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President's Report

Hi everyone... and welcome to 2009.

The club has started up again after the Christmas/New Year break, and it's been good to catch up with people at the Friday night club meetings.

As you are aware no doubt it is NZART Council election time this year, with the list of candidates for President and Central Region (ZL2 District) out for consideration. The list of candidates and biographies on each candidate will be out in the next Break-In - the January/February 2009 issue. A discussion on the candidates will be held at the clubrooms on Friday 20 February 2009. The purpose of the discussion is to openly discuss the candidates and who will best represent the interests of Branch 63. This discussion is not intended to indicate which way you should vote, that is up to the individual.

As indicated to many of you who asked about my standing for council for the next term, (having already served two terms - four years), I stated that I would only do two terms. Therefore I have chosen not to put my name forward, for either council or president of NZART. I do acknowledge the support of the Branch throughout my time on NZART Council and thank you all for your encouragement.

Field Day is on the last weekend of February - Saturday 28th and Sunday 1 March 2009. Morrie ZL2ADP is leading the team on behalf of the club this year. If interested contact Morrie. Those attending on the Saturday are to meet at the clubrooms at 10.00 am to pack up the caravan prior to heading out to Kaitoke Regional Park the location for this year's field station (same as last year). Unfortunately I will be attending the NZART Council Face-to-Face meeting in Wellington on the Saturday, so will hopefully have time on the Sunday to assist at the field station. Support Morrie and the club by making time to attend and operate the station over these two days.

Finally, a reminder that the Wellington EXPO 09 is on this year, Knox Hall Church, High Street, Lower Hutt - Saturday 28 March 2009. Doors for vendors open at 7.00 am - public 10.00 am. Branch 63 commitments are to operate the talk-in station, 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

AREC Report

Another successful Kapi-Mana Trail Riding event was held on 30th November when 150 riders signed on to ride in the hot and dry conditions. One rider was transported to hospital with a suspected fracture just above his ankle while another one went down a very steep gully by mistake and had to leave his bike there to be hauled out later in the day with ropes by a salvage team.

Communications were set up on 146.500 by Peter ZL2HM, Mark ZL4WT and Morrie ZL2ADP to handle traffic control at the road intersections. Keeping down the speed of some of the riders in the face of oncoming traffic became a bit of a problem at one stage in the afternoon at the Cooks Road intersection.

I wish to thank all of our members who turned out when requested for the three week-end events held in November. Your support and enthusiasm was appreciated very much by the Kapi-Mana Club officials.

Morrie Vile ZL2ADP/ZK8EL

Meeting with HVEMO and Branch 18 - Monday 2 February 2009 at 7.00 pm

Hi All,

Just a reminder about the upcoming event.

I will be meeting those who need ride down to Lower Hutt at 6.15 pm, leaving at 6.30 pm at the latest, from the clubrooms.

I have room for three other people if you need a lift.

Mark ZL2UFI

Free online Ham magazine

A free Amateur Radio magazine originating in France and now printed in English is available by email every month.

So far there have been 2 issues (January and February 2009). Quite simple and informative containing about 40 pages.

Look up **Ham Mag** on Google to download in pdf format. (www.ham-mag.com)

Info from Tom ZL2HGR and Morrie ZL2ADP

Don't forget: Club Net every Tuesday evening on 3.715MHz at 0800UTC
