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## ZL2VH Newsletter - June 2014

### President's Report

First off the Branch 63 Midwinter Dinner has been date has been set to the 20th of June at 7.30 PM I need to have the numbers attending by the 7th of June at the latest. Should be a good night out. See attached for more details.

I've had a email from Peter Munro ex ZL2BGM. He was asking about a project called ZL Keyer which was a electronic CW-keyer kit which was apparently a Branch 63 Project. Wonder if anybody has any details.

Peter's email made me wonder if there are any ham radio related projects / kits that you'd like to see the club organise to build. One suggestion I've already has is for an Antenna Analyser. Does anybody have any more suggestions?

Branch 42 has a regular CW rag chew most Monday evenings on 3.540 at 2000 NZT; and a CW practice net most Thursday evenings on 3.540, followed by a post-net debrief on 3.710 SSB. Anyone who fancies hoping in on the Monday evening just check in when net master calls with, DE [CALLSIGN]. For good luck perhaps DE [CALLSIGN] [CALLSIGN]

There is also a CW Practise net which is a little more formal. Contact [b42nzart@gmail.com](mailto:b42nzart@gmail.com) for more details.

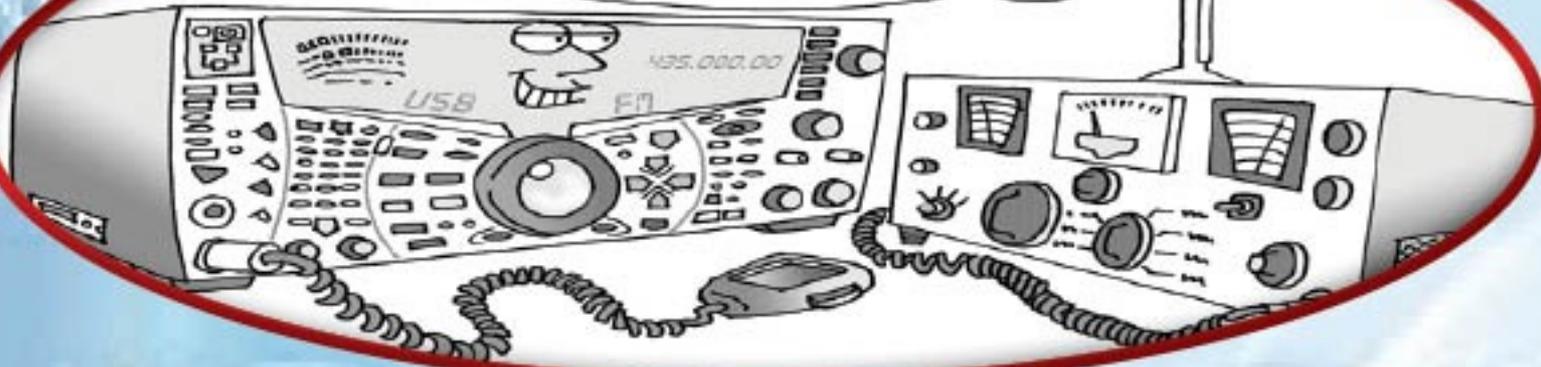
The Club needs a second Exam Supervisor. They must be a member of NZART to be a accepted. This is not a onerous position. If you are interested in applying, drop myself or Justin an email.

73's and good DX

Simon ZL2BRG

# BRANCH 63 Mid-Winter CHRISTMAS Dinner

WHO ARE YOU  
CALLING 'OLD-TIMER',  
YOUNG FELLA?!



20th JUNE 2014 At 730pm  
\$35 3 COURSES Meal With' Extras"  
Come AND ENJOY



**MENU**  
ALL THE SEASONAL  
SPECIALITIES  
INCLUDING SUCCULENT  
HAM, roast turkey and  
CHRISTMAS PUDDING  
AND OTHER SURPRISE  
TREATS

Graze Restaurant & Bar  
Totara Lodge  
68 Ararino Street,  
TRENTHAM

RSVP THE CLUB: E-MAIL [zl2brg@gmail.com](mailto:zl2brg@gmail.com)

## Ain't No Pirate Ship: Tugboat Produces Radio from Willamette River

There's a new radio studio docked on the shores of the Willamette River in Portland, Oregon's St. John's neighborhood, but this ain't no pirate ship. A 1940s steam-powered tugboat is the new home of Steam Radio Syndicate, which made its debut broadcast on community station KBOO last Friday night. As Oregon Live reported: The show



will have some aspects in common with an NPR show – you'll hear true stories, for example – but Steam Radio Syndicate aims to give voice to those outside a typical public radio purview. There are no tote bags, no “sponsored by” messages. “We have a bit more radical sensibility,” said Galen Huckins, one of the show's founders. One project covers “The Great American Myth,” such as an episode that examines myths about the Amazon. I got a little behind on my news reading, and so I regret that I just learned about the broadcast today. However, there will be more broadcasts to come. The existing episodes are not yet available to listen on their website, but I hope they'll be there soon. Source: Radio Survivor.

## Repeater Report

A quiet month.

### 3 cm Beacon

Testing will commence within te next month with the installation blanned for spring/early summer.

### 1292 23 cm Repeater

On air.

### 860 D-Star Repeater

On air.

### 5425 D-Star Repeater

On air. A plan is being worked on to fit a band pass filter in the TX path of 5425 to fix the interference the repeater causes to 730.

### 730 2 m FM Repeater

On air.

### 53.950 6m FM Repeater

On air.

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Repeater Trustee

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