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Words From The President.... .

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to ALL our members, sponsors, listeners and supporters!! And may we be blessed with your continued support throughout 2012 and beyond! 2011 was quite a tumultuous year for the station, with some big changes happening particularly within the studio. Our new console has proven to be a bit of a "Wild Pony" within our ranks and STILL shows signs of "untamed" behaviour....an ongoing challenge that I'm sure most will appreciate when the "beast" is finally "broken-in".

And without moving too far away.... there have been ongoing behavioural issues with the CD players.....

Our technical rep has explained that the "Lasers that read the CD information are out of whack and need servicing." Also, poorly burned CD's are the main reason the laser "Skips" during play.

The preferred disc to use is an original disc of the song. People using disc's that they burn at home need to use the most expensive/high quality disc they can afford and burn the music onto it at the slowest speed possible to get a good deep "burn", otherwise the laser will continue to skip and not read.

The CD players have begun a 12 monthly rotation where they will be sent away to be serviced/maintained and professionally cleaned. There is always another expense just around the corner isn't there?

It's easy to forget that we are totally dependant on the donations and financial support of our listeners/ sponsors and members. Without your generosity and support we cannot give you the unique and valuable FM107.5 experience that you have come to love so much. Our presenters are doing the best they can to entertain you and keep you informed on a local level, from Cowra through to Eugowra, across to Cumnock, beyond Molong and Bathurst, Perthville, Blayney, Carcoar and way out past Lyndhurst and Woodstock and everywhere in between- If you can hear US, then we're here for YOU! Please give generously if you want the Community Radio Station to survive. Become a member, even better, become a SPONSOR! And if you want more fun than that, become a PRESENTER!!! I would love to see the radio station FULL to the rafters with creative, fun people, all of us making the world a better place to be in through our shared love for "MUSIC" and enthusiasm for "LIFE".

And then sleep better at night, knowing that your hard earned donation is paving the way to Heaven for you, because God will reward you for such generosity....(He told me so...) Want to know how? Why don't you come to Cook Park in Orange on Australia Day, Thursday 26th January 2012! We are having a stall there and would love to meet you and have a chat! Or just give us a call on 63 61 8877 and leave your details.

God bless all, here's to an exciting and prosperous 2012!

With warmest regards,

Sharon Jarvis

Resignations.

Aaah, the winds of change blow softly....or ferociously apparently if you stand still for too long in the one spot! For they have carried away yet another TWO of our most recent additions to the Committee Of Management Team....we bid a sad farewell to our "Secretary" Samantha Burton, along with her hubby, who are returning to

the City to live. And farewell to Mac Percy, who was both a COM member and presenter, called away to attend to other commitments. Thank you both for your friendship and input during your volunteering time with us, and good luck with your new ventures!

DOES ANYONE KNOW OF A SPARE SECRETARY OR TWO????

And New Additions.

A warm welcome goes out to our newest presenter, Matt Bryant (Midday Variety Lunch, Sundays 12pm-3pm) Matt joined the ranks in October and has quickly advanced into presenting his 3 hour program like a true pro. Good on you Matt! What a valuable addition to the Sunday format.

Congratulations.

After much ticket selling "Frenzy" from all our presenters and a wonderful promotional build up towards Christmas, we can now proudly announce that our Christmas Raffle earned well over \$1400 for the Station!!! What an incredible effort by all sellers, particularly Ben Chamberlain ("Lifes A Riot"-Saturday's 5pm-7pm) who travelled near and far (Along with his zebra hat....) and managed to sell in excess of \$700 to set a new benchmark (and record) in the humble art of ticket selling!! What an achievement Ben, we are so proud of you, and humbled too. Ben's Mum has been going through a very tough time with her health over the last few months which makes Ben's efforts even more appreciated and amazing. Also, Matt Bryant (Midday Variety Lunch, Sunday's 12pm-3pm) did a super job selling tickets, exceeding over \$150, so a big "THANK YOU!" to you both. And the winners ARE.....

FIRST PRIZE: Kathy Cooper, who chose to take the big food hamper. Kathy said "the hamper was AWESOME!!, there was so much great stuff in it, and I was just so excited!! It came in really handy over Christmas."

SECOND PRIZE: Sonny Tandang (20 months old....so I spoke to his Grandad, Rolly Tandang (Pinoy Rock & Rhythm, Friday night's 7pm-8pm) who said "We were so excited, jumping up and down!! My wife brought all the tickets I brought home from the Station to sell and put them all in Sonny's name, our little grandson. When we won, we chose the \$100 voucher and we brought lots of beautiful presents for him for Christmas!! And he was very excited too!!"

THIRD PRIZE: Jack Rapley, who took home the "Rock & Roll Memorabilia Basket" Jack said "Oh yes, I was very excited when Trevor said "You've won 3rd prize in the raffle mate" and I love John Denver's music, so I'm really happy with my prize!"

So congratulations to our winners, and all our wonderful volunteers who made it happen, ESPECIALLY Trevor Connerty who collected all the money and sorted all the tickets out from start to finish. WELL DONE!

Behind The Scenes.

There is so much ALWAYS going on within the station behind the scenes, if we broke it down into percentages it would be around 10% happens ON AIR and 90% happens OFF AIR!!! If you have more time up your sleeve than you would like, and you have skills you feel would come in handy helping us out (i.e Secretarial/Technical/IT) then DON'T HOLD BACK! Make 2012 the year that you volunteer! WE ARE DESPERATELY IN NEED OF HELP! Give the Station a ring on 63 61 8877, leave your details and we will get back to you "Quick as a wink" At the moment, one of the biggest projects of the year is happening behind the scenes. The "Re-Application" for renewal of our Community Radio Broadcasting Licence. It happens every 5 years and it's a MAMMOTH job, and thankfully the Station has the expertise of Susan Morris who most selflessly volunteered to manage and put together the entire application, along with Andrew McKenzie and Peter Carter looking after the Technical side of things and Trevor Connerty looking after the Financial side. Thanks to each of you for such a huge effort, ESPECIALLY Susan, you really deserve a medal....

Taxi!!!!.

Have you noticed the wonderful FM107.5 promo across the back windscreen of one of Orange Taxis yet? It looks super! Keep your eyes peeled.... It's part of our sponsorship package with Orange Taxis and is a GREAT way to promote the Station.

Breakfast At Dorothy's.

For this years' Christmas Party, Dorothy Arnold came up with a novel idea and threw a "Christmas Breakfast" at her lovely home, in the first week of December. It was a very different way to celebrate Christmas, with everyone meeting at around 8am, starting with a nice cold juice and a chat, while Dorothy's daughter and two beautiful grandchildren cooked up a storm of bacon and eggs, mini quiche, frittatas, pikelets, toast and a never ending stream of hot coffee and tea. It was a special time and there was a big roll up of people, what a lovely way to start off the festive season! Thank you Dorothy and family!

A Sad Loss. . . .

Our thoughts are with Doug and Lyn Spicer and the rest of the Spicer families after the recent loss of their father, Roy Spicer (18th August 1926 - 18th November 2011) Roy was a well respected and much loved Country Music Icon, having started his career jamming with his family and friends down the back of the family property in the hay shed. As Doug recalled the story, his Grandfather, (Roy's father) would come down the back after hours of listening and yell out "That's it, tell your Bash Box Buddies to go home now, it's time for tea!" And so the legend of the name, "Roy Spicer and His Bash Box Buddies" was born. Roy and the boys were into Country Music in a time before Country Music was even around. They entered and won a couple of National "Amateur" Talent quests (Amateur Hour, a National competition around in the 50's) played alongside many national stars (Smokey Dawson) but due to Roy's love of the country, he and the boys always resisted moving to the "Big Smoke" to pursue their musical careers. Instead, becoming the only people from the country to ever be offered a recording contract/record deal without having to move to the city! And Roy has another buckle on his belt, in the mid 50's he entered a singing contest in the city and pipped another singer at the post to win it. You may recognise the name of the other fella', his name was Johnny O'Keefe..... Roy will be remembered always through the legacy of his extensive catalogue of music recordings done throughout his long and distinguished career. Another "Star" in Heaven.....

Technical Goings On.

Where to start....Damien Dspanjer, one of the "passionate stalwarts" of the Station came up from Sydney on the 18th and 19th of November and worked tirelessly on the console/studio. He tidied up several piles of wiring, got the studio monitors working again, installed the On-Air light above the studio door and fixed the automatic trigger mechanism for all 3 CD players on the console. This visit was mainly to prepare things for when both Damien and Steve Centofanti (Station "Original" and passionate stalwart, now living in Brisbane) spend another weekend here together in late December/NewYear.

The boys arrived back in Orange from 31st December through until 3rd of January 2012 and really got stuck into the control room! It looks amazing. Here are some of the things they did during the latest visit. Rebuilt the control room; Fixed production computer connection to mixer to allow Skype conference calls and production; Replaced XLR cable to mic for production; Reconnected Pro Tools box; Added more songs to Digital Music Library; Installed additional Uninterruptable Power Supplies(5 in operation now); UPS software installed on Logger & Production computers; Switcher recalibrated; CD 1 and 3 removed and replaced with new players; Completed Skype Test (for outside broadcasts or remote broadcasting) and lots more....

ARE THERE ANY TECHNICAL MINDED IT MASTERS OR MUSICIANS READING THIS THINKING, HMMM, I'D LIKE TO GET INTO THIS KIND OF STUFF....YOU CAN!!! Ring us on 63 61 8877 and leave your details, we DESPERATELY need technical volunteers.....Steve and Damien, we can't thank you enough for your extreme efforts and the miles you travel to keep things working, you are both LEGENDS!

Laugh Out Loud.

Knock-knock.....

Who's there?

Amory.....

Amory who?

Amory Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Knock-knock.....

Who's there?

Apple.....

Apple who?

Apple ya hair if ya don't let me in!!!

What do you call a bike that bites your bottom every time you sit on it?
A VICIOUS cycle....

Why don't pigs telephone each other?
Because there is always too much "crackling" on the line....

Jokes contributed by Ruby...(He, He...)

The Old World Kitchen.

Another classic recipe from the past.....

CHERRY BATTER - (Clafoutis aux cerises) A recipe from the Limousin district of France and a true peasant dish - a Yorkshire pudding with cherries.

SERVES 6

TIME: 20 minutes plus 40 minutes cooking

1 ounce(2 tablespoons) butter
1 pound black cherries
4 ounces (1 cup) flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
4 eggs
1 small glass of eau-de-vie or fruit brandy
Sugar for sprinkling

Take a large bowl and a square 10 inch baking pan. A blender would be useful. Preheat the oven to 350 F and put the baking dish in with a knob of butter. Pitt the cherries.

Mix the flour, salt, milk, and eggs into a smooth batter. Stir in the eau-de-vie or brandy. Best done in blender. Remove the hot pan from the oven, roll the melted butter around it and pour the batter in. It will sizzle for a moment. Scatter the cherries into the batter and then sprinkle all over with sugar.

Bake for one hour.

The clafoutis will puff up like a Yorkshire pudding and sink somewhat as it cools. Eat it warm with thick, yellow sour creme fraiche of France. Can substitute any other fruit suitable for pies instead of cherries. Can also marinate the fruit in brandy.

Ruby's Corner (Just for kids. . .)

I would like to know why I can't be a member of the Community Radio Station, FM107.5? I am seven years old and I would really like to be...I am learning lots of stuff about computers from my teacher, Mr. Haynes, and I really love music, just like my Mum. And I would really like to help. So can I please?

*Ruby, of course you can be!!! Just talk to your Mum, and get her to help you fill out a membership form and sort out your membership fee. We would love to have you on board!!! And I'm sure we can find some jobs for you to do at the Station, as long as your Mum comes with you to help!

With kindest regards, Committee Of Management FM107.5

And That's All Folks.

Don't be shy...if you would like to contribute ANYTHING of interest, particularly if the subject is of local interest (tell us about a local doing a good job in your area) PLEASE SEND IT IN, addressed to "THE SPOKEN WORD" Orange Community Radio Station, 77 Kite Street/P.O Box 1031, Orange NSW 2800. Or address it to "The Spoken Word" and email it to emailus@orangeradio.com.au

Our Newsletter is a great way of communicating with our broader listening audience. We may be based in Orange, but we are at your service WHEREVER you are. As already mentioned, if you can hear US, then we are here for YOU.

So until next time,

take care XX

Sharon Jarvis (President & Fellow Volunteer)

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