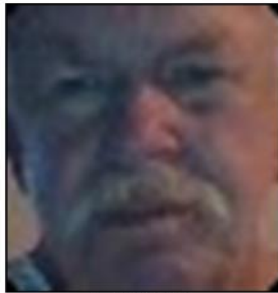


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Welcome to the October 2018 edition of the 10am Smoko Net Newsletter. This is Paul VK5FUZZ the 10am smoko net controller. Here we are in October, where has the time gone. The 6th October 2018 was another milestone for the 10AM Smoke Net. It was exactly 12 months to the day I became the 10AM Smoko Net facilitator after it was relinquished by Brenton VK3CM

September was an exiting month for the 10AM Smoko Net when we reached our 3000th contact. The lucky recipient to receive the award for being our 3000th contact was, Ron VK5MRE in Barmera SA. We look forward to the next award being issued. All indication are that there is no reason we can't reach our 4000th contact before the end of the year, possibly around Christmas.

I must apologise to those I cannot make contact with due to bad conditions on 40 meters, we must remember that we are at the bottom of the 11 year cycle and these conditions could continue for another year or two before we see any real improvement on the net.

I had to have some time off during September and the net was again run by Tony VK5MRT and Frank VK3VEF with a number of willing members helping out with relays when low signals made reception difficult. 40 meters has not been kind to us during the month with a lot of background interference but as always we survived whatever the 40 meter gods threw at us.

October also saw the re-introduction of Daylight savings, however we decided to continue opening the net at the regular time of 10am South Australia time. This also saw the return home to Berri of Mal VK5MJ and his wife Jill after spending the cooler SA weather in the warmth of Queensland and Tony VK5ZAI has left for his holiday in the North East.

It is our aim to make your time on air with us on the 10AM Smoko Net a pleasure and enjoyable experience and when, due to my ongoing medical problems I am unable to conduct the net Tony is always there to take over from me, with the ever reliable assistance of Frank VK3VEF and the many others who are there ready to assist with helping out with relays.

Cheers and 73 to you all. Paul VK5FUZZ