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President's Report

Hi everyone, I hope that you have all survived the winter, with the cold weather, rain and the winter colds that seem to you get you down, at this time of the year.

So the best way to get out of the winter blues is to get involved in some amateur radio activities and take your mind off things!

Morrie ZL2ADP is still looking for volunteers for the Kapi Mana events, so I strongly recommend helping out if you can. It's a good chance to get out, test the radio gear (and yourself) and enjoy some new scenery.

Next event for members to support is possibly JOTA Weekend - I have been approached by a scout leader of the local Heretaunga Pack to see if we are able to assist this year. You will have read the email I send out on this earlier.

This year's JOTA will have a theme; in 50 hours we will travel around the globe. Fifty hours? Yes, 50 hours, not just 48. This golden-jubilee JOTA is 2 hours longer: the 50th JOTA will run from Friday 19 October 22:00 h local time to Sunday 21 October 24:00 h local time. At this time I am looking for volunteers to assist.

There is no intention to be operating for the whole 50 hours - maybe either the Saturday all day or the Sunday all day, and probably not both days.

The location is the scout camp at/near Gladstone in the Wairarapa.

Note also that JOTA is on Labour Weekend, so don't get offside with your other half, plus I believe that this may clash with a Kapi Mana Event as well - so watch the emails or keep in touch with either Morrie or myself.

The Wellington Radio Expo 08 date has been set for the week before Easter in 2008, on Saturday 15 March 2008, and Naenae College Hall (same venue).

Tom ZL2HGR should be back with us soon with tales of his VP6 experiences which we all no doubt look forward to hearing about.

Finally, once the weather is more stable we need to get up the hill and do a couple of major jobs, one the replacement of the 730 feed lines, and also preventive maintenance on the antenna mast, and the old Climie hut. Watch the emails and Friday evening's meetings for more information. It will be a full day up there, so if going be prepared for the worst weather conditions and hope for the best - warm sunshine!

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

Mark ZL2UFI, President