

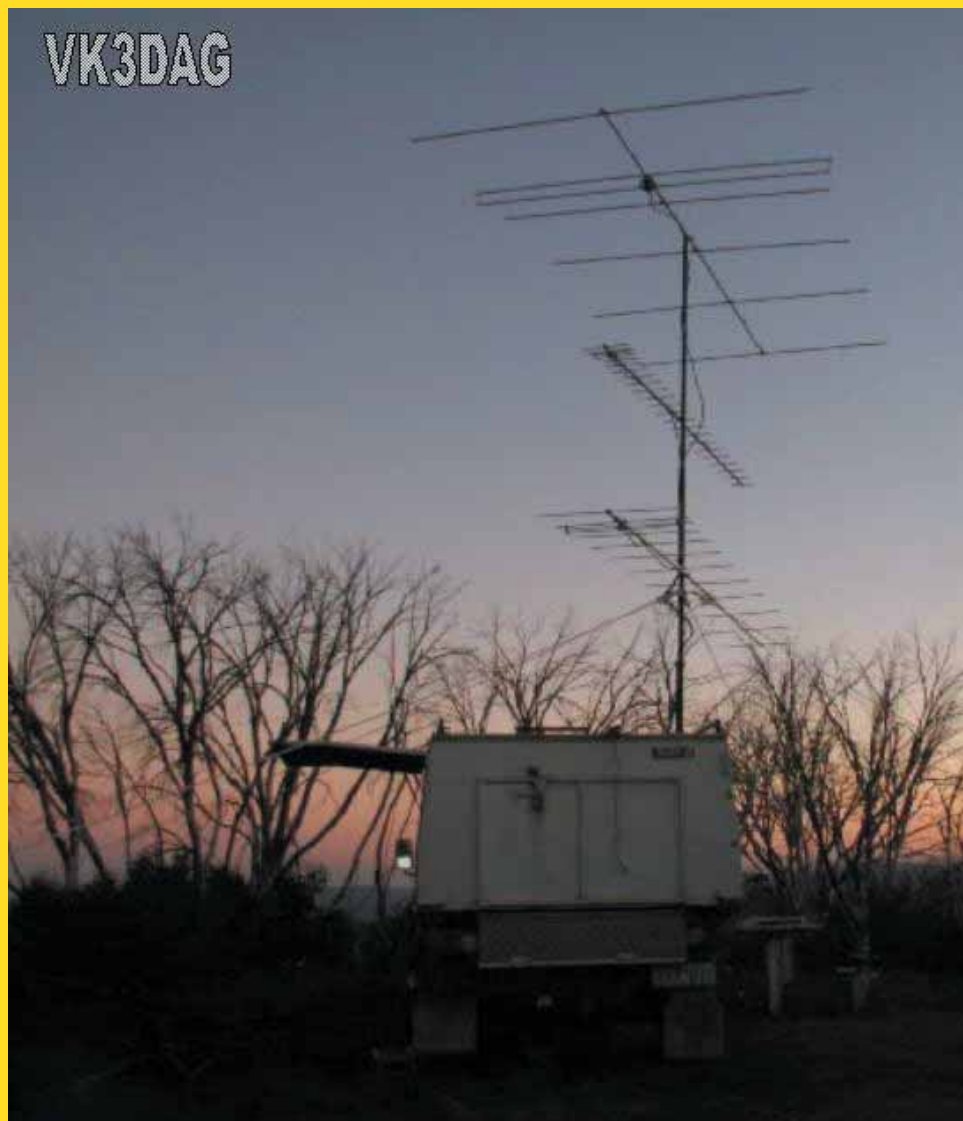


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VHF UHF Field Day

Steven Hamer made 115 contacts over this 24 hour event.
More photos on pages 4 & 5.

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Presidents Report for February 2009



Hello to everyone,

Well it's been a pretty rough start to February, I'm sure I speak on behalf of all of us when I say our thoughts and hearts are with all the Bushfire victims across the state of Victoria.

Thanks to all the members who made it to our first meeting of the year. We had a pretty good turnout considering the weather. It looks like our first practical session for the year will commence on the 3rd Saturday in March, there

are plenty of things to start the ball rolling including cleaning up our club shack. Les VK3TEX and kindly acquired a couple of desks with plenty of drawer space and I pretty sure he is hot on the case for some shelving as well. Stay tuned for agenda and starting time for March.

I am looking for members who are interested in doing the John Moyle Field Day on from the 14th to the 15th of March. Mt Major was suggested as a possible location or perhaps even the club rooms. I know Steve VK3DAG is pretty keen. I will investigate how to obtain permission to get onto Major.

Members who haven't got a club name badge need to email or phone me ASAP to get their name on the list so I can get Jaeck to get them organized.

After a much discussion the club had decided to take up Richard Hoskin VK3JFKs offer of trialing a portable D-Star repeater on Mt Wombat. The trial would involve powering down our 70cm FM repeater for the trial period and utilizing its antenna and power.

I will speak to Richard again after things settle down with the fires and with consultation of our clubs technical committee arrange a date for this to happen, possibly late March or April. We will keep you posted.

Before I go I would like to thank Steve VK3DAG for taking the reins of our clubs 80m net on Wednesday nights. Steve is organizing a new roster so if you are interested in participating please get in contact with him.

See you all soon.

Cheers

Toby VK3PNF

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*If you are already a volunteer and want to be taken off the current roster please contact Steven Hamer, and the roster will be rearrange.

*If anyone on a current roster can't make it for any reason, could they aslo contact Steve Hamer and arrangements for someone else to fill in for them will be made. If no one else is able to fill in Steven Hamer will cover it.

To volunteer or for any more information please contact

Steven Hamer.

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Minutes of February Meeting

Shepparton and District Amateur Radio Club Inc A6677S. Minutes of monthly meeting held on 7th February 2009 at the Mooroopna Scout Hall Echuca Rd Mooroopna.

Meeting was opened by club president Toby VK3PNF at 13 :03 hours.

Present: Peter, VK3FBEN, Geoff Cooper VK3AHT, John Waters VK3PXJ, Vicky Ormerod SWL, Bob Bird VK3GEB, Rodney Champness VK3UG, Pat O'Shannessey VK3OV, Steven Hamer VK3DAG, Rob George VK3ECH, Ron Burns VK3COP, Les Tatar VK3TEX, Toby Corbett VK3PNF, Tibor Nemeth VK3FTIB, Terry Dovaston VK3MAR, Wayne Colleyer VK3XQA, Denys Parnell VK3ZYZ

Apologies: John VK3FJHM, Ian VK3JNC, Ed VK3BG, Les VK3VLG, Max VK3DSF, Jan VK3ALF, Brian VK3HBW, Duncan VK3DCX,

Minutes of the last meeting : Read by secretary Les VK3TEX. Both the November and December minutes of 2009 were read out to the group.

Moved the minutes be accepted by John VK3PXJ, seconded by Geoff VK3AHT,. Carried

Business arising from the minutes of the last meetings:

The letters of appreciation that were to be sent to the SES and CFA were sent by Les VK3TEX. Cabinets and Shelving that were to be procured by Les VK3TEX was partially done with the procurement of 2 desks for the radio room but unfortunately they couldn't be bought down to the clubrooms for a lack of a suitable trailer. Shelving will be looked into at a later date. The cabinets were donated by a friend and were free.

Les VK3TEX enquired

whether Lisa the Editor received her Laminator . Toby confirmed that she did get it.

Toby also welcomed Vicky Ormerod to the meeting as she is interested in getting her license for Amateur Radio

Treasurers Report:

Outward payments were for the Laminator which will appear in the next in next months statement. Monies received were 20 dollars for a membership renewal from Decembers Meeting. The amounts will be shown in next months statement.

Treasurers Report was moved to be accepted by Alan VK3FALN and seconded by Tibor VK3FTIB. Carried.

Correspondence:

QSL cards From the WIA QSL Bureau.

EMDRC Newsletter.

General Business:

Ron VK3COP commented on VK3BSD and VK3FKTC were late renewals but not on the current list. Also he commented that we may need to find someone to fill in Daryl's position as the organizer of the hamfest this year if he is not available to take on this task.

Comment was also made that the renewals for the club will be at July this year with the new price rise by 5 dollars.

Comment was also made that the beam for the club needs to be taken down and re-assembled and checked for loose hardware as it's not working correctly at the moment.

More use also needs to be made of the radio room and maybe during the projects day this could be done.

Les VK3TEX moved a motion to have the first projects day on the third Saturday in March. Seconded by Ron VK3COP and carried.

Details of times and specifics

further down the track.

Ron VK3COP talked about WICEN and about the difficulty in contacting their rep in this area.

John VK3PXJ wanted to know what happened to the money that was raised from the sale of the equipment donated by Jan VK3ALF. Ron commented that it could be in the total for the takings of the hamfest.

John VK3PXJ also commented on the QRM that is deliberately being caused on the 2M repeater by a carrier button pusher.

He said that we should send a letter to the WIA to see what course of action we should take in getting to the bottom of the matter.

The secretary said he would draft a letter and send it to the WIA.

Wayne VK3XQA wanted to know how the LED project was coming along? Les commented that we should find where the boards are and get them going maybe on the projects day? And slowly go from there. Most of the bits are done but it just needs to be re-organized and chased up to see where we are.

Congratulations also went to Ed VK3BG and Steve VK3DAG on their efforts and placings in the VHF and UHF field days, which were also written up in the AR magazine.

Steve VK3DAG also volunteered to take on the 80 M roster and get that done. Toby VK3PNF the president of the club gave a very comprehensive discussion on the pros and cons of the D star system that the club has been considering for installation on top of Mt Wombat.

At the end of the presentation it was moved a motion by Jaceck VK3TJS to get a D star guy from

Melbourne to install a temporary D star repeater up on the hill for a minimum of one month as a trial to see how it performs on the hill. This would be on the 70 cm band. Les, VK3TEX seconded the motion and it was carried. Toby will get it organized.

Toby was to check with Lisa the editor and see if we can get the newsletter sent via the email again as in the system we had previously.

Also Toby asked for more input into the newsletter from the members of the club to maintain interest.

Queries were raised about the 6 M repeater and how things were progressing. Toby commented that he hadn't spoken to Neal for a while and when he gets in contact with him he will see how things were going.

Toby told the meeting that Ross Farrar VK3KVC has some gear for sale on the website and that he will donate a portion of that money received to the club.

Jaceck VK3TJS raised the point of the 30th anniversary of SADARC this year and what we could do to celebrate this special occasion. The idea of a raffle and prizes was mentioned Jaceck will come back at the next meeting with ideas for this, and the club will go from there.

The certificates for the rest of the ladies who helped at the hamfest were

handed out to their spouses or friends to hand them on. Toby was handed a round of applause for his very thorough Dstar presentation.

The meeting was closed at 13:20 hours.

VHF UHF Field Day

Images and Summary - VK3DAG

Here is some images of myself participating in the 2009 summer field day on top of Mt Skene. I made 115 contacts over the 24 hour event. I used two transceivers a TS 480 HX for 6 meters. And shared a Yeasu ft 857d for 2 meters and 70 centimeters. On the mast I had a 6 element, 6 meter beam with 100 watt. A 12 element 2 Meter beam with 50 watt and a 23 element 70 centimeter beam with 20 watt. My father, Spud Dog and I went up there on Friday night and camped in a small caravan for two nights. It was only 3 degrees Celsius on Saturday morning. I got the mast up with the three beams by 12 midday for the contest start.

I tied the mast off with a collar to four snow gums this allowed for antenna rotation. The weather was kind for the duration with no wind at all and plenty of warm sunshine. I worked stations from 12 midday to about 7:20 PM on Saturday, and 6 AM to Midday



on Sunday. That was a enough for a single operator station. I look forward to any future events and hope to have 23 centimeter transceiver. As well as have radio each for the 2 meter and 70 centimeters.

I work on that for now.

Cheers 73. Steven. VK3DAG.



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RG215.

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