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### President's Report

Now that we are officially into spring, one hopes that the weather is going to get better, but it appears that the rain is having somewhat different opinions about the place. Hopefully you have all survived what the weather has been doing around the place and not suffered any great damage to your properties.

The club has been busy over the last month with the movie night, Lighthouse Weekend and the like. It has been good to see the activity going on especially with the problems with the weather and the fact we were in winter as well.

The first meeting for the Wellington Radio Expo 07 was held recently at Branch 18 Clubrooms - the date and venue have been set - as Saturday 31 March 2007 (the week before Easter), and Naenae College Hall (same venue). The next meeting of the organising committee is in October at our clubrooms.

I recently attended the Hamilton Market Day - very similar in design and running as our Expo. It was good to see what was on offer, and how it was run. A number of new vendors were there, but it seemed that vendors and attendee's were down slightly on last year.

It appears that the Big Coast 2007 is on for next year; as yet we have not had an approach from the organisers. Possible dates for your calendar are the weekend of 10/11 February 2007, if you are able to assist.

Next event for members to support is possibly JOTA Weekend - again no approaches as yet from last years Girl Guides, but expect one soon. Weekend is 21/22 October 2006 - 49th running of this event worldwide.

Also planning has commenced to celebrate the clubs 60th Anniversary, on the 3 December 2006 - this will be combined into the Christmas dinner as well. Venue and pricing will be available soon - again please consider attending this event.

Well that's if from the top... 73's and good DX'ing....

Mark ZL2UFI  
President

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**Club HF Net 3.630 MHz every Tuesday at 2100 NZST  
listen for ZL2VH and join in.**

A listening watch is also held on the first Friday of each month on the **439.625MHz** Repeater between 5pm and 7pm. Short QSO's are welcome. Branch 63 announcements may be made at these times.

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## Websites:

Read all about the backward sunspot that may signal the start of Solar Cycle 24. Or it might not. [http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2006/15aug\\_backwards.htm?list45631](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2006/15aug_backwards.htm?list45631)

### Some interesting and useful websites.

For world wide maps. <http://maps.google.com> Be patient with this one unless you have broadband.

For Australian street maps. <http://whereis.com.whereis/map.do>

To look up information on any rig try <http://www.rigpix.com>

For TV repair tips go to <http://www.e-repair.co.uk/tips.htm>

A very useful site containing plenty of general information for amateurs. To start on Antennas go to <http://www.hamuniverse.com/antennas>

For some interesting projects on free energy, fuelless motors, home made batteries etc. have a look at <http://www.fuellesspower.com>

Have fun from ZL2ADP

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## International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend:

The weekend of 19/20 August (in GMT) was the annual International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend. Tom (ZL2HGR) managed to secure accommodation at Cape Palliser – the same venue that Branch 63 used in 2005 – for the weekend. As those of you who made it out there last year will remember, this is an outstanding venue. Remote, rugged, comfortable, and from a radio point of view, nice and quiet.

A more detailed report of the weekend will be prepared for next month's newsletter. But in the meantime, here are some statistics from the weekend:

**Operators:** ZL2HGR, ZL2ADP, ZL2SC

**Visitors:** ZL2WOL, ZL2UNR, Ninawa.

**QSOs logged:** 82

**Bands worked:** 2m, 20m, 40m, 80m

**Modes:** FM repeater; SSB, PSK-31

**Countries worked:** New Zealand, Australia, Argentina, USA, Spain.

Thanks to everyone who helped made this a fun and successful weekend. It is a shame that more people didn't make it out there to operate/visit. The picture below is what we intend to use on the QSL card from the weekend... we are just waiting on permission from the artists who drew the mural that is featured. ZL2SC

