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President's Report

Hi Everyone,

Well, having survived the weekend, with the shortest day we are all no doubt all looking forward towards the warmer months ahead.

Thanks to all those who turned up to the Friday meeting on the 6 June. Due to the number of members present I took the opportunity to share the outcomes of the NZART Conference, by way of a verbal report. I won't bore the rest of you with the details, as they will no doubt be reported fully in the next Break-In. The next NZART Conference (2009) at Queen's Birthday weekend is in Hastings - so give it a thought if you have never attended one, as the organising committee is well advanced with the venue and other planning. It should be a good event, of course petrol costs may preclude many attending, but I am sure some car pooling can share this cost. The Dunedin Conference was very well run, and the committee down there in Otago deserves a pat on the back for the huge effort these types of events require.

Also this month I attended the committee meeting for the next Wellington Radio EXPO. It has been decided to go ahead with another EXPO in 2009. This will be the fifth event, its amazing at how quickly this has come around! The date selected is the usual Saturday prior to Easter - Saturday 4 April 2009. The venue although not confirmed as yet, should be the same as this year, the Knox Hall in High Street, Lower Hutt. Time to start thinking of running a table for either the club or yourself. One of the many comments from this year apart for all the praise was the lack of sales tables full of gear - why not help out by running a table or being a part of a table and make 2009 the best event yet? (Continued on page 2.)

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Don't forget: Club Net every Tuesday evening on 3.715MHz at 0800UTC

AREC Report

On the morning of Saturday the 7th June, Gavin ZL2ACT, John ZL2UX and Morrie ZL2ADP, visited the SAR Base situated at the Rimutaka Forest Park Information Centre, Wainuiomata. A male tramper had been overdue for a week in the Orongorongo River area and his body was subsequently located by a search party on Saturday afternoon. We were rostered to assist with communications on the following Monday and Tuesday but were subsequently stood down at 8pm from further involvement in the search by Brian Fearnley.

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Since the AREC National Training Exercise held on Sunday 4th May, it has been found necessary to restructure our emergency network. Local traffic will now use our UHF repeater on Mt Climie.

Here is the updated list of current repeaters and frequencies to use in this area.

AREC Frequencies Branch 63 Upper Hutt June 2008

438.600	Climie 860 FM Repeater	Hutt Valley, Wairarapa, Wellington, Kapiti
146.500	FM Simplex	Local Traffic
147.300	Climie 730 FM Repeater	Wellington Regional Area plus IRLP
3.715	80m LSB	General Traffic
3.900	80m USB	National Traffic
439.875	National System	National Traffic

Maurice Vile ZL2ADP/ZK8EL

President's Report—continued.

As time marches on, remember that next month (August) is the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend - 0001 UTC 16 August to 2359 UTC 17 August 2008. Tom ZL2HGR has organised the Palliser Bay Lighthouse accommodation again this year. For those wishing to attend for part or the full weekend please contact Tom for additional information. The costs should be the same as last year, but again car pooling to share the fuel costs would probably be a good idea. (web site http://illw.net)

Hope to see you all at the Friday night meetings, so until then...

73's and good DX...

Mark ZL2UFI President

Treasurer's Report

The new financial year has started well for the club. The term deposit was rolled over with a bit of a top up and a couple of donations have been received for our AREC work with Kapimana Motorcycle Club. Subscriptions are also continuing to come in. If you haven't paid your \$25 subscription for the 2008/09 year yet, you may do so by direct debit. Our account number is 03-0774-0897536-00. If you pay by direct debit, could you leave your details in the information column, to make reconciling the bank statements easier.

73 Gavin ZL2ACT Treasurer