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WHAT'S ON AT NERG IN MAY

At the meeting this month, Ian VK3FFLY will be talking about radio controlled model aircraft with an emphasis on the radio side of things. Ian has been an aero modeller for many years and will take us on a tour from the very early days of escarpments and valve radios through to today's 2.4GHz digital radios and the various electromechanical devices used to control the plane. He will have some models along to give us an insight into where the hobby is at the moment. In the multiple exposure photo (right), Ian is seen landing his model glider at his feet during a recent competition.

NERG meetings are held at the Briar Hill Community Hall, 126 Mountain View Rd, Briar Hill, MELWAY 21 C3. Following the meeting there will be time for a friendly chat over a cuppa and some delicious Margherita pizza for supper! 73, Mark Harrison, VK3BYY, NERG NEWS Editor

WHY HAVE A NEWSLETTER?

Sometimes I wonder why we have a NERG newsletter. Its main purpose is to let members know what's coming up each month and to encourage everyone to come to meetings and join in all the other activities.

It also passes on interesting news, occasional technical tips and an odd project now and again.

The newsletter can also be used to buy, swap or sell items or information (just send requests to the editor!).

I hope that the newsletter also shows outsiders the kinds of things that NERG gets involved in and what the NERG can offer people that are new to the hobby, such as the foundation and upgrade classes and exam services.

Finally, the newsletter, perhaps most importantly, advertises our favourite Pizza shop – Margherita of Lower Plenty. It's a small but important thanks for all the scrumptious pizzas that Margheritas donate to our meeting night suppers :-)

THE GAINFULLY UNEMPLOYED GROUP

The group met at the QTH of Carole and Dave on ANZAC day. The great time was had by Peter VK3DU Ernie VK3FM, Gerhard VK3EWM, Greg VK3VT and myself VK3KE. A great array of pre diner feast to eat including – dips, cheeses, nut, fruit cake, lollies and nibbles. For lunch we had chicken and sweet corn soup then bread roll with cold meats and salads followed by fresh fruit and cheese. While numbers were down a little, a truly great time was had by all, finishing up around 3.00pm.

Thanks very much to Carole and Dave.

The next meeting of the group will at the QTH of Rosemary and Ian VK3QL from 10am on Tuesday 24th May. RSVP is essential.

Cheers, Jim VK3KE

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Meeting 7.45pm
Thursday 12th MAY

Radio Controlled Model Aircraft
Ian VK3FFLY



Gainfully Unemployed Group: Thursday 24th

Next Coffee Night: Thursday 26th May

2011 JOHN MOYLE RESULTS OUT NOW

The John Moyle results have been published on the WIA web site: www.wia.org.au/members/contests/johnmoyle/

Congratulations go to Stephen and Gerard, the two man portable team at VK3JNH for winning this year's 24 hour portable all-band phone category with NERG's VK3CNE as runner up in second place. If you saw the VK3JNH photos at the last NERG meeting, you'll know their win was well deserved!

Several of the other big club stations around Melbourne also slipped from their usual 1st places indicating that there was no advantage this year having operators working listening to static on all bands concurrently.

This year distance was the big factor for VHF/UHF contacts. Getting away from the cities meant you'd work fewer stations, but the ones that were worked were worth a lot of points.

Many thanks to all that participated in the John Moyle, wether on the mountain or contacting use during the contest.

Here are all the submitted scores in our 24 hour, portable, multi-op category:

Call Sign	Contacts	Score	Place /Award
VK3JNH	277	2542	1
VK3CNE	567	2311	2
VK2WG	297	1850	3
VK2HZ	485	1655	4
VK2BPK	163	1295	5
VK3ANR	412	1096	6
VK6ARG	291	769	7
VK6KTV	169	417	8
VK7WCN	172	344	9
VK6AHR	154	306	10
VK8DA	128	256	11
VK8BP	120	240	12

Note that there is a typo in the PDF results document published on the WIA web site - we should be VK3CNE, not VK2CNE (no such station exists).

GIPPSLAND GATE HAMFEST 16 JULY

The Gippsland Gate Radio & Electronics Club will be conducting their annual Hamfest on the 16th July 2011 at the Cranbourne Community Hall on the corner of Clarendon and High Streets, Cranbourne. High Street is part of the South Gippsland Highway. Melway 133 K4.

40 tables will be presented at this large venue. Tables will be available for \$20 each. Reservations for stall holders may be made by contacting Steve Harding VK3EGD on 0408 878934 or by emailing: hamfest@ggrec.org.au. More information can be found at <http://ggrec.org.au/hamfest>.

Doors open at 8:30am for stall holders and at 10:00 AM for the general public. Admittance is \$6.

Take away food, tea and coffee will be available. The entry fee includes a ticket in the Door Prize which will be drawn around 1:30pm. Great prizes to be won as usual. Additional tickets can be purchased on the day.

MELBOURNE FOX HUNTERS ON EURO TV

Last year the Melbourne Friday Night Foxhunters were joined by hosts and film crew of a popular Norwegian television show called "The Golden Goal". The show normally covers mainstream sports, looking at the humorous side of things and cover unusual sports from around the world.

The Golden Goal crew were keen to cover some unusual sports down under. They were looking for a bit of surfing and boomerang throwing and no doubt a good excuse to



escape the Northern winter! The producers also contacted Jack VK3WWW, WIA's ARDF coordinator, to find out more

about this crazy ARDF radio direction finding competition.

In December, the Golden Goal crew arrived with presenters Johan and Henrik, two cameramen, a producer and a director. The crew joined the regular Friday Night hunt for a first hand experience. One presenter became navigator in the VK3YQN "High Tech" team, while the other presenter joined NERGs Greg VK3VT and Doug VK3JDO in the VK3FOX "low tech" team.

The night was a great success, with everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The resulting light hearted program recently went to air on Norwegian TV2 (seen by a market share of around 35% of the population!).

The whole segment, complete with Norwegian subtitles, can now be viewed on YouTube at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPpWuFU1Y2s

The home page for Golden Goal is:

www.tv2underholdning.no/goldengoal

NERG MEETING CALENDAR

The current NERG Calendar is still looking bare!

Your assistance is required in filling in a few dates.

We are looking for people to talk about their favourite subject – preferably to do with amateur radio, but we've had some great "off-topic" talks in the past too!

Date	Subject
June	
July	
August	NERG AGM
September	
October	
November	
December	End of year BBQ
January	holidays

ARDF VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Date: Saturday, 2 July 2011

Locations: Near Kimbolton South

Course Setter: Bruce Paterson

For more details see: www.ardf.org.au

CONTEST CALENDAR

H = Hamfest, A = ARDF/Radio/Foxhunt, C = Contest, M = Meeting, S = Special event, G = General, W = WICEN

FoxHunt = Friday night or weekend daylight mobile hunt.

RadiO = a simplified direction finding competition usually held at an orienteering event. **BushO** = Bush orienteering event. Check the ARDF web site for updates and further details at: www.ardf.org.au

May 2011

C 14-15 CQ-M Int'l DX Contest, CW/SSB
 S 27-29 WIA Annual Conference, Darwin
 C 28-29 CQ World Wide WPX Contest, CW

June 2011

C 18-19 Winter VHF-UHF Field Day (See WIA web)

July 2011

M 9-10 Gippstech 2011 - premier 2 day conference for VHF, UHF & SHF enthusiasts. www.vk3bez.org
 H 16 GGREC HAMFEST Gippsland Gate Radio & Electronics Club, 10am-3pm, ggrec.org.au.

August 2011

G 20-21 International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend

NOTE: always confirm details closer to the posted dates!

UTC dates may be used for International events.

Dates gathered from WIA, AR Vic, ARRL, various clubs, VK Contest Club www.vkcc.com, and Banyule City calendars.



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The North Eastern 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.

Membership Fees (due in August):

Full: \$30 Family: \$40 Concession: \$20

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Meetings

Main Meeting: 2nd Thursday of each month at 7.45 PM (ex Dec & Jan)
Coffee Shop nights: 4th Tuesday each month.
Briar Hill Community Hall, 126 Mountain View Road, Briar Hill
(Near Sherbourne Road intersection) Melway map ref 21-C3

Classes & Exams

NERG occasionally runs classes and exams for Amateur licences

Callsigns and Repeaters (25km North East of Melbourne)

Club call - VK3CNE <http://www.nerg.asn.au/vk3cne>

6m repeater VK3RMH FM 52.550 MHz in 53.550 MHz out

70cm rpt. VK3RMH FM 433.325 MHz in 438.325 MHz out

with 70cm IRLP node 6350, EchoLink node 140587

6m beacon VK3RMH CW 10 Watts H 50.2950 MHz

10m beacon VK3RMH CW 20 Watts V 28.2565 MHz

Packet Radio VK3CNE 2m 144.700 MHz, 1200 bps

VK3CNE-1 for mail,BBS; VK3CNE-7 for the DX Cluster.

Occasionally home to the Scout Radio & Electronics Group repeater:

2m VK3RSR FM 146.375 MHz in 146.975 MHz out

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.

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

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Next Meeting: 7.45 pm Thursday 12th MAY 2011
Radio Controlled Model Aircraft with Ian VK3FFLY

2011 CALENDAR (NERG ACTIVITIES IN BOLD TYPE)

May 12	NERG May Meeting, 7-45pm, Briar Hill Community Hall
May 19	NERG NET – 146.575MHz FM 8.30-9.30pm
May 24	NERG Morning tea/lunch group 10am-2pm
May 26	NERG coffee shop night, 8pm
June 2	NERG NET – 146.575MHz FM 8.30-9.30pm
June 9	NERG June Meeting, 7-45pm, Briar Hill Community Hall
June 16	NERG NET – 146.575MHz FM 8.30-9.30pm
June 23	NERG Morning tea/lunch group 10am-2pm
June 28	NERG coffee shop night, 8pm
June 30	NERG NET – 146.575MHz FM 8.30-9.30pm