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Even young Billy Corbett, son of President Toby Corbett had an enjoyable time at the SADARC & MARC BBQ held at the Nagambie wier recently. More photos on page 5.

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Presidents Report for April 2009



Hello to everyone,
Thanks to all the members who attended April's meeting, it was great to see a full floor.

I am looking forward to the SADARC – MARC annual BBQ at Goulburn Weir. Thanks to Barbra O'Shannesy who has offered to make a few extra little treats for the day. MARC will be bringing along Salad and Sweets and SADARC will provide all the meat and bread. Don't forget to bring your own drinks, eating utensils and something to sit on such as chairs or perhaps a picnic rug. Hope to see you all there. Unfortunately I was absent from

the project day last month but on all accounts it was reported a great success so thanks to all of those members who attended. Special mention to Les VK3TEX for the fantastic job that he and Nandor did in cleaning up the radio shack, job well done. We have had some parts of the clubs LED project returned and a few of the members are keen to press on with this. Can all those who have any parts of this or any other project please return them to the clubrooms so these members can assess where to start. The next practical day will be held on Saturday May 16th starting at 10am, hope to see you all there.

Lisa Laffan our wonderful newsletter editor has been finding it very hard to acquire articles for the SADARC newsletter. Could everyone please start helping

photos to projects they are currently working on? Just remember, your project might just inspire one of us to have a go too. Please forward all newsworthy items to Lisa: newsletter@sadarc.org or by regular mail care of the club and they will be handed on.

A working bee needs to be held at our repeater site before the weather turns bad, (It might even rain this time). I will be calling for volunteers to attend at the next club meeting in May. A morning or afternoon will be decided on so if you haven't been up and seen the view from up there this is the perfect chance. Many hands make light work so if you can lend a hand stay tuned for the date to be advised.

Well that's enough from me, see you all at the BBQ

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*If anyone on a current roster can't make it for any reason, could they also 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

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Minutes of April Meeting

SADARC Minutes of the meeting held on April 4th 2009

Shepparton and District Amateur Radio Club Inc A6677S. Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 4th of April 2009 at the Mooroopna Scout Hall, Echuca Rd Mooroopna. Meeting was opened by club president Toby, VK3PNF at 13:05 Hours.

Present:

John VK3PXJ, Jan VK3ALF, Alan VK3AYD, Max VK3DSF, Les VK3VLG, Steve VK3DAG, Danny VK4FDTH, John VK3FJHM, Bob VK3GEB, Vicky Ormerod, Peter VK3FBEN, Pat VK3OV, Rodney VK3UG, Wayne VK3XQA, Terry VK3MAR, Ed VK3BG, Trevor VK3VG, Rob VK3ECH, Toby VK3PNF, Les VK3TEX, Ron VK3COP, Barry VK3KBY, Kane VK3HKH, Jacek VK3TJS, Alan Ransley.

Apologies:

Tibor VK3FTIB, Neil VK3KAL and Angela VK3FELT.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Read by Les VK3TEX. Moved they be accepted by Max VK3DSF, seconded by Terry VK3MAR. Carried.

Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:

Toby addressed the letter that Rodney had tabled and he read out at the last meeting but told Rodney that he would really like to take the issues up with a member of the technical committee being present at the meeting also.

Toby also bought up the subject of the 6M repeater and said that Neil was very busy with other things and has not had an opportunity

to do much on the project.

Toby suggested that the club should talk further and get the club more involved and not have to put all the work on one person. Ed VK3BG had a couple of repeaters that may be used 828's etc. Ed VK3BG could not get hold of the club records off an ex club member because he told ED he did not have them. These records date back to the earliest days of the club.

Danny VK3FDTH raised a motion for the club to write a letter to this person and see if they have any idea where these records may be. Seconded by Wayne VK3XQA. Carried.

Inward Correspondence:

A letter to the club From Icom with some brochures on their D-star equipment. Some QSL cards from the bureau.

A bill for the rent of the scout hall for the last quarter.

Outward Correspondence:

The cheque and associated paperwork for the public liability insurance was posted.

Treasurers Report:

Was tabled by Ron VK3COP and handed out to members to read and comment.

Ron moved a motion for two outstanding accounts to be paid they were for Ron VK3COP for the filling of the gas bottle at the projects day and rent for the scout hall. Seconded by Les VK3TEX. Carried.

Ron asked Kane whether he ever got the gas bottle back from the scouts, but he said no they never gave it back... Ron said it may be worthwhile to get a new bottle and hold it in storage up in the radio room.

Les VK3TEX raised that

the treasurers report be accepted and this was seconded by John VK3PXJ. Carried.

General Business:

Les VK3TEX commented on how the projects day went in March and what a success it was and raised a motion to have the second projects day on the third weekend in May.

This was seconded by Les VK3VLG and carried.

Danny VK3FDTH said that one of his work mates was willing to donate some heliax cable to the club both new and used. It was suggested to Danny that he could try and sell the cable on the website/newsletter and then donate to the club that way.

Danny VK3FDTH also queried if the LDF 450 cable that was for the 2m repeater had been used up on Mt Wombat. The members present were not aware of what had been done with this cable. It was suggested that any equipment that is going to be borrowed in the future or held by members that it be recorded in an assets register and booked out accordingly.

Danny VK3FDTH also bought up the issue of works done for the Tocumwal SES last year and that for his participation a tower which was surplus to the SES requirements would be given to him. He subsequently would have donated it to the SADARC. This did not happen.

This was news to the current committee and they were not aware of this issue.

There was a motion raised by Les VK3TEX to compile a letter with the assistance of Danny VK3FDTH to the Tocumwal SES to see

if the tower was available and if it could be picked up. Seconded by Rodney VK3UG Carried. The letter will be put to the club for acceptance at a meeting in the near future.

Rodney VK3UG bought some surplus electronic gear for anyone to take free.

Toby bought the issue of the BBQ up and asked for any more takers. It will be held in Nagambie again and everyone was encouraged to attend.

Les VK3TEX had an idea to upgrade the clubs three element beam to a new one as it is very old and unreliable. Toby suggested that it should be pulled down to asses and repair as necessary and then see if a new beam is worthwhile.

Toby addressed the issue of the duration of the meetings and how they were taking too long and asked the members for any ideas to speed things up.

Les VK3TEX asked for more input to the newsletter to make things more interesting for the members reading it. Various ideas were put forward for articles for the newsletter.

Wayne VK3XQA said we should priorities our projects for the club and that may shorten meetings as many subjects would take up much time in discussion,

Barry VK3KBY had a say on the duration of the meetings and said they should be a lot shorter and chit chat should be left to after the meeting, as the meetings were taking far too long. Toby agreed and welcomed any constructive ideas to achieve this.

Meeting closed by Toby VK3PNF at 14:35 hours.



Have a laugh

You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing!

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied, "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." The child thought about this for a moment then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!" While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off and started running again! As she ran, she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late . . . But please don't shove me either!"

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead!"

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He answered, "Call for backup."

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill and she said, "Johnny, what is the matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

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A note from the editor...

Hi To All SADARC Members,

It has come to my attention that not all members are receiving the newsletter notification via their email addresses. I have a few emails returned to me as either not correct or they do not exist. Can members who are not receiving emails from newsletter@sadarc.org please email me so i can rectify this problem.

Regards
Lisa
Newsletter Editor

ANNUAL BBQ AT NAGAMBIE WEIR



Members of S.A.D.A.R.C. and Midland Radio Club gathered at the Nagambie weir recently for a BBQ & get together. S.A.D.A.R.C. members have sent in photos to show what a great day was had by all. Young and old alike had a very nice day!



A note from Rodney VK3UG

Pat VK3OV and myself (VK3UG) have been discussing a couple of things, one a stalled club project (The LED communications experiment) and an individual project on a telescopic portable antenna that members may be interested in.

Pat is contacting one of the people who was very much involved in this project around three years ago. He is hoping that he will be able to provide us with more up to date information so the project can be re-started if deemed appropriate. This is in addition to the move to get all the bits and pieces of the project that are currently distributed widely amongst members back to one central point so we can determine our best way forward. Wayne VK3XQA is also quite keen on this activity.

Pat handed out a screed at the last meeting on a collapsible portable antenna that can be used on bands from 80 metres through to 15 metres. It makes interesting reading such that at least three of us have become extremely interested. The mast consists of multi-section concentric squid fishing pole that extends out to 9 metres, and collapses down to around a metre for transport. The article is very interesting and got me

keen to get one of these poles. I've been trying to get one for a couple of years and I found that you will not be able to get one from your local fishing tackle shop (with one exception). They look at you as if you are stupid.

However, in this article a source is given. I have checked the source and the 9 metre poles will be back in stock at the end of May, and there will also be a 10 metre one becoming available, which may be even better. Haverford's commented that amateurs are the people who mostly buy these poles. The poles are not particularly expensive either. If anyone is interested in us making a bulk purchase would you let Pat or myself know. A batch of 10 would attract a discount and lower transport costs. The site to look at for the information is <http://www.perite.com/vk7jj/squidpoles.htm>. Even if you don't want to build one it is a darn interesting read. Locally, Trelley's Fishing and Hunting World, at 209 Corio Street, Shepparton do have 9 metre poles for under \$50 each. These are probably the light duty ones. It may pay to wait and see if Haverford's have heavy duty as well as the light duty poles.

Cheers Rodney

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