

THE GOLDEN QNC

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Gympie Communications and Electronics Group.Inc

1st Edition

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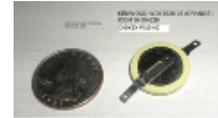
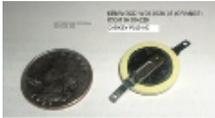
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Welcome to our inaugural edition of the monthly "Golden QNC" It is our aim to keep you informed of what is going on in our hobby of Amateur Radio, locally, nationally and internationally. We want to know and share what our club and its members are doing and input from other clubs as to their activities is also most welcome.

If you have any items of news such as DX reports on all modes and bands (please provide frequencies and stations worked), perhaps a home brew project, a cooking recipe or an amusing anecdote, please let us know. It could be that you have some shack items to dispose of, or you would like to add to your shack then here is the place for it. All offerings will be gratefully received in the spirit of Amateur Radio. Please forward all items to be included in the newsletter complete with downsized photographs to our publicity officer a week before the end of each month for publication.

Hints and Tips



For those people who are looking for that odd back up battery for their rig, the guys at the EnergyBox, Gympie can order them in at a very reasonable cost. If you have a sample or the original part number so that the right replacement can be identified then you are ready to go.

I needed a new button cell for my Kenwood TS 440 and rather than ordering from the States or chasing other suppliers I was able to get the correct CR 2032 horizontal tabbed cell, with the insulating sleeve, for the princely sum of \$3-00 ea.

Energybox,
114 Mellor Street,
Gympie.

Submitted by a satisfied customer,
Geoff, VK4ZPP

FUNDRAISING



Our special thanks go to Mathew, VK4FMKW for his efforts at the sausage sizzle. Having Greg, his father as Secretary probably inspired Mathew but he performed a sterling job in passing out the food. Good work from the youngest member of GCEG.

FUTURE FUNDRAISING

Several heads are rubbing together in GCEG with Sunshine Coast Amateur Radio Club's return of the old Gympie Repeater call signs to the Gympie area.

With the success of Jason's, VK4MIH, 2m repeater there are now opportunities for the improving the repeater service coverage around Gympie. VK4RCM has provided the most reliable area of coverage that Gympie has had for many years and it will be a challenge to perhaps duplicate this with a 70cm repeater.

However, this is not a small project for a group of our size and age. The costs of establishing and maintaining a repeater are not insignificant and members are urged to consider how we can best go ahead with a project of this kind. As usual money is an important factor in providing the equipment and we will need to look closely at the costing and site availability.

After our first public fund raiser, the sausage sizzle at Melco, Gympie, we could perhaps think of how many sausages we would need to sell to move on with a repeater project.



Members are asked to input their ideas on fund raising projects to keep GCEG growing.

NETS

If any clubs would like their nets to be advertised in this spot please email and advise the Publicity Officer or the Secretary.

2 meters :

Monday nights at 19:30 local time you will find the Gympie Communication and Electronics Group net on 146.725. Our numbers are slowly growing, and all are invited to participate. Dawn VK4FTBA is our net controller.

80 meters:

A reminder: MERG conducts an F-troop net each Wednesday evening, at 8.00 p.m. on 3.615MHz (+/- QRM) conducted by Ray, VK4TPT.

Apart from being the Sunday morning broadcaster of the WIA news on 146.800MHz, Bundaberg Repeater and Channel 14 UHF CB, Ray is also the Learning Facilitator for MERG and the net is a way of encouraging new licensees to overcome “microphone shyness” it is way of having all grades of operators welcomed and encourages the newer operators in the enjoyment of the great hobby of amateur radio.

Ray invites all to call in to the F-Troop net.

RECIPES

As the festive season approaches here is a recipe for a Christmas Day Dessert for adults only!!

Christmas Pudding Ice-Cream

Serves 8-10

Preparation time 30 mins

Ingredients:

- 8 tablespoons Christmas pudding (8oz/200-250g)
- 2 large eggs
- a good pinch salt
- 6oz/175g castor sugar
- 14 fl oz/400ml whipping cream
- 5 tablespoons brandy

Method:

1. Lightly grease two loaf tins and line with gladwrap. Set aside. Using two teaspoons break the Christmas pudding up into small pieces and place in a bowl.
2. Put egg whites into a large bowl, add salt. Whisk until it forms stiff peaks then set aside.
3. Dissolve sugar in 6 tablespoons of water over a low heat. Once the sugar has dissolved boil the mixture fiercely for three minutes.
4. Immediately pour the sugar mixture onto the whisked egg whites in a thin stream, whisking all the time at high speed. Continue whisking until the mixture has the texture of uncooked meringue. Leave aside to cool.
5. In a separate bowl whisk the cream until thick but not too stiff. Gently but thoroughly fold it into egg white mixture using a large metal spoon.
6. Now fold the brandy into the mixture followed by the Christmas pudding. Continue folding the mixture carefully until a thick, even consistency is achieved.
7. Pour the mixture into the prepared tins, cover with gladwrap and freeze for at least 6 hours. The ice-cream will keep nicely for at least one month in the freezer.
8. To serve the ice cream you need to remove the gladwrap, place a plate on top of the tin and turn upside down.

Remember you are not cooking the alcohol off so it can be quite potent.

QUESTION FOR THE MONTH

Q Parallel tuned traps are sometimes placed in the radiating section of an antenna to enable it?

- A to operate on more than one band of frequencies
- B to prevent interference to TV receivers
- C to prevent interference to broadcast receivers
- D to improve its directive properties

Please email your answers to the publicity officer. The correct answer to this question will be published in the next news letter.

As our meeting day approaches, we are looking forward to seeing you all and don't forget that Eric VK4AES is doing a presentation on digital SSTV with a programme written by himself called Easypal

Many thanks are given to Bob VK4MR and Geoff VK4ZPP for their assistance with this publication.

73 Dawn VK4FTBA