



ZL2VH Newsletter – September 2017

President's Report

September already, and it's still cold. Working is still progressing on restoring the WiFi link to Mt Climie and upgrading the Co-star server. Work also continues on the IRLP so hopefully this will be back in service in time for the Cruise ship season, the IRLP is fairly popular with Australian hams onboard.

We have had a very generous donation from one of our Life Members that will assist us greatly for the future.

Upcoming events.

17th October Car club event - tba

JOTA- see the notice in the rest of the newsletter.

Jock White Field Day - We need to find a new site for the next event as Kaitoke Park will not be available to us due to a major musical hippy gathering onsite. The new site will need access to bathroom facilities for those who may need them. It may be that we run the event from the caravan out in the yard.

73

Mike ZL2NSA.

Repeater Update

No reports have been received this month.

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.

From John ZL2TWS:

Mike

Please put out a request to membership (in newsletter perhaps) if anyone wants to run JOTA from our clubrooms or perhaps Upper Hutt scouts have their own place this year.

I will contact Olly via twitter if he doesn't reply to this email and see if he is up for it.

October 21-22.

Saturday Afternoon to Sunday afternoon.

<http://www.scouts.org.nz/National-Events/JOTA-JOTI>

We should have D-Star available.

Hope G2 WiFi is working for the event as others will need it.

If not then 860 ircDDBGateway will work for those needing it.

Branch 18 are running from Belmont Scout hall this year so looks like they have abandoned Brookfield.

John

Also from John:

50 MHz and above DX activity around NZ.

The following is a link to a site set-up by Stephen ZL1TPH, it has a photo record of known DX activity around NZ.

Mt Climie and Branch 63 members from 1978 are featured in the ZL1TPH selection. Branch 63 members also appear in photos within the ZL1AUW selection and possible other listings.

This site has been updated since last time it was published in the Branch 63 newsletter.

<http://zlvhfhistory.yolasite.com>

73 and good DX, John ZL2TWS

Mark ZL2UFI sent in the following:

From: Glenn Kingston <gkingston@xtra.co.nz>
Date: Thursday, 17 August 2017 at 11:21 PM
To: 'Mark Gooding - Editor Break-In' <editor@nzart.org.nz>
Subject: RE: 2017 SANGSTER SHIELD RESULTS & REVISED REPORT

Hi Mark,

By the way I sent the attached email to the Upper Hutt Library a while ago – but only got an interim ack. I spose I should recheck their recollections website.

You may be interested from a Branch 63 viewpoint. I have a few more pix if there is anyone interested in the history of the Branch.

(The photos supplied are at the end of this newsletter – Ed.)

I go back to 1960 there when the “clubroom” was a Hutt on Camp Rd. just inside the rifle range gate. I was there from 60 to 64 & back for about a year in 67.

I attended just one other Trentham showgrounds National Field day with my 12 year old son in about 1982, but otherwise after 1967 I have attended the Patea/ South Taranaki National Field Days.

73's Glenn Kingston ZL2KZ

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Glenn Kingston <gkingston@xtra.co.nz>

To: <askus@uhcc.govt.nz>

Cc:

Bcc:

Date: Fri, 12 May 2017 14:06:30 +1200

Subject: POSSIBLE PHOTOS & ITEM TO ADD TO CRAIG'S FLAT/RIVERSTONE ARCHIVES

Hi,

I had an occasion to check that Riverstone was formally named (or called) Craig's Flat.

Your recollections web site covers the subject well.

I considered adding some story line to one or other of the photos but my own contribution does not seem to fit to any of the photos displayed.

You have a "101" photo from the '50s & maybe my selected or selection could be added next in order since all the remaining stuff is about the setting up of the Riverstone development in the 1980's & 90's.

The last pix I have attached identifies us but we were not on an emergency corps outing – just using the signage! Our recent attempt at identification has tracked most of those present. Sadly SK = Silent (Morse) Key - meaning deceased.

My subject was the Upper Hutt Amateur Radio Branch using Craig's Flat as our chosen site for the National Field days (last weekends) of February for at least 1964 & 1965 when I was present as an operator.

We won the National competition from that site for the 2 years running. I was a young member of the Branch at that time & I am unaware of how (or if?) we gained permission for access but the "track" up there was very rough & station wagons with trailers & power generator got stuck at one vicious point in the stony/gravel track.

Of current interest is the fact that the National HQ of our Amateur Radio Transmitters Society (NZART) later moved from Ch-Ch to Upper Hutt (initially Astral Towers) and has remained in Main St. ever since.

As far as I know our 1st place was only gained in the 2 consecutive years at Craigs Flat & never again. The location was radio noise free & of good elevation & good soil to provide much better radio conditions than our own individual sites in or near the City.

Our members were spread around from Silverstream, Trentham army & Post Office camp quarters in Heretaunga, Upper Hutt right up to Akatarawa. Many of us were in our 1st jobs from College & we had our mentors in the Branch who were senior technicians, contractors, local radio servicemen, engineers, bankers, EME Army officers & staff and the projectionist whose family ran the Army "Picture Theatre" at Trentham Camp.

The Branch also used sites at Mangaroa Hilltop and more recently at the Trentham Memorial Park.

Hoping that this sort of story is of interest & in scope for the Recollections section.

As we say in our Ham Radio parlance - 73's (meaning Best Regards).

Glenn Kingston ZL2KZ – Now Wellington City

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From Norm Cuttriss: (via Malcolm ZL2UDF):

Norm is singing the praises of the Tena Testa A.T.U. and has provided the following link for interest:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=tena+testa

Craig's Flat photos:



Gerald Thorner ZL2BIQ and Ian Forrester ZL2BAZ



Craig's Flat c 1964



Generator



Craig's Flat c 1964



Craig's Flat



Branch 63 Field Day 1965

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