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GGREC Event Queue

Pub Night ??????????

Foxhunt 28th April 2007 10AM at Phillip Is.

AGM Friday 20th April

Working Bee 19th May at 9:30

Club Dinner (30th Year Celebration) Sat 23rd June

White Elephant - 21st July

Foundation Course 30th June / 1st July 2007 + Wed

Evening 27th June

The Pres Says.....

Well Members, this is it for me for the 2006 -07 year. The AGM has come around pretty quickly but I think we have achieved a fair amount in the last 12 months. The Club has prospered in many ways and thanks must go to some hard working people including those in the background who don't step forward looking for acclaim. To name them now would surely see me leave some deserving person out so I won't. Having lost two of our finest members in the last 18 months should make us all know that we are here for a limited amount of time and if you can make a difference in that time then you will be remembered well after you have moved on.

Think about this before and at the AGM when nominations are called for the various Committee positions. All existing positions will be declared vacant as at the AGM and nominations will be required for those resitting and for the prospective nominees.

Recently we held another Foundation Course / Exam in which four students sat and passed. Congratulations to those people and many thanks to those who performed the teaching and support crew. Your efforts were well rewarded with hopefully a couple of new callsigns on display at the AGM.

Of course at the AGM will be the Special Resolution voting for the new Club Rules. If you haven't already looked at this, check the article elsewhere in the magazine and be aware of the question being put at the AGM.

Good luck at the AGM and thank you for your support throughout the year.

73s Albert VK3BQO

The Historical Radio Society of Australia, (which includes some of our members) is having Australia's largest radio display at Holmesglen Conference Centre on April 15th 1-4.30pm. (Melway 69F1) Details are at: www.ozradios.com Whilst the majority of the radios will be domestic receivers, we expect to have some military gear and PYE two way, made in Melbourne. See the website for more details and a map.

PRM8020 Radios

Several members have asked about the remaining PRM80 Radios that the Club has in its possession. These radios have various faults in them and so could not be sold as fully functional units. However it has been suggested that if members were interested in paying \$10 per unit, they would take a lucky dip as to what fault would be in the unit they receive. There would be no refund or changeover but the faults range from low transmit audio to no receive or loud beeps from the speaker when buttons are pressed. If you think you are capable of repairing one of these units and would like to take your chances with one of the 4 or 5 left, you will need to contact Mike Ide (Treasurer) as soon as possible to be on the list.

Very funny Scotty. Now beam down my clothes!



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(10% discount for GGREC members)

Avalon Air show by air (By Dianne Jackson VK3JDI)



Geoff Williams VK3ZGW had invited Ian VK3BUF and I to join him for a flight in his plane, and as the air show was in progress we decided to combine the two by flying there.

The skies were overcast when we arrived at Tyabb air field. Geoff was waiting for us and preparing his plane for flight. He showed us where to find the fire extinguisher, how to plug in our head sets, advised us to keep our seatbelts on and very kindly showed me where to find the sick bags. (I wonder if he thought I might need them). After a quick call to air traffic control we were airborne and on our way to the Air Show at Avalon airport.

The view was stunning from the window of the plane, a Piper PA 22. We flew around the edge of the bay, following the Nepean highway and skirted the Westgate Bridge. We landed at Cooks Point airfield to wait for the runway at Avalon to dry out a bit as earlier rain had caused it to become a bit slippery. We were soon on our way again and I was amazed to see all the road traffic, heading to the Air Show, snaking back for many kilometres. We flew past all of them, and landed without delay on a small air strip, right next to the car park. Upon landing we were guided to our parking spot by lots of excited people waving red table ten-

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nis bats at us. Geoff tied the plane down securely with ropes and star pickets. (I didn't notice any of the cars drivers doing that.) Steady streams of small aircraft were taxiing in behind us.

Whilst at the Air Show we saw some brilliant aerial acrobatics, and lots of very loud jets flying overhead. There were a lot of bored looking people, standing behind the counters of the Trade Displays. Geoff managed to wake a few of them up with some relevant technical queries.

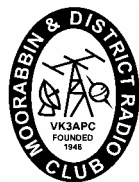


On the flight back to Tyabb, we flew over Mud Island in Port Phillip Bay, Cape Shank and the Mornington Peninsula. This was a fantastic way to travel to the air show. I really enjoyed myself, thanks Geoff.

(Biggles JDI - minus sick bag)

Moorabbin and District Radio Club.

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VK3APC HAMFEST 2007 Saturday 12th May 2007

Location - BRENTWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE
Watsons Road, Glen Waverley. Melways Reference 71 D7
(Enter via Heath Street.)

ENTRY ONLY \$6.00 (Doors Open 10am – entry tickets on sale prior)
(INCLUDES **FREE** DRAW IN THE MAJOR DOOR PRIZE.....)

(See Page 19 for table booking info)

THE CHANGING SKYLINE OF MORNINGTON

As the sun set over Mornington on Easter Saturday, a new shadow crept across the landscape and another Nally tower penetrated the sky. This one was at Geoff VK3ZGW's QTH. The prep work had gone smoothly and the tower was eased into position with a lifting jib. The format for the pole foundation differed from the common pole in the ground. With this installation a very large block-slab was poured leaving some high-tensile threads protruding from the surface. To these studs, the pole and mast were attached. Geoff seen here was making some small adjustment to the base nuts. Was that a tension wrench that just clicked or the bones in his ankles?



In the photo above (from left) is the Club President Albert VK3BQO, Doug VK3KMN, Geoff VK3ZGW and Ian VK3BUF, with Ross VK3ZAP holding

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the camera. Noel VK3CJJ was also present, but was out of view, busily holding another rope.

The process went safely and quickly. Before long the tower was vertical and Doug had ascended to take some pictures of his own.

Antennas will soon begin to grow from the structure and the rest of the club will no longer be able to talk about Geoff on-air without him listening in. Perhaps in time, if he is well behaved, we may even let Doug come back down again too.



After the tower was up, a splendid barbecue lunch was supplied by Geoff and Suzie. All this was carried out in weather that can only be described as perfect and yet another callsign was added to the side of the lifting jib, where a sort of honour roll of tower owners is beginning to take shape.

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The AGM is THIS month and as per usual nominations will be called for to obtain candidates for the Committee Positions. Our Rules state that :

(B) Nominations shall require a proposer and seconder and shall be called for at least twenty eight days before an Annual General Meeting and shall close with the Secretary seven days before the Annual General Meeting.

Please consider standing as new ideas are hard to come by!

Simply put your name to paper, get a nominator/seconder and get it into the secretary.!

Catch them Foxes.....

Never been on a radio fox hunt? This is your big chance! They are a lot of fun and you don't need much equipment to take part. Just a 2m radio and a direction finding antenna of some description will get you in the game. The idea being that teams of two go out in different directions and try and triangulate the location of the fox (in this instance it will be our own two "foxes" Mr BQO and Mr UK, now you won't see foxes like that on any modeling show, fortunately!) The winners get a prize (I assume), the losers don't care because they had some fun and a BBQ will follow!

It's on Philip Island on the 28th of April, meeting at 36 First Ave, Cape Woolamai, corner of Kendall and First Ave (see Map) at 10am and getting into the serious business soon after. Bring along chairs and all your food and drink. We had a great time on the Island a few years ago, no reason it won't be the same this time. Don't want to take part in the fox hunt? That's OK plenty to see and do down there and coffee shops galore. Just join us for lunch if you want. \



Call in is on 146.225Mhz





AN INVITATION TO STALL- HOLDERS



On the 21st of July 2007, the **Gippsland Gate Radio & Electronics Club** shall be conducting their annual **HAMFEST SALE** for the sale of new and used electronics and radio equipment. As per last year, the venue will be at the **Cranbourne Community Hall** on the corner of Clarendon and High streets, Cranbourne. High Street is part of the Sth Gippsland Highway. Melway 133 K4.

Some 40 tables will be available for stall holders, but demand will be very high. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Note the following details regarding bookings:

- Table hire will be \$20 per table. Table hire provides access for TWO persons to operate the stall. This will also include *two* tickets to the door prize and free tea/coffee throughout the day.
- The \$20 fee must be paid in full to the Club *before* the event in order to reserve a table. Cancellations made more than 14 days prior to the event will be given a full refund by cheque.
- To make a booking contact **Dianne Jackson** on **(03) 5625 2545**. Or email details to hamfest@ggrec.org.au Payment may be made by sending a cheque or money order (payable to 'GGREC') to Post Office Box 1098 Cranbourne 3977 or by direct payment to: **BSB 063607 ACC 1015 7247** with remittance advice to Dianne upon transfer.
- When making a table booking, Stall Holders will be asked to provide a **Name, Postal address** and **Contact phone number**.
- Upon receipt of the \$20 fee and contact details, a **Booking Number** will be posted with a receipt of payment. **IMPORTANT! No booking is confirmed until this number has been received by the Stall Holder.**
- Access to the Hall shall be from 8:30am for Stall Holders (not later than 9:30 am unless by arrangement).

The doors will open for buyers at 10 am with a \$6.00 entry fee.

Last year, the sale was a great success with many hundreds of people through the door in our large Cranbourne venue, making it a premier event for radio markets in this state. Proceeds from the sale will contribute to the upgrading of facilities at our new GGREC Club Radio Shack and to help promote Amateur Radio in the region.

From The Bench..... (Or Bugger!!!!)

Whilst re-arranging the radios in the shack in an attempt to clean up the dangling wires running to power supplies, and antenna and speaker cabling, I encountered a fault on the 2m FM92. When placing it back on the shelf and connecting the power supply, an intermittent short circuit was apparent each time I moved the DC cabling at the rear of the radio. Right.....this needed attention immediately. Bench it I decided.

Connecting the +ve and -ve power leads of the radio directly to a multimeter ohm electronic 'buzzer', I got a reaction each time I move the cable where it went into the radio. At this point there is a rubber sleeve covering the cable and no marks or deterioration was evident. However, after removing the 3 screw from the cable clamping device and slipping back the rubber sleeve, I was greeted by two completely nude cores where they bent at the cable clamp. There was at least 3mm of bare wire on both the +ve and the -ve cores.

A bit of judicious soldering and sleeving fixed the problem, but it may pay to remove this cable clamp and have a bo peep at the wiring underneath before something embarrassing might happen. (Geoff VK3HGG)



GGREC 30th Year Celebratory Dinner. – BOOKING FEE.

Following up on Dianne's article re the 30th year dinner, you are all invited to attend on the 23rd June. However to get the catering right we will need to get an accurate number of attendees. Therefore a booking fee of \$10.00 will be asked for at the AGM night. So to reserve your seat, give the Treasurer a \$10 note and enjoy the evening.

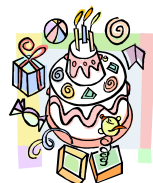
Happy Birthday to you.....

Mike Ide VK3KTO

Dianne Jackson VK3JDI

Ron Robertson VK3EXJ

All older than they were this time last year!!!



Annual General Meeting Minutes 2006

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: 21st March 2006

Start time: 09:15 PM.

Location: Guide Hall Cranbourne.

Chairperson: Andrew Clinkaberry VK3HFA

Minute Taker: Bruno Tonizzo VK3BFT

Present: As per attendance sheet.

Visitors and Guests: VK3ZGW Geoff Williams

Apologies: Steve VK3EGD & Maria Harding, Paul VK3TGX & Mariana Stubbs, Peter Vat VK3KCW, Russ White VK3MWR, Helmut VK3DHI & Dorothy Inhoven, Bobbie Bishop, Grahame VK3YCG & Susan Brown.

Correspondence Received: Nil **Correspondence Sent:** Nil

Treasurer's Report: As Tabled. **Read by:** Mike Ide, VK3KTO **Moved by:** Mike Ide, VK3KTO **Seconded by:** David Campbell VK3XMF **Carried:** Yes

Previous Minutes: Copy of the 2005 AGM minutes. **Read by:** Andrew Clinkaberry VK3HFA **Moved by:** Reg Goddard VK3UK; **Seconded by:** Ian Jackson, VK3BUF **Carried:** Yes

Business Arising from Previous Minutes: The Club financial records are being audited on the 3rd of May at Glen Iris.

Bruno mentioned that some time ago, the Cranbourne Guides had donated a communications receiver to GGREC. It is now located in the Club rooms and needs to be added to the Asset register.

New Business: The election of Committee persons are as follows:

Club President. Nominee: Albert Hubbard VK3BQO – Unopposed. Elected as Club President.

Club Secretary. No Nominations

Club Treasurer. Nominee: Mike Ide VK3KTO – Unopposed.

Elected as Treasurer.

Three general Committee Positions. Nominees: Reg Goddard VK3UK, Ivan Blezard VK3ARV, Helmut Inhoven VK3DHI

All three were elected unopposed.

Public Officer – Ian Jackson VK3BUF accepted the position for another 12 months

Andrew Clinkaberry agreed to edit the Gateway magazine for the next 12 months.

The Committee handover meeting will be held on the 24th April 2006 at the GGREC Club Room.

Meeting Closed at around 09:39 PM

Notice Of A Special Resolution (Final)

All GGREC Members are advised that a Special Resolution will be put to the vote at the Annual General Meeting. This Resolution refers to the changing of the Club Rules (rules of incorporation). In accordance with our existing Rules, a Special Resolution must be advertised in the magazine for two months prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted on. Our Rules must comply with the "Incorporation Act". If you would like to read the "Model Rules" please go to Consumer Affairs Victoria at www.consumer.vic.gov.au. A copy of the PROPOSED new rules appears on the GGREC website and you will need to go to the following address to read them: www.ggrec.org.au/newclubrules. If you cannot access them via the internet, contact the Secretary as per the front cover and you will be mailed a copy.

Voting on a Special Resolution may be done in person at the meeting or by signed, dated, proxy vote on an official ballot paper. Proxy votes must be received by the Committee at or prior to the said meeting. You must request a Proxy Vote form from the Secretary. Contact details are on the magazine front cover. The motion will be as follows:

"ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE DAY, I WISH TO MOVE A MOTION THAT THE ADVERTISED PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CLUB RULES BE ACCEPTED IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND BECOME EFFECTIVE AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 20TH APRIL 2007."

The above motion is to be moved by Albert Hubbard – President.

Please note that for this Special Resolution, the contents of the proposed changes cannot be changed, a simple YES / NO vote is all that will be asked for. If you have concerns about the contents, you would vote NO. Thank you -- Albert Hubbard – President.

Club Membership Renewal Notice

Invoices for Membership Renewal for the 2007 – 2008 financial year have been either mailed or given to all Members. Please return your payment to the Treasurer or the Cub P.O. Box as soon as practicable. Your reminder may be the fact that you do not receive any more magazines. Even if you have missed your renewal invoice, please ensure your payment is made. You will probably only get one reminder.

Successful F-call inductees given their hardest challenge yet

By Ross Jackson VK3ZAP



Can you remember back to the days when you thought an aerial tuner was a type of flying fish, and hearing the term “mega hertz” made you cringe? Well four new F-call inductees know exactly how you feel as they studied endlessly to earn their Entry level radio license. On the 24th and 25th of March students Kerry May, Rick Warner, Hal Jackson and Valerie

Benson attended a two day course where they learned the ins-and-outs of using radios from tutors Albert VK3BQO and Mike VK3KTO. Tensions were high on the final day but all the hard work paid off as all four students successfully passed their exams.

“Yeah I thought it was pretty easy” says successful radio enthusiast Hal Jackson “There were a couple of tricky questions in there, but I learned a lot during those two days, and managed to pull through”.

“Now that I’ve passed, I’ve got to do the hardest and most challenging task ever given to any amateur, finding a really cool call-sign”. Which is by no means an easy feat, especially for F-calls, which has four letters to work with, that’s 17,576 combinations to choose from! A quick search revealed that FART and FFFF were already taken, much to Hal’s dismay. Suggestions to follow in his brothers footsteps and go with FZAP also fell on deaf ears. “I’m bound to think of something” he says, ever in search for the perfect call sign.

I suppose the famous crow call has been taken as well?? And FHAL has a certain ring to it! Ed.

It takes hundreds of nuts to hold a car together, but it takes only one of them to scatter it all over the highway.

OK GO AHEAD AND LAUGH!

There once was a Tsar in Russia whose name was Rudolph the Red. He was standing in his house one day with his wife. He looked out the window and saw something happening. He says to his wife, "Look honey. It's raining." She, being the obstinate type, responded, "I don't think so, dear. I think it's snowing." But Rudolph knew better. So he says to his wife, "Let's step outside and we'll find out." Lo and behold, they step outside and discover it was in fact rain. And Rudolph turns to his wife and replies, "I knew it was raining..... Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear!" *My thanks to Maria for all the laughs she has sent me. Ross has some more to include as space allows over the next few months! Ed*

Central Victoria RadioFest

Shaping up to be the biggest amateur radio event held south of the Murray River, the Centre Victoria RadioFest will be at Kyneton, Sunday 22 April.

It introduces a number of new and innovative elements. In recognition that these gatherings usually only cater for radio enthusiasts, the RadioFest is seeking to be family friendly. There will be a children's playground, free face painting, a mini-bus visit to local tourist attractions and room to have a picnic. Clearly through widespread promotion the general public and in particular those interested in learning more about amateur radio are being encouraged to attend.

One innovation is the active encouragement of ride-sharing or car-pooling via an online facility on the Radiofest website to register requests for a ride and offers of a lift. All local major traders plus Bushcomm from Western Australia and Hamak Electrical Industries of New South Wales will be under the one roof. Combined with a huge second-hand market, WICEN emergency communications, VK3 IOTA DXpedition display, ALARA, Modern ATV, APRS, Historical display, Software Defined Radio, Small Space Antenna Expert, the latest on the BPL threat to HF radio, come n' try activities and interesting mini-lectures make it a not to be missed event. Its strategic location of the Kyneton racecourse puts it less than an hour from Melbourne, Ballarat and Bendigo. Tickets costing \$10 on sale at 9am during breakfast and gates open 10am. Heading the list of door prizes is a Yaesu FT-857D from Vertex Standard. More details on the event being organised by Amateur Radio Victoria, Central Goldfields ARC and Midland ARC, can be found at the website radiofest.amateurradio.com.au

ALARA - (Pat Pavey VK3OZ)

ALARA was formed in 1975 by a small group of Australian ladies interested in amateur radio. Membership has now grown to well over 200 with many Australian members sponsoring overseas YL's on a reciprocal basis. The term "YL" stands for "young lady", regardless of age.

To enable Australian members to get together on air for a chat an 80 metre ALARA Net is held each Monday night on 3.580 MHz (approx) at 1030 UTC (or 1000 UTC during daylight saving). This often helps newcomers to our hobby to overcome "mic shyness" by operating in a friendly atmosphere. If you do not yet hold a licence, you can still participate in this Net if you are in the shack of a licensed operator who supervises all transmissions.

Many ALARA members also join in world-wide YL Nets and in local State Nets, thus making many friends. Some states hold monthly luncheons to which all are welcome – particularly visitors from interstate or overseas.

ALARA holds an annual Contest in August. This is a friendly type of contest, with OM's also participating.

A newsletter is issued quarterly containing news of members' activities as well as official ALARA information. We also have a monthly column in "Amateur Radio", the official magazine of the Wireless Institute of Australia" with which ALARA is affiliated.

Every three years an ALARAMEET is held somewhere in Australia which is attended by many overseas ALARA members as well as those here in Australia. The next ALARAMEET is being held in Tasmania on the weekend of September 12-14 with a very interesting programme of sightseeing and dinners as well as the usual opening and closing sessions and plenty of time to catch up with old friends and make new ones. All OM's are welcome and always enjoy the weekend at least as much as the YLs! (who says men can't talk!) By the way OM is the opposite to a YL, the amateur name for the "Old Man" ALARAMEET is being organised by Susan VK7LUV, is centred on Ulverston, in the centre of the North West coast of Tasmania, midway between Devonport and Burnie. An optional tour to Cradle Mountain on Monday 15th is also on the pro-

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gramme.

Many Foundation Licence amateurs have recently been joining ALARA and we welcome any interested YL's to join irrespective of whether or not you hold an amateur licence. Membership costs \$12 or \$6 for pensioners and full time students. Membership forms will be available from Pat VK3OZ at the next club meeting.

Thanks Everybody....



Well nearly finished this, my final, issue of Gateway magazine. It's a pretty big one too so thanks to all those that bothered to put the effort in and sent in those articles. No, I am not really sad about it, it's a kind of relief actually. Two years is a long time and it's time to hand over the baton to somebody with some fresh ideas. Please keep the articles coming, they don't necessarily have to be about radio!!! Email them to editor@ggrec.org.au. I wish Ross and Sue good luck in their produc-

tion of the mag, don't think they need it though. If they need any help they know who to ask!

For me it's a time of re-assessment in lots of things. Maybe the journey really does begin at 50! So once again thanks to all the contributors over the last 2 years, you know who you are. Some months there has not been much and at the last minute one of the regulars has come to the party, that's been great! Particular thanks to David and Geoff who photocopy, compile and post the magazine each month. I bet that can be a drag at times!

I look forward to next month's issue coming to me in 1's and 0's and then being magically transferred to my screen so that I can read it. How does that all work Ian?

Catch you all around the traps, maybe at the fox hunt on Philip Island?
Andrew VK3HFA

Meeting Minutes

Date: 16th March 2007
Start time: 08:15 PM.
Location: Guide Hall Cranbourne.
Chairperson: Albert Hubbard VK3BQO
Minute Taker: Bruno Tonizzo VK3BFT

Present: As per attendance sheet.

Visitors and Guests: Nil

Apologies: Bobbie Bishop; Helmut VK3DHI & Dorothy Inhoven; Grahame Coleman VK3YCG; Phil Pavay VK3YB; Barry VK3MJB; Ian VK3KSZ & Val Benson; Judy Robertson; Ross Jackson VK3ZAP

Correspondence Received:
AR Magazine for March 2007,

Correspondence Sent:
Letter of thanks to St John's Ambulance including a donation of \$50.00.

Treasurer's Report: As tabled.

Read by: Mike Ide, VK3KTO **Moved by:** Mike Ide, VK3KTO **Seconded by:** Reg Goddard VK3UK

Carried: Yes

New Call signs - Nil

Previous Minutes: As printed in the March '07 GATEWAY magazine.

Moved by: Albert Hubbard VK3BQO **Seconded by:** Ian Jackson VK3BUF

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

Donation of \$50.00 was sent to St John Ambulance as thanks for the talk given At the GGREC April G.M.

Air Conditioner – A second unit has been purchased and will be installed at the May working bee. Thanks to Ivan Blezard for purchasing & delivering the unit to the Club Shack and to Graeme Wheatly for the installation.

AVR Microprocessor training. Course is progressing well and the attending members are enthusiastic.

GGREC 30th Anniversary Dinner 23rd June 2007 6:30 PM – The Guide hall needs to be booked for this event (Mike Ide has now confirmed book-

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ing). Guest Speaker – please tell the committee if you know of a suitable speaker for the night. Balloons & Streamers to be donated by David Wright VK3FW.

GGREC Questionnaire – Members are encouraged to send in their completed questionnaires so that we can plan ahead and provide events & activities that will be well attended.

AGM Next Month – Committee nomination forms are available.

New Business:

AGM Next Month – Please read the Special Resolution as it will be voted on at the AGM. Membership fees are now due.

Foundation License – Instructors are advised that there will be a meeting next Monday in the Club room, to review the feedback collected at the last examination. Wednesday Night will be a familiarisation night for candidates.

Please send any Magazine articles to Ross Jackson : editor@ggrec.org.au

Coming Events – Fox Hunt is to go ahead on the 28th April and the Hamfest is on track.

Tonight's Guest Speaker is Paul Stubbs about PRM80 transceivers

Meeting Closed at around 9:00 PM.

Next Committee Meeting: 26th March 2007 at the Club Rooms @ 8pm.

Next Prac Night: 6th April 2007.

Next General Meeting: 20th April 2007.

MDRC Hamfest Seller Booking Info.

Tables available at \$18 each, (1.8m long) includes lunch voucher.

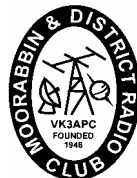
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