

2013 MALLEE RALLY

SUNDAY 9th JUNE 2013

RADIO OPERATOR NOTES

Frequencies:

Voice 2m 147.300 MHz Simplex.

Packet 70cm 434.150 MHz Simplex (not 434.050 MHz as previous years).

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

HF (3.600 / 7.075 MHz). Run from at least one field location for a link back to Melbourne.

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.

Public showers are available at Sealake township.

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 going in the evening 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 at 0930 hrs 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

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. A HF link from Melbourne will be run by John Kerr who can be contacted on 03 8502 8627. 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, Ph. 03 5070 1301, 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 a score entry with comment for a car that has stopped.

If a vehicle is ready for recovery at an access point, then a 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 a 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.

Announcement:

“This is VK3AWI for WICEN conducting safety and logistics communication for the Mallee Rally. Abbreviated callsigns are in use. A clear frequency would be appreciated. Thank you, Out.”

Event Commander

Paul Elvey VK3YYF

If you have any queries please phone Paul on 03 8415 9323 or email, paul.elvey@apparel21.com

Cheers,

Paul Elvey 26/5/13