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Presidents Report: May 2010

Hi everyone...

This newsletter is later than usual this month as the clubs AGM was held on the last day of April. I wish to extend my thanks to all officers standing down this year from their positions they have held, some over several years.

In particular I would like to thank Neil ZL2TNG and Morrie ZL2ADP.

Neil has given many an hour in his role as a Repeater Trustee, and as such has made the repeaters that the club has ones to envy by other clubs for their reliability and performance over the years.

Morrie has taken the AREC section from strength to strength in recent times again giving up many hours in planning, attending meetings and organising events – this has left the club in a strong position operator skill wise as well as financially, for the years to come.

Again I express my thanks to both of you on behalf of the club.

We now have new officers (see list later in Newsletter), so with such high standards set we need the full support of all members so that this standards are maintained and built upon. I look forward to the next twelve months as these new members take over the roles and stamp their own mark on them. As you will see from the list most positions have been filled, however if you see one that you can do please contact me. A new position of Repeater Administration has been created so that the two repeater trustee's can focus on the repeaters technical side and the maintenance of them. The administrative side is do deal with the paper work, policing their usage and promoting good operator practice—any problems please contact any of the three of us.

Work up at Mt Climie is continuing in readiness for the 23CM Repeater, which is looking at being on site in the next few months, perhaps over winter all going well. Again thanks to all the recent helpers who have assisted.

**Club HF Net 3.715 MHz
Every Tuesday at 0800 UTC**

Listen for ZL2VH and *join in.*

At the recent AGM it was decided to proceed with the NZART Conference in 2011 in Upper Hutt. I made it very clear that I cannot and will not do this alone. I expect the support given at the meeting will continue for this event as we start to commence planning. I am intending to start the planning process this month — so now is the time to commence thinking of ideas, how you can assist, what will be required, and a name of next years event.

Don't forget to attend Friday night meetings as all of these will be discussed over then couple of weeks.

There may be a the need for a Special AGM once additional information about the name change motion is checked with the Companies Office about the process involved. More will be reported as information is known.

The club subscription has been set this year at \$25.00 for the 2010-2011 year. Payment can be made direct credit into the Branches bank account (Westpac 03-0774-0897536-00). If you can all pay over the next month or so that would be appreciated.

Finally as I will be attending the NZART Conference over Queens Birthday weekend in Auckland in June, please advise if you require any questions asked from the floor of the AGM.

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

Mark ZL2UFI

New Kenwood Radios: TH-D72 and TS-590S

Launch of New Amateur Radio Products

Kanagawa, Japan, May 7, 2010 — Kenwood Corporation, an operating company of the JVC Kenwood Group, is proud to announce the autumn/winter launch of two new Amateur Radio transceivers: the TS-590S and TH-D72.

HF/50MHz All-Mode Transceiver - TS-590S (tentative naming)

Featuring a 32-bit floating-point DSP, the TS-590S will offer advanced receiver performance and an extensive range of features that make it ideal for beginner and seasoned DX'er alike. The radio's exceptional ease of operation, true to the Kenwood tradition, will be especially welcome for contest and mobile applications.

144/430MHz Dual Band FM Portable - TH-D72 (tentative naming)

The APRS® capability found on Kenwood's TH-D7* and TM-D710 has been upgraded for the TH-D72. Thanks also to the internal GPS unit, APRS operations will be more enjoyable than ever. The TH-D72 also offers EchoLink® memory compatibility and a mini-USB connector for enhanced computer connectivity. This transceiver is sure to make ham radio operations easier and more fun for all.

Anyone interested in these two models will be able to view product samples at:

Dayton Hamvention 2010 (Dayton, Ohio, USA, May 14-16), and HAM RADIO 2010 (Friedrichshafen, Germany, June 25-27).

Live Broadcast of Hamvention starts Wednesday 12 May 2010 (0100 hrs 13 May NZ Time)

This is a reminder that <http://w5kub.com> will be going live at 0800 central (1300 UTC) on Wednesday May 12th. We will start broadcasting video and audio of our 550 mile drive to Hamvention. Then on Thursday we will be broadcasting the set up of our flea market space, then the actual show on Friday, Sat, and Sunday. Please join us and have some fun if you cant go in person. Tom W5KUB

List of Committee Positions for 2010-2011:

President:	Mark Gooding	ZL2UFI
Immediate Past President:	<no longer recorded>	
Vice president:	Mark Wolstenholme	ZL2WOL
Secretary:	Peter Moore	ZL2HM
Treasurer:	Gavin Smith	ZL2ACT
AREC Leader:	Malcolm Wheeler	ZL2UDF
AREC Deputy	Gavin Smith	ZL2ACT
Repeater Trustee 1:	Peter Moore	ZL2HM
Repeater Trustee 2:	Simon Eatough	ZL2BRG
Repeater Administration:	Mark Gooding	ZL2UFI
Callsign Trustee:	vacant	
QSL manager:	vacant	
Exam Administrator:	Gavin Smith	ZL2ACT
Exam Assistant:	John McDonald	ZL2UX
Morse Tester:	Bob Badrick	ZL2MUI
Equipment Manager:	vacant	
Webmaster:	Chris Mills	ZL4CDM
Editor QST63:	Mark Wolstenholme	ZL2WOL
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Committee:	All members	

Mount Climie



View of Mount Climie from the north (North Climie) looking directly south to the Branch 63 site, and to the left the main tower of Telecom. Picture by John Shorland ZL2AQE Wednesday 5 May 2010

With a bit of luck the new committee will supply things to put in future newsletters. Until then here is some stuff to fill out a page.

Prospects for the Darwin awards?



Gift Ideas

First he gave his mother-in-law an electric toothbrush.
Then he gave her an electric blanket.
Then he gave her an electric carving knife.

He's working his way up to a chair.

Wedding

Two Antennas got married - the wedding was lousy, but the reception was outstanding.

Lost

Two atoms are walking down the street, and one says to the other, "Wait, wait, we have to go back. I've lost an electron somewhere."
The second atom says, "Really? Are you sure?"

To which the first atom replies, "Yes. I'm positive."
