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Gippsland Gate Radio and Electronics Club Inc.

Club Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month
at the Cranbourne Girl Guide Hall in Grant Street.

The doors open at 8:15 PM & the meeting commences at 8:30 PM.

Visitors are most welcome.

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Club Station VK3BJA Located at the Guide Hall

Club Repeater VK3RDD Freq. in 52.575, out 53.575 Mhz

Call in Freqs. are HF on 28.325 Mhz, USB

VHF on 146.225 Mhz, FM and UHF on 438.850 Mhz, FM

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Current GGREC Inc Membership Fee Schedule

Full Member \$30.00, Pensioner Member \$15.00

Junior Member \$15.00, Extra Family Member \$10.00

Fees due after each April Annual General Meeting.

THE PRESIDENTS REPORT

The weekend 15-16th August saw the annual Remembrance Day Contest. Although Pat and I were away and unable to participate in any prolonged way, we did have a go, joining in the fun on HF CW with the now quite elderly FT7 and a G5RV supported on a 25-foot telescopic pole. It is I think worth reflecting for a moment on the reason for this yearly event. Although called a contest, it is more correctly an act of remembrance. Remembrance of those who gave their lives in the service of the Australian nation, who being radio amateurs were to see service in some area of communications.

In the WIA Book (printed some years ago now), there is a list of 26 WIA members who died in uniform in the 1939-1946 conflict. But I suspect there are many more names that could be added to this list if we included those who have now become Silent Keys over the intervening years. Those affected by the harsh treatment they received while POWs or enduring declining health from scats and trauma of conflict. (This is true of course no matter our country of Birth). We should not forget either that Australian forces have been involved in military action since the 2nd WW, Korea, Vietnam, The Gulf and more, and from these actions there will be some who will carry battle scars, be it physical, mental or spiritual, until they find peace.

So we enjoy the gift of freedom here in this great South Land Australia and let us never forget that freedom has been bought at a high price by the few for the many.

LEST WE FORGET.

On a more informal note, please check the dates of coming events carefully using this issue of the mag, as it appears that Murphy had a hand in the August listings. Our program is complete for all meetings this year, but we are in need of speakers for early 1999. If you have a subject you could present at a club evening, or know of someone else who is able, it doesn't have to be strictly radio, but of general interest, please let your committee know.

With Spring in the air, club members are thinking about

camping and the bush. It has been proposed as an informal arrangement to visit Woods Point over the Melbourne Cup weekend, 31st October- 2nd November. More information later from Dave VK3XMF, Qthr latest members list.

Christmas Hamper – Jenny Goddard or Pat Pavey will be eagerly awaiting your contribution of Christmas fare as from our September meeting. This will give plenty of time (warning) for a worthwhile draw at our December 12th break up.

Please note deposits and completed forms are due at the September meeting for the Phillip Island Labour Day weekend camp. Details are on the inside cover of the August Gateway Mag.

To return to radio matters, the HF bands have been opening up of late with good signals up to the 12mtr band. 10mtrs full of Asian CB heterodynes, but no amateur activity heard at my qth.

There are a few club members worried that our 6mtr repeater may be feeling lonely and neglected, so, come on guys, dust off that 6mtr equipment and at least fire up on 53.575mhz and let our box on the hill know we still care.

That's it , must close and get the spel-spell-spelling checked and cleared by my trusty sec'. See you all at our old films night on 18th September.

73s Peter VK3VB.

PS. JOTA is coming up fast if you can help as an operator, please contact Bruno VK3BFT QTHR members list.
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IN HONOUR OF OLD RADIOS

As I was sitting in my shack the other day, reading in the paper about Sir Donald Bradman's approaching 90th birthday, I thought with some regret that I had never seen the great man play.

At that moment, I swung around on my chair and looked up at the 1947 Tecnico Aristocrat 5 valve radio on the shelf behind me. As I looked at the old radio, my mind went back to 1948, listening as a boy to that same set.

I could almost hear the broadcast of the cricket from England complete with QRN and QSB just as I had half a century ago. Even if I had not seen Bradman bat, at least I can say I heard him!

I then started thinking of some of the other events that have been described over that radio.

John Coleman kicking his 100th goal in the 1949 grand final, Comic Court winning the 1950 Melbourne Cup, the death of King George the 6th and the coronation of Queen Elizabeth.

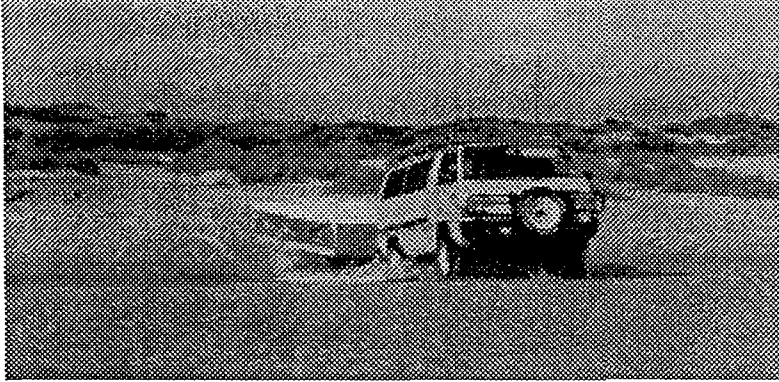
What a vast amount of information and entertainment that radio had provided over the years.

So next time you look at an old radio, don't just dismiss it as obsolete old junk, but think of all the history it has pulled in out of the air and pay it the respect it deserves.

MIKE IDE VK3KTO

We're Off Again...

Ian VK3BUF and Dianne VK3HDI are spending a month in the outback over September & October. HF Skeds will be attempted on 80 M each Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from Sept 19 on or above 3.640mhz at 8:00 pm Melb time. On Oct 2 the Sked will be at 9:00 pm to synchronise with the Prac Night at the Guide Hall.



The itinerary will include Coober Pedy, Ayres Rock, Kings Canyon, Alice Springs, Boulia, Birdsville, the Flinders Ranges and about 2000km of dirt road

Catch you on the air.....

Event Queue from September

- Fri 18/09/98 Old film night. Host VK3KTO guide hall
- Sun 20/09/98 2pm Visit National Rhododendron Gardens Olinda
Mel Ref 66 K4 (Rx on 146.225)
- Fri 02/10/98 Committee and Prac Night
- Fri 16/10/98 Meeting/Coffee and sweets night
Followed by JOTA preparation
- Sat 17/10/98 JOTA Cranbourne Guide Hall de VK3BFT
- Sat 24/10/98 Cycle ride Bangholme to Patterson Lakes
Cycles assemble Bangholme Mel 94 H8
BQs located Mel 97 E6 NOTE change of date
due to bush camp
- Sat 31/10/98 to Tue 03/11/98 Camping visit Woods Point.
Details to follow Ref Dave VK3XMF
- Fri 06/11/98 Committee meeting and prac night
- Sat 07/11/98 Exams 1pm. Applications be 19th Oct
- Fri 20/11/98 General Meeting followed by Dick Smith Radio
Demonstration . Details later....
- Sat 28/11/98 Provisional date visit Imax Theatre