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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.

Malcolm ZL2UDF has passed the AREC Leadership role to Gavin ZL2ACT and Oliver ZL2OLY is his new deputy.

David ZL2DBP has offered to do the Webmaster role, which I will pass on to him in June.

At the AGM there was some debate over the AREC duties that the club has undertaken over the last five years or so and the strain that this has put on the club members. Therefore there will a discussion on the future of AREC duties in June (date to be published).

What I suggest is we all think about the issues discussed last Friday night and bring our thoughts to this meeting in June.

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.

I also wish to congratulate Gavin ZL2ACT becoming a Life Member of Branch 63.

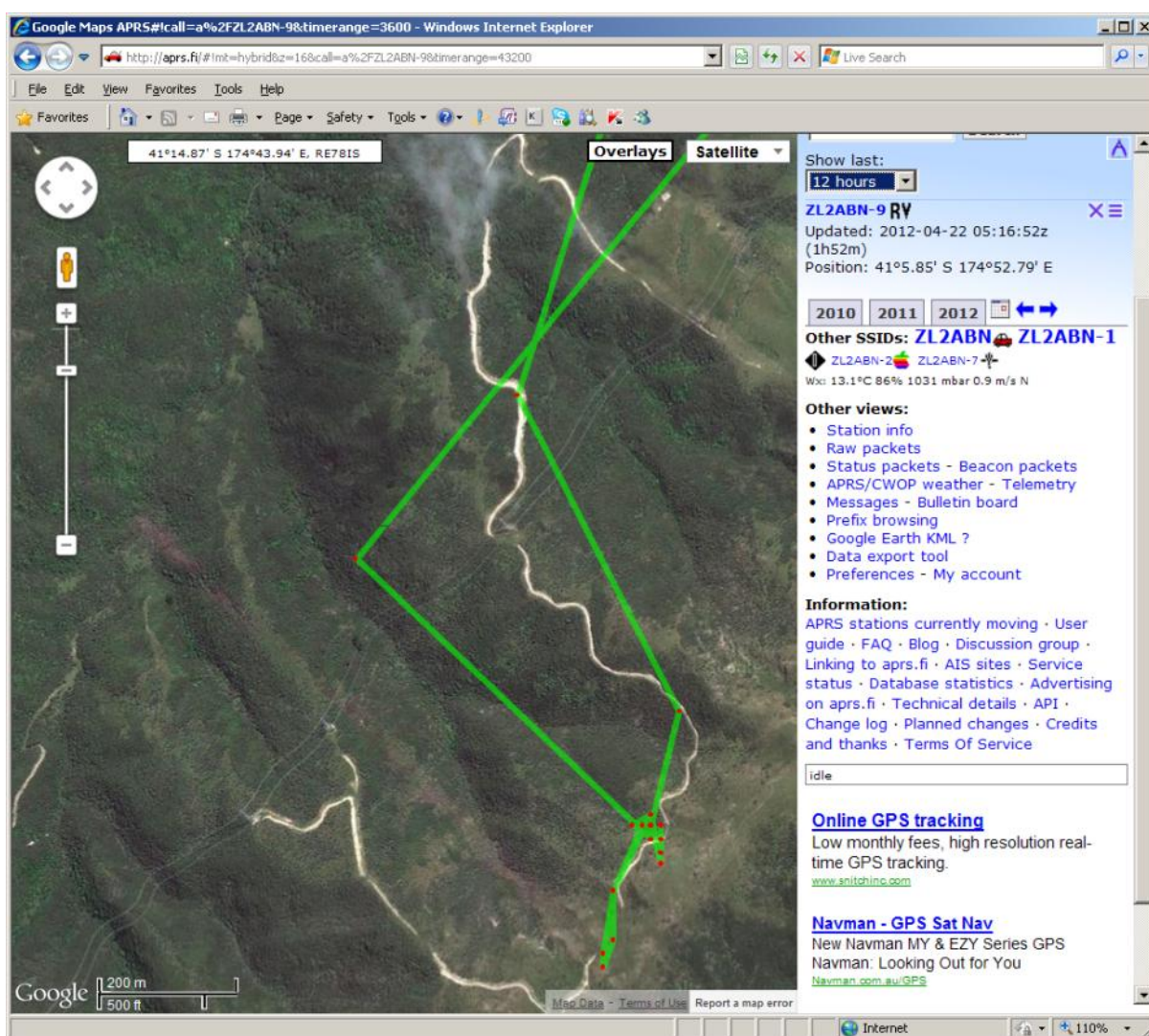
As I will be away for most of May, Mark ZL2UP has my clubrooms key and will be running the club while I'm away.

See you all upon my return.

Mark Gooding, ZL2UFI

AREC Report

With the earlier event planned for March in the Makara area by KMMC (refer <http://www.kmmc.co.nz>) being cancelled due to weather the event on Sunday 22 April 2012 provided good dry conditions. Graham ZL2ABN, Colin ZL2COL (Wellington branch) and Malcolm ZL2UDF supported the exercise. The three positions covered by radio operators were Malcolm at position 1 being the base, Colin position 2 at about the midpoint suspect to be an area of concern, Graham at position 3 the far end of the course. The tracks used were different to the February event. All went well until lunch time when Colin passed on a report of a rider with a broken leg which turned out to be a compound fracture below the knee. In due course the Westpac Rescue helicopter arrived and after a period of time on the ground transferred the injured person to hospital. Another rider returned on the quad bike with a dislocated shoulder. Several bikes were recovered from the field by the quad with the recovery trailer. Everyone appeared to enjoy the day with 277 riders registered.



Graham's location and APRS tracking

Over the page:

Pictures of Colin ZL2COL waiting for a ride to position 2 and Graham's position.



KMMC have agreed to run the Mini Nationals this year in Wellington. This is for young riders some under 6 years old. This is planned for two days being Saturday 6 October and Sunday 7 October at the Mini track Bulls Run Road. The request is for the Upper Hutt Radio Club to provide support with radios for four (4) radio operators each day. KMMC intends to apply for a road closure notice to control the vehicle traffic on Bulls Run Road. For those who have driven along the road will know about the one way section, the plan is to have a radio operator at each end to control the flow. Another radio operator is required at the road crossing for bike and pedestrians moving between the track and parking area. Then another operator with Race Control, plus relief for the other three radio operators. Please check and mark your calendars now.

Malcolm ZL2UDF, Upper Hutt past Section Leader

Election of Officers 2012

All positions filled by consent.

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:	Gavin Smith	ZL2ACT
AREC Deputy:	Oliver Ewert	ZL2OLY
Repeater Trustee 1:	Peter Moore	ZL2HM
Repeater Trustee 2:	Simon Eatough	ZL2BRG
Repeater Administrator:	Mark Gooding	ZL2UFI
Callsign Trustee:	Tom Dixon	ZL2HM
Exam Administrator:	Gavin Smith	ZL2ACT
Exam Assistant:	Eric Wilby	ZL2SET
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Webmaster:	David Phillips	ZL2DBP
Editor of QST63:	Mark Wolstenholme	ZL2WOL
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Committee:	All members	

Subscription 2012

AGM decided that the subscription will remain at \$25 and is now due.

Gavin ZL2ACT
Treasurer

Motion passed at 2012 AGM

Life Membership Upper Hutt Branch 63 NZART

Gavin Smith ZL2ACT

I wish to propose to the club, that it acknowledge and approve the motion that Gavin Smith ZL2ACT becomes a Life Member of Upper Hutt Branch 63 NZART.

Gavin was admitted to Branch 63 membership at the Branch 63 April Committee meeting in 1979.

Gavin has served the club for a number of years since in many varied roles From being a committee member, AREC Leader and long standing deputy, an excellent keeper of the clubs finances as well as his involvement in the Doug Gorman Measuring Contest. He has supported the club with his time, vehicles and other assistance over the years without complaint, and I believe that he probably passed up many an earning opportunity to assist the club on a visit to Mt Climie.

When considering this proposal, one has to think as this is the highest award that a club can bestow on one of its members, it has be well earned. I believe over the years that Gavin has been a member here he has shown all the required attributes of a Branch 63 member. That of leadership, sharing of knowledge, support of new members and new ideas, a sounding board when new ideas came forward, and also a willingness to roll up his sleeves and get involved and not to sit on the side lines and lament on past experiences of how it used to be done.

So with out further ado I call for the members of Upper Hutt Branch 63 to vote for Gavin Smith for Life Membership of the branch.

Mark ZL2UFI
President



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
OFFICE**

Invitation to a meeting at HVEMO

Branch 18 would like to invite branch 63 to a meeting at HVEMO, 25 Laings Rd Lower Hutt at 7.30 pm on Monday May 7th 2012.
All members will be welcomed.

Regards

Don ZL2DON
President Branch 18

Dampier Slip Way pictures

Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2012

Ship is sitting on railway lines on carriages with blocks between the vessel and the carriages.

John ZL2TWS

