



FEBRUARY - MARCH SYLLABUS.

FEB 27	PROJECT NIGHT -- POWER SUPPLIES
MAR 6	GENERAL MEETING AND SLIDE NIGHT
MAR 13	FILM NIGHT

DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES.

**FEB 27**      The first of a planned series of project nights, where members who have recently been involved in construction of a particular class of equipment, bring their ideas as well as the finished products and present them to the benefit of all present. For February, Power Supplies will be the topic and several members have volunteered to make short presentations. In general the class of equipment under discussion will be of simple nature, and of particular interest to Novices and Full Calls alike. Power supplies are a good example here, as considerable savings can be made by "home-brewing", particularly for use with modern all solid state equipment.

**MARCH 6**      The General Meeting will be followed by a slide presentation by Dave VK3AZM covering his trip to Canada.

**MARCH 13**      "The Secret War" -- an ABC Documentary series, dealt with many of the technical developments of the Second World War, in particular in the electronics/communications field. Selected portions of this series will be shown.

G.A.R.C. A.O.C.P. COURSE

A bridging course from Novice Standard to Full Call Standard commenced at the G.A.R.C. on Thursday 6th February. In future it will be held every Tuesday night. The course runs for 11 weeks, and covers the technical aspects only, thus assisting candidates in preparation for the A.O.C.P. Theory Examination. At present 8 are attending. The cost of the course is \$15.00. See Daryl VK3AQR for details. Note that, Morse and Regulations are not included in the course.

JOHN MOYLE NATIONAL FIELD WEEKEND.

Last weekend about 15 members participated in this contest. The location was at Mt. Bellerine down on the peninsula on private property. An excellent set of equipment was assembled, together with 3 element yagis on 10, 15, and 20 meters, and dipoles on 80 and 40. The VHF bands 52 MHz and 144 MHz were also provided for. Linear power amplifiers were utilised on most H.F. bands and 3 alternators, including a 5kVa diesel supplied the required power. Logs have yet to be compiled for submission but we are keeping our fingers crossed. In general H.F. propagation was not as good as last year, with noticeably poorer results on the 10 and 15 meter band. The contest generally attracted a large number of VK stations into the field, both multi-operated club stations as well as individuals.

MEMBERS NEWS.

Congratulations to Jock Lynch, who recently was successful at the A.O.C.P. Examination, upgrading his novice call VK3NWX to VK3DFX

ANTARTIC STATIONS.

Alan Marks, VKOAM stationed at Mawson Base is listening for G.A.R.C. Stations on 14.110 MHz at 100.00 G.M.T. on Fridays. Alan first obtained his call sign after participating in an early G.A.R.C. Novice Course, and has since moved to Queensland. VKOKL and VKOWW are also active and looking for VK contacts.

Also, Russian calls, 4K1A and 4K1C are frequently on the band.