

GATEWAY



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THE GIPPSLAND GATE RADIO
AND ELECTRONICS CLUB INC

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Gippsland Gate Radio and Electronics Club Inc.

Incorporation Number A0016893M

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

The meetings commence at 8:00 PM.

Visitors are most welcome.

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Presidents Message

Welcome to the November edition of GATEWAY.

As this is the last edition of GATEWAY for 1999, I would like to thank all members for their contribution to the club throughout the year. Without the effort and support of all members, the Gippsland Gate Radio and Electronics club cannot grow and prosper.

Throughout the year we have seen new members joining our club through the AOC classes that were run; through word of mouth from other radio amateurs; and I'm certain we will have at least one new member from our activities at JOTA.

The committee is currently preparing a proposal for expanding the club's radio room, and providing much needed storage space for the club's assets.

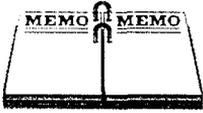
The proposal, put forward by Ian Jackson VK3BUF, is that the club purchase and modify a large shipping container that can be used for storage and as a permanent radio operating room. It is proposed that the container be located between the Guide Hall and the tennis club so that access to the tower and aerials is possible.

Your views and comments, either for or against, verbal or in writing, are needed to ensure that this proposal gets "debated to death" before it is carried or defeated by you, the members.

If you have an alternative proposal, please let us know about it!

See you at the November General meeting,
73's from Bruno, VK3BFT



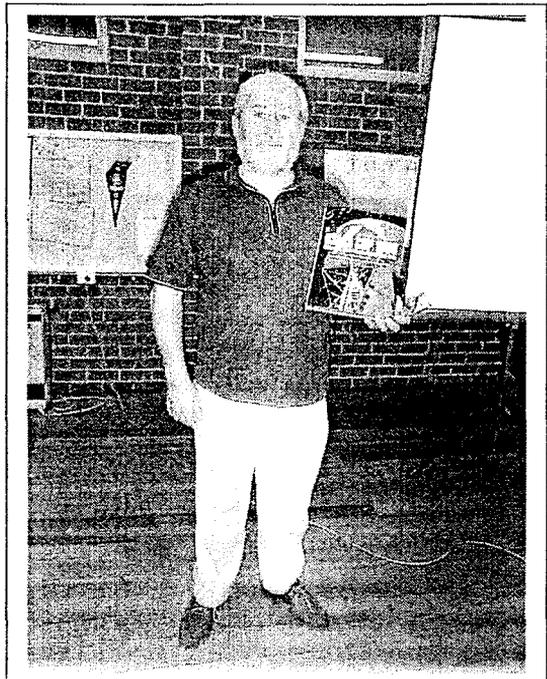


Event Queue

DAY	DATE	TIME	DETAILS
Fri	19/11/99	8pm	General Meeting BYO Yaesu radio equip theme night
Sat	4/12/99	5pm	GGREC Christmas Party At Brunos House Endeavour Hills
<u>NO</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>December</u>
Thur	06/01/00	7.30pm	Committee meeting at BQO's house in Nyora.
Fri	07/01/00	8pm	Prac Night
Fri	21/01/00	8pm	General Meeting

Roger Sayers VK3ETT gave a superb presentation last month when he told us of his involvement in the recent Melbourne to Osaka yacht race. His boat, Brindabella II came first in its class, beating the previous race record by 2½ days.

His slide show and video presentation showed a little of the huge effort that goes into preparing for such an event.





Go ry De tails ...

YAESU RADIO NIGHT First of a series of proposed theme nights which will extend well into next year. The idea is for members to bring along amateur equip of a specific manufacturer. Then to display and discuss the various attributes of the gear. This is a good opportunity for new operators to put 'a face to the name' of rigs they see in advertisements.

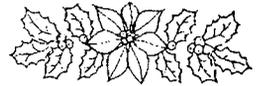
CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year our annual Christmas break up party will be on **Saturday the 4th of December**, at Brono and Fiona's house at, **273 James Cook Drive, Endeavour Hills**. We will be drawing the Christmas Hamper Raffle and some fun competitions and prizes. **The start time will be 5pm**, and as usual, it will be BYO everything, so that we can minimise the impact to our hosts. The Club coffee cups and urn will be on hand and the Club Barbecue will be there also, you will need to bring your own meat, salads, bread, sauce, plates, knives, forks, glasses, drinks and folding chairs.

NO DECEMBER MEETING

There will be **no General Meeting or prac night in December**, because this is such a busy time for everyone. Our first meeting for 2000 will be a Prac night on the 7th of January, and a General meeting on the 21st of January.

From Maria Harding:



CLEANER POLISHES OFF PATIENTS

"For several months, our nurses have been baffled to find a patient dead in the same bed every Friday morning," a spokeswoman for the Pelonomi Hospital (Free State, South Africa) told reporters. "There was no apparent cause for any of the deaths, and extensive checks on the air conditioning system, and a search for possible bacterial infection, failed to reveal any clues. However, further inquiries have now revealed the cause of these deaths".

"It seems that every Friday morning a cleaning lady would enter the ward, remove the plug that powered the patient's life support system, plug her floor polisher into the vacant socket, then go about her business. When she had finished her chores, she would plug the life support machine back in and leave, unaware that the patient was now dead. She could not, after all, hear the screams and eventual death rattle over the whirring of her polisher".

"We are sorry, and have sent a strong letter to the cleaner in question. Further, the Free State Health and Welfare Department is arranging for an Electrician to fit an extra socket, so there should be no repetition of this incident. The inquiry is now closed."

READ ALL ABOUT IT

WIA NEWS BROADCAST

The final broadcast for 1999 will go to AIR ON Sunday, December 19, and it will recommence on February 6, 2000.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

March 6th, 7th and 8th. A suggestion has been made by the committee to spend the Labour day weekend in March 2000, at Walhalla. We will be looking at hotel style accommodation. There are lots of interesting things to see and do in Walhalla, a steam train, mine tour, craft shops and lots more. More details will be available at the November Club meeting.

SSTV PHOTOS

Anyone wanting photos for transmission on SSTV should consider the following web site.
<http://www.world.photogallery.com> from John VK3ZK

FOR SALE:-

One Unisys standard VGA monitor (app: 10 y.o.) fair condition, good for parts \$25.00.
One AST Vision 4L, intermittent video fault, need some repair SVGA \$60.00. Two Trident graphics cards 1 Mb each (one works) \$20.00 for both.

WANTED:

A copy of Windows 3.1 (not the network version) for an 80386 machine.

Please contact:-

John L. Wickham VK3ZK
(03) 5996 6730
johnzk@primus.com.au





Labour Day Trip – March 2000

We need to think about where we should spend the Labour Day long weekend in 2000 as accommodation for most venues is being booked by other groups now.

We have two venues to choose from:-

Walhalla	Inverloch
<p>Located 45km north of Moe in Gippsland its Gippsland's most authentic and beautifully located historic town.</p> <p>Attractions are :- Walhalla Goldfields Railway - Thompson Stn, \$7 Long Tunnel Extended Gold Mine tour, \$6 Walhalla Cemetery, \$free Walhalla Cricket Ground challenge, \$free Conducted tour of Walhalla, \$3 Thompson Dam drive, \$free</p>	<p>Located south of Korumburra on the South Gippsland coast behind Andersons Inlet it's a popular holiday resort.</p> <p>Attractions are :- Annual Jazz Festival, \$25 session. Coal Creek Historical Park – Korumburra, \$15 Wonthaggi State Coal Mine tour, \$10 Cape Patterson Scenic road to Inverloch, \$free Walkerville Lime Kilns, \$free Wilsons Promontory National Park, \$8</p>
<p>Accommodation available is :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Star Hotel, 4 star motel rooms at \$125 per night. • The Mill House, (1 dbl, 2 sgl) at \$85dbl + \$10 per person extra. All linen provided. • Wild Cherry B&B, 2 units at \$90 each. • Log Cabin Lodge, sleeps 6 to 8 people, linen required, \$85 all up. • HallaWalla Cottage, sleeps 6, linen required, \$95 all up. • The Old Hospital B&B, \$95 dbl. • Monbulk Sec College lodge, has 4 X 2 people rooms and 2 X 6 people rooms. Has 2 common rooms for meals and get together. Works out at \$15 per person per night. • Walhalla camping ground, BBQ's, toilet • Mountain Rivers Lodge motel, from \$40, 15km away at Rawson. • Rawson Caravan Park, 3 X dbl cabins with ensuite \$50 each. 2 powered sites also available. • Mark Cottage, Erica, B&B 2 X dbl \$90 	<p>Accommodation available is :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadbeach Caravan Park, Inverloch • Spa Units with ensuite \$120 dbl, + \$12 per person extra. Linen supplied for \$9 extra. Deluxe Units with ensuite \$90 dbl, + \$12 per person extra. Linen supplied for \$9 extra. Family units with ensuite \$80 dbl, + \$12 per person extra. Linen supplied for \$9 extra. Powered site \$22 dbl, + \$10 per person extra. Unpowered site \$20 dbl. • Hilltop Bed and Breakfast, 4 ½ Star, \$95, 2 X queen and twin with ensuites. Lower Tarwin Road Inverloch • Inverloch Central Motor Inn, 3 ½ star • Inverloch Motel, 3 star • Shire Caravan Park, adjacent to Broadbeach Caravan Park, Powered site \$20 dbl. • Sandcastle Cabins, 5 X dbl everything supplied.
<p>Meals available:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Star Hotel, 4 star restaurant and wine bar. • The General Store, licensed Café, \$15 main meal. • Walhalla Hotel, bistro 	<p>Meals available:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rippleside Basserie & restaurant \$15 mains. • The Inlet Bistro & Bar • Esplanade Hotel

So tell us your views this Friday night
and lets make some bookings for a great weekend away.

GGREC 'RADIO ROOM' PROPOSAL

By Ian Jackson VK3BUF

As referred to in Bruno's President report, I have put forth a proposal to the Committee and the Club in general, for a new 'Shack'.

Simply put, I propose that the Club purchase a 12 metre long shipping container, place it in the lane alongside the Guide Hall and fit out the interior as a radio & project room.

I am the first to admit that this is a large task and that permission would be necessary from groups other than ourselves, namely the Guides, the Rec. Reserve committee and perhaps the Tennis Club. Before it is worth attempting to gain these permissions, it is necessary for the members of our Club to decide if we would like to embrace the idea.

My reasoning for putting forth the plan goes something like this:

The Club as a Radio & Electronics Club has hit something of a ceiling in the pursuit of its aims. We meet at the guide hall which is a friendly comfortable venue for meetings, lectures and social occasions, but we are restricted in our ability to 'operate' outside of meeting times. We cannot work on a technical project unless it is totally packed away after each meeting and our 'presentation' to guests and would-be club members appears as more of a social gathering than a technical club. The existing radio cabinet uses all the space presently allocated to us. It becomes crowded with only three people present, leaving the rest of the members to mill around elsewhere.

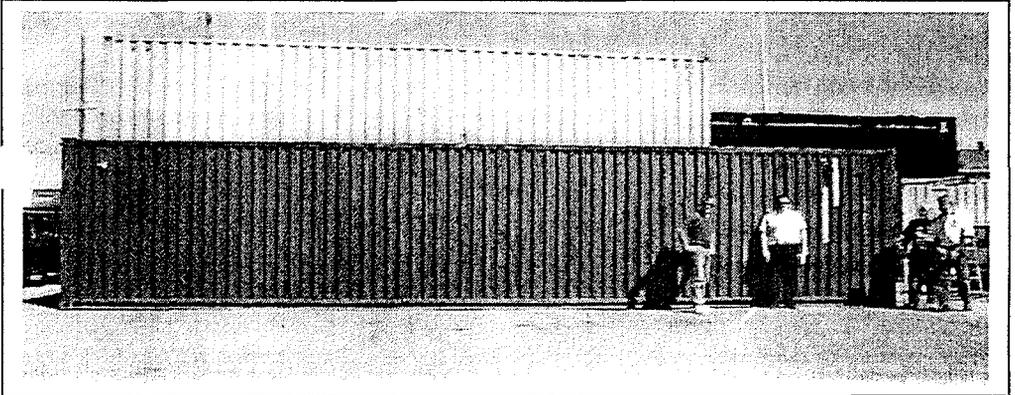
This leaves us with a choice of expanding somehow or moving to a new venue. To move we would need to find a place that would give us a large meeting space, a large secure radio room, provision for a sixteen metre tower and unlimited access.....all for under \$60 per month (our existing budget), highly unlikely. While it may be possible to wrangle some council land somewhere, we have not the resources, both financial and human, to construct and maintain such a venue. It would cost us \$1000 to just shift the tower!

The Guides have been friendly hosts to the Club in recent years. The hall that we use is both warm and roomy for meetings. For us to expand at the hall into a conventional extension would be a long and expensive process. As the land is council owned supervised by the Recreation Reserve Committee, any such extension would become their property at completion. Should we ever wish to move elsewhere, we would have to leave our asset behind.

The logical outcome of this thought train is the acquisition of a 'portable' structure. This is where the container idea rose to the surface. A relocatable building that is affordable, has minimal impact on surrounding lands and is very secure.

Many counter arguments and difficulties spring to mind. Is it big enough? Can we afford it? How will we ventilate it? What would we be able to do inside? These questions are fair and were posed when I presented the idea to the committee. I suggested that we suspended debate until we could have a closer look at one 'for real'. Several of the committee joined me at a shipping container sales centre in Clayton. Here we had a good look at these boxes and kicked the idea around. I took some photographs, some of

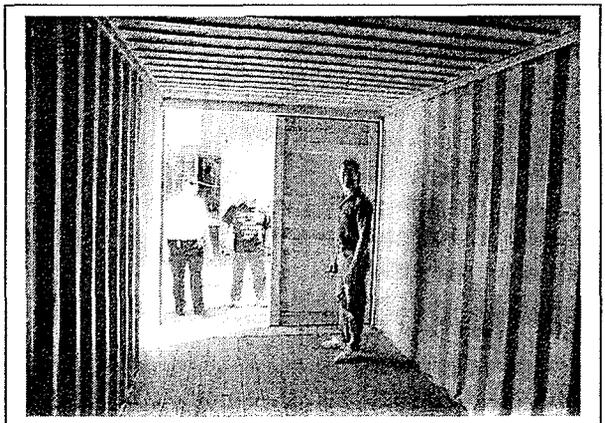
which appear in this article. Put simply a rust free and watertight 'A' grade 12 metre container would cost approximately \$2500. An additional \$250 would see it delivered to the Guide hall where we could winch it into its final position, or we could pay extra for a crane truck. An initial budget of around \$750 would have to be allocated towards lining the interior, fabricating benches and fitting door locks. This would mean that the Club is committing to an expense of about \$3500 to achieve an operational venue.



The details of how we would do this are not important at this stage. Even the details of how we lay out the interior and wire it up are a secondary consideration. What is important is for the entire Club to consider the proposal and decide if it is the way to go. It is *this* that I propose be discussed and voted upon at the upcoming meeting night.

If the Club votes to go ahead, then we would be able to take the next steps, namely gain approval from the relevant groups, shop around for the best price and plan out the interior design.

The layout of the inside of the new room would be a topic all of its own. What I would suggest here is a panel of 3 or 4 members would accept ideas and designs from practically everyone in the club and come up with a final plan based on one or more of these ideas.



Please give this proposal some thought between now and the meeting night. If the plan is acceptable, we can use the Christmas break period to advantage in the liaison process which would in turn allow the project to start early in 2000.

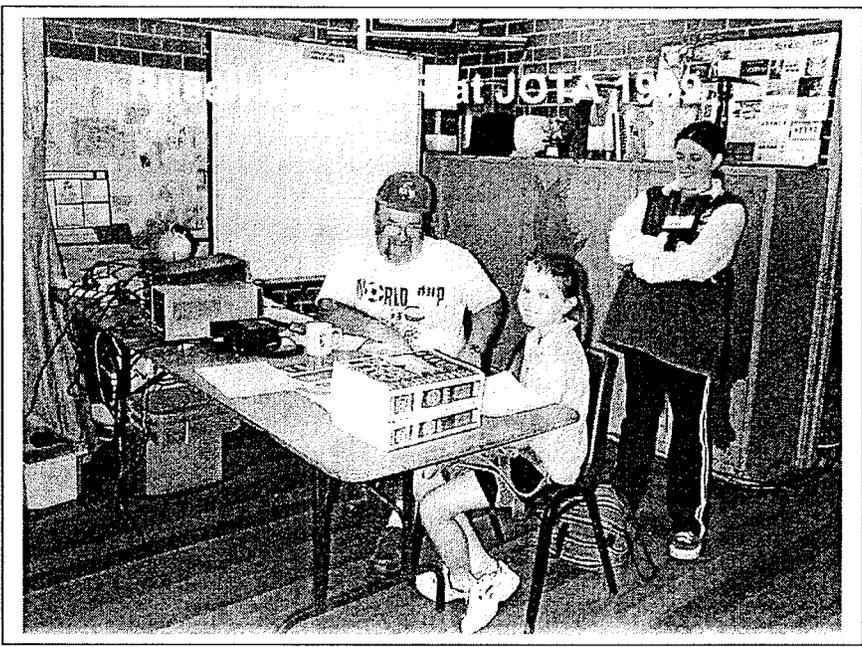
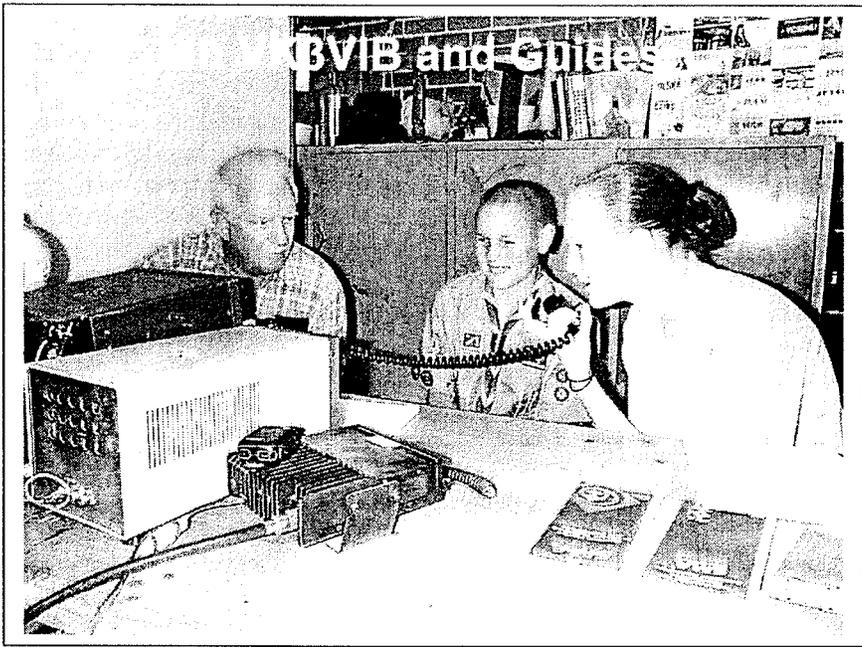
CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

This year the GGREC will be purchasing a Christmas hamper, valued at \$50.00.

Raffle tickets, for the hamper, will cost \$2.00 each and they will be on sale at the November general meeting.

The raffle will be drawn at the GGREC Christmas party on Saturday the 4th of December, and additional tickets will be available before the draw.





!!!!!!! L A D I E S !!!!!!!!!!!!
AUSTRALIAN LADIES AMATEUR
RADIO ASSOCIATION

There was much excitement as we gathered in Brisbane for the triennial Alarammeet. It was a time to renew old friendships and make new ones as we met for an informal dinner on Friday evening. The venue was a sports club called Crushers where we enjoyed a meal together and caught up on the gossip. Most of the ladies had arrived in Brisbane by this time with the exception of the group from New Zealand who arrived during the evening and headed straight for their motel

Saturday morning was the first of the official events with a welcome from our president Judy and a 'show bag' of goodies including certificates of participation in the weekend, info on Brisbane, pens with ALARA inscribed on them etc. When we came to the official photographs we were a group of about 44 ladies together with about 30 husbands and included in this number were a couple from USA a lady from Sweden and about 26 from New Zealand.

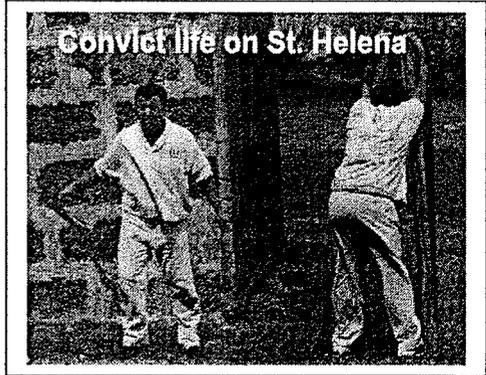
After a lot of fun with photographs we enjoyed lunch together and were then taken by coach to South Bank where we were able to enjoy the water festival which was taking place over the weekend and on into the following week. We watched the dragon boat racing, strolled in the parks and gardens and were fascinated by the inland beach which has been made as part of the South Bank park. This was a very large area of water completely surrounded by trees and beautiful sand and is much used and enjoyed by the local population. The children were in the water but when we returned in the evening the adults too were enjoying a swim at the beach. We were very impressed by the way Brisbane uses its river for transport with very fast catamarans used as ferries and priced so that they are a popular means of transport. The roads also came through the city and then ran along the edge of the river on pylons and obviously kept much congestion from the city centre. After a pleasant afternoon here we were taken by coach back to the hall where we collected our vehicles and went home to change and prepare for the official Alarammeet dinner.

The dinner was a great time of fellowship and fun and although tired we were all reluctant to wind up the festivities and only the thought of the early start next morning and the staff threatening to throw us out brought the evening to a close.

After meeting early on Sunday morning we were driven to the river where we had arranged a cruise and lunch. The cruise took us up the river for a couple of hours and showed us the sights, we were then provided with lunch on board before being taken back to the coach and returned to the starting point at the community hall. Later in the evening we had a "city lights" tour where we were taken to the hills overlooking the city and given a light supper. This was a beaut spot to look down on the lights of Brisbane, we were then driven back to the river and taken for a ride on the ferry to see the town from the water. I think for me at least this evening was one of the highlights of the weekend as we enjoyed the balmy evening on the river ferry with great company and lots to see.

By this time of the weekend some people had to leave and make their way home for family commitments but most of us were back at the community hall early on Monday

morning for a boat trip to St Helena Island in Moreton Bay which is an old penal colony renowned for the harshness of its treatment of those unfortunate enough to be sent there. Security around the island was by the simple process of feeding the sharks to make sure there were always plenty in the surrounding waters! We were taken by coach to the river mouth where we boarded our boat for the trip to the island. The two men who took us for the tour were actors dressed in convict uniforms and identified only by their prison numbers. When we reached the Island they were able to re-enact the convict way of life for us and make us realise just what a cruel inhumane place it is for the prisoners, especially in the early days of the prison. We were given lunch on the island and taken on a small train up to the museum area but unfortunately before we could see much a violent storm broke out and the captain ordered us all back onto the boat. This



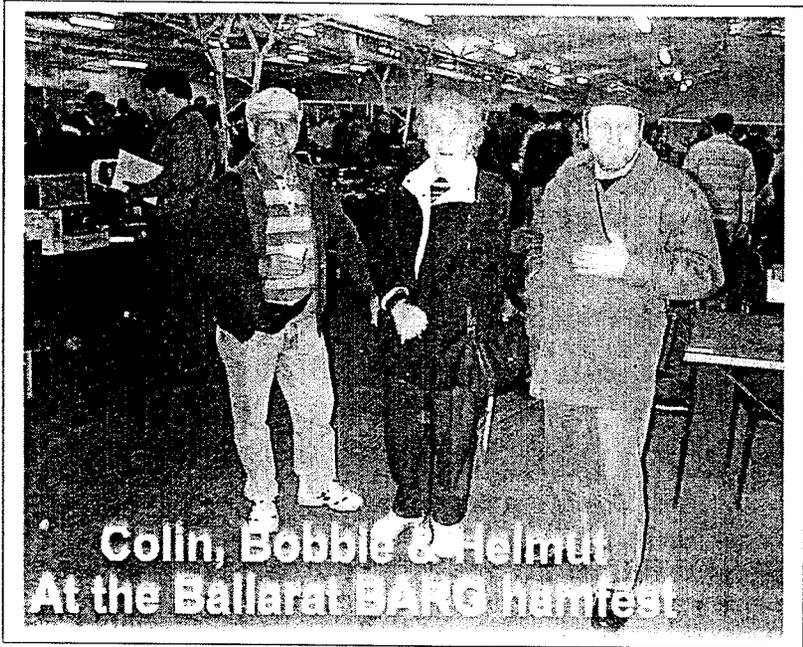
meant a walk, a trip on the little train and then a very long walk along the jetty to reach the boat by which time we were soaked to the skin and very windblown as we battled the rain, wind, thunder and lightening. It took the crew a lot of effort and considerable risk to get the boat off from its moorings before we began the return trip. We considered 'wet T shirt' contests etc during the return trip but most of us were busy thinking about the boat trip, the coach trip and then the walk or drive back to our various accommodation before we could hope to dry out. Some of the ladies amused themselves by getting our two convict guides to pose for photographs and there was much hilarity in spite of the weather. When we reached the coach the driver seemed quite happy to have us ooze water all over his seats and turned on all the heaters to try to warm us up a little. During the evening the group staying in the motel arranged dinner there for anyone who wanted to join them and another group of us got together in one of the cabins in the caravan park so there was something to suit everyone.

The weekend was voted a great success by all who attended and the next Alarameet will be held in Murray Bridge in 2002.

ALARA which stands for **Australian Ladies Amateur Radio Association** is the official group for all ladies who are licensed amateurs or who are interested in furthering the participation of ladies in amateur radio. We have a committee which consists of ladies from anywhere in Australia. Committee meetings take place on the air monthly and we have a chat together every Monday evening where we can exchange information and get to know each other. The Victorian ladies meet in Melbourne for a monthly lunch which is our opportunity to see each other, and some of the other states also have regular lunches.

If you think you would be interested in joining ALARA I can give you all the necessary information.

Pat Pavey VK3OZ



**Collin, Bobbie & Helmut
At the Ballarat BARG Hamfest**



Club dinner at Shanikas

JV Comm 32 It Ain't No T-Rex

By John L. Wickam VK3ZK

Some years ago, Eberhard Backeshoff DK8JV Wrote his famous JV-Fax software to bring the wonderful world of SSTV and fax to the IBM PC. Whilst such package enjoyed a huge amount of success, he had to make a big decision one day; "Now, I must re-write this JV-Fax so it can be a Windows application. Non-Windows, DOS only packages are as ancient as the tyrannasaurus rex." After burning much midnight oil and doing lots of on-air tests, he finally came up with JV Comm 32, the Windowised JV-Fax package.

JV Comm 32 may be downloaded from <http://www.jvcomm.de>. It is in the form of two Zip files, Instjv97.Zip and JvEng.Zip (the english language help file). After unzipping these two files, you run the Setup and a folder called JVComm32 is created in the Program Files folder and the package is installed therein. The help file is then unzipped and placed in the JVComm32 folder.

You will need the following to successfully run JV Comm 32:-

- **Either a Pentium or an 80586 at greater than 100 mHz**
- **16 Mb RAM (32 Mb is recommended)**
- **16-bit colour graphics card**
- **16-bit sound card**

Unfortunately, unlike the earlier JV-Fax package, JV Comm 32 *is not freeware!* It will cost **\$US70.00** to register, plus a further **\$US10.00** clearance fee unless the cheque is drawable on a German bank. When run for the first time, you are presented with a setup screen. JV Comm 32 may be interfaced to your radio equipment via your sound card. Once setup is completed, you are presented with the JV Comm 32 main control panel, from which you select either SSTV or fax.

Unlike the other Windows-based SSTV packages, you may lay-out the various sections on the screen to suit your own desires. You get an SSTV receive screen, a catalog which contains all of your TX and RX "thumbnails", a spectrum analyser to enable tuning, a scope to display the quality of the received SSTV signal and an SSTV toolbox, which contains various test tones and a picture de-slantier.

One thing that I personally like about JV Comm 32 is that once you load a picture file for transmission, you get a separate TX screen and you can have as many TX screens on the desktop as you like. You then select the picture you want to send first and click on the TX button on the main control panel. On the negative side, there does not appear to be any built-in graphics drawing program but on the plus side, the *receive portion appears to be immune from false triggering by noise pulses!*

Now go download and install this SSTV beauty and permanently enshrine your DOS-only SSTV package for history's sake *or risk being nominated for the "Tyrannasaurus Rex of the Millenium Award"!*

WIA Victoria George Bass Diploma

As part of a program to encourage more simplex operation on VHF/UHF, a new award called the **WIA Victoria George Bass Diploma** is available for contacts across Bass Strait.

All operation must meet the diploma rules and comply with WIA Band Plans. Disqualification may occur for using FM in a SSB band segment, or prolonged operation on DX calling frequencies.

The rules are simple:

- Operation must be two-way simplex telephony contacts across Bass Strait, between November 1, 1999, and April 30, 2000
- Only FM or SSB modes are permitted on the 6mx, 2mx and 70cm bands
- Mainland stations must work five VK7 stations on a single band
- VK7 stations require 20 mainland contact on a single band
- Diplomas are issued for single mode (FM or SSB) only
- Only one callsign may be used by each radio amateur (no multiple callsigns)

To obtain a diploma, send a signed copy of a log of contacts, plus \$5 to:

WIA Victoria George Bass Diploma
40G Victory Boulevard
Ashburton 3147

Claims received more than one month after the diploma period will not be accepted.



JOKES

A man was walking along a California beach when he stumbled across an old lamp. He picked it up and rubbed it and out popped a genie. The genie said, "Okay. You released me from the lamp, blah blah blah. This is the fourth time this month and I'm getting a little sick of these wishes, so you can forget about three. You only get one wish!"

The man sat and thought about it for a while and said, "I've always wanted to go to Hawaii but I'm scared of flying and I get very seasick. Could you build me a bridge to Hawaii so I can drive over there to visit?"

The genie laughed and said, "That's impossible. Think of the logistics of that! How would the supports ever reach the bottom of the Pacific? Think of how much concrete, how much steel! No, think of another wish."

The man said okay, and tried to think of a really good wish. Finally, he said, "I've been married and divorced four times. My wives always said that I don't care, and that I'm insensitive. So... I wish that I could understand women ... know how they feel inside and what they're thinking when they give me the silent treatment ... know why they're crying ... know what they really want when they say "nothing" ... know how to make them truly happy..."

The genie said, "You want that bridge two lanes or four?"

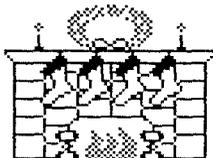
Jesus and Satan are chatting one day, and the subject of computer programming comes up. Soon they're engrossed in an argument over who's the better programmer. This debate goes on for hours, and finally they agree to hold a contest with God as the judge.

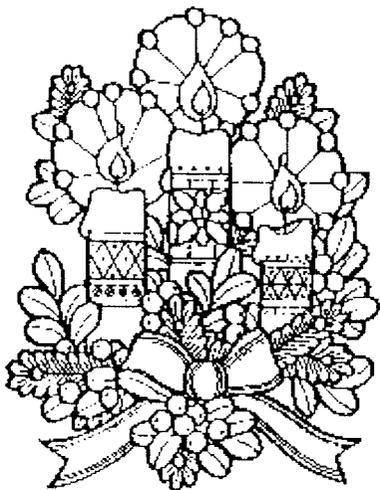
They sit down in front of their computers, God says "GO!" and they begin. For hours they sit, typing furiously, lines of code streaming up both screens. Seconds before the end of the competition, a bolt of lightning strikes nearby and takes out the electricity. Two seconds later, the power comes back and God announces that the contest is over.

"Satan," God says. "What did you come up with?" Satan is visibly upset and cries out. "Nothing! I have NOTHING!! I lost everything when the power went out!!" "Very well. Let me see how Jesus did..." Jesus smiled, and hit a command on his computer. Instantly the screen came alive with a magnificent display of light and colour, with angelic voices pouring forth from the speakers. Satan is amazed!! "HOW? I lost everything, but his program is still intact! How did he do it?"

God chuckles. "Jesus saves!"

These jokes were supplied by Maria Harding





Best Wishes
for a
Merry Christmas



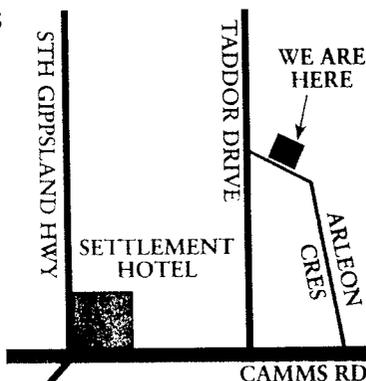
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GRAHAM VK3KCS

Minutes for October General Meeting

Date: 16/10/1999 Start: 8:10pm

Chairman: Bruno VK3BFT

Minute Taker: David VK3XMF

Present (Attendance sheet): ✓

Visitors and Guests :- Roger Sayers, Jay Davis, Keith Saunders, Ken Gill

Apologies: Max VK3TNK, Colin VK3NQS

Correspondence Received :- Ian VK3BUF disk for club mag, WANSARC Oct 99, EMDRC Oct 99, FAMPARC Oct 99

Treasurers Report (Tabled)

Read by: Mike VK3KTO Moved Mike VK3KTO Seconded: Colin VK3HR Carried: yes

Income: \$205.00 Expenditure: \$273.00 Balance: \$ 6329.90

Previous Minutes (Circulated) Yes

Read by: David VK3XMF Moved: David VK3XMF Seconded: Ron VK3EXJ Carried: Yes

New Callsigns:

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- **Apologies:-** David VK3XMF apologised to Mike VK3KTO for not including his QSL Bureau news in the magazine.
- **JOTA:-** Bruno VK3BFT thanked Mike VK3KTO for overseeing the JOTA Working Bee. Bruno VK3BFT called for volunteers to help out on Jamboree Of The Air day.
- **Dinner:-** All members were reminded that the night out at Shanakas was on Saturday next.
- **Nominations for Committee:-** Bruno VK3BFT called for nominations for the vacant position of General member on the Committee. Russell VK3MWR accepted as the only nomination and was awarded the position.
- **Container shack and storage facility:-** Ian VK3BUF has submitted a written proposal for a portable shipping container shack and storage facility to be positioned in-between the Guide hall and tennis courts.

General Business

- **SSTV:-** John VK3ZK reported that Ian Meridith VK2NNN had a good amateur radio Internet site vk2nnn.com.au and that he had copies of SSTV shareware software available for copying.
- **Warnambool Train Trip:-** Bruno VK3BFT said that more details are coming in writing for this proposed train ride departing Melbourne to Ballarat then steam train to Warnambool and return.
- **WIA Call book:-** The Club will purchase 12 copies of the year 2000 WIA Call book for resale to the General members.
- **Christmas Break Up Party:-** Bruno VK3BFT offered his QTH as the venue for this years party. Start times will be announced at the next General meeting.
- **Club Equipment:-** All members were asked to present any borrowed equipment to Russell VK3MWR for him to check off against the audit list.
- **Prac Night:-** All members were invited to attend.
- **Next months General Meeting night:-** Everyone was reminded to bring along their Yaesu rigs to the November meeting night to compare and discuss their various features.

This Months Club Events:

Guest Speaker: Roger Sayers **Topic:** A talk by about his yacht trip from Melbourne to Osaka.

Next Meeting: 8:00pm, 20th November 1999 **Meeting Closed:** 8:37pm