



ZL2VH Newsletter – March 2016

President's Report

Greetings everybody, after a year's break we took part in the 2016 Jock White Field Day contest.

We set up on site at Kaitoke a little after 12.00 pm Saturday's weather was overcast with blustery winds in the evening. On Sunday the weather gods were with us with a beautiful sunny day.

ZL2VH worked a total of 164 ssb contacts 80 m and 50 contacts on 40 m, all ssb. This was the first real test of the Club's new HF rig, an Icom IC7100. We discovered that these modern rigs are more susceptible to volt drop in the 12 volt DC wiring of the caravan. A temporary solution was to connect the rig directly to the caravan's battery.

I would like to thank those who made the effort to assist with the setting up and taking down of the station, plus those who operated through the weekend.

On the Sunday we had a BBQ, which was well received. A special thanks to Mike ZL2NSA for staying overnight with the caravan to secure our equipment.

A few photos follow.....



The New Zealand association of Radio Transmitters, Upper Hutt Branch 63, inc

Official Notice of Annual General Meeting 2016

This year's AGM will be held on Friday April 15th starting at 8pm
at the branch 63 Clubrooms. Park Street Upper Hutt

NZART Upper Hutt Branch 63 Inc

Meeting Agenda

Date: 15th April 2016

Time: 8:00pm

Venue: Clubrooms, Park Street, Upper Hutt.

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Confirmation of Minutes.**
- 3. Matters Arising from Minutes.**
- 4. Correspondence Inwards and Outwards.**
- 5. Presidents Report.**
- 6. Treasurers Report.**
- 7. Subscriptions.**
- 8. AREC Report.**
- 9. Repeater Trustees Report.**
- 10. Other Written Reports (QSL Manager)**
- 11. Notices of Motion**
- 12. Remits of NZART AGM (select delegates)**
- 13. General Business**
- 14. Elections of Officers**

So Who fancies a bit of moonbounce ?

At the Upper Hutt old CIT complex there is a 5 Metre radio astronomy dish which has been sitting unused and for the past 10 or so years. The Wellington Astronomy group has 'ownership' of the dish and are open to proposals for its use . This would be a great setup for EME. Downsides are that after sitting unused for years the mounts, including a blown motor require refurbishment. Upside that there is a possibility of some funding from the Astronomy group. Seems a shame to let this go to waste. Any volunteers ?



73's and good DX
Simon ZL2BRG
President.

We are always looking for articles to fill the pages of newsletter. Please forward anything no matter how large or small to the editor - Eric ZL2SET – ericwilby@gmail.com.

Branch 63 Repeater Update – February 2016

Status Updates:

Climie Mesh Test

Tests still ongoing

WebSDR

Decided to split into separate HF and VHF modules, Construction continues

3cm Beacon

On Air Recent reception reports from ZL1AVZ and ZL1TPH in Auckland !

1292 23cm

On air but controller crashed due to overheating during the recent hot weather

860 DStar

On Air.

CCS7 is now enabled on the ZL2VH Gateway

5425 DStar

On Air

730 2m FM Repeater

On Air

53.950 6m FM Repeater

On Air

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