



Ragchew Lite

Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club inc

Monthly Newsletter

November 2005.

Apologies

I must apologise, there was no Ragchew Lite issued for September.

The editor has had some pressing family matters which took up a lot of time.

Winterfest 2005

Winterfest has come and gone for 2005, and a very successful one at that. Many visitors and many sellers, both commercial and private were in attendance. We will be starting to plan Winterfest for 2006 in the New Year.

Rather than try and describe the day, see the images taken on the day at www.bmarc.org, the BMARC club website.

Membership Renewals

Letters have been sent to those members whose had not yet renewed. And a response has been received from some members.

Thanks to those who renewed, your membership is appreciated

Ongoing Tasks

The club station is an ongoing task which hopefully, will be operational in the New Year. We know it has been a long time coming but all good things do take time.

The Club repeaters have been moved from the office at the Lawson RFS site to a secure location within a storeroom on the same premises.

Thanks must go to the team who carried out this particular task, Dave VK2JDC, Colin VK2XCT, Phil VK2FPR and any one else who assisted, I am not sure who you are. Good work guys!

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be held on the 2nd of December at the club rooms from 20.00 hrs. Catering will be done by the club, but any member who can assist in any way at all, will be appreciated. Please arrive a little early.

There will be a BBQ with 3 different meats, salads, and some nibbles. We will be catering for approximately 40 people.

Anyone who wants Beer, Wine etc must bring their own. Soft drinks will be supplied by the club. Tea and Coffee will also be available.

Members are welcome to bring families.



Roger will be organising a Christmas raffle.

The Rex Black memorial Trophy is to be presented, along with some other awards which the committee has implemented.

We do encourage members to come along and enjoy the company of your fellow members.

Ragchew

As usual, the Ragchew team are looking for new articles. It is an extremely difficult task to accomplish without your support.

We have some articles in the pipeline, but we still look for as many articles as possible.

VK0JLX

As you are aware, Paul, VK2 / 0JLX is doing time in the cold extremes of the Antarctic.

Paul is homesick already, but I am sure he will get over it! Just think Paul, only 17 months to go!

Gunter is in touch with Paul, and is keeping us all updated on the activities. Images are available on the club website.

Also, Paul has only a small window of opportunity to get on HF.

The frequencies are as follows: 80 Metres: 3.615, 10 Metres: 10.120, and 20 Metres: 14.270. I would assume this will be plus or minus QRM.

It is unfortunate that he will only be on late evenings from around 2200 to 2300 hrs.

Not sure if that is local or UTC.

Time for a laugh!



Part of the passenger arrival briefing from the lone flight attendant on a United Express O'Hare-to-Memphis flight:

"Please remove all personal items from the aircraft. Any items left on board can be found at my yard sale next Sunday."

News reports have filtered out early this morning that US forces have swooped on an Iraqi Primary School and detained teacher Mohammed Al-Hazar.

Sources indicate that, when arrested, Al-Hazar was in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a set square and a calculator.

US President George W Bush argued that this was clear and overwhelming evidence that Iraq indeed possessed weapons of maths instruction.

73's
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Editor.