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President's Report

Hi everyone...

Recently I had the opportunity to give a talk on IRLP at Branch 42 Titahi Bay. It was their Remit night, which produced some interesting discussion around Remit 1 (the change to the NZART Constitution over Membership). The other two remits passed without a great deal of discussion. It is always good to see another branch in action and how they operate and the local issues that they have to deal with. The club seems in good heart is well supported. The IRLP talk was a brief overview of how the system work, what a node PC and software looks like, and best operating procedures. A good night out.

The organising committee of the Wellington EXPO has yet to meet and decide on the next sale date.

The recent Wanganui Junk Sale was held, and I believe after 50 years has come to an end. Reports from this "last" sale have indicated that it was good time had by all, but on the flip of the coin it is perhaps a sign of the times that these events are becoming less and less.

So remember to support your local events when they come along to ensure that they continue now and into the future.

Thanks to those that turned up to the recent Friday night talk on the 23CM (1296 MHz) discussion. The huge interest and discussion was one to be proud of, especially the interest in the repeater building process and the possible kit bashing for those wishing to get on this band. Club projects of kit building will probably one of the successful outcomes of this Friday night discussion, no doubt more information to come.

NZART Conference is on this coming weekend, so a report discussion on the outcomes will be reported in next month's newsletter.

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

Mark ZL2UFI, President

New stuff...

AREC

On the morning of Wednesday 13th May, three of our members, Chris ZL4CDM, Mark ZL4WT and Morrie ZL2ADP, attended the Hutt Valley Civil Defence Emergency Management Welfare Exercise held at the Upper Hutt Cossie Club.

The exercise had been set up to help local residents cope during a major storm. A large number of residents were present including a busload of school children.

Staff in attendance appeared to handle the situation well in most cases.

Mark's dog Ghandi was placed in the back of a van and was well looked after.

Some discussion took place afterwards regarding the role of amateur radio operators being able to assist with communications.



Three of our members

Branch 63 Events Calendar for 2009

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| May | NZART Conference at Hastings, Saturday 30th |
| | Kapi-Mana Club Champs Round 2, Sunday 31st |
| June | Kapi-Mana Club Champs Round 3, Sunday 21st |
| October | N.I. Mini M/C Champs held at Kapi-Mana Track, Sunday 4th |
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Gav's Newsletter contribution (ZL2ACT)

As you are aware, one financial year has closed, and another is starting.

Subscriptions are remaining at \$25 and are now due.

If you wish, you can pay by Direct Debit. The Branch Account is 030774 0897536 00

Please leave some form of identification with the transaction.

73
Gavin Smith
Branch Treasurer

From Chris our Web Master (ZL4CDM)

I'd like to get some more links and resources for amateur radio onto our web site. If anyone has suggestions please send them along to webadmin@zl2vh.org.nz

In light of the recent, and informative presentation on 23cm operation given by ZL2TWS I was thinking it could be an idea to start a 23cm project page where lists of parts and resources for building 23cm transverter kits, gear, and the like could start to be collected. For example - I'd be happy to make a page of YouTube videos showing how to get into surface mounted soldering and the like.

So please send along your suggestions! Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you all.

73 ZL4CDM

Lighthouse Weekend 2009

Tom is looking to organise the annual Lighthouse Weekend for this year - some people showed interest in attending this year. This year's event is on 15-16 August 2009.

Can you all email Tom direct at: tom.dixon@paradise.net.nz if you are interested so he can gauge the replies, and work out if he has enough people to make it worth while.

Location will be Palliser Bay Lighthouse - same as in previous years.

Tom ZL2HGR



Interesting links from Malcolm (ZL2UDF)

Some may be interested in this, refer, <http://www.zl6qh.com/EarlyDaysAtQuartzHill.html>

Also see the new wind farm at <http://www.zl6qh.com/>

New technology http://site.hfprojectsyahoo.com/power_pack

Club HF Net 3.715 MHz every Tuesday at 0800 UTC Listen for ZL2VH and join in.

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Dear Sir/Madam

The Wellington VHF Group wishes to invite the members of your branch to join us at our May meeting for a presentation from the KiwiSAT team to hear how they are progressing. The section below provides information about the presentation and should be suitable to be printed in your newsletter.

“Preparing for KiwiSAT” - or “How To Do Satellite Radio”

7:30pm Thursday 28 May at the Tawa community Centre, Cambridge Street Tawa.

The KiwiSAT project is progressing closer to a possible launch. Come along and hear how to prepare your station for when N.Z.'s own satellite goes into service. Terry ZL2BAC, our KiwiSAT rep, will outline and discuss what is required, including:

- A brief overview of the current status of the KiwiSAT project
- Spacecraft capabilities, systems, and frequencies
- The probable orbit mechanics, depending on the final orbit KiwiSAT is given
- Link budgets for transmit and receive
- Ground station capabilities, radios and antennas
- Tracking
- Questions & Answers

Hand-outs will be available at the meeting. Supper and socialising included

ALL WELCOME - come along and enjoy yourself!"

Yours Sincerely

Rob Wallace
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