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President's Report

Hi Everyone,

Well as this newsletter is a little late for February, I have taken over the roll of Editor to help out Sean as his computer is ailing, and the need to get the latest newsletter out to you. I must admit that some fault lies with me as I have had many things to do recently and this simply slipped my mind, perhaps a senior moment!

So to the news... by now you will have all been informed of the demise of the event, that many looked forward to, that being the Big Coast. It appears that costs, and other matters worked against us to be involved, and the lack of interest by the public and perhaps the weather conditions in recent years as well put people off. I am hoping that it may come back in some form or another as I am sure it was enjoyed by all, but again, perhaps it has run its time and new event is need?

Having lost this event, we are now faced with a funding short fall in our calendar. It is with interest that Morrie ZL2ADP has advised of the motorcycle event with the Kapi-Mana Motorcycle Club—see Morrie's email later in the newsletter. As we'll need up to fourteen operators over the two days, and to expect people to do two days is a bit much can you advise Morrie of your availability or not.

As stated in previous newsletters we have not been too successful with getting up to Mt Climie for repairs—the weather has been us many times over the Christmas and New Year. So with the weather now returning to something approaching a summer we should now start turning our attention to getting up to the repeater site. I am sure in the weeks over March we should be able to get up there and do some of the deterred maintenance the site needs. Watch your Inboxes for dates/times.

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Club HF Net 3.630 MHz every Tuesday at 2100 NZDT

President's Report (cont.)

The celebration of the clubs 60th Anniversary - 3 December 2006 - 5.30 pm - was held at, China City Restaurant, Main Street, Upper Hutt. Thank you to all those that attended and the lucky few that did to have a taste of the cake celebrating the 60 years of the club. (see a separate report)

And finally a reminder of Wellington Radio EXPO 07, 31 March 2007 at Naenae College Hall, High Street, Lower Hutt—volunteers required for call in station (730) and the car parking.

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

Mark ZL2UFI

AREC Leader's: Event Request

The New Zealand National Enduro Series Round 2 will be held on 10/11 March 2007. This event has been confirmed by the kapi-Mana Motorcycle Club and they will be requiring 7 operators on both days.

I understand the course on Saturday will be much the same as last year but the Sunday course will be starting from Totara Park and finishing at Moonshine via Karapoti.

Further information including maps will be available shortly.

73

Morrie ZL2ADP/ZK2EL
Upper Hutt AREC Section Leader

Upper Hutt Branch 63 NZART: 60 Years

Below is a copy of some notes as President I intended to say on the night, but the noise at the restaurant on the night precluded any speeches so here are my intended words:

A brief history of Branch 63:

The inaugural meeting was held on Tuesday 3 December 1946 at the residence of Brian Anderson ZL2CS, 187 Main Road Upper Hutt. It was attended by ZL2DU Jack Lynch (who was elected Chairman), ZL2JZ Allan Dawson, ZL2FV Jack McCann, ZL2VP Arthur Cheshire, ZL2CS Brian Anderson, Messrs A. Donnell, Brian Harris, A. Holland and Howard Scott. Apologies were received from Athol Neighbours and Doug Mudgeway (later ZL2LT). Allan Dawson ZL2JZ and Arthur Cheshire offered to coach classes. The Break-In scribe was Brian Anderson ZL2CS.

An annual club levy of five shillings per member was agreed, plus sixpence each per meeting night to cover supper.

ZL2VH was first issued to Eric J. Jacobson in 1937. January 1948 to 1964 callbooks show ZL2VH allocated to B.O.V. Hoskin, 4 Emerson Street, Petone. In February 1966, Break-In shows ZL2VH allocated to Upper Hutt Branch with W.G. Fisher (ZL2AYB) as Trustee.

The club now proudly recognises its heritage in the call —ZL2VH.
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Upper Hutt Branch 63 NZART: 60 Years (cont.)

So, as we are now in the new millennium we look forward to another sixty years of the club, with good times, good membership and the best of all good DX.

I give you Happy Birthday Upper Hutt Branch 63 NZART—60 years today—3 December 2007.

Mark ZL2UFI
President
Upper Hutt Branch 63
NZART

VHF Convention 2007

As you probably will all know by now the 2007 VHF Convention will be held in Wellington over Easter this year. I wish to recommend that all those people interested register for this event to help support firstly amateur radio and secondly the Wellington VHF Groups sterling commitment to run this again, for the second time in two years. I hope to see you there.

Mark, ZL2UFI

(See page 4 for the advertising blurb for this Convention—Ed)

IRLP Node 6931—Statistics

As some of you may or may not know, the IRLP Node on Mt Climie is very busy at times, and I thought I'd share some of the latest statistics with you:

Total of Inbound and Outbound Calls by month:

September 2006 -	300
October 2006 -	385
November 2006 -	201
December 2006 -	330
January 2007 -	251

Total Calls since it started (as at 8 February 2007) : **7457**

So as you can see quite a bit of activity... thank you to all those who support the Node.

Mark ZL2UFI
Node 6931 Node Operator

Newsletter over next period

As Mark is completing this months newsletter and probably the next one, I hope to be on the mend personally (been a bit crook) and have my computer back to it's winning ways as well. So in the meantime forward everything to Mark until I'm back up and running.

Sean, ZL2SC
Editor

"VHF CONVENTION 2007"

Incorporating Repeaters Beacons & National System Trustees Forum

The Members and Committee of Wellington VHF Group invite you to attend the VHF Convention to be held in Wellington during Easter 2007. "It'll be a good one!"

Please make a note in your diaries now!

Dates: Easter weekend 06-07-08-09 April 2007

Venue: Tawa Service Centre, Cambridge Street, Tawa, Wellington.
(Please note the change of venue from Christchurch)

Programme: An exciting mix of speakers and events is planned including; technical presentations; VHF Forum; the "Wallace" mobile rally; ATV, Satellites, AREC & other special interest groups; Repeaters Beacons & National System Trustees forum.

Doug Ingham ZL2TAR has again volunteered to organise the technical programme. Prospective speakers and contributors please advise Doug of their proposed topic and provide an outline of their talk as soon as possible. Please contact him direct via e-mail: zl2tar@nzart.org.nz or via our PO Box.

Friday pm Registration and informal get-together at the venue.

Saturday Keynote speaker, technical programme, VHF Forum.

Saturday night Convention Dinner and social.

Sunday Technical programme, mobile rally, Trustees forum, special interest groups.

Monday am Technical visits, departure.

Charge: Our target is to minimise costs this year, and make the event more affordable, and the committee are already working on this aspect.

Registration forms will be published in the January/February 2007 issue of Break-In, in Wellington VHF's Q-Bit journal and Auckland VHF's Spectrum newsletter, and are also available directly from the Secretary.

Further information is available from Dick Greenbank ZL2TGQ, via e-mail: zl2tgq@nzart.org.nz, or home telephone 04 970 3985.

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