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Adelaide Hills Amateur Radio Society Inc July 2023 Newsletter



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

President Report For Newsletter

Well, it has been a very busy six months for me since taking over as the President. I was not sure what I was getting myself into when I signed up for the job, but I have been very fortunate to have a good Executive Committee support me in all our activities. It was sad to lose VK5TR from the committee, but he decided that it was time to go! Thanks for all those years Jim.

General Meetings appear to be going well, with a good number of members turning out each month, and the BUC Hall is a good venue, with all the facilities that we require. Most people that I have talked to have usually positive feedback and seem to be enjoying the evenings. Thanks to Greg (Vk5ZBD) for arranging and organizing the Presenters for these meetings. They have all been very interesting so far.

I was extremely pleased to be able to present the Life Membership Badges to Lloyd, Hans, Christine (and Geoff), Jim and Barry. Such worthy recipients, and it was great to have them all there in person on the night!

It was my first Buy & Sell Event, and I am pleased to say that I thought the day went really well, and it was great to be able to put many faces to voices and callsigns that I had previously only known over the air. It was a busy and tiring day, given that we had a large number of items from the VK5LT estate that we had up for sale. And a BIG THANKYOU to all members who contributed in any way during the day to help make it a success. Fantastic effort by Geoff (VK5JB). I can't thank Barry (VK5BW) enough for the massive amount of work he has put in to cataloguing all the equipment from VK5LT's shack! And there's still quite a bit to be sold. Another Club B&S later in the year at bargain prices!

We have made some changes to the structure of the running of the club, with quite a few subcommittees having been established, but I feel that these are working well, and I particularly thank Paul, VK5PH for his efforts in carrying on with the Training of new Amateur Operators. Through his efforts we have attracted a number of new members to the club.

Well, that's about it from me, for now. Thanks for all you support.
Cheers & 73,

EDITOR'S BLURB

I've finally managed to find time to produce a newsletter!

I no longer have time to do a quarterly one, so this is it until December.

Note, if you feel that you could take over this little job, and have the necessary skills, then please contact me: Skills required include: a good grip of English grammar, document creation, and image editing.

In this issue, we also say "farewell" to David, VK5DB, and Trevor, VK5TW long-time members of AHARS.

ESTATES. AHARS is no longer managing estates. See page 6 .

Our estate team of Barry (VK5BW), John (VK5KJ), Geoff (VK5JB), and myself , will willingly go into retirement once the current estates are closed off.

John Elliott, VK5EMI, Editor. (--... ..!)

PS: Thanks to Hans and Lesley for proof-reading this newsletter. (ed.)

PHOTOS FROM THE B&S



VENDORS A'WAITING.....

Despite the cool, damp conditions, we vendors all turned up at the Marion RSL on time, patiently and stoically wondering if we were in the correct time zone.



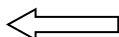
SIDE ROOM SALES

The entire side room was taken up with the items from Leigh Turner's (VK5LT) rather huge estate.

Those working in that room were pleased with sales.



AHARS Treasurer, Pat, ably manning the "cash register".



GONE "AWOL" : *Could the gent who purchased the Kenwood A130 tuner from me please contact me? It appears that in the excitement of the moment, we both overlooked the matter of payment!*

Garage Art Australia

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For all your classic signs
customised signs
and much more

87-89 Hade Ave
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0423 875 241

garageartsales@bigpond.com

garageart.com.au

ABN 56 011 377 935

Our sole commercial vendor for our B&S was Garage Art, Australia. Proprietor, Conway, came all the way from Phillip Island in Victoria. Note that Garage Art does a wide variety of artwork (including caps, mugs, stubby holders, etc) for clubs and individuals.

2023 CLUB PROGRAM

DATE & TIME		EVENT	LOCATION	
Regular gatherings	Fortnightly luncheons at the Blackwood RSL See President’s Column, page 1, and below . <u>Technical and Social Meetings</u> : 1st Saturday of the month, at the Blackwood Uniting Church (BUC). <u>Weekly 2 Metre Club Net</u> on Mondays at 8 pm. 147.000 MHz, with –600 KHz offset. All welcome. <u>Monthly meetings.</u> Blackwood Uniting Church (BUC), by the roundabout.			
	JULY	15	Major Buy & Sell	Marion RSL
		20	WICEN—what it is, and how you can benefit from joining. Talk by Louis Coleshill, VJ5FLY.	
	AUGUST	17	Astronomical Society of South Australia. Presentation by Kym Thalassoudis.	
SEPTEMBER		AREG project Horus by Mark Jessop		Blackwood BUC
OCTOBER		Masaaki Oikawa, JA7FAS / VK5FAS from Japan, staying with VK5XD.		Blackwood BUC
NOVEMBER		Electric cars by Graham Dicker, VK5ZFZ		Blackwood BUC
DECEMBER		No meeting, but RSL lunches and weekly club net as usual.		
Also see the AHARS website : http://www.ahars.com.au/upcoming-events.html				

ALARA NEWS

Net	Day	Time	Frequency
Official ALARA Net	First & Third Mondays. Second, Fourth, (& Fifth when it occurs) Mondays.	1030 UTC (1000 UTC during daylight saving):	Echolink
		1030 UTC (1000 UTC during daylight saving)	3.625
Birthday Net	4th Saturday in July	1000-1200 UTC	3.625
ANZA DX Net	Daily, with Thursdays currently being 'Ladies Day'	0500UTC for early check-ins. Net officially starts at 0515 UTC. List Operation, give your call to Net Control and stand by for your turn on the list.	14.183

Our usual home currently is the Black Bull Restaurant at 56 Hindley Street, on the 2nd Friday of the month at 12 noon. Visitors are very welcome but for catering purposes, please let Jean VK5TSX (vk5tsx@bigpond.com) know that you will be joining us.

SILENT KEYS—OBITUARIES

David Box, VK5DB (ex VK5OV).

(Died 24/06/2023)

David started up the Lower Murray club, and was thereon active as President (for 18 years) and as a member. David had his licence way back when (in the fifties) but rarely went on the air until his wife, Meg, got her licence too!

For many years, in the early days of WICEN car rallies, David would drive from Murray Bridge to the rally starts, (often before sunrise), for the four days of the rally.

He was a fine and learned gentleman.

His wife, Meg, now is living in a nursing home.

David had recently moved into a house in the centre of Murray Bridge.

His funeral was July 28.

He was a good friend of itinerants Peter Wolfenden (VK3RV) and Jenny (VK5ANW), who, with his daughter Heather, are tidying up David's estate.

Inter alia, David was chairman of the South Australian WIA Advisory Committee, and a Federal Councillor for some years.

One of David's (and Meg's) pleasures was to visit "Womeroo", a palatial-ish 2-story house in the Murray Mallee, which he and Meg helped build. He'll be missed at the next gathering there.

The mob at Womeroo: David is in light blue, and Meg in pink. [Thanks to Peter, Hans, & Christine for this info—Ed]



LRMARC—Lifetime membership award to former club president, David Box VK5DB on 19th November 2016. The Award was presented by Club President, Geoff, VK5HEL.



TREVOR WRIGLEY, VK5TW

Died March 13, 2023, age 73.

Trevor was a modest bloke, with a quiet smile. He used to run the 2m callbacks on Sundays.

Worked as refrigerator technician for Flinders Medical Centre.

Enjoyed caravanning with his wife, Helen.

His funeral service was held at Partridge House, Glenelg, under the giant cypress tree there. About 10 people from AHARS attended. We all learned a lot about this quiet gent at the service.

After the service, the crowd formed a Guard of Honour—see photo.

He was nicknamed "Wriggles" for some mysterious reason(!)

[Ed]



The Guard of Honour for Trevor's hearse.

Events

CW Renaissance – A Practical Approach

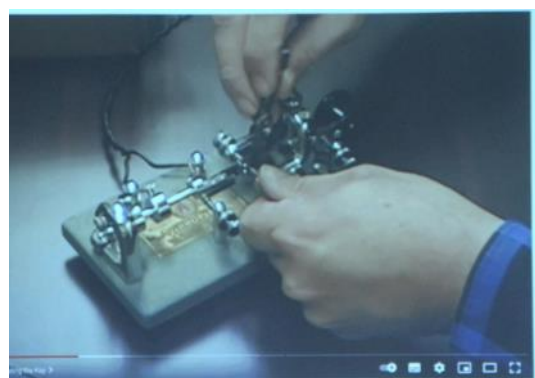
Presented by Paul, VK5PH.

Paul and others showed us some Tips, Tricks, Techniques and Tools for learning and starting to use CW and Morse Code.

Photo below: sixteen keen persons came to the session.

Paul is at lower left, and at right, standing, John (VK5BJE), a long-time CW operator and Amateur radio mentor.

An enthusiastically received presentation.



ADJUSTING
A
VIBROPLEX
KEY.

ALL AT SEA?



QSL NEWS

I received about 50 QSL cards from AREG (SA QSL Bureau) at the recent Buy and Sell. Thanks to AREG and the WIA Bureau for putting in the hours to handle them.

The recipients are listed in the table at right.

A reminder that the WIA does not deliver QSL cards to non-WIA members, so if you are a non-member, please make arrangements with me so that you can pick them up.

John, VK5EMI, QSL manager, AHARS.

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Part of an
interesting card
from JE2GWO.
I wonder that
the young lady
is saying?

CALLSIGN	WIA MEMBER	AHARS MEMBER
VK5CL	Y	Y
VK5CV	N	Y
VK5QS	N?	N
VK5RA	N	Y
VK5RM	?	?
VK5TBC	N	Y
VK5TD	N	Y
VK5TT	N	Y
VK5VL	N?	Y
VK5WL	Y	Y

ESTATE REPORT

NOTE: AHARS no longer manages estates, but will give advice to amateurs wishing to clear their decks. Please check out the AHARS website for the AHARS Disposal Guidelines.

AHARS has currently about 5 estates in the books, dating from about 2015.

The main existing estate is that of Leigh, VK5LT (see elsewhere in this newsletter).

Thanks to those who have helped me with this time-demanding task; Barry (VK5BW, for storage, testing and advice), Geoff (VK5JB), Hans (VK5YX), Phil (VK5SRP), John (VK5JB), and others.

John, VK5EMI, Estate Manager (retired).

THE DADDY OF THEM ALL! (THE GREATEST ESTATE).

Over the years of handling estates, we've had some challenging ones to handle, but none more so than that of Leigh, VK5LT/KLT.

Leigh was a lecturer in Radio Physics at The University of Adelaide, and in that role, conducted many experiments, accumulating a huge treasure trove of gear of all types.

In order to handle his estate items, AHARS had to obtain a shipping container—and find a place to store it - and so good use was made of some vacant real estate at the rear of SAAM (the South Australian Aviation Museum) down at Port Adelaide. A dedicated troupe trooped down to the SAAM every week for months, to catalogue the hundreds of items. Group leader was Barry, VK5BW, who deserves an OAM (Order of the Amateur of the Millenium) for his efforts.

LEIGH TURNER'S ESTATE—PICTURE GALLERY



What is it?

Apparently it's a Butternut HF9V Multi Band Vert Antenna, and not an anti-missile canon.



Inside the shipping container: Barry (BW), John (RJ), and Richard (VK5ZNC) cataloguing.



The "portable" strongroom (the shipping container), with bits and pieces of various aerals and other miscellanea scattered in the forecourt.

MEETING OF JUNE 15th



PRESENTATION OF LIFE- MEMBERSHIP

L to R: Greg (VK5ZBD), and recipients:
Lloyd (BR); Barry (BW); Jim (TR),
Hans (YX), Christine (CTY); and
Geoff (VK5TY), posthumously.

BOOK REVIEW

War Diaries. A Radio Amateur in Kyiv. US7IGN.

Lesley (VK5LOL) lent me this book to review: thanks Lesley.

The book covers the day-by-day experiences of Volodymyr Gurtovy, living in Ukraine's capital, and keeping in touch with the outside world by the Internet, mobile phone, and Amateur Radio.

We can all appreciate the difficulties of people living under these circumstances, but this book gives us a much deeper insight into those difficulties, as well as exemplifying the useful properties of our hobby.

The diary covers the period of February 24th 2022 to September 29, 2022.

Recommended reading!

(Available from the AHARS library.)

There's much more information relating to Volodymyr on the web, including:

<https://www.qrz.com/db/US7IGN>

This story is about how war came into the life of an ordinary Ukrainian when Russia attacked Ukraine in early 2022. His family fled to Poland but he was trapped by martial law restrictions. He lost his job and freedom of movement, but his amateur radio hobby and friends around the world helped him cope with all the trials that he had to endure.



Volodymyr Gurtovy is Ukrainian attorney. His radio amateur callsign is US7IGN

WICEN (Wireless Institute Civil Emergency Network)

If you like car rallies, or just like to do some radio comms, then WICEN is for you.

What If you've never done a rally before, or you don't have the gear?
—WICEN will team you up with someone who has.

For general WICEN info:

<http://www.sa.wicen.org.au/>

For car rally info:

<https://sarally.net.au/sa-rally-2023-major-event-calendar/>

WICEN does conduct other types of events and for some of those, a H/T will do.

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Club Projects

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Amateur Radio Licence Study Courses and Examinations Foundation, Standard and Advanced Licences.

Please See Club Program For Dates, etc.
c/- Paul Hoffmann, VK5PH
network@internode.on.net
Ph 0418 803 177

Club Weekly Net on VK5RAD

Listen to or join in on Monday nights
from 8 pm to about 9:30 pm local time.

Receive frequency is 147.00 MHz, with -600 KHz
offset.

Net Controllers: VK5's Jim (TR); Dean (5LB); Barry
(BW); Roy (NRG); David (LSB); Lyle (WL), Steve
(AIM).

All licensed amateurs are welcome.

VK5RAD

(Crafer's Repeater)

The current Repeater Controller is Barry Williams.

All enquiries, including requests for access, etc,
are to be made through him.

Phone 8339 5683 or email vk5bw@wia.org.au

NB: Barry is looking for assistance for this activity.

Australian Ladies Amateur Radio Association (ALARA)

<http://www.alara.org.au/>

State Representative: Jean VK5TSX
Phone: 08 8322 0066

Encouraging women's interest and active participation in Amateur Radio.

ALARA was formed in 1975 by a small group of
Australian ladies interested in Amateur Radio.
Membership has now grown to over 200, with
many Australian members sponsoring
overseas YLs into ALARA.

The term "YL" stands for "Young Lady"
regardless of age.

See page 3 for current details

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(See opposite panel) VK5RJ; & Sasi, VK5NS

Meetings & Venue

AHARS meets on the third Thursday of
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wood (by the roundabout).

A.G.M. February, each year.

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Website Address & On-Line Newsletter

The address for our website is:

www.ahars.com.au

Thanks to Paul Simmonds, our
web-master.

Articles For The Club Newsletter

Projects, anecdotes, experiences, ideas, advice,
etc, all make interesting and useful reading, and
will be much appreciated.

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