

RADIO-GRAM

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Club Highlights

At the March meeting, Laurie gave a talk on his experiences of collecting radios and brought along a small sample of mainly novelty radios from his vast collection.



Also at the March meeting, among the items of interest was this valve preamp for an early Hi-Fi amplifier.



Editor's Note:

Apart from this issue being a very rushed job, the situation was exacerbated by a disk malfunction resulting in the loss of most of the photos from February and March.

Boy, do I need a holiday!!

Next issue may be back to normal!??

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Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month (with the exception of December) at 8pm in the Veteran Car Club rooms at 6 Hickey Street, Ardross. **Visitors are always welcome!**

Although the main interests of members are wireless receivers and gramophones (or phonographs), many members are also interested in amplifiers, telephones, musical boxes, tape recorders, television receivers and other associated equipment and memorabilia.

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Please make sure your 'copy' is submitted by the meeting night *prior to* the issue month.

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Please notify the secretary or the editor if you change your address.

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Concession: \$15

The President's Report

March 2006 Meeting:

Well, this will be a short club magazine—because our millionaire Editor is taking his family on an extended holiday!

[Editor's Note: this is of course a load of crap!]

Pity its not the entire club! Enjoy the holiday in peace - but if we win the 21 million lotto in April - we will all join you!

The March meeting started at 8pm.

The treasurer was late again! Ended up sitting with the members.

Laurie Bugeja gave a talk on his collection, ranging from the very old to relatively new novelty radios. He had on hand several oddball radios - camera, cup & saucer, wrist watch radio, coke bottles and so on from his collection of over 2,000 radios! He was saying that has gone through Stokes' Radio book and marked a 'X' against each radio when he gets them. Only 500 radio books to go Laurie! When that's finished you will need the site where Pri-de-Moore in Mosman Park once stood to house the radios! Will I live to see that day? Ha !

There was no auction on the night. Thanks to Tim Gillett for helping me out in the kitchen.

February 2006 Meeting :

Welcome to our new member, Rob Nunn, who is into radios. Also, it was nice to catch up with David Woodbridge, being a member 15 years ago - he may rejoin the club at a later date. The meeting went smoothly, with An-

drew Wakeman giving us a talk and “slide show” on Astor and other Australian made radios. A very good talk. Every time Andrew gives a talk we all learn a little bit more to add to our knowledge—things you would not pick up in a class room!. Thanks again Andrew.

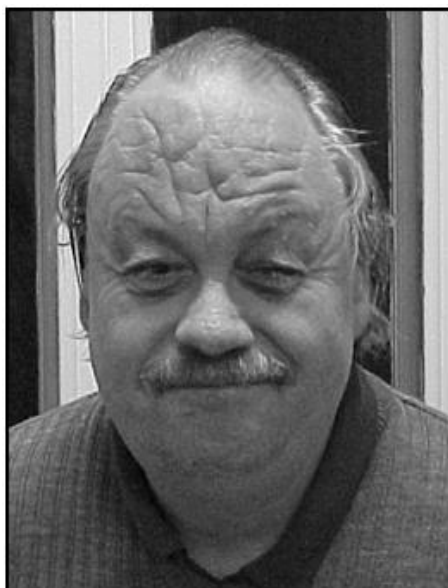
There was an auction to round off the evening. This was run by Derwent and went very well for over 40 minutes or more while Jim Moore and I “did the dishes” in the kitchen. Then we caught up with Derwent’s wife and daughter, Karen while the auction was still going. Thanks to Derwent for arranging the auction so well.

Graeme Frampton was telling me after the auction that I got a real bargain for the portable gramophone - worth double the price! Thanks Graeme!

The club picked up a reasonable amount from the 10% commission on the sales from the auction too.

Thanks to the club members who participated in the auction that night - well done!

Yours, Len Lewis
(Alias: ‘ol 55’)



MEW MEMBERS

The Executive and Committee of the VWGCWA have much pleasure in welcoming the following new member to our club:

Mr. Rob Nunn from Sorrento.

Rob's main interests are radios and computers.

Mr. Keith Hutchings from Dunsborough.

Keith's main interests are gramophones, phonographs and music boxes.

Important Notice to All Members

Membership Subscriptions are due by June 30 2006

Don't wait until the last minute!

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