



NERG NEWS

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NERG Net

The NERG NET will be on non-meeting Thursday evenings on the VK3RMH 70cM repeater. That is 433.325MHz repeater input with 91.5Hz CTCSS. Set your receive frequency to 438.325MHz. 8:30pm. You can also use the 9700 remote to take part.

HF REMOTE STATION NEWS

We have installed the new computer that was funded with a grant from the Banyule Council on the HF station. Some users have discovered that they cannot now log into the remote. We have found that they are using "Favourites" in RCForbe you need to delete the Favourite and then find the VK3CNE remote in the list of stations and log into it.

September 2024

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

Monthly meeting

Thursday 12th September - 8PM

This meeting will be a Question & Answer session so if you have any questions about our great hobby come along and ask them. There are numerous people in the club who will be able to assist you and put you on the right track.

Every Thursday afternoon – Radio Café

At the hall – Commencing at 2:00pm

Come along and play with the radios, have a chat and a cuppa, bring your favourite nibbles.

Forth Tuesday of the month –

Gainfully Unemployed Group

Please let Jim know if you are coming to the next one on Tuesday 24th September 2024

If you would like to be a member of the mailing list for this group please request membership on groups.io the group name is nerg-gug.

Kit Building and Testing plus Foundation Training and General Assessment Day

Saturday 27th September 2024

Training commences at 9am, if you would like to attend or undertake an assessment for any licence class please let us know at

vk3cne@gmail.com or

training@nerg.asn.au

Kit day starts around 10am lunch will be available.

September 2024 PLANNED DXPEDITIONS

Some good DX coming up. The solar cycle is near its peak so get on the air and get your country count up. Remember the NERG is trying to improve on our 13th place in the world club ranking in the DX marathon, we need your score to help us.

Start	End	Entity	Callsign
Aug 28	Sep 24	Crete	SW9IL
Sep 29	Sep 30	Georgia	4L
Sep 02	Sep 16	American Samoa	KH8T
Sep 03	Sep 13	Zimbabwe	Z22AO
Sep 05	Sep 15	Pitcairn	VP6WR
Sep 06	Sep 13	Maldives	8Q7WN
Sep 08	Sep 22	Burkina Faso	XT2AW
Sep 09	Sep 30	Somalia	6O0T
Sep 10	Sep 17	St Kitts & Nevis	V4
Sep 10	Sep 20	Madagascar	5R8SR
Sep 11	Sep 16	Jersey	MJ
Sep 11	Sep 23	Fiji	3D2MA
Sep 12	Sep 16	Tuvalu	T2M
Sep 14	Sep 23	Zambia	9J2AO
Sep 17	Sep 21	French Polynesia	FO
Sep 18	Oct 01	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA
Sep 18	Oct 06	Tanzania	5H1WX
Sep 19	Nov 12	Namibia	V51WH
Sep 20	Sep 22	Greenland	XP2I
Sep 24	Oct 04	Botswana	A25AO
Sep 28	Oct 07	Reunion	TO2DX
Sep 29	Oct 01	Guam	KH2
Sep 30	Oct 11	Namibia	V55LA
Oct 03	Oct 10	Samoa	5W0TE
Oct 03	Oct 10	Samoa	5W0TE
Oct 09	Oct 14	Svalbard	JW5X
Oct 10	Oct 29	Nauru	C21MM
Oct 12	Nov 24	Guyana	8R1TM

Thanks to <http://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html>

September 2024 CONTESTS

Big RTTY contest this month with the CQ WW RTTY on the 28th & 29th – Have a go, you will enjoy it. Also set aside the dates for the Oceania Contest Phone on the 5th & 6th **October** and CW on the 12th & 13th. N1MM+ is the logger for all of these.

Contest	Times & Dates
WAE DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Sep 14 to 2359Z, Sep 15
Africa FT4 DX Contest	1500Z-1800Z, Sep 14
BARTG Sprint PSK63 Contest	1700Z-2059Z, Sep 15
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Sep 21 to 2359Z, Sep 22
Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW	1200Z, Sep 21 to 1200Z, Sep 22
Iowa QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 21 to 0200Z, Sep 22
New Jersey QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 21 to 0159Z, Sep 22
Texas QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 21 to 0200Z, Sep 22 and 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 22
Washington State Salmon Run	1600Z, Sep 21 to 0700Z, Sep 22 and 1600Z-2400Z, Sep 22
New Hampshire QSO Party	1600Z, Sep 21 to 0400Z, Sep 22 and 1200Z-2200Z, Sep 22
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Sep 28 to 2400Z, Sep 29
ARSI VU DX Contest	1200Z, Sep 28 to 1200Z, Sep 29
Maine QSO Party	1200Z, Sep 28 to 1200Z, Sep 29
October	
Oceania DX Contest, Phone	0600Z, Oct 5 to 0600Z, Oct 6
TRC DX Contest	0600Z, Oct 5 to 1800Z, Oct 6
Worked All Provinces of China DX Contest	0600Z, Oct 5 to 0559Z, Oct 6

Russian WW Digital Contest	1200Z, Oct 5 to 1159Z, Oct 6
California QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 5 to 2200Z, Oct 6
Makrothen RTTY Contest	0000Z-0800Z, Oct 12 and 1600Z-2400Z, Oct 12 and 0800Z-1600Z, Oct 13
Nevada QSO Party	0300Z, Oct 12 to 2100Z, Oct 13
Oceania DX Contest, CW	0600Z, Oct 12 to 0600Z, Oct 13
Arizona QSO Party	1500Z, Oct 12 to 0500Z, Oct 13
Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 12 to 0400Z, Oct 13 and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 13
South Dakota QSO Party	1800Z, Oct 12 to 1800Z, Oct 13

Many thanks to

<http://www.contestcalendar.com/contestcal.html>

Discounts from Suppliers

Club members can get discounts from two suppliers:

Altronics. (Australia Wide), Mention you are from the North East Radio Group or give our customer no - 64429. Discount will be minus 10% up to 45% off depending on the item. (Actual discounts depend on the product type and quantity purchased). There is No Minimum Spend in store to receive the discount. For on-line or phone Sales there **IS** a Minimum spend of \$25.00 inc GST but **NOT** including Freight. In the comments section put "64429" to receive the discount.

We have discovered that David VK3UQ gets an email, that you may not get, detailing delivery of your order. So pop him an email when you order and he will be able to track which email belongs to you. We hope to have a method of dealing with this soon. President at nerg.asn.au

Jaycar Electronics stores by mentioning you are from the "NERG" no spaces quotes or dots etc, Account code is 44700493. You need to spend a min \$25.00 to receive a 10% discount. <http://www.jaycar.com.au/>

VK3CNE REMOTE STATION



Can be used for receive on all HF bands. Provides transmit on 160 metres using a dipole, 80 and 40 metres using a trapped dipole and a Spiderbeam for 20 through 10 metres.

This is available to members, you will need:

- An Amateur Radio Licence – any grade – Remember you can only use the bands and power you are licenced to use.
- A windows computer with sound card connected to a speaker and a microphone. A PC headset is ideal.
- OR an android tablet or phone and are prepared to pay for the app (less than \$20)
- Download the client from RemoteHams.com install it on your machine and register with RemoteHams.com using your **callsign**. The android app is called RCForb and is available on google play.
- The NERG station is "VK3CNE" Connect to it and request "club" membership and TX capability. Then wait until your membership is approved and away you go!
- Usage privileges are only available to financial NERG members with VK callsigns.

VHF / UHF Remote



The VHF/UHF remote operates exactly the same as the HF version, the Station is "VK3CNE – 9700"

About the NERG

The NERG Inc. Reg No A0006776V <http://nerg.asn.au> The North East Radio Group, Inc. is an amateur radio club devoted to encouraging members and others to enjoy the hobby of amateur radio. It tries not to hang on ceremony and endless reporting but rather participate in the fun aspects of this fascinating hobby.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Due in August: Full: \$35 Family: \$50 Remote Member: \$50 Concession: \$25 You will get a renewal notice please wait for this before you pay.

COMMITTEE

President	Anthony VK3YH/BNR
Vice President	Greg VK3VT
Secretary	Peter VK3PCC
Treasurer	Mick VK3PRR

Committee Members

Mark VK3BYY	Ash VK3HAG
Phil VK3RP/BOY	Chris VK3IK/AWG
David VK3UQ	

NERG NEWS ARTICLES

The NERG is always happy to receive news, articles, and member's wanted or for sale advertisements for inclusion in the newsletter. Please contact the editor at news@nerg.asn.au

NETS

NERG NETS run on the club's 70cm repeater VK3RMH TX 438.325MHz and RX 433.325MHz

both C4FM and analogue. **That means you RX on 438.325MHz and TX on 433.325MHz.** You will need a 91.5Hz CTCSS tone on your analogue FM TX and if you don't want to be bothered with listening to the C4FM digital signals on the output then set your radio to 91.5Hz CTCSS tone on RX as well.

(8.30 – 9.30 pm Non-meeting Thursdays). Feel free to join the discussions.

146.575MHz is used as a general Net frequency by a number of NERG Members and is often used by the DX chasers in the club while hunting DX. Foxhunters use this channel for liaison as well on the third Friday of the month.

Club Sponsor



Margherita Pizza ph 9434 4980

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web www.margherita.com.au

Margherita's Still Sponsor the NERG and provide the excellent suppers that we have come to enjoy. Order your next Pizza dinner from them and tell them you appreciate their support of the club.

Facebook

The NERG is on Facebook – A group has been established and can be found at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/nergamateur/>

Members are encouraged to join this group