

Omega Radio Club Inc

News Letter

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Annual General Meeting:

The Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 23rd June at Carwatha College. This year attendance was quite low however it was a very cold and wet night. By all accounts everyone who attended enjoyed the evening and supper afterwards.

As usual the annual awards were presented at the meeting. This year the club's Yagi award goes to Frank 483 for his contribution to the club through work on the committee and toward car rally communications. The Les 395 award goes to John 194. John has continued to promote our club's communications work with car clubs. He has also donated the black jumpers with club logos now worn by our members as well as trophies recognising the efforts of Omega members providing communications at car rallies over many years. Mike 220 was presented with Life Membership recognising his contribution to the club over many years. Congratulations to all.

Meeting minutes and the Annual Report are included later in this newsletter.

PRM80 Radio microphones:

We now have orders for 20 replacement PRM80 microphones. By the time you read this the order with Simoco should be well on the way. Members who have ordered mics will be contacted as soon as we receive them.

Car Rally Communications:

The next rally event on our calendar will be the Spring 200 on 17th September based at Marysville. There was talk of us attending the George Derrick rally in August however this looks unlikely as we have not heard from the organisers as yet.

Later events will be the Akademos on 16th October and the Blue Rock Stages the following weekend on 22nd October. This will make a busy time for all involved with two events on consecutive weekends.

Omega "Person of the Month" award:

Member of the month award for this month goes to **Marj 367** for her great work at the Nightmoves Rally. Marj stepped in at the last minute to cover for Bill who had come down with the dreaded lurgi and could not attend. Congratulations Marj and thankyou for all you did.

Don't forget, any member can nominate another member for "Member of the Month" To do so please email your nomination to omega.radio.club@gmail.com with **Member of the Month** as the subject line.

Recent Rally— Nissan Nightmoves Heathcote & Mt Ida:

The Nightmoves this year caused quite a few headaches due to a significant interference problem at the repeater site. Fortunately this was discovered during the field test so could be addressed before the day. Several trips were required to the site in the lead up to the event to be sure the problem was under control.



Top Left: Looking East from Mt Ida tower

Top Centre: Derek 742 hard at work at Rally Base

Top Right: Radio equipment set up under the Mt Ida tower

Bottom Left: Mt Ida summit on 1st test day

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Annual Report 2015/16

This has again been a successful year for our club. We have continued our role as a major supplier of radio communication to the Victorian Rally community. Members have attended 9 events during the club year with a further 4 or possibly 5 events on our calendar over the next 5 months. It is clear Omega is the number one provider of radio communications for car rallies in Victoria outside of the VRO (Victorian Rally Organisation) and is well placed to maintain the position in the year ahead.

The club has maintained a strong financial position due to money coming from car rallies we have attended. A considerable amount of this money is distributed back to members through the fuel account system assisting in offsetting some of the cost of attending events. Most members attending rally events regularly had adequate money to cover membership and radio usage fees. For the first time this year we made payments to members who had sizable accumulated balances in their accounts enabling us to reduce the amount of members money held by the club.

Our total membership is a couple down on last year. We were all saddened by the loss of long time member and committee member Colin 188. Colin's death was a shock to us all and he is certainly missed.

It must be noted we are all getting older and if Omega is to survive into the future we must find ways to encourage new members and particularly younger members. The committee are looking at various ways to promote our club and hopefully increase our membership over the coming year. This doesn't have to be limited to just the committee. All members are encouraged to look out for people who may be interested to join. The best promoters of a club are those already in it so if anyone has friends or relatives that may be interested, please bring them along to see what we do and hopefully they will want to join us.

During the year we have maintained strong contacts with Dept. Environment Land Water & Planning enabling us to access various mountain sites required for repeater setup. Access to some of these sites is integral to the success of our radio system at events we attend.

Car rallies aren't the only thing we do. We held our Annual Dinner in August which was well attended. The night was considered such a success we returned to the venue again for a night out in April, with cost covered by the club. We also managed a BBQ at Norton's park in November. Another BBQ was planned for the beginning of the year however was called off at the last minute due to very bad weather. Hopefully further social activities can be arranged in the coming year.

In 2016 we have returned the club newsletter eNews to monthly editions. These have included a number of feature articles as well as general news which we hope is of interest to all members.

It is most important as a committee, we thank all members who have supported our club throughout the year. For a small club we have a high percentage of members actively involved and this enables us to maintain our important position in the Victorian Car Rally scene. Committee members put in a lot of work behind the scenes to get us to rallies and a small group of members assist with test days for rallies. The support of all members in these activities is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all involved.

Bill 478 on behalf of the committee.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held on 23th June 2016

At Carwatha College

Noble Park Vic

Meeting commenced at 8.00 pm

Present: Bill 478 (Chair), Mike (minutes) & Lynne 220s, Barry & Margaret 671s, Alex 510, Frank 483, Len & Sue 124s, David 580, Brian 654, Russell 545, Chris 338.

Visitors: Nil

Apologies: Brian 982, Geoff 305, Terry 647, Wally 727, Dave 906, Dick 808, Judy 478, David 145, John 194, Bill 367.

Minutes of last Annual General Meeting: Read by Bill 478. (m) Alex 510 (s) Barry 671 Carried.

Business arising from previous minutes; Nil

Annual Report: President Bill 478 presented the annual report on behalf of the committee.

Secretary's report; Mike 220 reported in summary of the secretarial activity for the year.

Correspondence in: Correspondence relating to AGM;
Emails of apologies received from Brian 982, Geoff 305, Terry 647, Wally 727 & Dick 808
Nomination forms for committee election.

Most correspondence is handled at general meetings as it relates to day-to-day activities of the club.

Correspondence out:

Notice of AGM and Nomination forms for committee election
Acknowledgement to those who emailed apologies for this meeting.

Treasurer's report: Alex 510 presented the annual accounts as at year-end 31st May 2016

(m) Russell 545 (s) Chris 338 Carried

Technical report: Barry gave a summary of the major technical matters over the year including changes to the Melbourne repeater site, new batteries purchased, issues around servicing of PRM80 radios, bulk purchase of microphones.

Committee Election: David 580, returning officer reported on the election process. After receipt and processing of nominations, the final number of nominations equalled the minimum requirement for committee positions so an election was not required. All current members were declared re-elected as follows. President: Bill 478, Vice President: Barry 671, Secretary: Mike 220, Treasurer: Alex 510, Committee members: Frank 483, Len 124.

Barry moved election papers be held for 1 month and then destroyed.

(m) Barry 671 (s) Len 124 Carried.

Bill thanked David for his efforts as returning officer and asked the meeting to confirm him as returning officer for the coming year.

Carried – Unanimously

Awards: President Bill 478 presented the Les VBW395 club award. He spoke of Les 395 and his contribution to the club from its inception until his untimely death. The award this year goes to John 194 in recognition of his ongoing support of Club activities. Unfortunately John was not at the meeting so the award will be presented to him at a later date.

Bill went on to speak of the Yagi award and then presented it to Frank 483 in recognition of his ongoing work for the club.

This year Bill presented a third award. This was a Life Membership award and went to Mike 220 for his work with the club including his time as secretary over many years.

Acceptance: Each spoke in acceptance of their awards.

Russell 545 spoke of the work done by the committee during the year thanking the committee members for their efforts.

General Business: Nil.

The date for the next Annual General Meeting will be **Thursday 29th June 2016** - Location TBA

Being no further business the Annual General Meeting closed 8.35pm.

Bill then opened the meeting to a general forum on club events. After this supper was served.

Mike 220 Secretary.



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SUMMARY OF FUNDS

As at 31 May 2016

| <u>Previous Year</u> | <u>BANK STATEMENT</u> | <u>This Year</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| \$ c | | \$ c |
| 9825.02 | General Fund | 10746.98 |
| 3615.00 | Members Fuel Fund | 2530.00 |
| <u>13440.02</u> | TOTAL FUNDS IN BANK | <u>13276.98</u> |

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For the period 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2016

| \$ c | MEMBERS FUEL FUND | \$ c |
|----------------|---|----------------|
| <u>3110.00</u> | Balance brought forward from previous statement | <u>3615.00</u> |
| 2280.00 | Fuel Fund In | 2200.00 |
| 1775.00 | Fuel Fund Out | <u>3285.00</u> |
| <u>3615.00</u> | TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS | <u>2530.00</u> |

| \$ c | GENERAL FUND | \$ c |
|----------------|---|-----------------|
| <u>7252.22</u> | Balance brought forward from previous statement | <u>9825.02</u> |
| \$ c | <u>ADD RECEIPTS</u> | \$ c |
| 650.00 | Membership Fees | 675.00 |
| 770.00 | Licence Fees | 760.00 |
| 695.00 | Saleable Items | 90.00 |
| 0.00 | Miscellaneous | 0.00 |
| 2.25 | Interest | 4.23 |
| 6575.00 | Rallies | 5870.00 |
| -2280.00 | TRANSFER TO FUEL FUND | <u>-2200.00</u> |
| <u>6412.25</u> | YEARLY INCOME | <u>5199.23</u> |

| \$ c | <u>SUBTRACT PAYMENTS</u> | \$ c |
|----------------|---|-----------------|
| 684.00 | Public Liability Insurance | 684.00 |
| 1674.00 | Australian Communications Authority Incorporation Fees | 1736.00 |
| 115.00 | P.O.Box Rent | |
| 1125.00 | Member's Fees | 1205.00 |
| 143.13 | Domain Name | |
| 105.00 | Suppers etc. | 103.51 |
| | Trophies | 323.45 |
| | Nights Out | 1374.80 |
| 693.00 | Saleable Items Purchased | 143.00 |
| 411.32 | Radio Equipment | 419.36 |
| | Office | |
| | Miscellaneous | |
| 14.00 | Postage | 13.15 |
| 650.00 | Members Expenses | 1560.00 |
| -1775.00 | TRANSFER FROM FUEL FUND | <u>-3285.00</u> |
| <u>3839.45</u> | YEARLY EXPENDITURE | <u>4277.27</u> |
| <u>9825.02</u> | TOTAL CLUB FUNDS | <u>10746.98</u> |

More from the 2016 AGM:



Frank receiving the VBW395 Award



3 Wise Men!



Frank's YAGI Award



Mike receives Life Membership award

Events Calendar—Club Diary

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 28 th July | General Meeting Night | | |
| 25 th August | General Meeting Night | | |
| 28 th August | George Derrick | Avoca | To be confirmed |
| 17 th September | Spring 200 | Marysville | <u>Confirmed</u> |
| 22 nd September | General Meeting Night | | |
| 16 th October (Sunday) | Akademus Rally | Alexandra (Blue Range) | <u>Confirmed</u> |
| 22 nd October | Blue Rock Stages | Tanjil Forrest | <u>Confirmed</u> |
| 27 th October | General Meeting Night | | |

Committee members away:

The secretary Mike 220 will be away on holiday from Monday 18th July for a couple of weeks. While Mike is away, Barry 671 will be keeping an eye on secretarial matters.

Len 124 will be out of action for a while from 20th July having a hip replacement operation. We wish Len a speedy recovery and hope to see him back at club events very soon.

Contributions for eNews:

If you have anything of interest to members that could be included in eNews please send this to us at omega.radio.club@gmail.com. If your contribution can't be emailed, please contact Mike 220 to make other arrangements.