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Presidents Report: December 2009

Hi everyone...

On Friday 20 November 2009, at 8.15 pm there was a minuted meeting. Purpose of this meeting is a follow up to last month's meeting, where that meeting centred on the Four-wheel Drive Club proposal. After a lengthy discussion an approach will be made to the Wellington Regional Council about this request – more information will be made known after this meeting.

The repeater license fees have been paid, but a decision has been made to let the license fee for the 9625 UHF Repeater lapse. Discussion has been had by at the November meeting and it was decided to recover the hardware, and store the repeater until a further decision is made as to its future.

A Christmas BBQ will be held at the clubrooms' in December, so look forward to seeing you all there, check elsewhere in the Newsletter for details.

While thinking ahead on dates, don't forget the Field Day activities plus the Big Coast early in the New Year. Another thing worth mentioning as well, is that of Officer Positions in the club – two important positions will require filling that of Secretary and Repeater Trustee – so if you can I all consider these positions, as well as all the others, most don't require a huge commitment, but do require a bit of effort from time to time. Also I am looking for assistance in the new year to start putting together a Committee for the NZART Conference for 2011 – so again, please consider what skills you have as this will be a big job for the branch.

So I hope you all have time off planned over the Christmas/New Year period, with time to spend with family and loved ones – maybe even the weather might improve – the club will continue to operate over the holiday period with perhaps Christmas Day and New Years Eve (both Fridays) closed. Drive safely and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

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

Mark ZL2UFI
President



Branch 63 Christmas function

Friday 11 December 2009, 6.00 pm
at the clubrooms

BBQ with BYO food and drinks



AREC

The Kapi-Mana Motorcycle Club held a Trail Ride Event on Sunday 25th October. Some 250 riders took to the hills from the Moonshine Track on a lovely sunny day. We handled a request for medical assistance when a Junior rider was reported as having a damaged eye. It was later revealed that his eye socket may have been fractured and the Ambulance service was summoned to take him off to hospital for further examination. Another rider came in with a lacerated leg which would require stitching. Operators for the day were Mark ZL4WT at the clubhouse, John ZL2UX at the main gate onto Bulls Run Road, and Morrie ZL2ADP at Cooks Road intersection. All communications were handled on Simplex 146.500. Our efforts were very much appreciated by the President and committee members of Kapi-Mana.

On Sunday 8th November the Kapi-Mana Motorcycle Club held another Trail Ride from Totara Park. The weather was fine and warm for the 211 riders who enjoyed the 40km ride through the Karapoti Forest area. Operators for the day were Mark ZL2WOL at Cannon Point, Jens ZL2TJT at the Karapoti Road Bridge, Malcolm ZL2UDF at the Karapoti Road Car Park, Gavin ZL2ACT at McGhies Bridge and Morrie ZL2ADP at the Totara Park Darts Club. The Mt Climie 860 Repeater was used for communications with Gavin having to use the 730 Repeater to get through from McGhies Bridge. The day was injury free with a number of breakdowns and punctures being reported. At the end of the day complaints were received from all our operators regarding the use of the ZK8 tongue-twisting callsigns.



Riders briefing Sunday 8th November

AREC 2009 National Exercise

The AREC National Exercise for 2009 was held on Saturday 14th November between 1900 and 2100 hours NZDST. Our operators were Eric ZL2SET and Morrie ZL2ADP, with Eric setting up the Section Station at the Upper Hutt Clubrooms using the callsign ZK8ELA on the Mt Climie 730 FM Repeater. Morrie set up the District Station using the callsign ZK8ELZ and passed on the area summaries to ZK6R in Papakura using 3.900 Mhz USB. There were no problems encountered during the exercise with a total of 15 messages being received and 3 messages were forwarded on to ZK6R. Other Section check-ins were received from Wairarapa, South Wairarapa, Hutt Valley and Titahi Bay. Many thanks for your assistance Eric.

Morrie ZL2ADP/ZK8EL

Branch 63 Events Calendar

11 th	December	Branch Christmas function, 6.00 pm at the clubrooms.
20 th	December	Kapi-Mana Club Day at Moonshine Track.
9/10 th	January	Kapi-Mana 2 Days of Trail Riding from Moonshine Track.
17 th	January	Kapi-Mana Club Day at Moonshine Track.
27/28 th	February	Field Day Weekend at Kaitoke.
13/14 th	March	Raboplus Big Coast Event.
27 th	March	EXPO at Lower Hutt.



27 MARCH 2010

ENTRANCE FEE: \$4.00 PER PERSON

Vendors: Doors open at 7.00 am. **Public:** Doors open at 10.00 am.

Venue: Knox Church, 574 High Street, Lower Hutt

Talk in: Climie 730 - call ZL4FUN for driving instructions, or any other information.

All enquires for the table sale and bookings to:
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