



NERG NEWS

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ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE

Commences on Tuesday 11 Feb 25 at 19:30 in the hall. Will run every Tuesday for around 14 weeks. Register with Phil VK3BOY at training@nerg.asn.au

March JMM Field Day

The John Moyle Memorial Field Day will be held on the 16th & 17th March 2025. The club is planning some activity on this day. If you would like to take part contact us at vk3cne@gmail.com

To get an idea of how much fun a field day can be have a look at the video of one our previous efforts from Mount Macedon on - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJKa_yzL-Zc and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEitSzl_9D8

January 2025

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

Monthly meeting

Thursday 13th February - 8:00 PM

TBA

Every Thursday afternoon – Radio Café

At the hall – Commencing at 2:00pm

Commencing THIS THURSDAY 16 JAN 2025

Come along and play with the radios, have a chat and a cuppa, bring your favourite nibbles. Last one for the year on Dec 19th.

Forth Tuesday of the month –

Gainfully Unemployed Group

Once again the group will be hosting our traditional Yum Cha lunch at 1pm on Tuesday 28th January 2025, partners welcome, - at the Wealth Kitchen, 866 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster East. Bookings are essential and numbers limited call/text Greg O427 535 446 to confirm.

Note: this is a total food cost divided by attendees affair!! Drinks extra.

Kit Building and Testing plus Foundation Training and General Assessment Day

Saturday 22nd February 2025 Training commences at 9am, if you would like to attend or undertake an assessment for any licence class please let Phil know at :

training@nerg.asn.au

Kit day starts around 10am lunch will be available.

TRAINING News

Here is a summary of the training the NERG has conducted over the last year.

- 25 training attendees sat 20 Foundation and 5 Advanced exams
- 18 Foundation and 5 Advanced passed. Unfortunately, 2 Foundation failed by the barest of margins.
- Approx 20 new members to the club (some people sat Foundation and Advanced exams)

Our ever popular and successful Advanced course commences on Tuesday 11 Feb 25 at 19:30 in the hall.

The next Foundation training and exam day will be Saturday 22nd Feb 25.

Big thanks to Greg and David for their assistance during the year to make sure the training and assessments were carried out efficiently, and all were provided a very satisfying lunch.

73

Phil VK3BOY

Jan 12	Jan 15	American Samoa	KH8
Jan 12	Jan 27	Marquesas	TX7N
Jan 12	Jan 31	Curacao	PJ2
Jan 18	Jan 28	Aruba	P40AA
Jan 19	Jan 27	Martinique	FM
Jan 20	Jan 24	South Sudan	Z81Z
Jan 21	Feb 03	St Helena	ZD7DPX
Jan 23	Jan 26	Turks & Caicos	VP5
Jan 26	Feb 05	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA
Jan 26	Mar01	Guinea Bissau	J52EC
Jan 27	Feb 15	Rwanda	9X2AW
Jan 28	Feb 02	Turks & Caicos	VP5
Jan 28	Feb 20	Mali	TZ1CE
Feb 01	Feb 06	Senegal	9G5IK
Feb 02	Feb 28	Senegal	6W7
Feb 04	Feb 18	Anguilla	VP2ECV
Feb 05	Feb 18	Cape Verde Is	D44OA
Feb 08	Feb 15	St Helena	ZD7KYD
Feb 11	Feb 18	Cocos Keeling	VK9

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

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PLANNED DXPEDITIONS

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
Jan 01	Feb 08	Guyana	8R1TM
Jan 05	Jan 17	Cayman Is	ZF2BJ
Jan 06	Jan 25	Honduras	VE3VSM
Jan 07	Jan 18	Ecuador	HC1MD/2
Jan 07	Jan 21	Greenland	OX3LX
Jan 09	Jan 26	Guadeloupe	FG
Jan 10	Jan 16	Palau	T8
Jan 10	Jan 28	Guatemala	TG9BBV
Jan 10	Jan 31	Benin	TY5C
Jan 11	Jan 18	Bermuda	VP9
Jan 11	Jan 25	Bahamas	C6APS

Jan 2025 CONTESTS

For RTTY contesters there are a number of contests coming up culminating with the **CQ WPX RTTY** on the 8th and 9th of February this is a great contest to snag a few rare countries as a lot of operators visit exotic places. N1MM+ is the logger for all of these.

Contest	Times & Dates
Malaysia DX Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jan 18
Hungarian DX Contest	1200Z, Jan 18 to 1159Z, Jan 19
CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	2200Z, Jan 24 to 2200Z, Jan 26
REF Contest, CW	0600Z, Jan 25 to 1800Z, Jan 26
BARTG RTTY Sprint	1200Z, Jan 25 to 1200Z, Jan 26
UBA DX Contest, SSB	1300Z, Jan 25 to 1300Z, Jan 26

Australia Day Contest	2200Z, Jan 25 to 1000Z, Jan 26
February 2025	
Vermont QSO Party	0000Z, Feb 1 to 2400Z, Feb 2
LABRE-RS Digi Contest	0000Z, Feb 1 to 2059Z, Feb 2
10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB	0001Z, Feb 1 to 2359Z, Feb 2
European Union DX Contest	1200Z, Feb 1 to 1200Z, Feb 2
F9AA Cup, CW	1200Z, Feb 1 to 1200Z, Feb 2
Mexico RTTY International Contest	1200Z, Feb 1 to 2359Z, Feb 2
Minnesota QSO Party	1400Z-2400Z, Feb 1
British Columbia QSO Party	1600Z, Feb 1 to 0359Z, Feb 2 and 1600Z-2359Z, Feb 2
CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	0000Z, Feb 8 to 2359Z, Feb 9
Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW	1100Z-1300Z, Feb 8
Dutch PACC Contest	1200Z, Feb 8 to 1200Z, Feb 9
OMISS QSO Party	1500Z, Feb 8 to 1500Z, Feb 9

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.

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/>

NERG DX AWARDS FOR 2024

Well here we are at the end of 2024 already. There has been a lot of good DX this year and the NERG DX'ers have been making the most of it. Most of the contacts have been made on digital modes as has been the way for the last five years or so. As I say though "Work the modes, All the modes". When you are a DXer getting the contact is number one and the mode worked is a secondary. Rack up the numbers.....get them in the log. The NERG 2m liaison frequency has been very quiet lately. If you are working the DX give a shout out on 146.575 to give your fellow club members the scoop.

Onto the Awards. At the end of the 3rd quarter of 2024 I decided to modify the rules to make it more interesting. At the end of the quarter I will get all the totals from Clublog. The first quarter I will obviously just use those totals. At the end of the second quarter I will get everyone's total from Clublog and deduct the totals of the first quarter from them. This will give me the total worked for the quarter. The further we get into the year the harder it will be to work new ones. At the end of the year I will sort out who worked the most Entities over the year and that person will be the Dx'er of the year. First, Second and Third in each class will get Digital Certificates and the DX'er of the year will get a trophy.

2024 Fourth Quarter Results DXCCs worked

EXTRA
VK3KJ 43
VK3GA 38
VK3BDX 29

STANDARD
VK3VT 54
VK3MH 19
VK3BOY 17

WIRES
VK3FN 40
VK3LV 37
VK3HU 32

FOUNDATION
VK3PCC 8

Remote
VK3CWS 5

Slots (Band/Mode)

EXTRA
VK3BDX 238
VK3HJ 173
VK3KJ 138

WIRES
VK3LV 325
VK3HU 147
VK3FN 111

REMOTE
VK3CWS 8

STANDARD
VK3SIM 170
VK3MH 159
VK3IK 107

FOUNDATION
VK3PCC 24

- 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 free 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.

2024 DXer OF THE YEAR

- DXCCs Logged

VK3SIM 261
VK3IK 258
VK3KTT 243

Great work everyone. I hope to see more entrants in 2025.

73 CHRIS VK3IK

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. **NO TX on 30M at this time.**

This is only available to members, you will need:

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



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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