

## 2012 MALLEE RALLY

SUNDAY 10th JUNE 2012

### RADIO OPERATOR NOTES

#### Frequencies:

Voice 2m 147.300. Simplex

Packet 70cm Simplex 434.050 Mhz.

UHF CB channel no. to be determined on site. (probably channel 32)

Those that have portable HF (3.600 MHz) may wish to bring it for chat/test with other field stations where it does not interfere with their main duties. If practical, HF may be monitored and/or run at Net Control.

#### Location:

The Mallee Rally is conducted around the perimeter of Lake Tyrrell, just North of Sealake township.

WICEN can be found by proceeding through Sealake on the Mildura Road until a right turn into the Sealake/Robinvale Road around 2.5 Km out of Sealake. (look for the SLORC rally signs). Proceed for about 4 km until you see bunting on the left hand side. Enter through gate and follow this track until the fence line, turn sharp right just through the fence and proceed to the WICEN camp.

#### Campsite:

The campsite is a paddock with no amenities. The organisers provide portable toilets and WICEN provides power generation for lights at our campsite and a tent for limited shelter, storage and dishes clean up.

**All operators are requested to bring plenty of water to be shared.**

Don't forget your tent, and a tarp for shelter out on your checkpoint.

Because it sometimes gets very cold at Sealake, it would be advisable to ensure that you have adequate bedding. It is also a good idea to have with you a **torch** or **lamp**.

**You will need to cater for yourself at camp and checkpoints.**

A campfire is kept going and is used by some for cooking.

Hot water will be available at most times at the campsite

#### Arrival:

Operators will need to arrive Saturday afternoon if at all possible as the event starts very early Sunday morning.

#### Departure:

Most operators will stay Sunday night and then return home on Monday morning so as to give themselves a nights rest before driving home.

#### Briefing:

This will occur at 2030 hrs at the WICEN camp Saturday

Operator positions are subject to change due to checkpoint access conditions.

#### Debriefing:

All operators may email their comments and thoughts to;

Paul VK3YYF at, [paul.elvey@apparel21.com](mailto:paul.elvey@apparel21.com)

All comments may then be put together with replies and emailed out to all participants

**Contact:**

An alternate mobile number that you can leave with your family if they need to contact you while you are at Sealake is 0431 384 152. If you are needed in an extreme emergency the Police can be contacted and they will endeavor to find us, there is a Police Station at Sealake, if unmanned then try Swan Hill.

**Duties:**

- Safety

Any issues of safety are to be logged and advice may be sent informally. If there are any medical or safety issues requiring dispatch of assistance, then a formal message is to be sent to Net control on our message pad either by voice or TRAK software.

- Car numbers

All operators to log each car with an approximate time when it passes.

Voice only stations to record on the running sheets and send details if requested.

Voice only stations should also report the first car as it goes through on each round and the sweep car.

Packet stations are required to transmit back to AWI the number of each car as it passes their checkpoint. (using TRAK software which will be provided to you)

- Recovery traffic

Messages of breakdowns may be sent informally by voice and are to be logged.

Packet operators may send an score entry with comment for a car that has stopped.

If a vehicle is ready for recovery at an access point, then a formal message is recorded at Net control on our message pad for CB & 2M nets. Most recovery traffic is handled directly by officials on the CB net. If an official has advice is to be sent via WICEN then send a formal message to Net Control and hand the white copy to officials.

**Equipment:**

This year we intend to use the WICEN caravan and 9 metre mast at Net Control. All stations should ensure they have adequate elevation for their antennas. Those in the northern parts of the course should consider a 4 metre or higher mast and those running packet may wish to use a 70cm yagi if available.

All packet operators are encouraged to test their equipment beforehand and/or at camp on the Saturday afternoon. Packet operators should consider using an independent power source for computers to that used for radios and TNC, this may minimise noise on receiving and/or distortion on audio transmitted.

**Event Commander**

Paul Elvey VK3YYF

If you have any queries please phone Paul on 03 8415 9323 or email, [paul.elvey@apparel21.com](mailto:paul.elvey@apparel21.com)

**Cheers,**

**Paul Elvey 19/5/12**