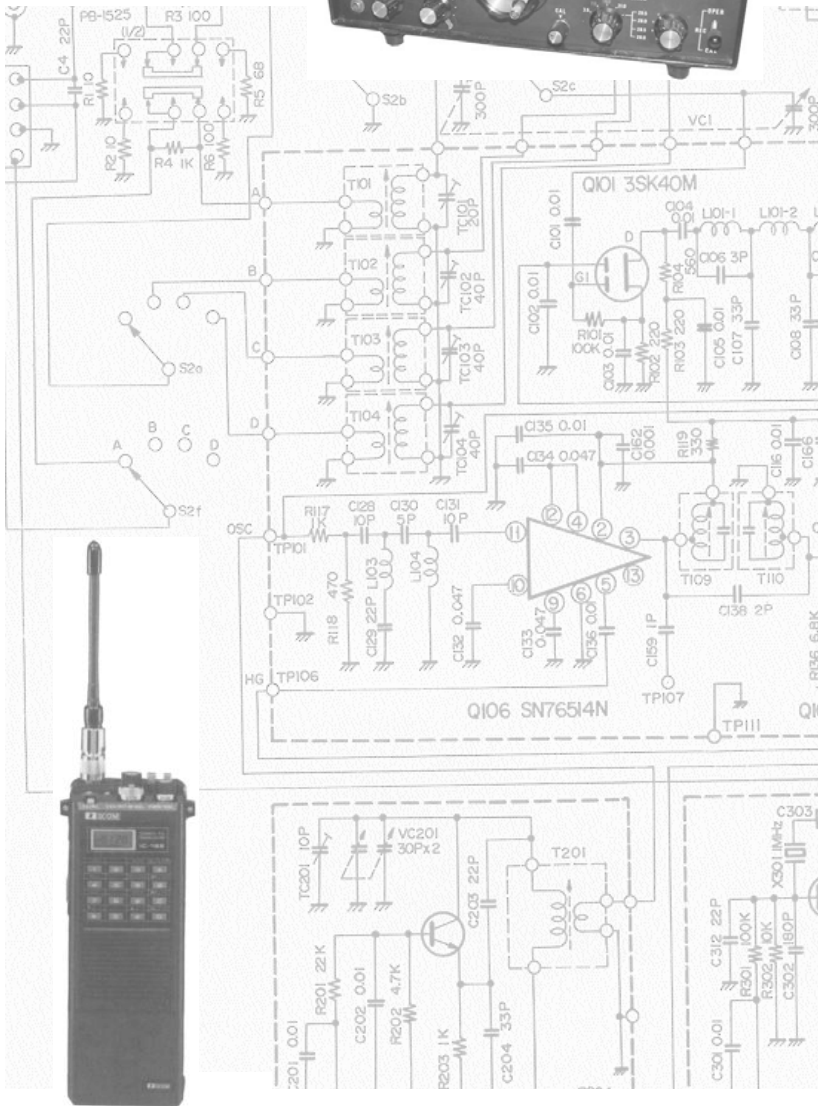


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# Feedback

From the

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Any inclusions you would like me to insert in future issues of **Feedback** must be sent to me via e-mail to [tonyf@ananzi.co.za](mailto:tonyf@ananzi.co.za) or via [ivan3@telkomsa.net](mailto:ivan3@telkomsa.net). Alternatively they can be handed to me at any General Meeting.

A word from

**The Chairman  
(ZS2BQ)**

Hi all BRC members and those who are reading this issue of **Feedback**. I have no excuses for the lateness of this issue, but work commitments have kept me pretty busy the past months and that's all I will say on the subject...

Another AGM has come and gone with our Committee being re-elected en block. Only Reg (ZR2REG) is a new member of the Committee to take the place of Marcel (ZS2BS). Yours truly agreed to take over the helm from Ivan to give him a well-earned break from the Chairmanship role, although he is still my very capable Secretary. I have difficulty with the fact that it's already October and 2007 is almost a thing of the past. How time has flown. As a Club we have taken part in the Lighthouse Weekend since the last newsletter and our next challenge is to make a success of the JOTA weekend in October. What makes it special is that this year is the 100th anniversary of World Scouting and the 50th year of JOTA—let's make it special too. Listen to Sunday bulletins for more info.

I hope you enjoy this issue of **Feedback**. Until next time.....

YourChairman

# *International Lighthouse/Lightship Week- end - 18/19 August 2007*

As is the Club's motto of going out there, taking part and having fun, it was with the usual enthusiasm that the Club committee members arrived at the Hood Point Lighthouse early on Saturday morning to string up antennae and set up radios for the annual International Lighthouse/Lightship weekend. Despite a week which had consisted of fickle weather conditions, the Saturday dawned bright and sunny with wall-to-wall blue skies and equally blue sea conditions. We are very fortunate to have a pretty well-elevated lighthouse office from which to operate, giving 180 degree panoramic views of the Indian Ocean, this also over a well-kept golf course. What more could one ask for.

With ZS2BQ starting off in the "hot seat" at about 09:00, it was soon evident that 40m was the band to use with the majority of signals from ZS6 and ZS1 romping in at 59+++ . We unfortunately did not have contact with all of the lighthouse stations that had been set up, but many of the Amateur fraternity popped in for a quick chat. Later in the morning and afternoon, it was the turn of the ZS5's. During the morning, operation of the station was shared as well with ZS2BV, ZS2ABF and ZS2NB. Thanks to them for a break to enable me to throw some coffee down the throat.

During the course of the morning we were visited by a number of Club members, most of whom joined us for a lunch-time braai. We broke down the station late afternoon and looked back on a pretty successful and most enjoyable day. **By ZS2BQ**



Enjoying a well-earned rest and "refreshment"  
l to r ZS2BV, ZS2NB, ZS2CH and ZS2BQ

## **Did you know.....?**

**Sep 22 1737**—Michael Faraday Born

“ **1918**—First wireless transmission between Carnarvon and Sydney.

“ **1930**—Wireless news service to ships began.

**Oct 1 1922**—First British Wireless Exhibition held.

**Oct 6 1914**—Edwin H Armstrong granted reaction patent in USA.

**Oct 25 1906**—Lee de Forest filed US patent for triode valve.

“ **1926**—England / Canada beam opened.

**Oct 26 1915**—Wireless telephony effected between Arlington USA and Eiffel Tower.

# *Our best wishes to those below !*

## Birthdays

02/10/07 Anthony Forteath  
04/10/07 Renee Middleton  
07/10/07 Nick Basson  
10/10/07 Anita Lotter  
15/10/07 Clarence Coetzer  
17/10/07 Henry Lemke  
20/10/07 Bruce Whiting  
22/10/07 Peter Barratt  
23/10/07 Neil Holmes  
26/10/07 Reg Koekemoer  
14/11/07 Valery Kononov  
17/11/07 John Bryson

## Anniversaries

08/10/07 Bruce & Marion Whiting  
21/10/07 Clarence & Lynette Coetzer  
09/11/07 Chris & Hennie Barnes

## Honorary Life Members

ZS2JL Gerry Tynan-Blundun  
ZS2GN Tiny Smuts  
ZS2BV Trevor Foxcroft

## Your Committee



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The Border Radio Club holds monthly General Meetings every third Tuesday of the month at The Gatehouse, Eskom's Sunilaws Office Park, Quenera Drive, Beacon Bay at 19:30 for 19:45. Anyone is welcome to attend. The Club can be contacted via e-mail to [ivan3@telkomsa.net](mailto:ivan3@telkomsa.net). Listen to our Sunday bulletins at 07:45 on 145.650 MHz. Visit our website at [www.sa-eastcape.co.za/brc](http://www.sa-eastcape.co.za/brc). The South African Radio League's website can be found at [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za).

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Valery's (ZS2VJJ) mobile with HF antenna. Note the view he has every day.



The view from Trevor's (M0TWS) shack in his attic in Sheffield UK.



Ivan (ZS2ILN) and his daughter at Lighthouse weekend. No, that's not a Beer fridge!



Trevor (ZS2BV) in the "hot seat" during Lighthouse weekend.

**Positive thought for the day**

When you feel that nobody loves you,  
 Nobody cares for you,  
 Everyone is ignoring you,  
 and people are jealous of you  
 You should really ask yourself...

**Am I TOO sexy?**

