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President's Report

Hi Everyone,

Well, a first for me, as I write this report from the field! While operating on the Jock White Field day, I took time out to write this report. At the time of writing we have about an hour to go, with the log showing about 50 odd contacts on 40 metres, and 150 odd on 80 metres. Totals from the weekend will be included in the Field Day Report later in the newsletter.

On Friday (23 March 2007), it was firstly pleasing to see such a big turn out at the normal Friday night meeting, plus the presence of the NZART President Bruce Douglas ZL2WP. Bruce was also accompanied by Doug Ingham ZL2TAR from FMTAG. A good discussion was had on amateur radio, and other matters while both were present. I take the opportunity to tank both members of NZART for calling in to the club and making themselves available to do so.

Morrie ZL2ADP has confirmed the motorcycle event with the Kapi-Mana Motorcycle Club—see Morrie's email later in the newsletter. Please note that all traffic will be on Climie 730, and that the IRLP maybe disabled during the two days while the event is running.

A working bee has been organised for Saturday 3 March 2007 up at Mt Climie. An email to this effect was sent out on Sunday 25 February 2007. Meeting time is 9.00 am at the clubrooms, view to leaving about 9.30 am. We are intending to dig, cable and fill the trench between the two huts. If time and man-power allows additional tasks may also be completed. Remember suitable clothing for Climie is required, and if a sunny day don't forget sun screen! Additional working bee's maybe also organized in March.

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Club HF Net 3.630 MHz every Tuesday at 2100 NZDT

President's Report (cont.)

As time is marching on a reminder that the club will at the end of March be assisting with the Wellington Radio EXPO '07, on Saturday 31 March 2007, at Naenae College Hall, High Street, Lower Hutt (see poster for additional details).

Morrie ZL2ADP is looking for volunteers to assist as station operators for the Call-In Station on Climie 730 using the special even callsign of ZL4FUN. Volunteers are also required to monitor and police the car parking. And finally if you are running a table, or would like to volunteer to run a club table please contact Neil ZL2TNG.

Well that's it from the top... 73's and good DX'ing...

Mark ZL2UFI

AREC Leader's: Event Request

The New Zealand National Enduro Series Round 2 will be held on 10/11 March 2007. This event has been confirmed by the Kapi-Mana Motorcycle Club and they will be requiring 6 operators on both days.

I understand the course on Saturday will be much the same as last year but the Sunday course will be starting from Totara Park and finishing at Moonshine via Karapoti.

Still need a couple of operators, a medium sized trailer if someone has one available to borrow for the weekend.

NOTE: All traffic will be on VHF, namely Climie 730 over both days. IRLP maybe turned off over this period.

73

Jock White Field Day 2007

Well, as stated in the Presidents report, I'm writing this report on the Field Day, from the Field Day event! Using my laptop, and sitting next to Eric ZL2SET operating on 80 metres in the last hour of the contest, filling the report.

This year, we operated from the Kaitoke Waterworks over what can be described as a wonderful event, at a great location, with just as good weather. In fact I was somewhat sun burnt on the first day before the event even started, a matter pointed out to me by my family on Saturday evening at dinner.

After packing up the caravan and the trailer from the clubrooms we traveling in a convoy the few kilometers up State Highway 2 to Kaitoke. A suitable site over the back from the rangers hut was found. We had the mast, and 80 metre dipole up in approximately 20 minutes. After some length to the dipole a good match was obtained and a couple of test calls were put out on the band. Good reports were had.

Tom ZL2HGR arrived with a new automatic antenna tuner, an LDG Z-11 Pro which he kindly loaned to the event for the weekend. This auto ATU has proved most worthwhile as you no longer need to manually re-tune up and down the band or when changing bands. I am sure most operators over the weekend greatly appreciated this level of convenience. Tom this is a great piece of kit, I'm not sure the club will give it back! Perhaps the club might like to look into a purchase of one for itself?

Jock White Field day 2007 (cont.)

Operators on hand over the weekend were: ZL2ADP, ZL2SET, ZL2WOL, ZL2HGR, ZL2SC, ZL2PDJ, ZL2HM, ZL2UFI, ZL2BMG (plus XYL).

Yet another great weekend was had, and we now look forward to Lighthouse Weekend in August, this year. See the photo's below of the site, antenna and great weather, who is the operator hard at work outside the caravan!

Total Contacts: 162 - 80 Metres, 52 - 40 Metres, = 214 total.

Mark ZL2UFI
President
Upper Hutt Branch 63
NZART



VHF Convention 2007

As you probably will all know by now the 2007 VHF Convention will be held in Wellington over Easter this year. I wish to recommend that all those people interested register for this event to help support firstly amateur radio and secondly the Wellington VHF Groups sterling commitment to run this again, for the second time in two years. I hope to see you there.

Mark, ZL2UFI

(See page 4 for the advertising blurb for this Convention—Ed)

Newsletter over next period

As Mark is still doing a great job, and I am still on the road to recovery, it may be another month or two before I am back on board. Please keep the news items coming in, and send them to Mark in the meantime. I'll advise when I am back in the chair.

Sean, ZL2SC
Editor

"VHF CONVENTION 2007"

Incorporating Repeaters Beacons & National System Trustees Forum

The Members and Committee of Wellington VHF Group invite you to attend the VHF Convention to be held in Wellington during Easter 2007. "It'll be a good one!"

Please make a note in your diaries now!

Dates: Easter weekend 06-07-08-09 April 2007

Venue: Tawa Service Centre, Cambridge Street, Tawa, Wellington.
(Please note the change of venue from Christchurch)

Programme: An exciting mix of speakers and events is planned including; technical presentations; VHF Forum; the "Wallace" mobile rally; ATV, Satellites, AREC & other special interest groups; Repeaters Beacons & National System Trustees forum.

Doug Ingham ZL2TAR has again volunteered to organise the technical programme. Prospective speakers and contributors please advise Doug of their proposed topic and provide an outline of their talk as soon as possible. Please contact him direct via e-mail: zl2tar@nzart.org.nz or via our PO Box.

Friday pm Registration and informal get-together at the venue.

Saturday Keynote speaker, technical programme, VHF Forum.

Saturday night Convention Dinner and social.

Sunday Technical programme, mobile rally, Trustees forum, special interest groups.

Monday am Technical visits, departure.

Charge: Our target is to minimise costs this year, and make the event more affordable, and the committee are already working on this aspect.

Registration forms will be published in the January/February 2007 issue of Break-In, in Wellington VHF's Q-Bit journal and Auckland VHF's Spectrum newsletter, and are also available directly from the Secretary.

Further information is available from Dick Greenbank ZL2TGQ, via e-mail: zl2tgq@nzart.org.nz, or home telephone 04 970 3985.

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New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters

The Combined Wellington Radio Branches present:

WELLINGTON RADIO EXPO '07 31 MARCH 2007



NAENAE COLLEGE HALL HIGH STREET LOWER HUTT

RADIO AND ELECTRONICS SALE

HOURS: 10.00 AM - 4.00 PM

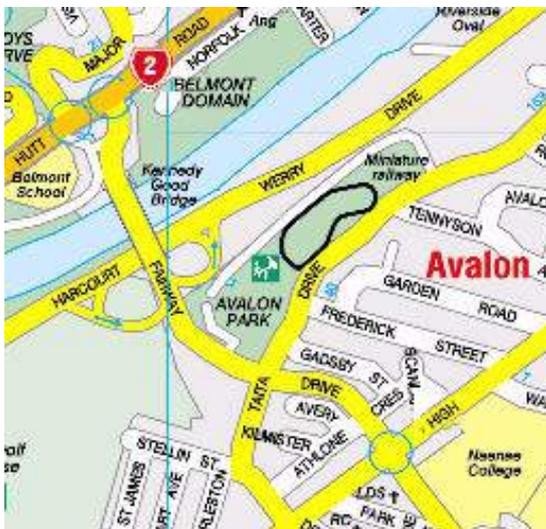
(VENDORS' ACCESS SATURDAY 7.00 AM-10.00 AM)

ADMISSION CHARGE OF \$3.00

- includes FREE drink
- one raffle entry ticket

This is a table-space Junk Sale.	Vendors access Saturday morning for setup.
On-site HF/VHF/UHF Station.	Listen & Talk to the World using the latest equipment from Yaesu.
IRLP via Climie 730 Repeater	Special Event Callsign ZL4FUN
	Contacts:
Full refreshments on site.	Email: wgtnexpo@yahoo.co.nz
	Web: www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/events

Talk-in Repeater: Climie 730 (147.300 +600 Split)



Driving Instructions:

Head north on SH 2 from Wellington, turn right onto the Kennedy-Good Bridge, and follow Fairway Drive until it intersects with the High Street roundabout.

Turn left at the roundabout. Naenae College is on your right.

Parking is on High Street, and surrounding streets - very limited parking in the school itself.

NO VENDOR PARKING IN THE SCHOOL.

Proudly Supported by: Hutt Valley Br 18 NZART, Titahi Bay Amateur Radio Club Br 42 NZART, Wellington Amateur Radio Club Br 50 NZART, Upper Hutt Br 63 NZART and Wellington VHF Group Br 74 NZART.

Combined Wellington Radio Clubs Wellington Radio Expo Registration Form 2007

Please complete and return this form with full payment to:

Wellington Radio Expo '07, PO Box 30-519 , Lower Hutt

Table space is \$ 20.00 pre-booked - offer closes 23 March 2007.
Table space is \$ 25.00 if you choose to pay on the day or after 24 March 2007.

NAME: _____
CALLSIGN: _____ PHONE: (_____) _____
COMPANY NAME: _____
PHONE: (WORK) (_____) _____ FAX: (_____) _____
EMAIL: _____
POSTAL ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ PCODE: _____

QUANTITY: _____ METRES OF TABLE SPACE (\$20.00 OR \$ 25.00 PER METRE SEE ABOVE)

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING: _____ (MAXIMUM FOUR PERSONS: SEE CONDITIONS)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: _____

Please list below the names of people who will be attending with you on the day:

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____

CONDITIONS OF BOOKING:

- The Combined Wellington Radio Clubs reserves the right of entry.
- Vendor and vendor assistant's entry tickets EXCLUDE raffle ticket entry and a complementary free drink. Vendor and vendor assistant's must purchase buyer entry tickets to receive complementary raffle ticket entry and free drink.
- The Combined Wellington Radio Clubs only allows a maximum of four (4) persons per table, consisting of the vendor and three assistants.
- Vendors are not allowed to trade with other vendors, known as inter-vendor trading prior to the start of the event. Any vendor found inter-vendor trading will be removed from the trading tables and the hall. No table fees will be refunded if vendor subject to inter-vendor trading breach.
- Vendors will not be admitted into the hall until any outstanding moneys are paid in full.
- The Combined Wellington Radio Clubs accepts no responsibility for lost, damaged or stolen items.
- The Combined Wellington Radio Clubs accepts no responsibility for any items offered for sale, trade, promotion or giveaway.
- The Combined Wellington Radio Clubs accepts no responsibility for any events, actions, injury or damage by vendors, Wellington Radio Expo Personal or the public.
- Security is the sole responsibility of the vendor at all times.
- Naenae College, its buildings and grounds are all SMOKE FREE. Smokers must remove themselves to the public footpath outside the school grounds to comply with Non-smoking regulations.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____ / _____ / 20____

Please find enclosed my payment of \$ _____

Please tick one of the boxes:

- Please keep my details for future Expo mail-outs.
 I don't want my details stored for future.