



ZL2VH Newsletter – March 2019

President's Report

It's Autumn o'clock and the days are starting to get shorter.

Jock White Field Days have been and gone and you would have seen the report and pictures from Mark ZL2UFI.

We achieved over 50 contacts on 80m and around 30 contacts on 40m. Due to bad weather in the forecast we closed down on Saturday evening.

Over the last few weeks we have had some visiting Hams from the USA drop in to the club to meet the locals. Jay (W2AFE/ZL) and his partner Jamie from California had several evenings with us and joined us for Jock White before leaving NZ for Melbourne.

We also had another visitor from that part of the world but sadly his name eludes me (due to my brain being too full).

We believe that there is power pole replacement work going on at Climie as power is being lost to our site during working hours and switched on out of hours.

This will affect 395 and 1292 repeaters and the D-Star gateway until further notice. (Do we need to put the WiFi gear on to dc supply?)

Upcoming events

March 9-10 Working session at our Repeater site – most of the day so bring food, drinks, warm clothes etc

South Wairarapa Branch 82 is having a **Buy, Sell and Swap on Saturday 23 March 2019**, at St. John Hall, 73 Main Street, Greytown. Starting at 9.30 am everybody welcome. Anyone requiring a table could they please let me know, there will be a gold coin charge.
Cheers Elaine ZL2 ELA

AGM April date to be confirmed.

73 and Good DX

Mike

ZL2NSA

Branch 63 Repeater Update

Don't forget the upcoming working be on the weekend of the 8th March

Status Updates

3cm Beacon

About to be put on soak test before re-installation at Climie. Here are before and after refurbishment pictures of the beacon r.f. box.....



Before



After

1292 23cm On Air

DSTAR 860,5425 On Air

Currently the DSTAR gateway is connected to a Raspberry Pi running Pi-star. This is a temporary installation. The replacement G3 p.c. has had its O.S. installed with the G3 install happening in the next couple of weeks.

Once completed the Pi-star gateway will be removed and the ZL2VH gateway will run as a standard ICOM G3 server. No ircddb.

730 On Air

395 6M On Air

JWFD 2019 23-24 February 2019 – From Mark ZL2UFI

Jock White Field Day 2019 was held at the Upper Hutt (Kaitoke) Gliding Club.

On Saturday 23 February, perhaps due the possible inclement weather, air show over the Wairarapa, or just other factors only a small number of members turned up?

For those present it was a good day out but it was hard going on the bands with a definite lack of stations to be worked. Two stations were setup - 80 metres and 40 metres.

The main attempt was on 80 metres. As per the rules of Jock White Field a minimum of fifty contacts are required for the logs to be counted. 80 was archived but 40 fell short. Both logs will be sent to the Contest Manager but the 40 meter log will not count.

Making perhaps 5-6 contacts an hour was hard going this year on both bands.

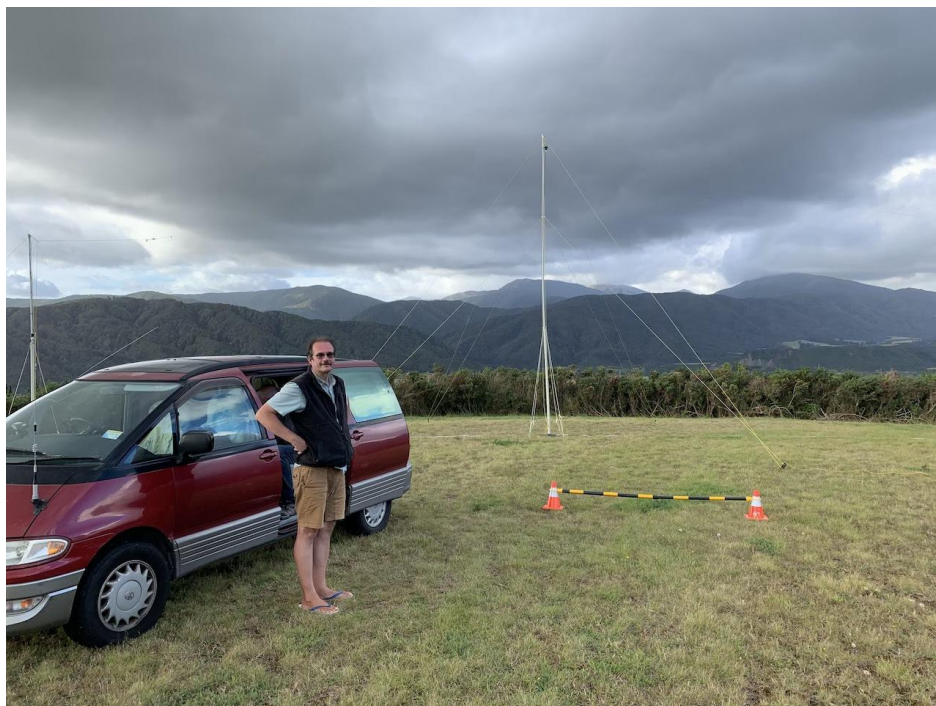
Some Dx was heard from northern France TM55M for example but they couldn't hear us on the standard 100 watts. Perhaps more power may have helped?

So thanks to those members for turning up Brain ZL2CHV, Justin ZL2UGL, David ZL2DRM, Simon ZL2BRG, Mike ZL2NSA and self Mark ZL2UFI.

This year we had Jay W2AFE/ZL visiting from the USA.

Tom ZL2HGR and Arnold ZL2ASD dropped by for a visit as well.

Some pictures below of David's setup, with Jay helping out as an operator.





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.

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