



Ragchew Lite

Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club inc

Monthly Newsletter

December 2005.

Christmas Party

The christmas party was held on the December meeting night. It was a little disappointing the turnout was not greater. Unfortunately some members had work commitments which prohibited their attendance.

The very unsettling weather also played a part, what with some severe storms earlier in the evening.

Those who did attend were treated to a buffet style dinner.

Special thanks must go to Carl, VK2HRC and his XYL, Dianne, XYL of Daniel VK2DC, and Elsie XYL of Peter, VK2HC for their assistance in the preparation of the food for the evening.

The Rex Black memorial Trophy was to be presented, but unfortunately, the recipient had another engagement to attend.

Other awards were presented to Erik, for his enthusiasm over the past 12 months, and the award for the biggest HF net went to John Watt VK2QN.

Terry, VK2UX received an appreciation award on behalf of the Nepean Amateur Radio Group for their attendance at Winterfest 2005.

At the next general meeting in February 2006, it is hoped the remaining awards can be presented.

Club Station

The second weekend in January has been set aside to work on the club station. Brad, VK2QQ has supplied some heavy ply to fit to the outside of the frame which Peter, VK2JBP has constructed.

Please try and come along to the clubrooms to assist in the construction of the console. Any carpenters, cabinet makers are welcome.

VK0JLX

Club Member Paul, VK2JLX / VK0JLX is spending some time in the Antarctic. Some members have been able to talk to him on various HF bands, albeit at odd times. Pascal, VK2IHL has worked him on 5 watts!

Keep an ear open on 20, 40 10 and 80 metres.

On a serious note

Over the last few days there have been a flurry of emails posted on the club listing. Unfortunately this has led to 4 members requesting that they be removed from the list. One of which is a life member, 2 who have been long standing members of the club.

While the original posting was a very relevant subject, and of interest to a lot of members who were present at that lecture, the complaints that have been received are all expressing the same concern:

'Why do the replies have to go to everyone on the lists, why cannot the reply be directed to the originator?'

Maybe this is not always possible but please try and put yourself in their place.

I am sure members can understand that the constant flow of emails, do clutter up the inboxes of members email systems, and if you are on limited download capacity, this can be costly. Especially if the original message is not detached from the reply!

At one stage, I would simply go to the latest posting on a subject, read all the relevant information, and simply deleted all the previous emails.

We have all been guilty of posting back to the group and not the originator, (self included).

As a consequence, could I ask:

- 1 If you are responding to information posted by a member, try to reply to the individual, not the group.
- 2 Could the 'banter' if that is the correct phrase, be toned down? Some of it comes across as being a bit heavy. I think you know what I mean.

Crackpot Quickies



Phone answering machine message - "- - -If you want to buy marijuana, please press the hash key..."

How do make a bear cross? - - - - Nail two together.

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.

I went to the butchers the other day and I bet him 50 bucks that he couldn't reach the meat off the top shelf. He said, "No, the steaks are too high."

My friend drowned in a bowl of muesli. A strong currant pulled him in.

A man came round in hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, "Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!" The doctor replied, "I know you can't, I've cut your arms off".

I went to a seafood disco last week...and pulled a muscle.

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly. They lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak and heat it.

The Editorial team wish all members and their families a happy and joyous Christmas and a very happy and successful New Year.

73's
Daniel VK2DC
Editor.