



Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club Inc

Monthly Newsletter

September Meeting

Winterfest has come and gone and fortunately the weather was kind a reasonably good day was had by all.

It was disappointing that some exhibitors could not make it due to unforeseen circumstances but there is always next year. A particular vote of thanks to all those who came along and gave their time to ensure the day was successful. Ragchew 4th quarter will have some more information.

50th Birthday

As advised recently, BMARC turns 50 in January of next year. Some venues were 'checked' out as to suitability. I did investigate the Paddle Wheeler 'Nepean Belle' for an evening cruise, but costs were out of the question.

The most likely venue will be the Leonay Golf Club. However, we must have numbers in attendance to make this a viable option. It is NOT confirmed as yet. When both the venue and the cost members will be advised.

An approach to the ACMA is being made for a special event callsign, again, to be confirmed.

Foundation Classes

Another class will be held in October, possibly on the 20th and 21st. This clashes with JOTA, but as we will be using a different venue, the 2 events should not be of concern, I am waiting on scout confirmation!

Beacons

The September meeting saw a demonstration and discussion on the new beacon project which is well under way.

Pascal VK2IHL spoke on the required accuracy of such a project, particularly with the higher frequencies beacons, and judging by the response from the members and visitors, he seems to have the situation well in hand.

Coming Events

BMARC: Next meeting: October 5th 8.PM all welcome

Oceania DX Contest: SSB: October 6 – 7th

JOTA: October 20th – 21st.

Lighthouse Weekend

The Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club and the Illawarra Radio Society combined to activate the Point Perpendicular Lighthouse near Nowra over the International Lighthouse Weekend .



There were many junior members from the Illawarra Group who really got stuck into the event, and were featured on the WINTV 4 news on Sunday evening.

The link to the Video should be available on the BMARC Website soon if not already done.

Those who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves and look forward to future events. A more advanced article will appear in Ragchew 4th Quarter.

The Treasurer, Carl VK2HRC has asked for those members who have not renewed membership for 2007 / 2008 to do so as soon as possible.

ABOUT GROWING OLDER...

First ~ Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Second ~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Third ~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way. I've travelled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

Fourth ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

Fifth ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Sixth ~ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Seventh ~ One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.

Eighth ~ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

Ninth ~ Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Tenth ~ Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

And finally ~ If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.

Will Rogers

Information for any BMARC publication is always sought after. MSW would be quite OK.

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73 till next time,
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