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President's Report

Hi everyone...

Over the last month Gavin ZL2ACT and I have been involved with the Wellington Regional Council (WRC) consolidating our position with them, and our tenure at the Mount Climie site. Currently we are working through a Protocol for Mount Climie Repeater Site which essentially cements the club's position on the site, and as much as possible protects this position. If Wellington, Hutt Valley and Porirua become a Super City then this needs to be in place before this happens. In order to preserve this position some historical information from the club records were provided for background purposes to WRC. It is hoped to have this document signed off by all parties by the end of March 2010.

Field Day will probably have come and gone by the time you read this, so hopefully a good time was had, and thanks to Peter ZL2HM for organising the event this year.

The AGM for the club is coming up and will soon be upon us - a tentative date of Friday 30 April 2010 has been set. This year some thought needs to go into the Executive positions at the club, especially around that of Repeater Trustees. Neil ZL2TNG has resigned from the role and this now presents a good time to perhaps re-structure the role, and what is required. I see that the role could be split into two - Repeater Trustee Administrator and Repeater Trustee Technical.

Repeater Trustee Administrator would be responsible for Licensing, Form 10's, policing of repeater usage, call book updates and correspondence.

Repeater Trustee Technical would be responsible for repeater maintenance, site work (Mount Climie) and technical owner of all items related to repeaters.

I would like to see a team of three persons, one Repeater Trustee Administrator and two Repeater Trustees Technical. So please consider your skill set, and see if you assist in these areas.

The other role is that of Secretary - Chris ZL4CDM has decided to pursue other interests and therefore resigned from both his role as Secretary and from the club. I am sure we all wish him well and hope in the years to come he will return to the amateur radio and the club. So thanks Chris for your efforts and support over the last couple of years.

Next month's newsletter (April) will have a list of officer positions.

The Big Coast 2010 is on the weekend of Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 March 2010, Morrie has already posted or advised the various operators of their posts and duties.

Finally, a reminder that the Wellington EXPO 10 is on this year, Knox Hall Church, High Street, Lower Hutt - Saturday 27 March 2009. Doors for vendors open at 7.00 am - public 10.00 am. Branch 63 commitments are to operate the talk-in station on the day, and assist with setting up and door sales of tickets.

It would be good if members could operate a club table or a combined member table.

See NZART website for the registration form.

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

Mark ZL2UFI
President

Branch 63 Events Calendar 2010

27/28th February. Field Day Weekend at Kaitoke.

13/14th March. Raboplus Big Coast Event.

21st March Kapi-Mana Club day at Moonshine Track.

27th March. EXPO at Lower Hutt.

2nd April Good Friday. Clubrooms will not be open.

AREC

On Sunday 7th February 25 motorcross riders from the Wairarapa held an afternoon of racing from the Kapi-Mana track at Moonshine over a 40km course through the Rallywood forest area. John ZL2UX was despatched in his car to set up communications from Rallywood and Morrie ZL2ADP provided traffic management on Bulls Run Road where the bikes entered the forest area. After initially using the Mt Climie 730 Repeater we found that by connecting our hand helds to the vertical car antennas we were able to use 146.500 FM Simplex with good signal reports both ways. The afternoon's racing went off without incident although in some steep places the slippery pine needles caused a few spills.

Morrie ZL2ADP/ZK8EL

**Club HF Net 3.715 MHz
Every Tuesday at 0800 UTC**

Listen for ZL2VH and *join in.*



lower hutt, wellington expo 2010

THE COMBINED WELLINGTON AMATEUR RADIO EXPO COMMITTEE advises that the annual Wellington Region EXPO-10 is to be held on Saturday 27th March 2010, again at the Knox Church Hall, 574 High Street Lower Hutt. Doors open to the public at 10am.

Admission is \$4. This includes a free drink and entry into the various raffle draws. Listen out for the raffle draws throughout the day by MC ZL2BHF.

Major prize is a dual band handheld - sponsored by Foxtrot Communications

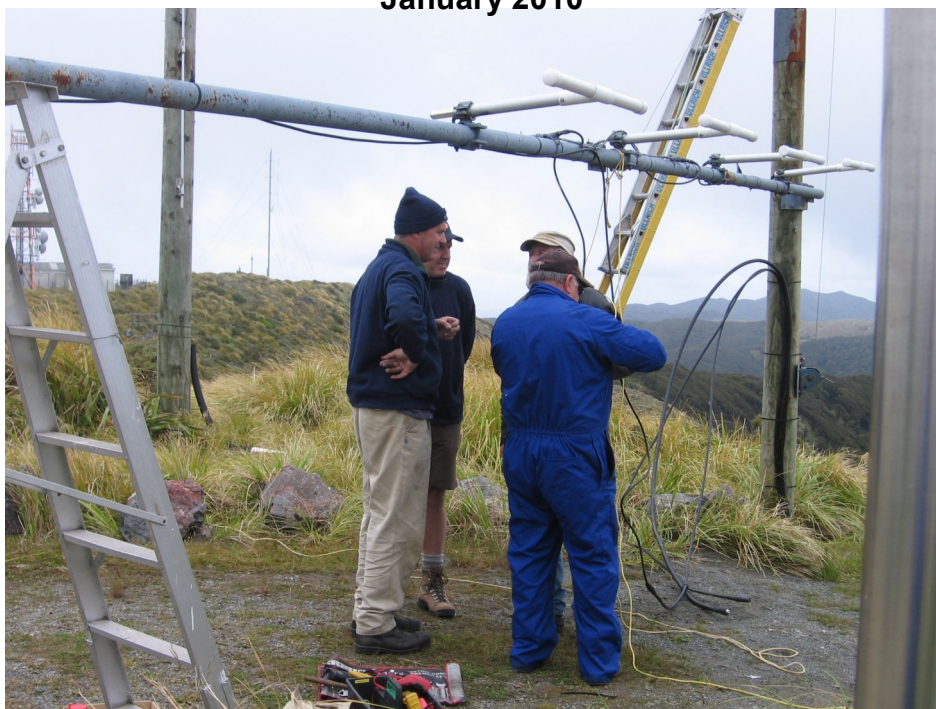
This will be the sixth Wellington Region trading of radio equipment. There will be the usual trade displays, trade sales of new amateur equipment and trading tables of used equipment

SIGNALS NZ (Yaesu/Vertex) and ICOM NZ have confirmed their attendance.

There will be a demonstration of Amateur Digital Television.

Refreshments - coffee, sodas, buns & cakes will be available in the hall.

Climie Working Bee January 2010



what do we do?

More Climie



up pole close-up



up pole



Painting Hut
