activity.

In Memoriam: John Ellis, a club member and SWL passed away on 2 January 2007 and Terry VK3FTHS visited John's widow Helen and passed on condolences from the club membership.

2007 VHF/UHF Summer Field Day: Ed VK3BG gave a presentation on the field day in which he and Rob VK3ECH participated.

VK3SOL QSL Card: Roger VK2RO suggested that the club prepare a QSL card for the club callsign VK3SOL celebrating 25 years operation of

VK3RGV. Roger passed around sample QSL cards to the meeting for consideration.

Club Activities: Roger VK2RO stressed that as a club with 73 members and two assessments in hand, we need more members to become involved in activities such as Trans Tasman and RD contests etc. Roger said that he would be asking for commitment from members in the near future.

New Members: Roger VK2RO welcomed the following new club members and presented them with "dummy loads".

Rob VL3FMAC, Clint VK3CAF, Terry VK3FTED and Peter O'Connor SWL.

Wombat Awards: Roger VK2RO presented Wombat Awards to Rob VK3FMAC and Clint VK3CAF.

80M Net: Roger VK2RO thanked Duncan VK3MDC for preparing the 80M net roster. Duncan asked the meeting for additional volunteer net controllers. He also asked for other members to check into the net at 7.00pm on Wednesday evenings on 3.620Mhz.

Baseball Caps: Bill VK3DWG was sporting a new baseball cap with his name and callsign embossed on it. Ed VK3BG indicated that he could obtain them for the price of \$10. Any members wishing to obtain one should contact Ed.

Club Library: Ed VK3BG indicated that the club needed to obtain additional Foundation Licence books and he also suggested that the club obtain two copies of the Radio Theory Handbook for use by the club to run bridging courses for those members wishing to upgrade from the Foundation Licence.

RGV Licence: Ed VK3BG suggested that the club write to Amateur Radio Victoria with a proposal to transfer the licence for VK3RGV from ARV to SADARC.

Guest Speaker: Roger VK2RO welcomed Michael Wakefield and introduced him to the meeting. Michael then delivered a very informative presentation on his work in providing radio communication in remote areas of Papua New Guinea.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Roger thanked Michael and presented him with a bottle of red wine.

Roger closed the meeting at 15.30 hours.

Ya just gotta love this guy...

Contributed by Bruce Plowman VK3QC

"Here's my strategy on the Cold War: We win, they lose." - Ronald Reagan

"The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help." - Ronald Reagan

"The trouble with our liberal friends is not that they're ignorant: It's just that they know so much that isn't so." - Ronald Reagan

"Of the four wars in my lifetime none came about because the U.S. was too strong." - Ronald Reagan

"I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandment's would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress." - Ronald Reagan

"The taxpayer: That's someone who works for the

federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service examination." - Ronald Reagan

"Government is like a baby: An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other." - Ronald Reagan

"The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program." - Ronald Reagan

"I've laid down the law, though, to everyone from now on about anything that happens: no matter what time it is, wake me, even if it's in the middle of a Cabinet meeting." - Ronald Reagan

"It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first." - Ronald Reagan

"Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it." - Ronald Reagan

"Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards, if you disgrace yourself you can always write a book." - Ronald Reagan

"No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women. - Ronald Reagan

"If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under." - Ronald Reagan

If you have something you would like to share with the other members of SADARC then send it along with any photos you may have to accompany it to newsletter@sadarc.org

CLUB NEWS



Left: Getting back into the swing of things after a long break over the Christmas/New Year season was not such a hard thing for the board at the first meeting back for 2007. Below: Enjoying the sausage sizzle before the meeting got underway was Les VK3FLGL, Alan SWL & Rob VK3ECH . Right: After the informative presentation given by Michael Wakefield, Roger then presented him with a nice bottle of Red wine.



WOMBAT AWARDS



The presentation of 2 Wombat Awards took place at the first meeting back for 2007, Clint VK3CAF & Rob VK3FMAC



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Over the next few months we will be presenting a series of articles, written and supplied by Bruce & Muriel Plowman, on their travels around the world.

These articles will include any experiences that they have had involving Ham Radio operators and the like.

Ham Radio and Travel outside Australia

By Bruce VK3QC & Muriel VK3BJO Plowman



After retiring in May 1976, we started on a trip to the UK that was going to take us around the world via the USA and later after the obligatory trip around Oz, we would be travelling for about half our time over the next 24 years, until age and health put a stop to it all, and we settled back at home with lots of photos, notes, memories, and good friends to show for it.

We have never been "normal" travellers, taking organised tours, with lots of hype, and a blurred memory of many people and places to show for it, not to mention the huge cost of travel.

We were determined to travel at low cost, preferably at zero overall cost relative to staying at home. This did seem to many of our friends a pretty hopeless quest, but in fact at the end of our travels, we were \$21,000 better off than we would have been, staying in Australia..

We wanted to go to the UK as one of Bruce's daughters had been married in England a year earlier, and because of various factors, we had not been able to be at her wedding. We wanted to meet our new son-in-law, and in any case a visit to the UK had been on our list for some time.

Lyn and Peter met us at Heathrow, and drove us to Newcastle-on-Tyne where they lived in the leafy suburb of Jesmond in that surprisingly attractive major city in North East England, not far from the Scottish border.

I had arranged a permit to use my ham call VK3QC in the UK, before we left Oz, so some 2 m gear was the order of the day. This we bought through an advertising news paper similar to the much later Melbourne Trading Post. This was and maybe still is published on each Thursday, and the format was very similar to the Trading Post, so we also looked in the Motor section for a vehicle. We had decided before we left Oz, to buy a used Range Rover, as they commanded a very high price in Oz, and also because the road view ahead over the tops of the smaller cars was a very decided advantage. Plus we were going rent a caravan for the three months we had intended to stay, and needed a suitable tow vehicle.

In those far off days, there were no credit cards, and we had to rely on Travellers Cheques, which we bought in Oz from the National Bank, and also arranged for an account at the London Branch of that bank. All transactions through that bank, had to be made in person, and cheques were not acceptable in the UK if you were a visitor, so where ever we were in the UK, we had to make a trip to Lon-

don when we needed funds! The rail system in the UK is superb, and we could get a train from Newcastle to London at about 2 hourly intervals throughout the day. So a shopping trip to London, from wherever we were, was part of the fun. I had heard that you could stand a penny on its edge on the table of one of these trains, and at 100mph, it was quite stable! This was true!

The second week we were in Newcastle we bought the paper and found three Range Rovers for sale in the general area of the North east, and one at Nottingham seemed interesting as it included a caravan "if desired". We phoned the people, and arranged to see the vehicle the next day. We rented a VW Golf and with Peter driving, we went to Nottingham to see the vehicles. The Range Rover, a two door 1973 vehicle seemed to be fairly good, so we took it to the AA for a check over, and they gave it the OK.

Then the fun began. The asking price for the two vehicles (the caravan was completely equipped with pots'n'pans, bedding, tools, rego etc) was 6500 pounds, which was WAY too much. We had stayed overnight and mentioned to the landlord at the pub, that we were interested in buying, and showed him the ad. He recognised the ad as one that had been running for some weeks, which indicated there was a lot of room for negotiation. We visited the people again (he ran a pork meat shop) and said we did not really want to buy a caravan, but just rent one for three months, and offered him 2000 pounds for the car only, (the new price of that vehicle 3 years before (1973) was 45,000 pounds). He turned down the offer flat, so we bid him fair-well and told him we would be staying at the same hotel until the next day, when we would be returning to Newcastle. At 11 pm that evening the landlord knocked at our door, and told us there was a phone call for us at the office down stairs, so I put on my p.j's and slippers and went to answer the phone, thinking it may have been a call from Oz (and how would anyone in Oz know we were at that Pub). Turns out it was the owner of the Range Rover, asking whether we had bought a vehicle yet, and asked us to see him in the morning and he would "see what we can do". In the morning he said he really needed to sell the vehicle and we could have it for 3,500 pounds, And he was prepared to LEND us the caravan whilst we were in England, provided we did not take it out of the UK (France was 32 miles across the English Channel by vehicular ferry), And that we return the caravan to him

before we left England. I said no to the deal and thanked him for the offer, but we really could not go beyond 2500 pounds. He accepted that deal, and we gave him a 100 pound traveller's cheque as a deposit, and went to London and got a Bank Cheque for 2500 pounds, and retrieved the traveller's cheque, and headed back to Newcastle with the van in tow. Because we had the van, we were legally obliged to drive on the Motor Way in the two truck lanes, which carried a 70 mph speed limit! All of the trucks sat on that speed and tail gated all the way to Newcastle, WOW, what a trip!

We used the vehicles to do over 6500 miles (10,400 km) in a three month period, and we literally went from Lands End to John's Groats!!! We covered all of England, Wales and Scotland.

When we left England, heading for the USA, we dropped off the caravan in Nottingham, and drove the Range Rover to the London Docks for shipment to Australia. We pre-paid the freight and compulsory insurance, and next day flew to the USA. Now the interesting bit, when we collected the vehicle from the shipping company, in Melbourne, and checked with Customs, the Range Rover owed us a total "out of pocket" of Oz \$6576, provided we did not sell it in Oz for 367 days from the date we purchased it in England. Three months after that date we sold it to a Dentist in Melbourne for \$13,500. This meant that ALL of our costs of fares, food, purchase of the vehicle, freight and insurance, and petrol, etc in the UK plus car rental and accommodation at Budget Motels, food and fuel for a month in the USA was covered by the \$13,500, except for \$13 dollars. If we included the cost of our living in Oz, had we done so, for that 4 plus months, we were about \$1000 ahead. Oh yes, we also had the use of the RR in Oz until we sold it.

More of our travels next month. Any Questions? Email us on bpowman@westnet.com.au



The registration plate from the Range Rover purchased while in the United Kingdom.

Ham Travel Club

Sure you have sometimes thought about the possibility to visit places with which you have talk or made a DX on your holidays.

But; How? Apart from the travel often the most expensive part consists on the hotel accommodation, moving through the tourist sites and going on excursions with TOUR OPERATORS.

In HAM TRAVEL CLUB we offer you a solution for making those trips you want getting the most from the great bond of fraternity among the radio amateurs of the world by sharing a common hobby and thanks to the hospitality that a radio amateur and his/her family can offer us we could travel to those destinations dreamt.

It is very simple:
Being member of HAM TRAVEL CLUB, you have the possibility to request holiday dates to enjoy, with your family, in a city from a country chosen by you in which there are radio amateurs that also belong to HAM TRAVEL CLUB.

You can make this choice whenever you want and you can also change it at any moment you wish, but you have to make the requests at least one month before so as to guarantee the research by HAM TRAVEL CLUB, of an appropriate OM HOST.

HAM TRAVEL CLUB will provide you several accommodation options for your holidays in the city, country and dates chosen. We would always intend that the proposed destinations are, at least, within the QTH LOCATOR of the area that you have chosen for your trip.

In case you want to travel but don't know where, let us propose you some destinations.

Once found the possible OM HOSTS, HAM TRAVEL CLUB would contact them to talk about your interest in visiting their city, and, if they have that time available to share their house with you.

Once the possible OM HOSTS agree to your future visit, HAM TRAVEL CLUB will provide you their data for you to contact with one of them and reach an agreement to carry out your visit.

The stay would be in the house of the OM HOST of the city and country chosen by you; the host would just meet the accommodation costs of your stay on his/her house.

With this system you would make friends, know different cultures and marvellous corners of the world, using a common hobby: the RADIO.

Besides, this would cost you much less than a planned tourist trip, as we all know, the most expensive part is usually the accommodation, and this is here guaranteed by the OM HOST on his/her residence.

For your part, you have to know that you have to offer yourself as OM HOST at least the equivalent time that you decide you want to spend out. It is possible that within the year in course an OM GUEST goes to your house that period of time, less time, or no time at all but you have to be prepared for that. This does not mean that you have to accept any OM GUEST that we propose you. In case you can not welcome him/her at that moment you can reject in advance their possible visit.

It is a unique opportunity to join a CLUB to travel with no accommodation costs. You just can do this when you go to a friend's house, and radio amateurs are TRUE FRIENDS!

Besides, you have two different ways of becoming

member of HAM TRAVEL CLUB:
SILVER MEMBER.

In which the OM GUEST, lives together with the host family during the time of the stay in the city to visit. With this system great friendship bonds are created and you learn a lot about the culture and habits of the place chosen.

GOLD MEMBER.

The OM HOST lends its residence for the accommodation of the OM GUEST and his/her family, not being the owner living there together with them. This system is normally used in case you have two residences and you don't mind lend one for some days.

Being GOLD MEMBER, we can search you this type of accommodations and/or SILVER, depending on what you want.

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My visit to Hawaii in December 2006, Eye Ball meeting with Harry In Hilo

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on the Big Island Of Hawaii, Harry KH6FKG is 83yrs of age and extremely active, I talk to him most nights at 18.00local on 7.235mhz, the other picture is Harry's 40mtr Beam he is always 5/9 at my place, 73s Roger VK2RO

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