



NERG NEWS

North East Radio Group Inc
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Affiliated with the WIA

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Monthly meeting

Thursday 13th July 2017 Regular club meeting 8:00 pm till late at the club rooms.

Coffee Club

Thursday 27th July 2017 7:30 pm till around 10:00 at the club rooms.

Gainfully Unemployed Lunch Group

Tuesday 25th July 2017 - AT The Greensborough RSL Coffee at 11:00 and lunch around 12:30 in the Bistro.

Radio Café Every Thursday afternoon

Come along and have a chat, operate the club station or show off your latest construction project. And of course have a cuppa.

July 2017

Notice of AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the North East Radio Group Inc Reg No A0006776V will be held on Thursday 10th August 2017 commencing at 8:00PM at the club rooms.

The purpose of the meeting is to accept the financial reports and elect a new committee.

ARDF NEWS

Amateur Radio Direction Finding is a part of our hobby which is flourishing around Melbourne. This is probably due to the Victorian ARDF Group and their tireless workers.

In July there are two events planned; on the 8th July there is a Radio-O event(Fox-Oring) and on Sunday 16th July a full ARDF event on 2M and an 80M ARDF Sprint See <http://www.ardf.org.au> (on the "Events-Calander tab)

FOXHUNT NEWS

The annual Australian Fox Hunting Championships (AFHC) were held in Mount Gambier on the Queen's Birthday Weekend. A number of teams from Melbourne made the journey to compete including VK3FAST, VK3BLN, VK3CI, VK3AI(OW), VK3BQZ & VK3FOX teams, there were also teams from South Australia including VK5FAB, VK5ZBR and VK5TV.

The full results have not been published at this time but the overall winners were the VK3FAST team, followed by VK3BLN, then VK3CI and VK3AI in fourth.

Regular Monthly hunts are held on 2 metres on the third Friday of the month and new hounds

are always welcome. If you would like to get into fox hunting or give it a try contact Greg VK3VT and he will try to get you a seat in a hound vehicle and show you the ropes. So the next hunt is scheduled for the 21st July 2017.

Discounts from Suppliers

Club members can get discounts from two suppliers:

Altronics. (Australia Wide), Mention you are from the North East Radio Group or give our customer no - 64429. Discount will be minus 10% up to 45% off depending on the item. (Actual discounts depend on the product type and quantity purchased). There is No Minimum Spend in store to receive the discount. For on-line or phone Sales there **IS** a Minimum spend of \$25.00 inc GST but **NOT** including Freight. In the comments section put "64429" to receive the discount. <http://www.altronics.com.au>

Having used this recently I discovered that David VK3UQ gets emails detailing delivery of your order, that you may not get. So pop him an email when you order and he will be able to track which email belongs to you. We hope to have a method of dealing with this soon.

Jaycar Electronics stores by mentioning you are from the "North East Radio Group" You need to spend a min \$25.00 to receive a 10% discount. <http://www.jaycar.com.au/>

Jul 01	Jul 09	St Kitts & Nevis	V4
Jul 03	Jul 14	Laos	XW4XR
Jul 04	Jul 18	St Pierre & Miquelon	FP
Jul 06	Jul 09	Luxembourg	LX
Jul 06	Jul 11	Bermuda	VP9
Jul 07	Jul 13	Vanuatu	YJ0GA
Jul 08	Jul 15	Cayman Is	ZF2NH
Jul 08	Aug 04	Nicaragua	YN2RP
Jul 12	Aug 05	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA
Jul 13	Jul 20	Georgia	4L
Jul 18	Aug 01	Maldives	8Q7PW
Jul 20	Jul 20	Wake I	KH9
Jul 20	Jul 24	Russia (Asia)	RI0C
Jul 23	Aug 07	Antigua	V29SH
Jul 24	Jul 24	Marshall Is	V7
Jul 26	Jul 26	Marshall Is	V7
Jul 29	Aug 06	Marquesas	TX5EG
Aug 01	Aug 31	Galapagos	HC8
Aug 03	Aug 13	Georgia	4L0GF
Aug 07	Aug 07	Ascension I	ZD8RA

Thanks to <http://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html>

July 2017 PLANNED DXPEDITIONS

Start	End	Entity	Callsign
Jun 28	Aug 14	Bolivia	CP1XRM
Jun 29	Jul 09	Isle of Man	GD4SKA
Jun 29	Jul 17	French Polynesia	TX5EG
Jul 01	Jul 07	Market Reef	OJ0V
Jul 01	Jul 09	Crete	SX9VK

July 2017 CONTESTS

There are two interesting contests on this month. First is the IARU HF World Championship, this is the contest that is used for determining the World Radiosport Team Championship, these are held every four years. While 2018 is the year the Championships will be held in Germany

there will be lots of teams practising for the event, and there will be many interesting countries on the air. – see:

<http://wrtc2018.de/index.php/en/>

Second is the **Trans-Tasman Contest on the 15 July, this is a contest held on 160, 80 and 40M. This can be a fun contest and only takes up about 6 hours of operating time. Logging programs for this are VKCL and N1MM+ Logger (you will need to download the UDC files from VK4SN's webpage see:)**

<http://www.vk4sn.com/downloads/VKTTRTTY.zip>

My preference is for N1MM+ as it provides voicekeyer, CW sending using macros, as well as RTTY operating.

Contest	Dates & Times
RAC Canada Day Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1
DL-DX RTTY Contest	1100Z, Jul 1 to 1059Z, Jul 2
Marconi Memorial HF Contest	1400Z, Jul 1 to 1400Z, Jul 2
IARU HF World Championship	1200Z, Jul 8 to 1200Z, Jul 9
Trans-Tasman Low-Bands Challenge	0800Z-1400Z, Jul 15
DMC RTTY Contest	1200Z, Jul 15 to 1200Z, Jul 16
RSGB IOTA Contest	1200Z, Jul 29 to 1200Z, Jul 30
European HF Championship	1200Z-2359Z, Aug 5

Many thanks to

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

NEWS Items

ACMA Re-Sets US to VK Licence equivalency. A Technician is now a Foundation Licence (Sep 2016) and a General is now a Standard Licence (July 2017).

UPGRADE COURSE

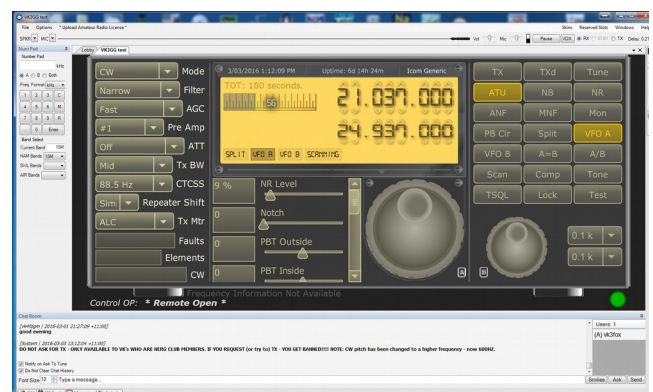
Thank you to those that indicated an interest in this course. It will be commencing on Thursday 20th July If you are interested and have not let Greg know please do it soon at vk3vt (at) nerg.asn.au The class will run for about 14 weeks. Cost will be \$100 for members. The course is aimed at Advanced Licence but covers all of the Standard syllabus as well.

CONGRATULATIONS

The **2016 DX Challenge Results** have been published in CQ Magazine and Graham VK3GA was the winner for Australia with a score of 299 (DX entities and CQ Zones). Simon VK3SIM was second with a score of 287, Chris VK3AWG third with 253 and Lee VK3GK fourth on 235.

I am sure all these operators are on track for a good score this year too.

REMOTE STATION



This is now available to members, you will need:

- A Standard or Advanced Licence. (Foundation Licensees can receive only.)
- A windows computer with sound card connected to a speaker and a microphone. A PC headset is ideal.
- OR an android tablet or phone and are prepared to pay for the app (less than \$20)
- Download the client from RemoteHams.com install it on your machine and register with RemoteHams.com using your callsign. The android app is called RCForb and is available on google play.

- The NERG station is currently known as “VK3GG test” Connect to it and request “club” membership and TX capability. Then wait until your membership is approved and away you go!
- Transmit Usage privileges will only be available to financial NERG members with VK callsigns.



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EDITORIAL

Looks like the weather has finally got around to winter with the temperature falling, although there has not been much rain about. This means that 80M and 40M should see really good conditions and there is the Trans-Tasman Contest in the middle of the month, have a go at this and see how you go working VKs and ZLs on the lower bands. See <http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/trans-tasman/>

While thinking about contesting, remember that the RD contest is coming up on the 12th and 13th August, this is a great contest to “have a go” at contesting and includes categories for everyone. You can just have a few QSOs on VHF/UHF or get on the HF bands and have a go. VKCL is the software of choice and we have some operating aids for adding a voice keyer and CW Macros. See <http://www.nerg.asn.au/> and click on the “RD Contest software setup” tab.

With the AGM coming up its time to consider who you would like to have on the committee. If you would like to nominate someone, or offer to help have a chat to any of the current committee and I'm sure they will encourage you.

73
 Greg VK3VT
 Editor

NERG NEWS ARTICLES

The NERG is always happy to receive news, articles, and member's wanted or for sale advertisements for inclusion in the newsletter. Please contact the editor at news@nerg.asn.au

THE NERG

The NERG Inc. Reg No A0006776V <http://nerg.asn.au> The North East Radio Group, Inc. is an amateur radio club devoted to encouraging members and others to enjoy the hobby of amateur radio. It tries not to hang on ceremony and endless reporting but rather participate in the fun aspects of this fascinating hobby.

WEB SITES

The NERG is on Facebook – A group has been established and can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nergamateur/>
Members are encouraged to join this group

WEB Sites: <http://www.nerg.asn.au> and <http://www.qsl.net/vk3rmh>

MEMBERSHIP FEES

(Due in August): Full: \$30 Family: \$40 Concession: \$20 Send to: NERG Treasurer, PO box 270, Greensborough, Vic., 3088

COMMITTEE

President David VK3UQ
Vice President Greg VK3VT
Secretary John VK3XD
Treasurer Margie VK3VOJ

Committee Members

Colin VK3VGB Chris VK3AWG
Matthew VK3BKT Grant VK3GWS
Ethan VK3ETC Mark VK3BYY
Don VK3KDT

MEETINGS

Main Meeting: 2nd Thursday of each month at 7.45 PM (not Dec & Jan) Coffee Shop nights: 4th Thursday each month. Briar Hill Community Hall, 126 Mountain View Road, Briar Hill (Near Sherbourne Road intersection) Melway map ref 21-C3

NETS

NERG NETS run on 146.575 MHz FM Simplex (8.30 – 9.30 pm Thursdays). Please join the discussions. Also used as a general Net frequency.