



ZL2VH Newsletter – May 2017

President's Report

There is no report from the President this month, nor any D-star newsletter for various reasons.

We do have a new section entitled "DV News". This may, or may not, become a regular feature depending on input.

Branch 63 Repeater Update

Status Report

D-Star server is off due to WiFi link fail to Climie and pending G3 upgrade as discussed at the AGM.

860 linked again to the ircDDB net via portable RPi3 and UDRC from Upper Hutt QTH.

5425 stand alone DV repeater with no Interweb connection.

1292 waiting for controller EPROM replacement.

No frequency or status change planned or expected as discussed at the AGM.

395 Working well with occasional QRN from unknown source.

730 45W repeater in service with new mains fail two tone alarm fitted.

Spare coax feeder in service.

Normal LDF-450 feeder has leakage to station ground somewhere along the 29 meter underground length.

Loan 45W PA from Brian ZL1HN to be fitted when weather permits to try and prove if the in service PA is unstable at low temperatures.

More on this during May.

Club Net

Historically there has been a weekly Br 63 Club Net on H.F. (80m). However, for some time it has been replaced by a rag chew on the 730 repeater. The net controller is usually Morrie ZL2ADP and we would welcome all and sundry to join in at 20.00 hrs local time on Wednesday evenings.

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.

Yaesu System Fusion: Richard ZL2FY

This very enthusiastic presentation was well attended and cleared up some misgivings that folks had about the Fusion system. Many thanks to Richard. Those present (in no particular order and apologies for any errors or omissions) were:

Ryan ZL1RKW, Seymour ZL2SY, John ZL2TWS, David ZL2DRM, Gavin ZL2ACT, Mark ZL2UP, Eric ZL2SET, Warren ZL2JML, Richard ZL2FY, Mark ZL2UFI, Paul ZL2UGR, Justin ZL2UGL, Malcolm ZL2UDF, Mike ZL2NSA.

DV News

John ZL2TWS Demo of MMDVM Saturday 20th May after STSP exercise.

Rotorua High Power Hotspot is online for NZART conference <http://zl1rld.ddns.net:82>.

Add ZL1RLD zl1rld.ddns.net to your DExtra_Hosts file.

RF Frequency is 432.750 MHz SIMPLEX.

And from Malcolm ZL2UDF:

NASA opens up Space to the world



NASA has had a long and interesting history, full of dramatic discoveries and tragedy. Over the decades, they have collected a wealth of images from basic experiments to dramatic images of far off nebulae. And now, for

the first time ever, you are able to view and search through these images in one location on the [NASA Image and Video Library](#). It is definitely worth a look and there are some amazing images to see.

A little bit of "remembrance history" about a ham.....
David ZL2DW

<https://www.taitradio.com/about-us/our-history/sir-angustait>

Branch 82 Junk Sale / Meeting

Elaine ZL2ELA has advised that the venue for the meeting on 23 May has been altered as follows:

Hi Folks,

This is a quick update to let everyone know that due to double booking this venue has been moved, have managed to keep the same date and time 1900hrs but now the venue is at the St. Johns Hall, 73 Main Street, Greytown.

Cheers and 73's Elaine Byrne ZL2 ELA

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