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Presidents Report

Hi everyone...

Not too much to report this month radio wise, as I have been busy travelling around the country visiting family and keeping warm, which when down south you really notice the drop in temperature.

The organising committee of the Wellington EXPO meets later this month to decide on next year's date.

Tom ZL2HGR has the Lighthouse Weekend all organised for 15/16 August so with some good DX it should all be go.

Morrie ZL2ADP is beginning to organise the programme for next year as various requests come. Again it appears February/March 2010 will be busy months for the club. So if you can assist with some of your time over at least one weekend I am sure Morrie will appreciate the help. Events such as the Kapi-Mana, Field Day and the possibility of a return of the Big Coast are all on the cards. Remember these are great opportunities to not only raise some funds for the club, but also to exercise your skills and equipment. These exercises are important to test out everyone so when we really need your assistance you know how to operate, have confidence in your equipment and ability to operate it.

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

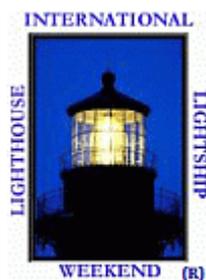
Mark ZL2UFI
President

Lighthouse Weekend 2009

Tom has confirmed that this event is all go in spite of incursions by some that reside north of the Bombay hills.
The event is held on 15-17 August 2009.

If you wish to join those already booked please email Tom direct at: tom.dixon@paradise.net.nz.

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



AREC

A midwinters day exercise was held at the Kapi-Mana Motorcycle Club's Moonshine Track on 21st June. This was the third round of their Championships held in overcast and cold conditions on a heavy track.

Chris ZL4CDM and Morrie ZL2ADP did the morning traffic management on Bulls Run Road and were joined later by Mark ZL2UFI who helped with the flag marshalling duties at the track from 10am until the last race of the day at 3.30pm.

Communications were conducted using hand helds on the Simplex frequency of 146.500MHz.

There were no injuries reported although there were quite a number of spills throughout the day. The picture shows one of the Junior starts.

Morrie ZL2ADP/ZK8EL



Treasurer's Report

I have just reconciled the 31st June Bank Statement, and am pleased to report that more of you are using Direct Debit as a means of paying your subscriptions. Branch 63 runs a tight ship when it comes to containing costs, i.e emailing newsletters as opposed to posting them, but some expenses just can't be avoided. Last year, repeater & beacon fees consumed approximately 50% of our subscription income.

The efforts of our AREC Volunteers are much appreciated, but subscriptions, and the interest from our term deposit are our only guaranteed income.

The Branch is at present undertaking a UHF project that will give the Amateurs of the Wellington region a better service. The work on this project is being carried out by volunteers, much of it with donated equipment. Those volunteers can not be expected to personally pay for equipment that needs to be bought.

There are still some of you (approximately 6) who are yet to renew your 2009 subscription. I would like to encourage you to renew, and perhaps also contribute a bit extra to the current UHF project if you can.

73

Gavin Smith ZL2ACT
Branch Treasurer

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