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### President's Report

This last month has again been an interesting one... a great deal on discussion on many items of interest, and some robust debate.

Our attention now turns to the NZART AGM in Palmerston North at Queen's Birthday weekend. A report will no doubt be forthcoming in next month's edition.

The club's AGM was well attended this year, with all positions filled with members being nominated and voted in. It is good see that the club is well supported by its membership. I look forward to working with the new committee over the next twelve months, and hope to build on what was archived in the last year.

#### **Wellington Expo '07 – 31 March 2007 - Naenae College Hall Lower Hutt.**

This event went off very well, and thank you to all those that made the effort to help or merely turned up to support the event. Special thanks must go out to Mark ZL2MEP and Neil ZL2TNG for manning the club's sale table - a good return on the day was made. Also to Morrie ZL2ADP, for running the talk-in station on Mt Climie 730 and to Steve ZL2TOX for the car park marshalling – a superb effort!

Again nothing but absolute positive comments have come back. The date for next year's event has been set already and we look forward to yet another EXPO next year on Saturday 15th March 2008 (this will be the fourth event!).

Jock White Field Day Results 2007 - a good result. Morrie did a great job, and the venue and weather all played their part. Thanks to those that assisted or operated from the site this year.

NZART National Executive Elections Results, Gavin ZL2ACT has stood down this year after I believe three terms as a ZL2 Councillor. I have been voted into the Central District (ZL2), along with Roy Symon ZL2KH and John Andrews ZL2HD. You may be somewhat surprised that all three of us are in fact Presidents of our respective clubs, Roy for New Plymouth and John for the Wellington VHF Group.

Jim ZL2BHF, a Life Member, and current member of Branch 63 has also decided to stand down as a ZL1 Councillor.

Congratulations go to Bruce Douglas ZL2WP (Branch 18) for being re-elected as the President of NZART.

Well that's all from the top - see you all at a Friday meeting, and good DX.

73

Mark ZL2UFI

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**Club HF Net 3.645 MHz every Tuesday at 0800 UTC**

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### **AREC**

On Sunday 6th May ZL2UX and ZL2ADP attended a Sports and Training Exercise at Bulls Run Road Moonshine, and were required to control traffic movements in that area for the day. There were no mishaps to report although the conditions were wet and slippery on the hilly 10km course. Handhelds were used on 2m Simplex.

Morrie ZL2ADP/ZK8EL

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### **BRANCH HF NET—change of time and frequency**

**The Branch HF Net is now on 3.645 MHz every Tuesday at 0800 UTC**

This means 8pm NZT in the winter and 9pm NZT in the summer during daylight saving.

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### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Greetings All. Well it's that time of year again. We have just had a very busy year, with the new MED Repeater payments coming on us, and a big effort up on Mt. Climie. With the goodwill, hard work, and generosity of members and friends, these costs were largely mitigated, so subs will stay at \$25. If you would like to pay by direct debit, the branch account is Westpac Upper Hutt 030774-0897536-00. Please leave a means of identifying your transaction if you choose to pay by this method. Otherwise I am at the clubrooms on most Friday nights. I'll even take cheques in the post.

73

Gavin ZL2ACT  
Branch Treasurer

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## FROM OUR PITCAIRNS CORRESPONDENT, VP6TD

Hi Guys

Arrived here in one piece. Checked out the local radio club..... was greeted well and told to go and help my self to what ever I needed to get on the air.

When I went and checked the radio club I was rather surprised to find what was available. These guys have a complete site including all the radios tuners etc they need and to top it off they have the use of the old government radio station (similar to Quartz Hill) They don't use it!!!

The attached pic shows what is here. The building to the right is the old radio station, to the left of it you can see a tree with a green bamboo pole, that is my 15 mtr pole for the G5RV. The G5RV has been a super antenna - I have worked hundreds of station with it. I even worked a guy who claimed he was running 800 milliwatts. Best time I have found for DX is from about 0500 UTC. Hopefully I'll work a few ZL's. I now understand why hams refer to the European pileups as a zoo...they are crazy and have no operating procedure. I was trying to work N6NN and an IZ%^&\$ came back to me... I asked him if he was N6NN...he replied no, so I asked him why was he talking to me...he went away never to be heard of again.

The older looking building to the right is the old service building, it is full of all tools required for rigging these massive (no longer used) towers.

They have walked out and left everything intact. Also stored in this building are the old transceivers that were used here. More pictures of those to follow.

Enough from me, Say Hi to all at the club  
Tom

