



## ZL2VH Newsletter – September 2016

### President's Report

Winter struck with a vengeance and snow covered Mt Climie for well over a week. As you would be aware, power was lost for about 10 days and we had to run a generator on site to keep the batteries going. Mark ZL2UFI and Brian ZL2CHV made several trips up with the generator and fuel for it. Mark also liaised with the flatmates to sort the power problem. It turns out that the power is supplied from a different supply than we thought it was, and a wire had parted. Once the problem was identified the power company were quick to repair the fault.

Many thanks to Mark and Brian for their efforts.

Yaesu Fusion: After a good discussion with 10 members present it was decided that there is currently no need to replace the 730 repeater with a Fusion system although it may be considered in the future.

A fault with the 700 repeater (Br18) over last weekend was the cause of QRM heard on 730 (and also affecting the PRS ch 8 repeater in Wellington), this has now been rectified.

Remember we meet every Friday evening at 7.30, the more the merrier.

73's and good DX

Mike ZL2NSA

We are always looking for articles to fill the pages of newsletter. Please forward anything no matter how large or small to the editor - Eric ZL2SET – [ericwilby@gmail.com](mailto:ericwilby@gmail.com).

## **Branch 63 Repeater Update – August 2016**

Around August 8<sup>th</sup> a loss of mains feed to the Club's south hut saw the Club's repeaters running on batteries. 1292, 3cm beacon and 6m were off air with 730 and 5425 running on low power. When the weather abated members went up to site and installed the generator to keep our and flatmates' batteries running. For the next week a number of members went up to keep the generator fueled. Mains was restored on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to all the members who helped keeping Climie on Air. It's commitment like this that differentiate Branch 63 from others.

In other news, the weather station was removed for work and the 6m repeater antenna was also removed for a rework by John ZL2TWS and Phil ZL2HF. At this stage there is no e.t.a. when 6m will be back on air.

### **Status Updates**

#### **WebSDR**

No progress this month, will resume work shortly

#### **3cm Beacon**

On Air

#### **1292 23cm**

On Air with ID disabled. Waiting on proposals for future use (if any)

#### **860 DStar**

On Air.

#### **5425 DStar**

On Air

#### **730 2m FM Repeater**

On Air

#### **53.950 6m FM Repeater**

## Silent Key

John Rumsey ZL2LZ passed away on Friday 26th August after a battle with cancer.

Many of Branch 63 members will remember John as an active Wellington VHF Group member and an active VHF field day and EME operator. John was always part of the team and keen on all bands and modes.

Branch 18 was his local club however being at the leading edge of technology John was also a foundation member of the WVHFG.

RIP John ZL2LZ.

## History in Pictures

Stephen ZL1TPH has set-up a web site with the pictures of VHF / UHF / SHF DX record and Field Day history.

<http://zlvhfhistory.yolasite.com/>

Check though each call sign listed and see if you can find Branch 63 Field Day at Mt Climie.

Jamie ZL2NN and other members are in some of the shots.

Someone might be able to put names and call signs to the others in that photo.

See if you can find Richard ZL2TCU and Vern ZL2TMI along with many foundation members of Branch 63 and Branch 74.

Hint: These photos are supplied by various contributors so you need to look at each page.

The web site shows the radio activity around New Zealand and the fun building antenna and learning radio transmission techniques.

I ask why we don't do any of these fun club orientated outdoor activities today?

73 and good DX, John ZL2TWS

## Dayton venue update

Update on comments in last month's newsletter. It seems that there is a new venue. Have a look at the following:

<http://rsgb.org/main/blog/news/gb2rs/headlines/2016/08/05/dayton-hamvention-moves-venue/>

## Exam Opportunity

From Malcolm ZL2UDF:

Opportunity to spend a couple of days in sunny Hawkes Bay for those wanting to pass the examination.

Hi all. Branch 13 are running an amateur radio training weekend on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of November. If you know someone who wants to get their licence this is a great way to achieve that and start your journey of learning in amateur radio.

Enquiries contact me via email and I will put you in touch with Rob ZL2US or David ZL2DW who are taking numbers.

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Regards,

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