



A word from the Chairman Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN

Last issue we had mentioned that IARU would be working closely with ITU and APT to further amateur radio services. Work on this topic continues.

The past few months again saw the region experience more than its share of emergencies and details of how amateur radio assisted in dealing with them appear in this edition.

The still unexplained disappearance from the skies of the Malaysian Airways aircraft MH 370 saw amateurs in Malaysia rising to the occasion and setting up a station at the hotel where the relatives of the passengers were being housed and providing communications as required.

In the next couple of months three of our directors, Shizuo Endo, Prof. Rhee and Peter Lake, along with Region 3 Secretary Ken Yamamoto, will participate in the APG meeting to be held in Brisbane, Australia. This is one of a series of meeting leading up to the next WRC and IARU is seeking an allocation of a section of the 5 MHz band to fill the gap between existing bands allocated to us.

Immediately after the APG meeting, the Region 3 directors will hold, also in Brisbane, their annual meeting on the 14th and 15th June 2014 and we will have a press release for you after that.

Just before the Brisbane meetings, IARU President Tim Ellam VE6SH will visit Melbourne to present David Wardlaw VK3ADW with the Michael Owen VK3KI award for outstanding service to the amateur radio community. The award was instituted by the IARU. It is expected that Nannette Owen, Michael's wife and Jenny their daughter, will also be present at the lunch when the presentation will be made.

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IARU HF Championship and Michael J. Owen VK3KI Award.

The 2014 IARU HF World Championship Contest takes place annually on the second full weekend of July, beginning at 1200 UTC on Saturday and ending at 1200 UTC Sunday (12-13 July 2014).

In the 2013 championship JA1CJP and YB0AZ were the top Region 3 IARU stations. ZL2AZ R3 Director Peter Lake also made 200 CW contacts over 5 bands.

VK5WIA was WIA Headquarter station, whilst VK3WIA had R3 Director VK3TL issuing some multipliers for contacts worked.

The 2014 IARU HF Championship will be extra special this year for a select number of operators who qualified for the World Radio Team Championship. See [WWW.wrtc2014.org](http://www.wrtc2014.org)

There is an opportunity to work ITU zones and Headquarter stations during this event, as well as the added opportunity of working WRTC stations.

Mark your diary now to ensure your preparedness for this event.

The complete rules of the championship can be found at <http://www.arll.org/iaru-hf-championship>

Again this year there is an added incentive for an amateur from Region 3 to achieve the Michael Owen VK3KI award as it is issued for the Region 3 amateur who receives the highest number of points during the championship.

JARL Hamfair 2014



The Amateur Radio Festival, also known as JARL Hamfair will be held in Tokyo Big Sight, Ariake, Tokyo on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th of August 2014.

Displays of Industry and Club booths, Guest Speakers, Special Event Station and many other activities to satisfy the inquisitive needs of the amateur will be available.

Wireless Institute of Australia Annual Conference

The 2014 will be held at Sunshine Coast on the East coast of Australia on the 16th, 17th & 18th of May and it is expected that many VK amateurs will be traveling to this annual event.

A special callsign VI104WIA will be on air for the event.

The Sunshine Coast Amateur Radio Club is hosting the event.

The conference dinner will be held on the Saturday night in The Shed at Aussie World. The program includes Technical Symposium, visits to surrounding places of interest and of course an Aussie BBQ.

Details from <http://www.wia.org.au/joinwia/wia/2014agm/>

NZART 2014 Annual Conference

The 2014 NZART Conference will held at the Blenheim New Zealand on Saturday 31st May and Sunday June 1 2014, on the Queens Birthday weekend, with over 100 amateurs expected to attend.

The Conference will be hosted by the Marlborough Amateur Radio Club and activities will be at the Marlborough Convention Centre and Clubs of Marlborough.

PR4AmateurRadio Expo

WARD World Amateur Radio Day

This day is celebrated each year on April 18 in recognition of the anniversary of the founding of the IARU in Paris in 1925.

The primary purpose of WARD, as stated in IARU Resolution 94-3, is the need for an annual focus on Amateur Radio and the benefits countries and communities derive from the service.

Every year the IARU Administrative Council has attempted to select a theme both consistent with the role and purpose of amateur radio and at the same time representing a meritorious activity which, if promoted, could bring favourable credit to IARU and amateur radio generally.

At the Administrative Council meeting in September 2013, various topics were discussed and possible themes massaged. The theme "Amateur Radio: Your Gateway to Wireless Communication" was put forward and after discussion was adopted by the Council for the forthcoming World Amateur Radio Day, April 18, 2014.

This is an opportunity for amateurs in Region 3 to show their expertise in digital and wireless communications, to those in the community who have "wireless communication" interests, but haven't considered the association with Amateur Radio.

How the day is promoted is a matter for the individual member society and or Region. There have been many varied ways the day is recognised in scope, complexity and success.

The AC discussed when the day falls on a weekday it is more difficult to observe and promote and the opportunities are somewhat diminished.

Council approved the idea that any public relations activities or operating events could appropriately take place the weekend following April 18 in those years when the actual date fell on a weekday.

Directors Meeting

The annual face to face Directors meeting will be held in Brisbane on the weekend of June 14/15, 2014.

A number of Directors and the Secretary are traveling to Brisbane in the week prior to attend the APG meeting, so it was agreed to hold the Directors meeting following. This move minimizes costs and reduces travel and extra meeting times.

Region 3 Website

Have you visited the Region 3 website lately?

Continued improvements and additions to the site are being made progressively, so that it will be a useful source of information for Societies and amateurs of Region 3.

The website is now online at:

<http://iaru-r3.org/>

We look forward to your positive feedback and practical suggestions of how the web pages can be further developed as a regional resource for member societies and a promotional tool for aspiring amateur radio operators.

PR4AmateurRadio Expo will take place on April 11-13, 2014 as an initiative of the Wireless Institute of Australia.

The WIA is strongly behind this Expo which harnesses its many affiliates as they showcase the benefits of modern amateur radio and engage the community.

The aim is to publicise modern and diverse amateur radio that is easily accessible to people from all walks of life. Through exhibitions, to showcase the very diverse hobby enjoyed by those of all ages, gender and ability.

Many affiliated Clubs have signed up to use this concerted effort to bring amateur radio to the attention of the community.

Dayton Hamvention 2014 Awards

At this year's Dayton Hamvention on May 16-19, 2 Amateur Radio operators who have given long service to IARU, will be honoured for their "significant contributions to the Amateur Radio Service".

Larry E Price W4RA President Emeritus of the ARRL and IARU has been named Amateur of the Year, and ARRL CEO Dave Sumner K1ZZ will receive the Special Achievement Award.

Region 3 extends its congratulations to these 2 Amateurs on this special occasion, and we thank them for their excellent past and ongoing contributions to the amateur radio community.

Further information www.hamvention.org

APG 2015-3 Meeting in June 2014 in Brisbane, Australia

– Urgent Action Needed

One of the objectives of the APG meeting is to develop preliminary APT Views on WRC-15 agenda items based on members' contributions.

From Region 3, directors Peter Lake ZL2AZ, Shizuo Endo JE1MUI and Professor Rhee HL1AQQ will attend. Secretary Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP will also attend representing JARL.

IARU Region 3 will express its views and positions on the agenda items for WRC-15 which concern the Amateur services by submitting its information paper.

The third meeting of the cycle of Asia-Pacific preparatory work for the World Radiocommunications Conference WRC-15 is to be held in Brisbane Australia from 9 – 13 June.

The key item on the agenda (item 1.4) that concerns amateur radio is seeking some "Secondary" access to frequencies in the vicinity of 5.3 MHz. We need much more support from our "medium sized" Region 3 member societies to work closely with their administrations to put in an "Input document".

URGENT ACTION is needed now! The last date for submissions is 2 June at the APT Secretariat – but your Administration will need to work on and finalize drafts about 3 weeks before this. There is now very little time left.

Directors Lake and Endo are working on our IARU Region 3 "Information document" now. It is essential for us to submit this document and go to the meeting – but it does not have the force of an Administration "Input".

Directors Shizuo Endo and Peter Lake can help member societies with drafting an input.

Only four of our member societies are consistently contributing to this vital activity. A strong agreed APT position is essential to take to the WRC as a "block vote".

ARRL 2014 Centenary Celebrations



The ARRL National Centennial Convention will be held at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford Connecticut from Thursday July 17 to Saturday July 19, 2014.

Hartford is the ARRL's birthplace, and it is expected that thousands of members and friends will gather to celebrate the organisation's first 100 years of members "advancing the art and science of radio".

Activities planned include topics covering public service, technology, radio sport, lunch with guest speaker, International Guest "welcome" reception, bus tours of ARRL HQ and WIAW. A banquet dinner with keynote speaker, and much more is scheduled.

Further details can be found at <http://arrl2014.org>

Region 3 Award

Have members of your Society qualified for the IARU Region 3 Award? Following is the criteria necessary to obtain the award.

IARU Region 3 Operating Award

1. The award is available to licensed amateurs and SWLs.
2. Contacts made after April 5, 1982 are eligible.
3. QSL cards NOT required. Send certified list of eligible contacts from Log Book. Include Country in log.
4. Cost is NZ \$3.00, Overseas US \$4.00.
5. Eligible countries are those in ITU Region 3 whose amateur societies are members of IARU Region 3. These are: Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, China (PRC), Chinese Taipei (Taiwan), Fiji, French Polynesia (FO8 only), Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Macau, Malaysia, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Pitcairn Islands, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, Vanuatu, Vietnam.
PLUS -
ONE Country credit from US Territories in the Pacific from Guam, Northern Marianas, American Samoa, Wake Island, Baker Howland Group, as represented by ARRL.
or
ONE Country credit from Chago Archipelago (VQ9), represented by RSGB. Current total of available 'countries' is 34.
6. Requirements for Award as from January 1, 1986: Basic, 7 areas; Silver Endorsement, 15 areas; Gold Endorsement, 20 areas.
These to be reviewed as considered necessary by the custodian who would recommend appropriately to the Secretariat.

7. Awards may be endorsed for any mode or band.
8. Application to NZART Awards Manager.

Alan Chapman ZL3GX
NZART Awards Manager
PO Box 1733
Christchurch 8140
New Zealand

or E-mail: awards at nzart.org.nz

EMCOMM in our region

The provision of emergency communications in times of disaster has improved in the past 15 years, but it still seems to be an activity not adopted by all member societies.

Some very good work is occurring throughout our region. Just take a look at what occurred in the Philippines last year after Typhoon Yolanda or Haiyan, through PARA with its trained HERO (Ham Emergency Radio Operations) Network.

About 100 radio amateurs provided authorities and communities with valuable situation reports on services outages, blocked infrastructure like roads and bridges, as well as passing safety and welfare messages.

There are examples of this occurring elsewhere too with trained radio amateurs providing much needed help in response to a disaster.

While IARU R3 has arguably the most natural disasters with storms, earthquakes and fires - there can be a mixed response to an emergency or disaster.

Some member societies don't encourage those prepared or willing to play a role. Other areas have few radio amateurs and leave disasters to others.

A starting point can be the ITU RR 25.3 and 25.9A, gained at the World Communications Conference in Geneva, 2003. These should by now be fully adopted in domestic regulations for Amateur Radio.

25.3 allows third part traffic or the passing of messages during an emergency or disaster.

25.9A administrations are encouraged to take the necessary steps to allow amateur stations to prepare for and meet communication needs in support of disaster relief.

Those changes at WRC-03 showed that a recognition of the ability of radio amateurs to provide emergency communications.

EMCOMM achievements can now be found on our website <http://iaru-r3.org> by clicking on Activities > Disaster Communications to show the variety of work and training exercises being done by those engaged in emergency communications.

As the EMCOMM R3 coordinator my role includes liaison with counterparts in R1, R2 and the IARU, the IARU AC, R3 Directors, those engaged in emergency communications in the region, and GAREC annual meetings.

- Jim Linton VK3PC, Chairman, IARU Region 3 Disaster Communications Committee

Society Update Officials and Contact Information

A request is extended to all Region 3 Society Liaison Officers or other responsible officers to ensure that all details about their society are up to date on the listings shown at www.iaru-r3.org

Region 3 Newsletter

The newsletter is an opportunity to share news of your Societies activities and future plans. Your contributions would be most welcome and can be forwarded to the email address below marked "R3 News".

As Editor I would encourage R3 member societies to provide me with material about activities in your country for inclusion in the newsletter.

The next due date for material is mid June or earlier is most acceptable.

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