



ADELAIDE HILLS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.



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Coming Events !

The 'Shack'

The next meeting at the 'shack' will occur on Saturday the 13th of February, this will be a social session with coffee / tea or soft drinks available to wet your thirst while we all have a chat. Come on down and join in, there is always a tall story or two in the offing, or perhaps someone will bring a new item of gear they have built or used to show us.

The next technical session should be on the 27th of February, the subject is yet to be advised, but that will be listed on the 'events' header on the Web page in due course, when we get the Shack program up and running for this year.

AGM & Business meeting

This month will of course will see the end of the year 2015 - 6 for the current committee before the new cycle starts again for the year 2016 - 7. To that end, the AGM will be held on Thursday 18th February at the Blackwood Community Hall in Young Street at Blackwood. This year we have had several new candidates put up their hand for some of the committee positions and we should see an election required to finalise the selections, this is very encouraging to see members taking an interest in the operation of the Club.

After the elections and the business of the AGM has completed, the general meeting of the Club will be held, this will comprise a talk by David VK5KC on his role and observations in last years Darwin to Adelaide world famous solar challenge race, this should give us all an insight into the goings on in such an event. This will be followed by a break in proceedings when a light supper will be available for members and guests, after which a short business meeting will take place.

Shack Tenancy

The committee meeting held this week has discussed options for extending the lease for the whole site, but there are many issues to be considered, those being



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the extra cost of extending our lease and extra use of the hall and facilities, along with the issues already identified in fencing, required car parking extensions and maintenance of the facilities, and perhaps the subleasing control of the hall itself (who will do it ?). To get some idea of possible costs we may expect or incur, we are getting quotes to get an appreciation of what this work would entail and expenditure outlay required by us before we go any further. We will then need to organise another meeting with GGSA to find out what return they would be expecting for the use of the whole facility, so more work needs to be done before any approach is made.

AHARS picnic

This year the picnic was held at the Bridgewater Lions Park complex on Sunday the 17th of January . It was a lovely fine sunny day, the picnic was catered for by the Mt Barker Lions Club who provided great BBQ for us to enjoy, and the salad and sweets to share worked well again this year, my thanks to all those who participated in this. We received many complements on the success of the day, and I'm sure that all who went along enjoyed the event.

Kits

The kits program has grown and has exceeded all expectations, the first 100 kits have all sold out, and we are now into the next batch of 50 kits that came off the production line this week. This will shortly be followed up by the next batch of 50 ready to be built, so we must start to prepare the orders for the next batch of parts and components for the next 100 kits already. We are receiving enquiries about bulk batches of kits (10 or more) to Canada and Europe, along with local clubs looking to purchase batch lots for club builds of the units. My thanks must go to Roy for the magnificent job he has done in keeping up with the postage of the kits, I don't think people realize just how much work that this has involved, well done Roy - now, if only we could clone you.



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Training

The next training course will be held at the 'Shack' on Saturday the 5th and Sunday the 6th of March. This will be a foundation course on the Saturday and combined exams (including upgrades) on the Sunday. If you know someone who is contemplating doing their foundation license or wants to do an upgrade exam, then please have them contact Sasi VK5SN (vk5sn@wia.org.au) so he can enrol them on this course.

Membership

February also means that membership dues will also fall at that time, if paid before the end of February then they will still be \$20 but \$25 after that. I still have several badges for members that were ordered but have not been picked up yet, and I have ordered another batch of badges which I hope will be ready for the AGM/General meeting.

Coming Events - for later this year

The program for this year is being worked on at this time. If you have some suggestions as to what you would like to hear, see or do, then let us know. I have already received suggestions from some members which are very useful, but more will be gratefully received. As per last year we will probably have a visit to a museum or display somewhere and perhaps an interclub BBQ or gathering may be a worthwhile event worth considering.

Paul VK5PAS will be leading a team to the Cape Willoughby Lighthouse on Kangaroo Island again this year, for the ILLW <http://illw.net/> to be held on 20-21 August 2016, and has asked for 9 or 10 volunteers to help man this **event** (not a contest). We have access to the accommodation at the site and have previously been able to use the lighthouse to support one end of the antennas, this will be a fairly unique and fun weekend for those that attend, and a good exercise in portable operation. Please contact Paul (vk5pas@wia.org.au) if you would like to participate and help out.



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The Buy & Sell will be on November 6th this year, the venue has already been booked for this years event, thanks to David VK5KC for organising this once again.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the AGM on Thursday week (18th Feb).

'73 de
Barry VK5BW