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Presidents Report

Hi everyone...

The Rugby World Cup has finally been won by New Zealand after twenty four long years since the last triumph...

so well done to Richie and the team.



As the warmer weather is now on its way, as we head towards summer there are a number of events coming up. Two to be aware of are the AREC events over the weekend of 19/20 November, and the Estate Sale on Saturday 3 December 2011. Please help out on these events where you can, many hands make for light work.

The Wellington EXPO committee has decided not to continue with the event for 2012 or into the future. The reasoning for the closure was many, from lack of vendors, lack of support to committee members wishing to have a break after seven events, and no one else wanting to pick up the reins. All monies raised over the period have been distributed out to the supporting six clubs. It's a pity that this event has come to an end but perhaps another group of amateurs can organise such an event in the future.

ICOM NZ has offered another incentive for Upper Hutt Branch 63 members to get onto D-Star. This deal is open from 1 December 2011 and closes on 12 December 2011 (the 12 days of Christmas!). Check your email inboxes for the ICOM deal details.

There are now 15 users of D-Star in Wellington region - so plenty of users around to talk to, both mobile and home base units.

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

Mark ZL2UFI, President

Branch 63 Repeater Update

Not much to report this month. The only news is the installation of the Upper Hutt side of the Wireless networking link to climie.

1292 23cm FM

Nothing to report.

860 DStar 70cm

Nothing to report.

5425 Dstar 2m

Nothing to report.

730 2m FM Repeater

730 continues to suffer from apparent malfunctioning Telecom pager transmitter at climie. We are waiting for confirmation from Telecom.

73 Simon ZL2BRG

Club HF Net Still every Tuesday at 0800 UTC Apparently not very well attended.

Possibly changing the frequency has something to do with this.

AREC Report

KMMC have requested support on the Saturday 19th November 2011 and Sunday 20th November 2011, with 4 operators one day and 6 operators the other day. Details which day will be the Enduro and the other day the trail ride are being decided by KMMC. When I receive more details I will advise. Please check your diary or calendar NOW, then advise which day you are available. For most of the operators the hours will be 9:30am to 3:00pm providing there is no major problems or accidents. On the 6 operator day I envisage some 4x4 vehicles will be required. Both events are in the forest.

KMMC have requested support on the Saturday 26th November 2011 and Sunday 27th November 2011 for three flag marshals at the Bulls Run Road track for their main club completion. As we have committed to the weekend before both KMMC and ourselves realise this is a big ask! I will be approaching the other radio clubs for operators. If the earlier weekend is not suitable for you then please consider this one.

I can be contacted about the above events on email <u>malcolm@acsl.net.nz</u>, home 567 6268, mobile 0274 474 222 or when I am at the club on a Friday night.

AREC meeting on Friday 14th October 2011 outlined some future directions. There will another review meeting soon.

Thank you for your support from the AREC team.

Malcolm ZL2UDF AREC Section Leader

WALL-E from last month



For those of you who didn't know what WALL-E was Waste Allocation Load Lifter - Earth Class

This is from a 2008 Disney Movie

Date: 3 December 2011 Time: 0900—1200 hrs

ESTATE SALE

LOCATION OF SALE: Upper Hutt Branch 63 Clubrooms' Council Yard Park Street Upper Hutt (www.zl2vh.org.nz)

- Various Heathkit products consisting of grid dip meter, Q meter, Oscilloscope. Etc..

- Philips, HP, Trio VTVM's
- Signal Generators
- Spool to spool tape recorders and audio equipment
- Several boxes of meters

Lots of home built test equipment, mounted meters, components and much more not all of it is Amateur Radio related.

Sale of amateur radio and other non-radio equipment from the estate of Arthur Cheshire ZL2VP



QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 1st – 4th JUNE 2012

Your Host: Branch 26 Nelson

Venue: Tahuna Beach Conference Centre, Nelson- Tahuna Beach Holiday Park

Accommodation: Onsite. Motels, Tourist Flats, Studio Unit, Cabins and Power sites for motor homes. There are also many Motels within walking distance to the venue. The well organised would start making plans now. We will not be making accommodation bookings for you, you will be required to do your own, (except for Councillors), so book now to secure some accommodation etc.

Forums: If you or someone you know has something they would like to share, either a forum or a talk, please contact us. We would like to hear from you all. Remember that this is YOUR CONFERENCE; we are just hosting it for you, so if you want to take part please let us know.

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We are looking forward to seeing you all in 2012 here in Sunny Nelson.