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This month's Divisional Meetings.

Northern Branch: September 11th.

Northwestern Branch: September 8th.

Southern Branch: September 2nd. 8.15 p.m. 105 Newtown Road.

Divisional Business.

An AX prefix for the Bicentenary has been proposed by VK7NRR and this has been supported by the Council. Similar move in VK4.

VK7NBF has proposed a Bicentennial Tasmanian Devil Award which has been approved in principle by the Council.

At the Divisional Council Meeting on September 12th, a new alternate Federal Councillor will be elected, to act with VK7PF, the new Federal Councillor.

VK7BC is now Federal Contest Manager and deserves maximum support from his fellow VK7's.

Subscriptions: Federal component \$27.00, Divisional component \$4.00, a once-only joining fee of \$5.00 and the Branches a \$4.00 component.

Jamboree-of-the-Air, 1987.

Mike Wilson VK7ZWW is the Branch Organiser for JotA this year. The dates for the Jamboree are October 17th and 18th but much of the organising has to be done during September. Miss Sue Wyatt VK7NRG is the JotA Liaison Guider for Tasmania for this year. Participation Cards will be distributed to each Group and Radio Operator taking part. Australian Scout Nets are maintained on the first and third Sundays each month, by Peter Hughes VK6HU and Noel Lynch VK4BNL.

Band	CW	Phone DX	Aust (VK)
80metres		3.740 MHz	3.590 MHz
40 metres	7.030 MHz	7.090 MHz	7.090 MHz
20 metres	14.070 MHz	14.290 MHz	14.190 MHz
15 metres	21.140 MHz	21.360 MHz	21.190 MHz
10 metres	28.190 MHz	28.390 MHz	28.390 MHz

Times: 2330z to 0100z on 7.090 MHz. 2330z to 0030z on 21.190 MHz
0031z to 0245z on 14.190 MHz

This list will also be in use during the World Jamboree at Cataract Park

The actual times for the JotA are from 0001 local time on 17th to 2359 local time on the 18th October. Please let Mike know if you are already booked in for this event or would like to be included. He is anxious to know very soon because there is a great deal to be done in co-operation with the Scout Groups. It has been found in the past that it pays to set up a few previous sessions to practise microphone technique etc. It saves a lot of tongue-tied pauses!

Broadcast Newsgathering.

Our hope is to provide an interesting news bulleting every week but in saying that all the information that comes in is transmitted in one form or another, we must say also that we don't make the news, so here are the contacts for you to give us the information we need: Thursday evenings: 3.585 MHz from 19.30 to 20.00 hrs. Saturdays: 3.585 MHz from 08.30 to 09.30 hrs. The 2m. repeaters changing if possible to Ch. 50. And if those don't provide you with the contact, there's still the phone and the mail.

VK7KDR and VK7JK still require "broadcast secretaries" to act as focal points for news snippets. Since Joe VK7BJ gave his talk to the branch last Wednesday on Relaying on 80m (which also included some sound common sense on originating as well) we are hoping that more assistance will be forthcoming in this branch.

Branch Talk: Andrew gave a talk to the Southern Branch meeting on RTTY mailbox on 5th August and very much appreciated it was, too. A great number of questions showed that soon, if we don't get a communications repeater, we shall have to find someone who has a QTH that will cover the main Hobart environs to give mailbox facilities. The packet boys will probably disagree and move more rapidly into the more sophisticated sphere of information transfer, but we slowcoaches may prefer an intervening step!

New Callsign: A congratulatory note for Geoff, who ~~used~~ to be VK7NGF is now the proud owner of VK7FS even though he never thought he would make it! Already becoming regularly heard on the wider ranges of the HF bands.

W.I.C.E.N.

Will all who are involved or would like to be involved in the various WICEN activities that are impending please check carefully with the WIA broadcasts of the next few weeks. Please check for details with VK7ZAR in the south and VK7JJ in the north. The WICEN exercise being run as part of the communications for the Light Car Club Rally has as its co-ordinator John Duncombe VK7ZPT. All those three contacts are QTHR.

QRM: Our concerns about the paragraph on page 2 of "A.R." for August and how it would affect the lead-time for "QRM" now appear to have been resolved, and the situation will continue as for the past few months. Closing date for October will be Sept. 16th.