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Transcript

00:00:06 Speaker 1

This is VK6ARN News West. We are a community organisation and we've been serving at the best amateur radio news in Australia since 1931.

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Hi there I'm VK 6FCRC Clinton and welcome to another episode of News W for the 30th of July.

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2023 now to Steve Kennedy V K6SJ, with another episode of did you know?

00:00:35 Speaker 2

Hi this is an article from Barry Burns for VK6 Adi on his introduction into slow scan TV.

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My first experience to this digital mode was back in the early 70s in Darwin NT when I got an invitation by Doug MacArthur, VK 8KK/VK3 uniform Mike, now silent key to visit his curty H for a demonstration in a new craze, and emit a radio called Slow Scan Television.

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Dug acquired a robot SSTV kit from the USA, setting it up using a 5 inch crow tube. A5 beep.

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He one he was in contact with a ham in the USA on 20 metres. Doug's transceiver was a yacc F DX4A1 very popular in those early days of SSB. I could see a fuzzy image, 36 lines but identified.

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Image coming down on the green tube and I was immediately hooked on this new technology in amateur radio.

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I quite a robot kit from the USA and was in the process of assembling it, but never completed the project as we got a visit from Cyclone Tracy on Christmas Day and our elevated home with the handshake underneath in the laundry area did not pass the wind test. We ended up with a large dance floor with the open air toilet. Our experience surviving.

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Cyclone Tracy will be a subject of a future article and a part.

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Of that amateur radio played in it, and how my family was evacuated to Adelaide by a Galaxy transport aircraft.

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Underneath Jack was hulled by flying debris. As the walls were asbestos which was not prohibited in that period.

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All my home brew radio equipment was damaged and model logged, putting an end to my ham activities.

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Three months later, I flew to Adelaide on recovery and recreation leave to spend 2 weeks with my family.

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While in Adelaide I bought a Kenwood TS520 transceiver which had just come out on the market and took it back to Darwin so I could get back on the hand bands.

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The Army and other services had finished directing 3 temporary rooms and roofs so I could live there.

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No roof over the toilet so I could sit on the throne and look at the stars. SSTV was put on hold and got interested in RTQ Y and acquired a model 15 tell type machine made up of an interface and back on air with RTT, Y and SSB with a G5 RV antenna.

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Still had water on site but no power.

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Hence had was given a three kilovolt amp generated by.

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The antique and emergency services.

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I never got back into STV until I left Darwin in 1997 and I bought 100 acre property in Beverly, WA.

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It was in 1998, after I had established a ham station in Beverley that I contacted Tony VK 6 ATI and and Ray VK 6 ET who were experimenting with analogue SSTV using M SSTV.

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This exposure reunited me back into SSTV and loaded the software down to join them on regular shed scads on the HF bands.

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Ray had set up a repeater on STV in Clackline, near Northern WA, where we could test our transmitted images and also check for propagation conditions.

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Over the years, we experimented and used various forms of software, from digitrax, ham PAL and finally settled on easy Pal as Tony V K6. ATI described in his previous article on SSTV a few months back.

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The Wis TV group for the past two decades have kept regular skids on various modes and sessions made interesting when an image is sent, the operator talks about the history and contents of the image.

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Tony VK 680I as a net controller and has ran and kept them grouped together for the past two decades, deserves a long service medal.

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As Tony mentioned, information can be obtained on our web webpagesstv.net

**for downloading the software frequency
and times RSV.**

00:04:36 Speaker 2

**Sessions are run 7 threes. This is Barry
VK6, adi.**

00:04:42 Speaker 3

**With the AGM season, Whelan truly upon
us is a good time to look at what your
club is doing and what your club is
about.**

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**And chances are your club will have a
constitution you should have, and near
the beginning of that document will be
listed a set of 1 or more objects. The
objects are an outline of why the club
was formed in the first place.**

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**The rest of the document is all about
good management of the club, a good**

measure of how your club is going is to list the objects from your constitution and have an honest discussion about whether or not your club is doing what it should be.

00:05:17 Speaker 3

So what if you aren't doing what it says in the objects? In simple terms, it means one of two things.

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Either you need to take a long hard look at your clubs activity programme or you should review your constitution because your objects may be out of date or too narrow in their scope. I'll deal with the former rather than the latter, because the latter option would be a huge project.

00:05:38 Speaker 3

If you believe that your club isn't meeting the objects in its constitution, it's time to take a look at what you are

doing. In fact, your Constitution's objects must embrace the clubs.

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To achieve this without restricting creativity, however, the objects should be fairly broad and not a list of specific activities.

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So now we've sorted out your objectives. What does your club spend its energy on, what occupies most of your time at the club?

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The first suspect on my list is meetings.

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The business part of any club ought to be dealt with by short committee meetings with minutes circulated to members.

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As any business out of the ordinary can be taken to a broader group of members, however, the day-to-day, mundane stuff about paying the rent, the power bills, etcetera, is for the committee. You don't have to have all the members talking about paying the power bill.

00:06:31 Speaker 3

So, having relieved general members of the drudgery of meetings, there's plenty of time to engage the members in club activities.

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This can be instructional information sharing, maintenance and construction of antennas et cetera. And yes, playing with the radios, you gotta play with the toys sometime.

00:06:49 Speaker 3

By a simple process of doing away with the unnecessary and replacing it with the fun stuff, your club will become focused

**more interesting and Members will enjoy attending club meetings and activities.
I'm Bob Vick 6 POP.**

00:07:04 Speaker 4

**Greetings all amateur radio operators.
Please be aware that the Northern Corridor Radio Group will be holding its annual Ham Fest on Sunday morning the 20th of August at the Cyril Jackson Community Hall in Bassendean. Please make note of the date change with the HAMFESTS being held one week earlier than usual.**

00:07:23 Speaker 4

The Ham Fest will start at 9:00 AM and finish at around lunchtime. As always, suppliers can set up from 7:30 AM and the NCRG will be staging A raffle with tickets available on the day and online before the event. There are some

fantastic prizes on offer this year. First prize is a Yaesu FT71.

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Zero HF 50 megahertz radio valued at 1695 dollars.

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Second prize is an ICOM ID 52A handheld with D Star 2 and 70 Sims valued at \$849.

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Third prize is an MFJ enterprises 991 B HF antenna tuner that's valued at \$400.00 and fourth prize is a Raspberry Pi model 4B with 8 gigabytes of RAM.

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This is a do it yourself kit with a few bits and pieces in that's valued at 322 dollars.

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Tickets. They're on sale from the 20th of June, so that starts a few days and it's available to people in New South Wales, NT, Queensland, SA, Tasmania, Victoria and of course WA. \$5 per ticket is the charge as always, and the raffle will be drawn on the day.

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At the finish of the Ham fest at 12:00 o'clock.

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So please come along, catch up with your friends, check out the new and secondhand wares that will be on sale, and of course, dine out on some of the yummy snacks that will be available from the can.

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If you want to book a table to sell or exhibit at the Ham Fest, please be aware that the tables will run out fast.

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There's no charge for the table, just an entrance fee. On the day of \$5 per person, NCG members included.

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Additional details will be posted on the NCG website, so please look for those if you'd like to book a table or ask a question about the hamfests.

00:09:12 Speaker 4

Please contact myself, Brad Peters, VK 6BAP on 0427401513. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

00:09:26 Speaker 5

Since 1931, News West has provided amateur radio news for WA and Beyond. This is VK 6 ARN.

00:09:38 Speaker 3

From the Argus Melbourne Thursday the 15th of December 1921 is an article with the heading status of the Australian.

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One cannot but wonder when he compares the conditions under which the wireless amateur of Australia works with the conditions of the amateur in Great Britain and America, the great grievance of the experimenter in Australia is the ban placed on transmission of messages, and though he is given reasonable freedom so far as reception is concerned.

00:10:05 Speaker 3

Yet the charge of £2.00 a year for a licence is too high.

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The licence fee in England is 10 shillings a year for receiving and no difficulty is experienced in obtaining permission to transmit, provided the power used does

not exceed 10 watts, this is sufficient to work over 50 miles if the continuous wave system is used in America, no charge is made for the licence and.

00:10:30 Speaker 3

Though the number of commercial stations there is far greater than in Australia, the authorities grant permission to competent amateurs to use the power of 1000 watts, or nearly 1 1/2 horsepower.

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The policy of the Australian radio authorities has been to check amateur radio work. Amateurs say that the government would not grant them permission to use transmitting apparatus and many would not pay the licence fee demanded.

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As a result, unlicensed stations have sprung up all over Melbourne and as

their whereabouts is not known to the authorities.

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Surreptitious transmitting has been going on everywhere and no care has been taken to prevent interference with commercial stations.

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On the other hand, the amateurs of America have achieved much. It is not uncommon for distances of 3000 miles to be covered with the amateur transmitters in use and an amateur wireless telephone station on the East Coast of the United States has actually been heard in Scotland recently.

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A number of amateur operators in California have been commissioned to act in conjunction with the Aerial Forest Patrol.

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Service, thus saving the government the expense of paying operators to work. The 20 stations that have been erected for communication with the patrolling aeroplanes.

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No interference with commercial messages would be caused if transmitting permits were granted to competent amateurs who undertook to use continuous wave transmitters so tuned that the length of the emitted wave was either less than 250 metres or greater than 1500 metres. This precludes the possibility of interference.

00:12:02 Speaker 3

Either with the government or the commercial stations, it is to be hoped that in the near future, an amendment of the existing regulations will make such a permit obtainable.

00:12:12 Speaker 6

Good morning. It's Roy. VK6 XRAY Victor with this week's radio helpline, for the 29th of July 2023.

00:12:18 Speaker 6

I'm a bit sore at the moment and talking makes it worse, so I've got broken 4 ribs, so I hope I get through it OK, But that's enough for my complaining. I have here wanted by Kai in broom the following an ICOM transceiver model 7100.

00:12:33 Speaker 6

7100 ICOM transceiver is required along with an analyzer, an antenna analyzer, any make model for ECC SWR cheques.

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A 40 metre and A10 metre vertical antenna which can be compacted down to 1 1/2 metres if if need be, to make it easier to move house A5 wavelength

mobile for mono band 20 metres, 5/8 wavelength mobile monoband for 40 metres and an M AT-125 echo tuner if you're the proud owner of any of those.

00:13:04 Speaker 6

Adams would like to relinquish symptom Kai. Please contact him. His email address is VK 6XV. No, that's that's mine.

00:13:13 Speaker 6

VK6K Kilo, Sarah Juliet at westnet.com dot AU. I'll say it again. Victor Kilo 6 KSJ.

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At westnet.com dot AU, next item comes from Greg. He has a HF transceiver. It's an IC7.

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18 it's 100 watts on 10 through 60 metres, 160 metres that is comes with a hand microphone, power lead mic and

**original handbook. Very good condition.
No scratches asking 450 dollars.**

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**Contact Greg VK 6 AKA daughter on his
phone 041790087404179 hundred 874
and choose 73, says Greg.**

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**That is all I have for you this week,
listeners. This is Roy V K6X VX ray.**

00:14:03 Speaker 6

**Victor, get it right in a minute. Anyone
would like to check in for next week. Just
give me a call on email.**

00:14:09 Speaker 6

**Roy.watkins@bigpond.com RO
y.watkinswatkons@bigpond.com and I'll
tend to your needs if I can. Thank you.**

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And seven, three from VK 6X V.

00:14:23 Speaker 1

Hi there. I'm Clinton, VK 6 FCRC and I'd like to thank our newest team of volunteers and broadcasters each week and those regularly submitting content each week.

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I'd also like to thank our readers and you for listening. Please stand by now for callbacks after the ident or if nobody is taking callbacks, please fill out the form on the VK6.net website.

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So we know how many people are listening or reading news west each week.