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Hi there on Clinton VK success CRC and one continues W for the 7th of April 2024. Now over to Dan VK 6 NAD with silent key announcement.



This is Dan VK 6NA D. It's with a heavy heart I have to report that Milton BK6 YD is now a silent key. Milton passed away just over a week ago on Friday the 29th of March after suffering a massive stroke that left him half paralysed, which I understood took place around Christmas time. Milton was a longstanding friend to Amateur and CB radio operators throughout our community. His love for radio extended across all boundaries and formed him many longtime acquaintances. I personally knew Milton less than a decade. It had a profound impact on me, with him influencing me heavily to gain my amateur core. Milton was always a gentle voice on the radio, with always a kind word and infectious love of life and things around him. He would passionately share his experience with others, including his immense knowledge of antennas, and would proudly explain. How his course I'm once belonged to his father. I will never forget his proud Nancy ation of Victor K6YD. I've never met Milton's family, but I know he survived by his long term friend, companion and as of a week before his passing wife, Dot, our thoughts are with you Milton. Your heart is still with us. May your radiating warmth never leave those you touched. I miss you.

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Hi Hams Bunbury Radio Club would like to invite you to our next Fox Hunt event to be held in the Greater Bunbury area on Saturday the 13th of April. We will meet up at Hay Park North End for a 10 AM kickoff. There will be two sessions, the 1st at 10:00 AM and the 2nd at 1:00 PM. Each session will have two fox is deployed. One close to the start point for some pedestrian mobile and a second further out. There is no cost to participate BYO RDF

gear. There are shops and takeaway food options nearby. For further information check the event notice on our website <https://bunburyradioclub.com/2024/02/24/great-dash-bunbury-dash-Fox-dash-Hunt-dash-2024/> closing parenthesis or email [vk6brc@gmail.com](mailto:vk6brc@gmail.com) We hope to see you all there. DV K6 TV filled President Bunbury Radio Club Inc

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Good morning campers The month of May is not far away and that means it's time to mark on the calendar the 3rd Annual Southern Electronics Group made up hand Kampsen weekend of May 17th to 19th. If you haven't been before, hand camp is a casual. We can get away for hands another registered HF users like Australian VKS 737 and their significant others to drag the swag, the van or the tent down to main up sports ground for a weekend of radio and social activity. There's plenty of room to camp, there's some big trees to throw, align over hot showers, a camp kitchen, terrific fire pit to sit around after dark and of course time to sit and chat over the weekend with like minded radio enthusiasts. Food and drinking water is BYO. The kitchen amenities are powered, but there's no power available for campsites. It's been known to rain, fog and then bright sunshine off and on the same day, so you need to come prepared. Camping is the usual low price of \$10 per person per night. There will be a Square card reader on the weekend available and said can take online payments. Boyer Brooke has a great car museum and other attractions if you want to visit town 15 minutes away. While you're here, we maintain a Hand Camps in Facebook page for up-to-date information and you can contact me at VK60K. That's Victor KSIXEK at [gmail.com](mailto:vk60k@gmail.com). We hope to see you there. This is Darren VK 60K for the Southern Electronics Group.

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If you happen to listen to the right part of the 80 metre band on a Tuesday evening, you might hear something that sounds like this. The CQQRS net has been running every single Tuesday for the last two years. Anne has been unbelievably popular. There are usually half a dozen, a dozen and a couple of times after 18 stations popping in and out when they can over the four or five hours. The aim is to encourage new CW operators to have a go at slow CW in a safe and really friendly environment where slow speed and lots of mistakes. Par for the course. It's all about having a go, starting with the basic call sign, an RST exchange, then overtime getting better and better. The net also attracts his fair share of old timers who enjoy helping others to have a go or just to enjoy the banter. So this might be just the opportunity you've been waiting for to have a go at transmitting on CW. Or perhaps just to stop the contacts row rusting up on your key. Doesn't matter. Whether you're brand new to the code, or if you're an old timer who would like to have a bit of fun and help encourage

new operators by having simple, safe QSO's at their speed, we'd love to have you join in. The net starts at 0900 Zulu every Tuesday on 80 metres between 3540 and 3570 KH and their stations in the West East and in between listening out for your CQ QRS call. For more information and to receive our weekly CQ QRS RAG 2 newsletter, contact me mark VK 6 Qi via my email address on qrz.com. Or you can email me direct Mark Bosma at icloud.com That is MAR k.b.osma@ecloud.com. Too much switched mode power supply hash on 80 metres. This might be the incentive to do something about it with the cheap noise canceler costing less than 100. 80 metres could be easier than you think. So once again, Tuesdays from 0900 Zulu until late between 3540 KH and 3570 KH. Cheers from Mark VK. Two KINV K6 Qi.

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Hi, just a little note about VK 6 RRG and the \*\*\* Technical and General Net. Having it run every Sunday morning on VK 6 RLM, that's 146 decimal 750 or channel 3 in the old money and it starts at 10:30 AM this morning of course. If you're listening in the evening, it's next week.

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You may notice that News West has been loading for content lately and I've been playing a lot of repeat stories, but you can help us to change that by sending your stories or contributions through to [news.w@vk6.net](mailto:news.w@vk6.net).

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Foundations of Amateur Radio. Did you know that on the 18th of April 1925, a group of radio amateurs had a meeting in Paris? During that meeting they formed an organisation that still exists today. Before I get into that, let me share a list of names. Wireless Institute of Australia. Radio Amateurs of Canada. Radio Society of Great Britain. For anything for experimental radio undertook in Netherlands, or if you don't speak Dutch, can't imagine why. The Association for Experimental Radio Research in the Netherlands Deutscher Amateur Audio clip. I'll let you figure out what that translates to American. Radio Relay League. Language aside, one of these is not like the other Once Upon a time, in a land far, far away, at the moment likely before either of us was born, Hiram wanted to send a message from his amateur station in Hartford to a friend in Springfield. That's 26 miles, or less than half an hour, up the road via I-90. 1. One minor problem. At the time, in 1914, using amateur radio for anything beyond 20 miles or so was considered a miracle, so

Hiram asked inmates at the halfway point in Windsor Locks to relay a message on his behalf. Soon after, he convinced his local radio club in Hartford that building an organised network of stations to relay amateur radio messages. Was worth doing an the American Radio Relay League was born. Co-founded with radio experimenter Clarence Tusker, Hiram Percy Maxim became its first president. He held many call signs, most recently W1AW. At the time long wave, the longer the better, was considered the pinnacle of communication technology. The airwaves were becoming crowded, so amateurs, in search of more space and always up for a challenge, started experimenting at the edges. The shortest wavelength available to amateurs at the time was the 200 metre band or 1500 kHz In December 1921, the first successful transatlantic transmissions were achieved. Hundreds of North American amateurs were heard across Europe on 200 metres and several were heard in reply. In a dance that continues to this day, new technology replacing old spark gap transmitters were replaced by vacuum tubes and using those amateurs were able to use even shorter wavelengths. While technically illegal to operate on higher frequencies, the authorities put their fingers in their ears and let those crazy amateurs play on those useless bands. This is a world without international prefixes. Novy KPI \*\*\*\*\* stations. So amateurs were forced to come up with their own system to indicate the continent and country. This was clearly organised chaos at the edges of legality. In many countries amateur radio operation was actively discouraged or even illegal. Soon the same person who came up with the notion of the a double RL led the way an organised a meeting in Paris. That meeting, on the 18th of April 1925, marks the forming of the IRU, the International Amateur Radio Union, and as I said, it exists today. That date, the 18th of April, is globally well, at least in the amateur radio community, well, small pockets of the amateur radio community known as World Amateur Radio Day. 2024 marks the beginning of a year of celebration for the centenary of the organisation that brought together this global ragtag group of enthusiasts paramenters that we fondly refer to as our community. The IRU theme for this year is a Century of connections celebrating 100 years of Amateur radio. Innovation, community and advocacy. And you're invited. So what types of activities are you planning? What kind of celebration do you have in mind? Anne, who is bringing the birthday cake? I'm honoured, Victor K6FLAB

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High there is Clinton VK 6 FCRC back with you. And did you know that News W is now on YouTube? Type in. Youtube.com/ at News W Weekly Podcast. Dash Kille Z7YC Oh, and before I go, I'd like to thank those watching on YouTube or ATV, the readers and you for listening. I'd also like to thank our team, the broadcasters, and those submitting content each week. Please stand by a near for callbacks after the broadcast. Will head over to the vk6.net website and fill out the form so we know how many people are listing each week.

