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EVENT QUEUE from JULY 97

FRIDAY	18/07/97	08:15 PM	CLUB MEETING TALK BY HEINZ DAHL ON S.E. ASIA
SATURDAY	19/07/97	09:00 AM	WHITE ELEPHANT SALE
SATURDAY	02/08/97	02:00 PM	FIELD TRIP TO COAST GUARD RADIO HQ at SANDRINGHAM
FRIDAY	01/08/97	8:15 PM	PRAC NIGHT
FRIDAY	15/08/97	8:15 PM	GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY	17/08/97	3-4 pm	MOVIE AND DINNER AT CRANBOURNE
FRIDAY	05/09/97		PRAC NIGHT
MONDAY	08/09/97		COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY	19/09/97		CLUB MEETING

MEMBERS AD'S

BRIAN HANNAN(VK3UBJ) has some RT85 kits to dispose of , or as he put it....

My two 6 meter kits are sitting here gathering dust.

(The problem with running my business is the lack of time to catch up with the myriad of things in the "gunna" category.)

I have thought of two options :

1. Advertise in the magazine for sale at cost.
2. Advertise for someone to build the two kits into working units and keep one unit free of charge for their efforts. That way I'd at least stand a chance of getting on the air.

Brian can be contacted on 0359683311 most of the time.

THE PRESIDENTS REPORT

Right now it is probably about five or six in the evening, you have just come home from work and noticed a small pile of mail on the table. Ignoring the window envelopes, which are probably bills or promotional material, you observe the familiar yellow of the Gateway magazine poking out of the pile. Ripping of the little bit of sticky tape with a thumbnail, you immediately plop into the nearest convenient easy chair and settle down to see what is the latest action in the Club. Well, so far there has not been any action at all, just a vague feeling of *deja vu*. so keep reading...

First and foremost, you must make sure you attend the meeting night this Friday. Mr Heinz Dahl will be our guest speaker. Mr Dahl is a chemical engineer who has had considerable involvement with industry in South East Asia. He will be telling us a little about himself and his experiences. It should be a top night.

Bright and early on Saturday morning will be the occasion of our annual White Elephant Sale. See the advertisement in this mag for more details. It should be a good one, as we have had a fair amount of interest shown from the 1500 fliers that were distributed via the AR magazine. If you only have a couple of items to sell, we will be having a Club table where you can peddle your wares.

Coming up soon on the 2nd of August is our field visit to the communications centre at the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard site in Jetty rd. Sandringham. This is a Saturday afternoon affair with a rendezvous time of 2:00 pm. Mr Keith Jones will be our host for a couple of hours. I hear that their emergency mobile comms centre will also be there for inspection.

Albert has done a little bit of an upgrade to the Club PC so that we can use it for slow scan transmission. At his suggestion we are also in the process of replacing a dodgy keyboard and adding a 210mb hard drive to the existing 80mb unit.

We have pencilled in a movie afternoon and dinner session in Cranbourne for Aug 17. Full details will be ironed out for the next mag, but generally we intend to see a flick about 3-4 in the afternoon and then congregate for dinner so we can all bag the movie together.

Last month Mike VK3KTO and Naree re-launched their 23' boat 'Sally' at a slipway in Warnet after some paint and maintenance. I was there with the rest of the family to witness the event. We were fortunate enough to have a short ride where we made a couple of 'maritime mobile' contacts via a recently installed 2M antenna. Keep a listen out for Mike and Naree as they explore Westernport Bay.

See you at the meeting, de VK3BUF

THIS FRIDAY NIGHT...

OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE Mr.
HEINZ DAHL
HE IS A CHEMICAL ENGINEER AND
SHALL BE GIVING A TALK ON HIS
EXPERIENCES
WHILE WORKING IN SOUTH EAST
ASIA



A BREATH OF FRESH EYRE

After an early departure from Tooradin we made our scheduled breakfast stop in Ballarat only to discover that our two brand new bicycles and spare wheel were leaning precariously off the back of the trailer where the welding had given way -- no, not Ian's handiwork, but the original weld. This discovery ruined Petes appetite for breakfast but I managed egg, muffin and hotcakes, orange juice and two cups of coffee! We were able to get the welding repairs done quickly and efficiently but unfortunately the bicycles spent a month in storage in Ballarat while we went on our way.

We spent the weekend in Mildura then an unexpected night in a motel in Port Pirie with literally nothing but a toothbrush, then made Ceduna a day earlier than originally planned. While in Ceduna we drove west to Penong and Cactus Beach, famous for its surf. After four nights here we drove down to Elliston -halfway down the Eyre Peninsula. From here we were able to travel back to Point Labatt and have the thrill of watching the colony of Sea Lions at wok and play - seemed like mostly rest while we were there! A fascinating sight and well worth the long drive along the dirt tracks to get there. We also saw large rock formations known as Murphy's Haystacks and visited Venus Bay. The scenery is spectacular, ranging from sand dunes to high red cliffs and always surf. One day we visited a beach called Locks Well which could only be reached by a climb down the steep cliff face. Here we spent several hours just watching the surf on the rocks.

After a chat on 80 meters with Harvey VK3AHU, we decided to make our next stop Coffin Bay on his recommendation, and enjoyed every minute of our few days there. Set in a large bay the little town was quiet and peaceful with a 12km walk around the foreshore for those feeling energetic. While here we made a day trip into the National Park, which is accessible for a \$5 entry fee and has general roads and many 4WD tracks. We were able to give the Pajero a good run with conditions varying from sand to rock to water and back to sand, etc. No problems and heaps of fun except that we lost the tuning spike from the Outbacker antenna and so had no communications. Saturday saw us move to

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Port Lincoln, lovely site right on the waters edge. We had a trip to Whalers Way which as the name suggests, is the cliff top drive and rugged beaches used by the whalers. Entry is by permit at a cost of \$15 per car, the land is privately owned. Once again, fantastic scenery, where we saw dolphins but no whales. Our time in Cowell was a disappointment as we were unable to see the jade mine or the workshops as we had expected. We cut short our time here and moved to Whyalla. Nice town with very large campsites on the waters edge. We had a tour of BHP Steel works and iron ore mine, also a trip to the Maritime museum and HMAS Whyalla. Wednesday saw us move to Angle Vale to send a few precious days with Phil, Kathy and the kids.

Many thanks to all who kept in contact on 80 meters, it was good to hear friendly voices. Activity was not good on HF, only a few contacts made - including ZS on 20 meter mobile but we joined the travellers net on 14.116 Mhz and found the support fantastic. We were also visited on site at Port Lincoln by Henry VK5KUJ and Tony VK5XTC whom we contacted on the local 2 meter repeater. They very kindly came to say hello and tell us the places of interest in the area. Thank's guys!

We saw many bush camping areas - some without even water or toilets for those who like to 'rough it', most at \$5 per night. Most places were quiet and we were normally the only ones at most of the beauty spots. Anyone considering the Eyre Peninsula for a trip - it's fantastic!

Distance covered 5,500km.

Pat VK3OZ
Peter VK3VB



**COAST GUARD
COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE VISIT
*NOT TO BE MISSED!***

**ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON ON THE
2ND OF AUGUST AT 2:00 PM WE SHALL BE VISITING THE
CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE OF THE
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEER COAST GUARD
IN JETTY RD SANDRINGHAM**



**IT IS IN THE RED BRICK BUILDING NEAR THE FOOTBALL
GROUND. (THERE WILL BE A CALL IN ON 146.225)**
