



ZL2VH Newsletter – March 2021

President's Report

Not much for me this time around.

NZART Presidential elections... voting closes on the 20th. Follow the instructions on your voting paper to ensure your vote is counted.

Jock White Field Day went ahead in good conditions and Brian or one of the others may report on this at a later date.

March 14 River Bike Trail event, watch for emails from Gavin about this.

From John ZL2TWS, (eventually, this may affect our 1292 repeater)

23cm Band in the Spotlight with Regulators

The Chair of IARU Region 1 Spectrum Affairs, Barry Lewis G4SJH, reports on the meeting of the ITU-R Working Party 4C (WP4C) on February 15-19 which discussed the amateur radio allocation at 1240-1300 MHz.

On the IARU Region 1 site he writes:

During the week February 15–19, the preparatory work for WRC-23 agenda item 9.1b continued in ITU-R Working Party 4C (WP4C). The WRC agenda item has initiated technical studies on coexistence

between the radio navigation satellite service (RNSS) and the amateur services in the 23cm band. As usual, the IARU participated in the meeting and delivered key information on amateur activities in this important microwave band. This information is vital to ensure the amateur services are realistically represented in the studies as they move forward.

It remains vital that national amateur communities present their views on the importance of this band to their national regulators in a consolidated and consistent manner.

To assist with this the IARU-R1 is developing supporting material that member societies can refer to when addressing the topic with their national regulator.

The work on this topic will continue throughout the year and beyond both in ITU-R and in the regional telecommunications organizations and the IARU is committed to ensure every organization understands the amateur position on this important microwave band.

Source IARU-R1 <https://www.iaru-r1.org/2021/23cm-band-in-the-spotlight-with-regulators/>

The ITU-R WP4C Summary Meeting Report notes “The only administration that can be considered supportive towards proper treatment of the Amateur Services in this work is Germany”. Read the report at:

https://www.iaru-r1.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Report-from-WP4C_Feb-2021.docx

[ANS thanks AMSAT-UK for the above information.]

73, Good DX
Mike ZL2NSA

Branch 63 Repeater Update

10m Beacon Project update

Progress is being made on re-instating BR63's 10m Beacon at the club's qth. Ben ZL4BDG kindly made and installed a half wave end-fed antenna system. A form 10 application will be sent in the upcoming week, Stay tuned (to 28.229 MHz !) for more information.

Branch 63 Repeater Report

Status Updates

3cm Beacon	Off Air.
1292 23cm	On Air.
DSTAR 5425,860	On Air.
730	On Air.
395 6M	On Air.

From Gavin ZL2ACT

I'm sorry to report that we will not be participating in this event.

From the outset I knew that we would be hard pressed to find enough operators from within Branch 63 to meet the organiser's needs. My attempts to get help from beyond Branch 63 failed.

I reviewed what the organisers had been intending to do prior to me getting involved. Their plan was to hire commercial PRS sets, that use the cell phone system as a repeater network, and so could give them good coverage over the entire course. (From memory, they're providing 25 handhels to their Venturer Scout Volunteers).

I could not see how we could make any improvements over what they had planned, and so I advised them to go ahead without us.

Gavin Smith ZL2ACT
Deputy AREC Leader

From Malcolm ZL2UFD

(Sent by Chris Rae)

Evening folks - here is the latest nonsense, it's a short one!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqWsNjkJvdY>

PS. a reasonably big hill alerted for this weekend if everything goes to plan!

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