



ZL2VH Newsletter – May 2018

President's Report

Nothing from me this month, said it all at the A.G.M. I will put something out later in the month with all the A.G.M. stuff in it.

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.

Branch 63 Repeater Update

Status Updates

3cm Beacon Off Air.

On May 6th the 3cm beacon Head unit was taken down to find the cause of the low r.f. output level. Externally the enclosure badly weathered with the original coating flaking off leaving the underlying alloy exposed to the elements. Inside, although it appeared relatively dry, there are powdery deposits along the bottom residues of water being blown past the seals.

The electronics appear to be ok, apart from the corrosion on the PA transistor in the Kuhne TX exciter (photos).

This is probably the cause of the low output. The Beacon enclosure is probably not worth saving. I'll look for another IP68 rated housing. The Beacon has been installed for 3 years, this just goes to show what a hostile environment Mt Climie is.



1292 23cm On Air

730 On Air

DSTAR

860, 5425 On Air

395 6M On Air

From John ZL2TWS:

British Car Day (BCD)

On the second Sunday in February British Car day is held at Trentham Memorial Park.

This year was a trial event with European cars attending.

It has been a success with twice the donation amount raised in 2017 for the Wellington Free Ambulance.

I have just attended the British Car Club (BCC) AGM and can report that the event will continue next February as planned. Club membership is currently 27 and struggling to survive. The Club was founded in 1990.

Many parallels with our own radio club with their average membership age at 60. Lots of "gold card holders". New blood is needed and quickly. Many young people have an interest in classic cars and car clubs in general. They also have interest in radio and electronics.

Facebook is a hit with the club getting on-board recently and promoting it's BCD.

Combining other like minded clubs with European vehicles has opened the door to growing the club.

BCC is taking action to bring in Citroen, BMW, Euro and Ferrari clubs.

The following from the manager of the club:

British Car Day 2018 is the start of a new era with European cars joining us for the first time. Many European car owners have asked us at BCD if they could bring along their cars and now they can. BCD is now open to all European cars regardless of age.

This year sees the entry fee to BCD increased to \$10.00 for your car. Please note, this is the first increase in over 20 years and remember the excess funds raised goes to the Wellington Free Ambulance who service most of Wellington, the Kapiti Coast and the Wairarapa. We are happy to donate to this worthy cause in the hope we never need it, but maybe we will.

Over the next few years we hope to put on more music, trade stands and commercial car displays for your enjoyment. We would also like to thank Ray Hartley Motors for their support of BCD 2017 and 2018.

The new committee look forward to seeing you at the 2018 BCD on the 11th February 2018 at Trentham Memorial Park, Upper Hutt.

Yours sincerely

Ian Price

Manager, British Car Day 2018.

AGM Voting:

1. The Club has been renamed: The British and European Car Club of Wellington;
2. The Objects of the Club have been expanded to include the intent to raise funds for the Wellington Free Ambulance or any other charitable organisation directed by the membership;
3. The notion of the Club being a national organisation with branches has been removed;

4. Empowerment of electronic/internet banking.

Branch 63 could set-up the caravan next year as the British & European Car Day are wanting to include other displays.

With the increase of people on site there is an opportunity to demonstrate amateur radio and have someone actually take an interest!

73, John ZL2TWS

(Note: Apologies for the late distribution of this issue, I have been waiting for input.– Ed.)

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