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Presidents Report

Hi everyone...

This newsletter is later than usual this month as the clubs AGM was held on the last Friday of April.

I wish to extend my thanks to all officers this year, and to those that again have offered up their time for the next twelve months.

We now have the new officers list (later in Newsletter).

I also wish to thank everyone for all their work over that last twelve months, and for the vote of confidence in returning me back to the office of President.

We are all but about one month away from NZART Conference. Most planning is now set, and as we approach the final weeks, please if you are able offer assistance to the club as I am sure there are some jobs that may come up at short notice that will need many hands at short notice.

Just a reminder that the late payment penalty, of \$25.00 starts from 10 May 2011, to all options for conference. So if you are intending to use any of the payment options remember to get your payments in before 10 May 2011.

The late payment date will be strictly enforced and no exceptions will be considered.

Friday 20 May 2011, will be the grab bag stocking night – these bags are given to all persons attending the AGM. This Friday is two weeks out from the event, so all items required to be available for these bags must be present at the clubrooms no later than that night. Finally, thank you to all the members who attended the AGM, I look forward to seeing a similar turn out for the NZART AGM on Saturday 4 June 2011 – remember that the AGM is free to attend, and that it also shows your support of all the hard work that the organisers have put into this event.

Mark Gooding, ZL2UFI

List of Committee Positions for 2011-2012

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
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Repeater Trustee 1:	Peter Moore ZL2HM
Repeater Trustee 2:	Simon Eatough ZL2BRG
Repeater Administration:	Mark Gooding ZL2UFI
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QSL manager:	Tom Dixon ZL2HGR
Exam Administrator:	Gavin Smith ZL2ACT
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Branch 63 Repeater Update

3cm Beacon.

A email from Simon Lewis ZL4PLM updating the status of the 3cm beacon.

“Hi Simon

Well the PA is completed - the crystal arrived and is now ageing

I ran into some problems with the reverse DDS board - which I have had to send back to the designer to help me find!

It uses some very fine pitch DDS chip which I thought I had managed to solder ok ... He is doing some checks on that!!!

other than that - the GPS unit is built and working - ready

So once the DDS has been fixed then I will be ready to finish boxing “

1292 23cm

Nothing to report

860 70cm

The last attempt to go up Climie had to be aborted because of a issue with the 4wd.

A working bee is planned for the 25th April to do the 860 antenna work. A form 10 has been submitted to add Dstar to the existing 860 FM licence. This gives the club the opportunity to install the Icom DStar Repeater, with the option of reverting to the Analogue FM repeater if the Dstar trial is deemed unsuccessful.

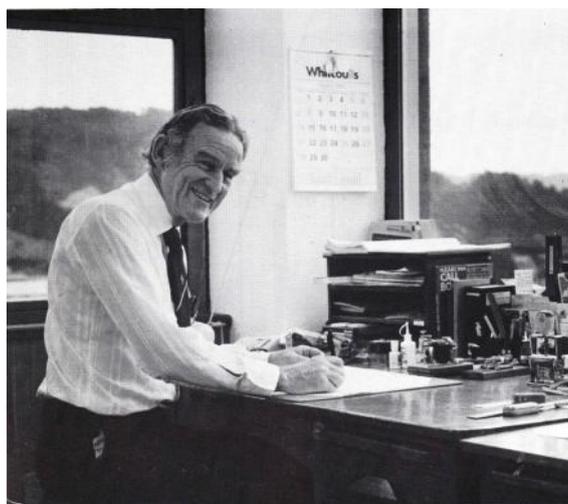
730 / 5425 2m Repeater

A Innovative Energies SR250A 250W PSU has been purchased by the club to replace the PSU / Battery Charger system currently used for 730 and 5425 repeaters. A working bee will be organized to install this PSU.

Simon Eatough

ZL2BRG

Neville Copeland - ZL2AKV 1925 - 2011



Good morning everyone.....

My name is Mark Gooding, ZL2UFI President of Upper Hutt Branch 63, the local amateur radio club that Neville was a member of.

So what part did amateur radio or ham radio play in Neville's life, quite a bit really.

Some of you may know of Neville's involvement, others may not....

He attended radio classes at Upper Hutt Branch 63, and was first licensed as a radio amateur in 1971 and joined NZART the same year.

NZART is the national body that represents all radio amateurs locally, nationally and internationally, but more on Neville's involvement later.

Neville went to become secretary and then later President of the local club in 1977.

During World War II he joined the Royal NZ Air force and graduated under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan as a wireless operator.

After the war Neville rejoined the Post Office serving in a variety of positions including a time seconded to the DSIR as Postmaster at Scott Base Antarctica.

During this period he held the call ZL5AL and provided a DX bonanza for New Zealand and overseas amateurs. DX is short for distance operation and is of real interest to many a radio amateur. Being at the South Pole made Neville's call sign a much sort after call, so he would have spent many a long hour working these amateurs from around the world.

After moving the NZART HQ from Christchurch to Upper Hutt in 1982, Neville was appointed as the Association's General Secretary based in what was then Astral Towers.

From June 1982 through until June in 1998 he served in this role. He was General Secretary for a record 16 year term.

Neville was made an Honorary life member of the Association at the Conference in 1998.

I joined Upper Hutt club in about 2001, which is where I met Neville. He was always at the club rooms on Friday nights and freely joined in many a discussion and radio events at the club. Being a true CW or morse code operator, he was always in great demand during the month of February as the club operated a field station. Morse code always scored more points than talking with voice so he was always on hand to ensure the club scored as many points as possible.

Last year Neville visited the club for what would be his last few Friday nights, and it was at this time he shared some of his wartime experiences. He proudly showed off his radio operator's badge, black and white photos and other memorabilia. He went on to tell how he was flying in Mosquito's when suddenly all the flying stopped, just when he was getting the hang of riding in these fast fighter bombers of World War II. He joked later when he said, that the flying stopped because the war had stopped, he never put the two together at the time as he said what a disappointment, come all this way, train and train and then the war ended!

A couple of other life members wished to be mentioned to you all today, but for health reasons couldn't be here today to say their farewells – namely Neil Gibbons and Jim Meachen.

Jim asked to say this about Neville:

As one who worked with Neville ZL2AKV both as chairman of the Headquarters Secretarial Committee and over my term as NZART President I will remember Neville for his dedication, his attention to detail his loyalty and friendship.

Neil asked me asked me to say this:

Neville was a great asset to the club and to NZART. He served both and will be remembered by all of us for many years to come. He was a great radio amateur and a good friend.

In researching this speech I looked back through the journal of NZART, the journal is called Break-In, in the July 1998 edition I found this small comment about Neville being awarded life membership:

The President then advised the meeting that Council had resolved to recommend that Neville Copeland ZL2AKV be awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Association. This was met by the meeting with acclamation. ZL1AMW then called ZL2AKV to the rostrum and pinned his Red Badge above the current white badge and a framed certificate was presented. ZL2AKV replied to the great honour bestowed on him for services to Amateur Radio and the Association. Councillors who were involved in his original selection some 16 years ago then spoke of the work done and services rendered. There was a standing ovation.

Finally, farewell Neville..... and 73's.



AREC Report

Gavin ZL2ACT, Eric ZL2SET and myself Malcolm ZL2UDF were involved in an exercise in April 2011 supporting a trail ride in the forest for KMMC.

Two members from Branch 18 have offered to our exercises in the future, both have 4 x 4 vehicles available.

No known exercises planned for the future at present.

Malcolm
ZL2UDF

Interesting Web links

Twenty Five Dollar computer

Interesting read, go to this link

<http://www.geek.com/articles/games/game-developer-david-braben-creates-a-usb-stick-pc-for-25-2011055/>

A building (Bach) worth viewing

Currently for the next few weeks there is a Bach which will be shipped to Washington DC, USA to enter a completion. It is just passed Queens Wharf on the way to the airport / Courtenay Place on Frank Kitts Park. Aside from the electrical / electronic items, check out the different way some of the windows work, I won't give too much away as a guide will show you around. Refer web site <http://firstlighthouse.ac.nz/>

Something for the FT-857d owners

<http://www.dh8bqa.de/ssp-mh31/ssp-mh31.html>

<http://www.baekdal.com/tips/password-security-usability>

<http://dx-code.org/newdxer.pdf>

<http://www.amateurradio.com/another-blog/?>

Links sent in by Malcolm ZL2UDF and Tom ZL2HGR

Thanks guys

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

**If you can't hear anyone give a call.
See who comes back to you.**