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GENERAL MEETING. The next General Meeting of The Tasmanian Division will be held at the Club Rooms, 147 Liverpool St., Hobart, on Wednesday April 4th. at 2000 hrs. Visitors will be very welcome as usual, and will you please introduce your guests to the President or Secretary.

LECTURE.

The Lecture this Month will be given by Mr. D. Thorne, VK7ZAI and Mr. B. Eyre, VK7ZBE, and is entitled "A Transistorised Grid-dip Oscillator to 300 Mc/s." I understand that this unit also operates at the lower frequencies so that will make it of considerable interest to all members, so we should have a real good roll-up to hear about it. Be very handy for the portable/mobile gang so that a bit of trouble shooting can be done in the field where there is not always access to an A.C. outlet.

NORTH-WESTERN ZONE.

The date of the next Meeting of this Zone is April 3rd, next at Iakin's Hall Ulverstone at the usual time.

NORTHERN ZONE.

At the Annual General Meeting of this Zone the following Officers were elected:-

PRESIDENT.	Mr. D. Kelly, VK7DK.
SECRETARY)	Mr. J. Foster, VK7JF.
TREASURER)	
Zone Correspondent.)	Mr. C. Wright, VK7LZ.
QSL Manager.	
Librarian.	Mr. M. Chaplin, VK7CA.

The next Meeting of this Zone will be held at the residence of VK7JF on April 13th. next and the Lecture will be a tape on V.H.F. activities by W1HDQ. Zone Members are requested to roll-up in goodly numbers to this Meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & DINNER.

The 31st. Annual General Meeting and Dinner is now history and it will go down as a very successful evening. A really good time was had by all. We were very pleased to welcome Members from the North and Northwestern Zones, also Bert Clarke from VK3. The Senior Radio Inspector, Mr. Alec Munro and Mrs. Munro were our guests on this occasion. Various means were employed during the evening to obtain some more cash to assist in building our own Club Rooms, as all this only took place last night no figures are as yet available but at a rough guess I reckon it could be classed as a financial success as well as a social success. Our thanks are due to the Members who attended to the many details which crop up on these evenings. There is not much room left on this page for listing the Officers elected so I will have to use another stencil. (Next page please).

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR TAS. DIVISION 1962-63.

PATRON.	Mr. L. Crooks.	VK7BQ.
PRESIDENT.		
VICE-PRESIDENTS.)		
HON. SECRETARY.)	To be elected by Council.	
HON. TREASURER.)		
COUNCIL.	Mr. T. Allen.	Mr. K. Millin.
	Mr. T. Connor.	Mr. A. Morrisby.
	Mr. L. Edwards.	Mr. I. Nichols.
	Mr. C. Harrisson.	Mr. E. Cruise. (ex officio).
FEDERAL COUNCILLOR.	Mr. E. Cruise.	VK7EJ.
QSL MANAGER.	Mr. J. Batchler.	VK7JB.
TRAFFIC MANAGER.	Mr. R. O'May.	VK7OM.
BROADCAST OFFICER.	Mr. J. Batchler.	VK7JB.
ASSISTANT B'CAST OFFICER.	Mr. C. Spiegel.	VK7KS.
HON. SOLICITOR.	Mr. I. Nichols.	VK7ZZ.
AUDITORS.	Mr. L. Jensen.	VK7LJ.
	Mr. G. Richardson.	VK7GR.
LECTURE ORGANIZER.	Mr. L. Edwards.	VK7LE.
V.H.F. OFFICER.	Mr. A. Morrisby.	VK7MY.
DIVISIONAL CORRESPONDENT.	Mr. I. Nichols.	VK7ZZ.
DISPOSALS COMMITTEE.	Mr. E. Cruise.	VK7EJ.
	Mr. C. Harrisson.	VK7CH.
	Mr. K. Millin.	VK7KA.
T.V.I. & NOISE COMMITTEE.	Mr. L. Cordall.	VK7KC.
	Mr. B. Eyre.	VK7ZBE.
	Mr. D. Thorne.	VK7ZAI.
	Mr. D. Watson.	VK7DW.

For the election of Council a total of 45 Ballot Papers were received, one of which was invalid.

The President, Treasurer and Secretary will be elected at the Council Meeting which will be held on April 19th. All Council Members, last years and this years are reminded that a Special Council Meeting will be held at the Club Rooms on Tuesday April 3rd. next.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE.

As a matter of fact, OVERDUE. Included is a remittance form, so will you please complete it and send it in right away. It only has to be paid once, so PLEASE do it now. Subs received to date for 1962-63 are :- (to 24-3-62) VK7ZAV, VK7RM, VK7DJ, VK7JO, VK7ZZ, VK7AL, VK7EJ, VK7DC, VK7MH, VK7ZBE, VK7JB, VK7LE, VK7MY, VK7EC, VK7DK, VK7EB, VK7AI, VK7GA, VK7JS, VK7JD, VK7AB, VK7ZAY, VK7CT, VK7GR, VK7KC, VK7SJ, VK7ZAZ, VK7FJ, VK7SF, VK7FM. and from Messrs. R. Jaeger, A. Bedelph, R. Harwood, A. Beaumont, D. Macdonald, W. Wood, G. Thompson, G. Lutwyche, F. Pieniacki, R. Stranz, D. Ford, R. Grant, G. Crompton, J. Gelston, O. Winter. Donations from VK7BQ, VK7BJ, VK7CH, VK7LJ.

V. H. F. GROUP.

The V.H.F. Group is still hale and hearty despite our non-appearance last month. Next Meeting is April 18th. at the Club Rooms.

Six metres has been fairly quiet DX-wise: during February and March VK2,3,4,5, and 8AU worked mainly at lunch time or 1800 hrs, (the periods of most concerted local activity!) Believe that VK2 and 4 did have some reasonable JA openings in spite of the sunspots.

Northern stations seemed to have a good 2 mx. season of VK3's- nothing heard from the South, believe vk3's were listening in on one occasion- very annoying.

VK7IZ and VK7PF were running through the VK3's from Mt. Barrow on the N.F.D. Nothing heard from them in Hobart in spite of much calling and listening, throughout the Sunday at least.

A welcome re-appearance on 6 mx. is VK7ZAJ, now operating mobile. Unless Paul gives a little more attention to such things as brake fluid he may be mobile no more.

Geoff, VK7ZAS, now has about the best V.H.F. locale around town, would be capable of blocking at least nine 2 mx. receivers from Mt. Stuart.

Neville, VK7ZEE, whose driving has at last caught up with him, now has decided that Oatlands will not have a "Voice" until the end of the year. Helen or Joyce?

The Athol Johnson Memorial Contest should have more starters this year. I guess Neddy (VK7ZBE) did his best but why should he journey to Mt. Wellington, mobile, at 2300 hrs?

Interstate visitors have included VK's 6ZCI, 3ZIO, 3ZMV and 3ZNB, the latter two operating portable on 2 mx.

(Signed) R. Emmett. VK7ZAO.

RUMOURS. SSB-Type.

From time to time a crop of rumours float about the ether concerning this, that or the other, said rumours causing quite a lot of unnecessary concern. How they start is anybody's guess but the following letter from the Federal Secretary will scotch one of them anyway.

Federal Councillor.

Tasmanian Division.

Dear O.M.

Irrespective of the restrictions which must inevitably surround certain documents and information there is always the soul who knows the "inside story". In consequence you heard or when you meet him or his confidants you will hear the story that "amateurs will be required to convert their telephony transmissions to SSB by 1970" in terms of the recommendations of the R.F.A.R.C. As though that were not enough, they go further and state that similar fate is in store for amateurs in the United Kingdom.

It is requested that such reports be repudiated by effective use of Divisional Broadcasts and General Meetings to present the true story, i.e. that this recommendation (and that is all that it is!) applies strictly to commercial stations only. Furthermore, an enquiry to R.S.G.B. Headquarters brought forth the reply that the British Post Office has no intention of applying such a restriction to amateurs in the United Kingdom.

(Signed.) J.R.Lancaster.

Federal Secretary.

So you want have to tear around and buy a SSB filter after all!

PROJECT OSCAR. I have received the following letter from Mr. Peter Frith, VK7PF.
which is reproduced for the benefit of all Members.

As the result of data on the reception of OSCAR which I sent to the OSCAR organization, I have been made one of the 25 world-wide OSCAR Co-ordinators.

I now have to pass on as much information as possible to interested persons and encourage greater participation in the next OSCAR orbit flight expected in April or May.

The Association will supply me with the latest data which I hope to be able to supply to anyone interested.

From the latest information received it has been shown that the temperature of OSCAR 1 dipped about 2 days after launching. This information was obtained by 4,500 observations of just counting the number of HI's heard in 10 seconds. This can be done by anyone with a receiver and a watch.

I hope that you can publicise this and see if we can do better next time, it looks like the number of first class reports received were less than expected.

73 Peter. VK7PF.

OSCAR Co-ordinator No. 22.

Personally I think that Peter should be congratulated on his efforts in this regard and also that here is an opportunity to really be able to assist in no small way with a really worthwhile project. So all those interested can get more information from Peter direct, and any other information which will be helpful will be published in this Bulletin.

DISPOSALS.

Items advertised in last months Bulletin are still available although stocks are somewhat depleted, viz.

Crystals, new in FT243 holders at 10/- or five for £2-2-0.
3590, 3640, 3680, 3720, 3760, 3800, 3885, 5500, 6000, 6450. Ko/s.

Crystal and Coil sets for BC611, containing two crystals at 3540 & 3995 Ko/s and receiver and transmitter coils. Price £1-0-0 per set.

DISPOSALS.

To the Secretary.
Disposals Committee.
W. I. A. Box 851J. G.P.O.
HOBART.

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Items applied for. Price.

Cash/cheque/MO/PN for enclosed herewith.

I Certify that these items are for my own use and not for resale.

Address. Name.
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To Hon. Secretary.
W.I.A. Tas. Div.
Box 851J. G.P.O.
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Enclosed is cash/cheque/MO/PN. for £. . . . being my annual Sub.
for the year 1962 -63.

Name.
Address.
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Time has caught up with me, so that is all for this month.

73 K. E. Millin. Hon. Secretary.