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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Presidents Report for April 2010



Hello to all,
Thanks to all who made to the last club meeting. The MARC / SADARC club BBQ at Goulburn Weir was a very relaxing afternoon. Thanks to Norma, Jacek VK3TJS and Family cooked up a storm on the BBQ. A job well done by Steve VK3DAG for the setup and operation of the club station with his famous squid pole set up on a star picket just near the BBQ. I'm not sure who was cooking the meat? Thanks to all members, partners, family and friend who made the afternoon

a great success.

I was given the pleasure to present Norma Forbes life membership to SADARC at the BBQ. I would like to thank Norma for all of her hard work and support over the years.

Norma has been a club member for some 30 years. Norma and her Late Husband Brian were part of a small handful of people who helped start our radio club back in the early 80s.

I hope everyone had a great Easter...

I spent mine camping up in the High Country near Dargo. I made a few club contacts on 40 and 80m (even with major antenna probs). Thanks to Duncan VK3DCX who ran the 80m net

that week and was straining to pull my voice out of the noise. Long live the mighty FAMPARC whip!

Members please don't forget to send your news worthy content to Lisa, newsletter@sadarc.org And help make our newsletter a great monthly read. Hope to see you all on Saturday 1st of May.

Cheers

Toby VK3PNF

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Minutes of April Meeting

SADARC Minutes of the April Meeting 2010.

Meeting opened by Toby VK3PNF at 13:00 Hrs.

Present:

Ron VK3COP, Les VK3-TEX, Toby VK3PNF, Ian VK3FIRW, John VK3FJHM, Alan VK3FALN, Peter VK3FPSR, Duncan VK3DCX, Dave VK3-FTBK, Trevor VK3VG, Gordon VK3EJ, Rodney VK3UG, Max VK3DSF, Pat VK3OV, John VK3PXJ, Barry VK3AXX, Clint VK3-CAF, Rob VK3MAC, Kane VK3HKH, Tibor VK3FTIB, Steven VK3DAG, Ed VK3-BG, Barry VK3KBY, Jacek VK3TJS. Visitor: Mario Antoniutti VK4MS.

Apologies:

Brian VK3HBW, VK3-FADC, Ian VK3JNC,

Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the March meeting were circulated by Les VK3TEX for the perusal of the members present. Motion was raised

to pass the minutes by Les VK3TEX, seconded by Alan VK3FALN, carried.

Business arising from the minutes of the last meeting:

Les VK3TEX sent off the paper work for the liability insurance and received a certificate of currency. He also contacted the Department of Justice to confirm the clubs paperwork had arrived in the mail. All was correct.

It was decided to present Norma Forbes with a lifetime membership certificate at the BBQ at Nagambie Weir.

Treasurer's report:

Ron VK3COP handed out the treasurer's report for the members present. Ron moved that the report be accepted, seconded by Pat VK3OV. Carried.

Reports:

Rodney gave a report on the 6M repeater project and said that it was progressing, but slowly.

The opportunity came up to purchase a notch set of cavi- ties for the repeater. It was

endorsed by both Ray and Rodney. A motion was raised to purchase these cans by Rodney VK3UG seconded by Ed VK3BG. Carried.

Toby has come across some new feed line for the repeater and has ordered it.

Rodney suggested that RG213 be used to supply the 6M antenna because it's more flexible for the short run required.

Toby gave a brief report on D star and said that Kane had donated a PC for the unit, and a flat screen monitor was also donated to Toby for the unit. It is a 12 volt unit for ease of install into the system.

General Business:

It was decided to budget for about 25 to 30 people from our side of the BBQ. We are to be contacted from Midland Club for their numbers. It was decided that SADARC would supply the meats, sauce and bread for the event and Midland would supply salads, sides and desserts.

Steve VK3DAG would borrow the club radio to set up a

portable station at the Nagambie weir site.

Peter VK3FPSR got up and asked for volunteers to remove the tower/antenna from Bob vk3aqk. A date was set for the 3rd weekend in May. This was agreed to by the volunteers as it would give enough notice for everyone.

Les VK3TEX has put his hand up for a position on the committee for the hamfest. At least another member would be appreciated to join him in the near future on the committee.

Rodney VK3UG made a few comments on some of the solar power systems that are being installed in homes. He has noted that some inverters are very noise prone (generate RFI) and others are fairly quiet. So anyone installing a solar system should be wary of the quality of some units.

Meeting closed by Toby VK3PNF at 13:50 Hours.



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