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Presidents Report

Hi everyone...

Well the Lighthouse Weekend has come and gone - reports from those attending indicate a good time but fewer contacts than in previous years. Some discussion will no doubt follow on the use of better antennas and perhaps a linear amp so that we can be "heard".

The organising committee of the Wellington EXPO has met, and subject to conformation of the hall booking, has set a date of Saturday 27 March 2010 at Knox Church Hall, in High Street Lower Hutt (same as previous years). So please mark that down as a must attend event. This date is the weekend prior to Easter for next year.

Morrie ZL2ADP reports that the Big Coast is on again for next year, with a date of Saturday/Sunday 13/14 March 2010. Most of the operators should have already been approached to assist in this event, if not confirm with Morrie over your involvement.

The 23CM Project is progressing well - recent discussions at the club rooms on Friday 21 August 2009 have outlined a programme of work to assist in the installation process. A day or two will be required up at Mt Climie in the near future. Once the list is completed, and the hardware is purchased then dates will be set. The dates will be weather dependant, so please consider offering your services for the day, as many hands make light work.

Also a Saturday morning at the clubrooms will be required soon, to review the caravan, run up generators, and the like. Some repairs to the caravan need looking at, as well as a review of antennas, feed lines and general maintenance of the equipment to ensure we are up to it, should the call for assistance come.

Well that's the news from me... 73's and good DX....

Mark ZL2UFI

President

AREC

Branch 63 Upper Hutt have been approached by Leisure Active (a business unit of Hutt City Council) to assist with the communications for the Raboplus Big Coast cycling event to be held on 13/14 March 2010.

The Raboplus Big Coast is a two-day mountain bike ride over roughly 100km of some of the best scenery in the southern North Island. It recalls a bygone rail era on the Rimutaka Rail Trail with an overnight camp at Riverslea Station beside Lake Wairarapa. The next day is a spectacular journey around the south coast finishing at Eastbourne.

The Climie 730 Repeater will be used to cover the major part of the route and it is anticipated that HF will not be required.

The IRLP function of Climie 730 will be turned off for the duration of this event.

We will be requiring 10 operators from our Branch with their own transport, equipped with VHF radios and reflective vests. Members from Branch 18 and Branch 46 will also be involved.

Those members wishing to take part in the radio operations are asked to contact Morrie Ph 976 9022 or by email to mdvile@paradise.net.nz no later than Friday 28th August 2009 if you have not already registered your interest. Preference will be given to those operators who have taken part in the past.

Maurice Vile ZL2ADP/ZK8EL

News

MFJ Acquires Cushcraft:

On August 7, MFJ Enterprises <http://www.mfjenterprises.com/> announced they had purchased the Cushcraft Amateur Radio antennas product line from Missouri-based Laird Technologies <http://www.lairdtech.com/> effective July 31. According to MFJ, Cushcraft -- makers of HF/VHF/UHF vertical, beam and Yagi antennas for the Amateur Radio community -- will continue to be manufactured in Manchester, New Hampshire. "We are excited to have the Cushcraft Amateur Radio Antennas product line alongside our other five companies," said Martin F. Jue, President and founder of MFJ Enterprises, Inc. "This product line increases our ability to offer our customers a wide range of antenna options at different prices. Customers will be able to choose from Cushcraft Amateur Radio antennas, Hy-gain and MFJ antennas through one source." MFJ purchased Hy-gain in 2000 the company also owns Ameritron, Mirage and Vectronics. Jue said that the Cushcraft line will bring more than 50 new products to MFJ's Amateur Radio product line. "We will add more new products to this antenna line and will continue the Cushcraft Amateur Radio antennas name long into the future. Cushcraft Amateur Radio antenna product customers will appreciate the continued and expected top-quality manufacturing of this product in New Hampshire and the MFJ commitment to superb after-the-sale service and tech support in Mississippi," said Jue. The 120 page 2010 MFJ catalog will include the entire Cushcraft Amateur Radio antennas product line. MFJ has set up a special customer support line -- 662-323-5803 -- to handle Cushcraft antenna product technical support, parts requests and customer services.

**Club HF Net 3.715 MHz every Tuesday at 0800 UTC
Listen for ZL2VH and *join in.***

Branch 63 Records

We are presently looking for the following copies of Break-In to complete the Branch 63 collection.

Those marked with an * are damaged and need replacing.

1929 All 12 copies
1930 All 11 copies
1931 Jan April June Oct
1932 Nov*
1933 Feb* Sept*
1934 May* Jul* Sept* Dec*
1935 Feb Oct* Nov*
1936 Jan* Feb*
1937 Sept*
1939 Feb*
1940 All 12 copies
1941 Mar Apr May July* Nov* Dec*
1942 All 12 copies
1943 Jan Feb Mar*
1944 Jan Mar Oct
1956 May
1957 Feb
1966 Nov
1983 Jan/Feb
1997 Oct*

If anyone can help please contact Morrie ZL2ADP Ph 976 9022

Branch 63 Events Calender

Month	Event	
Sep 2009	Kapi-Mana Spectro Event at Moonshine Track. Kapi-Mana Quad Bike Event from Totara Park. Kapi-Mana Trail Ride. From Totara Park.	Sunday, 20th Sunday, 20th Sunday, 27th
Oct 2009	Kapi Mana North Island Mini Champs at Moonshine Track. Kapi-Mana Trail Ride from Moonshine.	Sunday, 4th Sunday, 25th
Nov 2009	Kapi-Mana Trail Ride from Totara Park.	Sunday, 8th
Jan 2010	Kapi-Mana 2 Days of Trail Riding from Moonshine.	Saturday & Sunday, 9th-10th
Mar 2010	Raboplus Big Coast Event. EXPO at Lower Hutt.	Saturday & Sunday, 13th-14th Saturday, 27th
