

Omega Radio Club Inc

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News Letter

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Secretary on holiday:

This will be a somewhat shorter than usual edition of eNews as I am currently on holiday exploring the Flinders Ranges and some of out back South Australia. At the time of writing we are at Leigh Creek having just returned from Marree and the southern end of the Oodnadatta Track. While the NBN hasn't found Leigh Creek yet my trusty Telstra 4G connection is doing the job enabling sending this issue.

Next Meeting:

Don't forget the next meeting on 28th September will be in the new location at the school. All who attended last month found the new room without any trouble and agreed it is more comfortable than the old room. For those who didn't attend last month, the new location is the second driveway of Browns Road (when heading south) and the room is directly opposite the entrance gate.

Recent Events:

The last rally was the combined Marysville Stages and Spring 200 on Saturday 16th September. As the weather in the lead up to the rally had been very wet, the directing team had to change the route considerably due to road conditions in the Blue Range. Once the changes were finalised we were able to complete our planning work and distribute information to those attending. There were some challenges for our members at Rally Base with some kind of local interference affecting radio reception during the day and then the weather working against us with a couple of controls having trouble at night. As usual we got the job done however special thanks must go to David 580 and Alex 510 as these problems made their jobs considerably harder than usual.

Coming Events:

The next rally will be the Akademos on Sunday 22nd October. As usual this is a day time only event so a great opportunity for those who don't like having to venture out for the night events.

The weekend after the Akademos will be the Autumn Midnight Trial (yes, in Spring) on Saturday 28th October. This one will be based at Seaton near Heyfield in Gippsland.

At the time of writing we are very short of members for both these events so if you are able to attend please contact Len 124 as soon as possible.

End of Year Get-to-gether:

Planning is underway for this years pre Christmas lunch. We are planning an event similar to last year with all food provided. At this stage the date is likely to be Saturday 2nd December so please note the date on your calendar. As always all members and families are invited to attend.

Full details will be available nearer the date so "Stay tuned for updates".



Marysville Stages / Spring 200 Rallies

By Alex 510

On Saturday night 16/09/17 the Omega Radio Club attended the second coldest rally for the year - by half a degree. It was still cold enough have ice on the mast.

The Spring 200 & Anglia Memorial were run after the Marysville Stages day rally.

The Marysville Stages is a VRC rally which can be run in the day, but the Spring 200 & Anglia Memorial are VCRS & Novice rallies which can only be run at night.

I arrived just as David 580 was finishing the Marysville Stages. David said he had problems with communications during the day so in an effort to fix the problem we swapped antennas and moved the mast away from the building. This appeared to work at first, but as the night grew colder the signal got worse. We lost contact with one location completely and the others ranged from almost perfect to almost useless, but we persisted and got the messages through - mostly. The Director was pushing to keep the rally running as fast as possible, which we were able to do despite a couple of cars trying to do the opposite. Even though the rally finished at a reasonable time I didn't leave before 3:00AM, it was difficult packing up in the cold, muddy, dark night.

Despite many little problems the Director was happy as we overcame most of them and we can all be proud of the job we did.

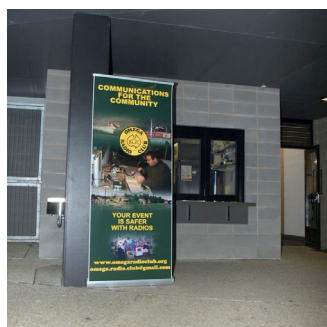
This rally was the first to feature our new pull-up banners. I had Officeworks print the art work I had done and I spent the days before the rally mounting them in the frames.



Above, above right and right:

3 views of our new display banners.

These promote our work providing communications for event as well as encouraging others to become involved and join our club.



Below left:

Next to no visibility at the repeater site on Mt Despair as the temperature drops to 1deg.

Below right:

Eventually the cloud lifted and we could see some club logos on the car.



Events Calendar—Club Diary

2017

September

Thursday 28th

General Meeting

New Location at the School

October

Tuesday 10th

Committee meeting

Sunday 22nd

Akados Rally

Alexandra / Blue Range

Thursday 26th

General Meeting

New location at the School

Saturday 28th

Autumn Midnight Trial (in Spring)

Seaton / Heyfield

For Sale, Swap or just plain Free.

For sale this month:

ICOM IC-760 Pro HF Radio also known as IC-765 everywhere but Japan!

An oldie but a goodie! Very good condition for its age.

Frequency coverage: Receive - 0.1 - 30.0 MHz,

Transmit - 1.8 - 30.0 MHz (Amateur Bands)

Modes: LSB, USB, CW, AM, FM, RTTY

Max. output power:

SSB 100W PEP

CW, RTTY & FM 100W

AM 40W

Built in Tuner, Power supply and Speaker.

Comes with manuals, schematics etc.

Only needs a standard ICOM round pin microphone.



On the appropriate antenna system it has very good performance capabilities for receiving and transmitting.

Price \$550.00

Contact Charlie 341, 0448-506-024.

Spotted by the Secretary during his holiday travels.

Omega aren't the only ones who use portable masts.

This Telstra semi temporary mast was spotted on a hill above Burra in South Australia. Its base is similar to the tripod masts some of our members now have.



Contributions for eNews:

If you have anything you think would be of interest to members that could be included in eNews please send to us at omega.radio.club@gmail.com or contact Mike 220 or any committee member to make other arrangements.

