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Hi there on Clinton VK 6 FCC and welcome to News W for the 28th of April 2024. Now on the show

time is passing quickly and as the sun doesn't stop rising and setting, it's time to dust off your calendars. Grab a permanent marker and write it in the Infra G Ham Fest is on again come August 25th, 2024. You might be surprised to find the event at the Cyril Jackson Rec Centre at the end of Fisher St. in Bassendean. What else do we love about ham fists? The raffle This year the raffle will have 4 prizes and Andrews communication voucher worth \$2000, a Yaesu FTM 300 six \$199, A Yaesu FT70DR worth \$299 and if Yasu isn't your brand, there's \$100 voucher from Horizon antennas. Tickets are \$5 per entry. Available for sale across NSW. The NT, Queensland, SA, Tasmania, Victoria and of course WA. You'll have to wait another month or two for the raffle start date of the 25th of June, with the raffle ending at 12 noon on the 25th of August at the NCG Hempfest. Start saving with full details appearing on the NCRG website before the raffle starts. I'm Glenn Victor K6PAW for the Northern Corridor Radio Group 7 Three.

I was talking to a group of amateurs recently, and as you do, you talk about anything and everything. I like those discussions, and every now and then a Pearl of wisdom emerges. The discussion covered a range of subjects, as that kind of meandering discussion does. However, a theme that popped into it a few times went longer lines of yeah, that might be interesting, but I don't like so and so, So I don't get involved. And that's fair enough to a point. I mean, we all know someone who's like fish paste, you know, a little bit goes a long way or there's that someone who has a serious case of foot and mouth disease. We all have our likes and dislikes. Just as Coco, the Lord High Executioner in the Mercado, had a list of those who would not be missed, we tend to have our own personal list of people we don't like, or at least those we'd rather avoid. It wouldn't surprise me if I were on a few lists. It doesn't bother me if I were, except for Coco's list, I'd rather not be on that one, as those on it were likely to be ticked off in the event he needed a convenient victim for execution, awaiting the sensation of a short, sharp shock from a cheap and chippy chopper on a big black block. Back to the discussion. In one of my rare moments of clarity, the thought occurred to me. Hang on a minute. That said, amateur radio is very much like your family. You've got no choice about who's in it with you. The more I thought about it, the better it fit. As an analogy, we can't choose who else gets into the hobby of amateur radio, just as we can't choose who our relations are. What we do about the dilemma is what defines us as individuals and groups. I'm Bob Vicki, 6P OB

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 may not hand Champion Weekend of the May 17th to 19th. If you haven't been before, Hand Camping is a casual

weekend getaway for Hands and other registered HF users like Host Travel Net and VK 737 and their significant others to drag the swag, the van or the 10 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 a line 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 BYOB. The kitchen and amenities are palette, but there's no power available for campsites. It's been known to rain, fog and then bright sunshine, often on the same day, so you need to come prepared. Camping is usual. The price of \$10 per person per night. There'll be a Square card reader on the weekend available and said can take online payments. Boy out 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 VK 6 CK That's Victor KSIXEK at gmail.com. We hope to see you there. This is Darren VK 6 Ek for the Southern Electronics crew.

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 CQRS net has been running every single Tuesday for the last two years and has been unbelievably popular. There are usually half a dozen, a dozen and a couple of times up to 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. We're slow, speed and lots of mistakes are par for the course. It's all about having a go starting with the basic call sign and RST exchange, then over time 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 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 kHz, and their stations in the West, East and in between. Listening out for your CQRS call For more information and to receive our weekly CQRS Reg 2 newsletter. Contact me Mark V K6QI via my e-mail address on qrz.com or you can e-mail me direct mark.bosma@icloud.com that is MAR k.b.osma@icloud.com. Too much switch mode power supply hash on 80 metres. This might be the incentive to do something about it. With the cheap noise canceller costing less than \$100.80 metres could be easier than you think. So once again, Tuesdays from 0900 Zulu until late between 3540 kHz and 3570 kHz. Cheers from Mark the K2K I and VK6Q IPI.

Just a little note about VK 6 RG and the WAG 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.

You may notice that News West has been. Done 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.

Good morning, fellow amateurs. I'm Clinton Veco. Success I've seen. Welcome to Helpline for the 14th of April 2024. Unfortunately, we have no items this week because I don't have access to Royce list if you'd like to send items in for next week. Please send it into news.w@vk6.net. I'll say our e-mail address again news.w@vk6.net. Thank you.

This is News W your amateur radio news on VK 6 ARN originating on the News W linked repeater network and HF relays.

What time flies, it really does. It's the end of April already. There's a lot planned for amateur radio in WA over the next several months. Today you're hearing from Glenn about Ham Fest and the NCR G's raffle. And I'll remind you shortly about ham Chemson. Something we should think about already is the Emirates State Contest. It's in August. We've seen the northern corridors grit come second in the multi operator section of the John Wall contest and this is evidence that a well organised station with a roster of operators and little to distract the operators can put in a respectable effort and I'll talk more about the Rd. in later weeks. It looks like Perth Tech is on again and it will be in September and I promise you it won't be on grand final day. Coming up soon is Ham Campsen a weekend in the Bush. Here's what Darren Viki 6 Ek says about it, and unfortunately it's in my voice, not his. But let's just pretend just to. Reminder that it's three weeks to Ham Campion that may end up. Ham Kamsin is a casual weekend getaway for hams and other register HF users to set up some radios or just enjoy talking to other hams about their equipment. There's a powered kitchen with fridges, stove and microwave if you wish to cook your meals. There are hot showers and if you don't want to drag the van or set up a tent, there's room in the shed for a swag. I'm hoping the fire season is open because at present it's very dry and there's been no rain yet and so we may not be allowed to have the fire pit. Or that we may be able to get a permit. Well, I hope we can. Camping is \$10 per person per night. Darren has a swipe card reader so you can pay with the card or cash and please pay on arrival. Darren will be

there to take your money. Please bring your own food and alcohol beverages or not, and your own drinking water. The water in the tanks at the venue is not guaranteed safe to drink, although it's fine for showers. And if there's enough interest, Darren would talk to Bert from Bert's Garage in Boyup Brook, where there's a car museum with an old radio display and a range of time for him to open up for us. And that was from Darren BK6 Ek and that's all I've got to deliver to you this week. So have a good week in amateur radio. Don't forget to switch on your radios and make some noise.

Foundations of amateur radio A great deal of energy is expended on the notion of operating portable. I've talked about this plenty of times. Issues like power antennas, suitable radios, logging, transport, and time of day all come to mind. Some activities are framed specifically as portable operations. Things like summits on the air or solar parks on the air, or protar worldwide flora and fauna, or WWF. There's Field Days, portable contests and specific activities like the 2014 activation of FT5ZM on Amsterdam Island and the 2016 activation of Victor K0EK on Herd Island. I mentioned those last two specifically since I had the distinct pleasure of meeting those teams and had the opportunity to interview each amateur whilst enjoying a typical Aussie BBQ. I'll point out that no shrimps were thrown anywhere. You can find those interviews with FT5ZM and Victor K0EK on my website at vk6flb.com. Each of these activities are framed in the context of the activity. As in, you climb a mountain with a radio and then you make noise. That's not the only way to go portable. One of my friends checks into the weekly F Troop as a portable station most weeks. Glenn Victor, K6PAW gets in his car, drives to some random location, and participates from wherever he happens to be at the time in doing so. The radio part of it is the add on between leaving home and arriving at a destination for a cup of coffee. Charles Marvin Mcquade Oscar works all over the United States. When he checks into F Troop, he's rarely in the same place two weeks in a row in between work and sleep. You'll find him activating a nearby park. He's been doing this for quite some time. Whilst this is a photo activity, he finds parks that fit into his life rather than point at a park and make a specific trip there to activate it. Before I continue, I'd like to mention that I'm not dismissing making a specific trip. Far from it. The point I'm making is that making any such trip is extra work. It's an added activity in your life, whilst entirely enjoyable. There's plenty of times when that's just not possible. Instead I'd like to look at this from the other side. School. And Charles have a radio with them. Perhaps not all the time, but often enough that they can activate their station when they happen to be in a suitable location. I've similarly put a radio into my luggage when going on holiday. It might transpire that it stays there, or it might be that I happen to find a picnic table at the side of a water reservoir that happens to be in the shade and just begging to try radio ad. In other words, if you have a radio handy

you can handle, use it when the opportunity comes to pass. So what do you bring with you? If you like Charles, you'll have a QRP radio or Morse key, a battery, and a wire antenna. Glenn has a vertical that lives in his car in the radio as. In. For a while I had my radio permanently mounted in my car, and I suspect that will return there in the not too distant future, It was. Moved for a service that involved the transmission being replaced after it failed after only 140,000 kilometres on the clock. Thankfully A fellow amateur had a spare car we could use, but I wasn't going to drill holes for an antenna and I'm pretty sure they were pretty happy about that. The more I look at the activities that others report on, the more I have come to realise that the people who get on there the most are the ones who have found a way to weave radio into their day-to-day life rather than rely on specific amateur radio activities and plans. I confess that I miss sitting by a local lake making noise or finding a random car park with shade that is just begging for someone, anyone, to turn on radio and have a go. So how do you approach radio in your life and how might you find ways to incorporate it into the gaps? I'm on a Victor K6FLAB

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