



REPEATERS VK3RGV 2m & 70cm

VK3RGV B D-Star

2m IRLP Node # 6992

CLUB CALL SIGN VK3SOL

Repeater Frequencies: 6 meters: ( 53.725Mhz Out, 52.725 In. 123Hz tone)

2 meters ( 146.650Mhz Out, 146.050Mhz In 123Hz tone)

70cm ( 439.775Mhz Out, 434.775Mhz In 123Hz tone)

D-Star (438.200Mhz Out, 432.800Mhz In 123Hz tone)

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Secretary:- Darren Glasson

Treasurer:- Greg Keegan

VK3FPSR

VK3ELV

VK3HEN

VK3POP

## Presidents Report September 2013.

What a great day our Hamfest turned out to be. Numbers were down slightly but our income was up on last year. So, a special congratulations to those members who contributed in any way to the success of the day. To all those members who helped with the setup of the hall, manning the doors, collecting money, selling raffle tickets and especially Jack and his ladies in the kitchen a special thank you. At our next meeting to be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October we will have a debrief on the Hamfest to see what we can do better for next year, so have a think and let us know your thoughts.

On the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October is the annual JOTA gathering. Bruce VK3FBNG has done a great job in organising this event with the Scouts and Guides and it appears as though there will be about 30 Scouts and Guides from at least 6 different groups camping at Mooropna Guide Hall for the weekend. To allow this many participants to have a chance to operate on the air we will need at a few volunteers for both Saturday and Sunday. Bruce has suggested that we start operating at about 2.00pm on the Saturday and go through to about 11.00pm and then from about 8.30 am on Sunday through to about 2.00pm. I feel we need about 6 – 8 volunteers for the weekend to share the workload. So if you are available to help on either or both days any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

At our next meeting a representative from the Scouts and Guides will attend to discuss with us what is expected from us and what we can expect from them, so have your questions ready.

Just as a reminder, our Christmas meeting will be at the Benalla Bowls Club on Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>. For the first time this will be a combined Christmas gathering with the Vintage Radio Club of North East Victoria. Many of our members are a member of both Clubs so a combined gathering makes life less hectic at a busy time of the year. I hope to see as many of you as possible at this enjoyable day.

Our October meeting will be our Annual General Meeting so please consider taking on a role within the Club to help keep it operating. Without willing volunteers to carry out the jobs in the Club we would not have a Club.

The following positions exist within the Club and need to be filled.

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Technical Committee: 3 – 4 members

Newsletter Editor

Website Manager

Station Manager

Membership Coordinator

The above positions are not necessarily vacant as some incumbents are happy to continue if the Club continues to support them. To those who are not willing or able to stand again we say a big thank you for the effort that you have put in over your time. Without your help the Club would not continue to function.

I would like to create a new position at the AGM. The position would be of Publicity Officer. The role would be to on a regular basis (monthly) send out a brief Press Release to all Newspapers, Radio and TV Station about what the Club is up to. This Press Release would be done by Email and it needs to be no longer than one paragraph in point form. It is not to be print ready copy but a point form release that stimulates the reporter to contact us to ask more questions and then if possible develop the story from there. Hopefully somebody will put their hand up to do this task that is crucial to the ongoing promotion of Amateur Radio.

That's it for this month and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the next meeting which will be our AGM followed by our normal monthly meeting to be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

Peter – VK3FPSR

President – SADARC

## TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT – OCTOBER 2013

The D-Star repeater is still out of action. Toby had picked it up from Greg to test it before going back on the hill a few weeks ago. This had been repaired at Icom but when Toby tested it, it now had full power but still could not communicate with any D-Star radios. The D-Star specialist at Icom Australia, who had worked on it was out of the country for a few weeks, so at this stage they could not help us.

The bullet proof backup power supply for the repeaters has been completed by Rodney. It has been tested and all safety features are operating. It is currently stored at Phils' (VK3ELV) if required as Rodney has gone north on holidays.

Plans are going ahead for the installation of the new 6 metre antenna. The ex-pager 2 metre backup antenna will possibly be moved to one of the hut masts and an insulator will have to be installed on the top guy that runs near the new 6 metre antenna installation. If anyone has a suitable insulator available , it would be much appreciated.

Phil Dwyer VK3ELV on behalf of the Technical committee, Ray VK3RW, Rodney VK3UG and Geoff VK3ZNA.

## HAMFEST SADARC 2013



Setting up the hall prior to the arrival of the HAM Crowd...





Ron VK3COP quietly checking out some bargains...



Heaps of good gear on these tables...





The doors are open and the crowd surges in!!



Hurry, got to find those bargains...





Brisk trading!



Darren, VK3HEN on the hunt for a bargain. (He's the one in the green cap, for those who don't know him.)





Two bored little puppies!...



Peter, VK3FPSR chatting with Geoff Angus VK3ZNA.





DX Dave VK3VCE (left) and Darren VK3HEN sprung by the camera!!



Bargains to be had at every table...





A great day and fantastic turnout for the SADARC Hamfest 2013. Thanks to all who attended and hope everyone had a great day!!

Well, that brings us to the end of the September 2013 Newsletter and as the Editor , I would like to thank all who contributed to make it a good read for our members.

I will be stepping down as editor from next month where a new newsletter editor will be found to carry on the job. Due to different work situations and some changes to other parts of my life I will not be able to continue doing the newsletter.

But I wish the new Editor all the best and I know they will do a good job.

Regards to the SADARC readership,

Les Tatar, VK3TEX.