



Hastings Br 13

Club Call

**ZL2AS**

Napier Br 25

Club Call

**ZL2GT**

**IRLP**

Node

6793

147.250

**HB DX**

Cluster

ZL2AL-1

144.650

Connect

and type

**"DXC"**

**Branch  
Nets**

9.00 AM

Sunday

Morning

3615 Hz

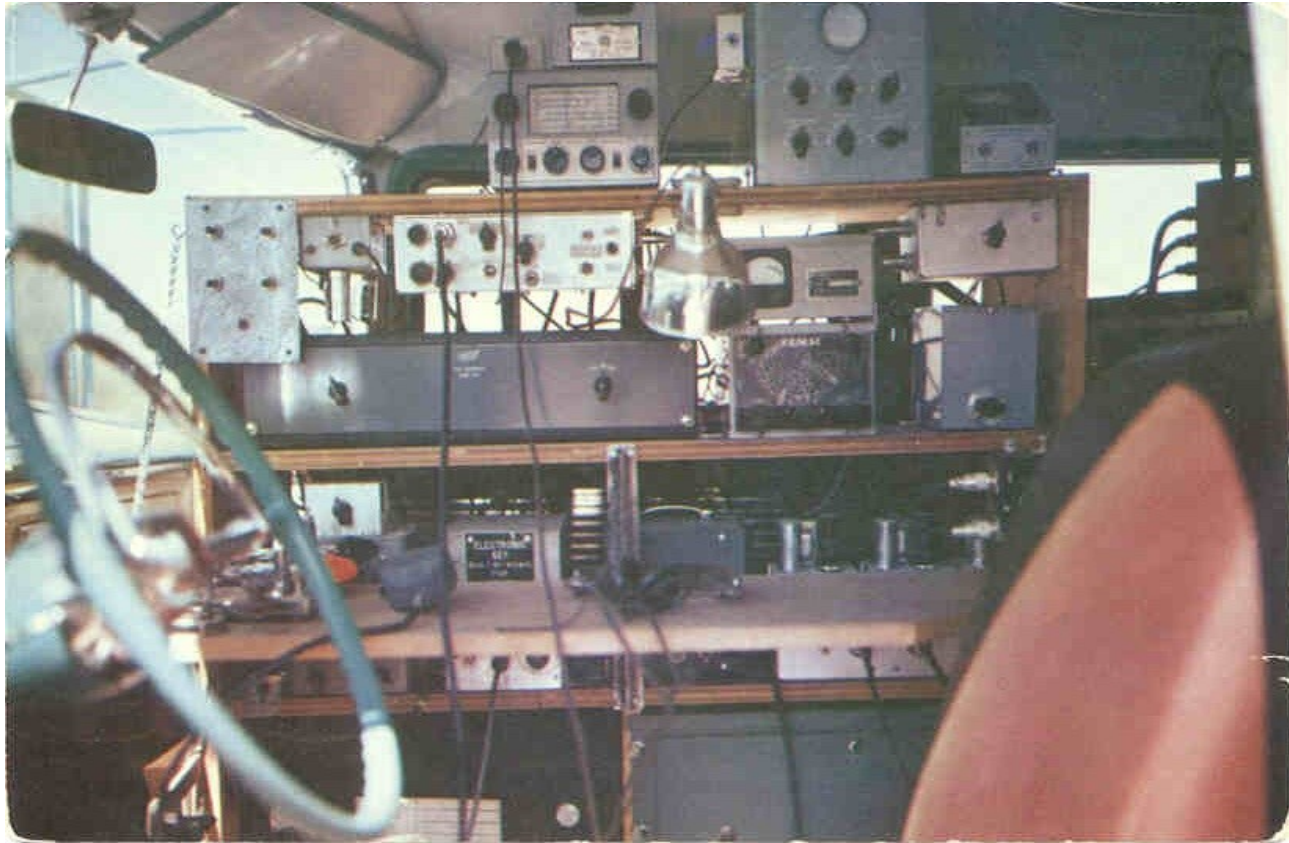
147.250

MHz

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**ZL2VAF**



REAL Mobile Radio. Those were the days!! This must have been ZL2AJ in a former life.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/zl2as/>



*Join the KIWI DX Group  
Talk to ZL2AL for Details*

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**Club Nights:** Fourth Wednesday each month at 7.30 pm Surf Club Rooms, Windsor Park, Hastings

## Hastings Branch 13 - President's Report

Hi all.

Next meeting we will be discussing remits. There are 11 to consider. Please have a read through breakin to consider them and form an opinion, or to bring discussion points to the next meeting.

I assisted comms along with many other hams, in the Wairarapa rally recently, and am pleased to advise that the weekend went well. I only wish our rally area was as neat as the course they have. That said the Hawkes Bay car rally is coming up - please advise me if you wish to help. It will be on the last weekend of July, and I will require field and base operators for both Saturday and Sunday.

My work and personal life have consumed alot of time recently, thus I have not had a great amount of time to put into radio. Isnt it a pain when the favorite comes last. Anyhow things will hopefully settle down soon and I can spend more time in the shack.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting, Wednesday 23rd at 1930.

Warren ZL2AJ

## **NAPIER BRANCH 25**

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**Committee Meetings:** *Third Monday of the month 7pm at Club Rooms*

**Club Call:** **ZL2GT**

**Club Nights:** *First Wednesday each month (except January) 7.30pm at the Club Rooms: 123 Latham Street Napier*

## **Branch 25 Napier News...**

### **NAPIER NOTES...**

The next Napier meeting will be at the clubrooms at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 7 May. It will include voting on the 10 remits to Conference. Following this we will have a brief talk from each person present on an item from their shack. So bring along a nic-nac, your rig, electronic gadget or whatever you may think will be of interest.

At the last Napier meeting we had a talk by Tony ZL2RZ about his telescope and the the night sky. Unfortunately the night sky was completely covered with cloud so Tony will do the demo at a future meeting. We also met Jeff ZL2VJW who told us about his activities. BTW I got Tony's computer display of the sky wrong. It is a computer controlled telescope. At our previous meeting Laurie ZL2TC displayed all of the local stations BC to UHF on his spectrum analyser. Thanks Laurie.

Club call ZL2GT was activated in Field Day from Tait's farm at Tangoio by the usual team with a good result. They were second nationally and first in the Central Region. Propagation was very poor on 40 metres and operating there was frustrating. We did work 26 VKs though. Hopefully the sunspot cycle has bottomed out in February as the experts say and we can expect better things next year. On 80 we ended about 50 or so contacts ahead of any other station. This year we added a vee beam with 250 foot long legs to our antenna collection for DXing on the Friday before field day. We had mixed results but it was very quiet. We reduced the legs by half for field day and worked well into VK although it was aimed at the USA! Other local field stations were ZL2AS Hastings Branch from Pakowhai and ZL4DY from TeMata Peak. Unfortunately this station caused severe QRM in the form of splatter to many stations in the Central region and further afield due to maladjusted equipment. There was also a number of home stations on from the Bay.

A number of members took part in the Kaweka Challenge communications on the same weekend and they report successful communications.

Subs for 2007/8 are now due. The \$25 can be paid to Treasurer ZL2ST or directly into our ANZ Napier branch bank account. The account name is Napier Amateur Radio Club and the number is 116400 0014548 11. Be sure to give your callsign or name as a reference.

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# ZL DXCC Card Checker

The ARRL runs the DXCC awards program which you obtain awards in by submitting your QSL cards (or Logbook of the World credits) to the ARRL headquarters in the USA. A number of ZL's have applied for and obtained various levels of achievement including top of the Honour Roll for having worked all DXCC entities.

Several months ago it was suggested that New Zealand should have its own DXCC Card Checker rather than ZL's having to send QSL cards to the ARRL in the USA. After being nominated by my fellow ZL Dxr's NZART put forward my name to ARRL and the ARRL DXCC Manager has appointed me a DXCC card checker in this area of the world.

Basically my function is to receive and check cards to make sure they are valid for DXCC Applications and Total upgrades. Your cards will be checked and returned within a few days to you and I will sign the application and forward it to the ARRL DXCC Desk.

Please note: I do not and cannot award DXCC credits. The DXCC Desk does that. I simply check cards for information and validity. I cannot check "Deleted Entities" or 160M cards. They must be sent to the ARRL Desk for validation. I am bound by exactly the same rules as you would encounter with the DXCC desk.

If you are contemplating making a DXCC application in the near future, I would suggest that you contact me [leejen@paradise.net.nz](mailto:leejen@paradise.net.nz) by email I can advise you and send you the correct forms and information to help you complete your application correctly. There are DXCC and return postage fees that must apply.

Australasia has never had a resident DXCC Card Checker and this is a great opportunity to become a DXCC member without risking your cards traveling to the USA. It is an honour and privilege to be able to be in a position to do this for ZL (and VK if required) amateurs.

73, Lee Jennings ZL2AL

## NZART Remits

### Remit 1

## Christchurch West Amateur Radio Club Non-Transmitting

Christchurch West Amateur radio Club Branch 56, (also supported by Branches 01, 05 and 68).

That until reliable call-sign data in a useable format can be supplied by the MED, the call-sign data in Call Book to be sourced from the up to date NZART membership database.

### **Explanation:**

There were many problems associated with the call-sign listings in the latest issue of Call Book. Most of these relate to errors and inaccuracies in the material supplied by MED, (for example inclusion of deceased licensees) and which we (NZART or Call Book editor) are not allowed to edit, correct or alter in any way.

These call-sign errors and inaccuracies are now of such magnitude that many members feel that we would be better served if a Call Book reverted to publishing only what would be essentially a list of NZART members since this would be sourced from updated NZART records and under editorial control.

### *Council's comments:*

*Remit discussion withheld in accordance with 8.4 vii, so that Council views on the remits do not unduly influence a free and frank discussion amongst members at the AGM.*

## **Remit 2**

# **Christchurch West Amateur Radio Club Non-Transmitting**

*This remit is consequential upon adoption of Remit 1*

Christchurch West Amateur radio Club Branch 56, (also supported by Branches 01, 05 and 68).

If requested, non-members call-signs may be included in call Book but they may be charged an annual registration fee (as decided by NZART Council) for this service.

### **Explanation:**

If we wish to consider the needs of both local and overseas readers it might be desirable also to include call-sign data of non-members of NZART, if they supplied it, since this would make the database more complete, especially for overseas users.

However it would be absolutely essential to have some procedure to ensure that the call-sign database is kept up to date. To this end non-members would be charged an annual registration fee (the amount to be determined by NZART Council).

This fee would cover NZART's costs and ensure regular updates; this fee may also include a copy of Call Book if Council so decides.

## **Remit 3**

# **Manawatu Amateur Radio Club Non-Transmitting**

That Council investigates the establishment of a regular training programme similar to the Foundation scheme run in the UK and Australia.

### **Explanation:**

There is no dispute that the Foundations schemes in the UK and Australia have been a resounding success. This remit requests that Council looks at the pros and cons of adopting such a scheme in NZ.

## **Council's comments:**

*This is already under action by Council, as instructed at the last AGM. We look forward to hearing Branches opinion on this remit. Council sees this as a positive way forward for the hobby.*

# **Remit 4**

## **Manawatu Amateur Radio Club**

## **Non-Transmitting**

That Council undertakes a thorough review of the timing, structure, educational content and commercial(trade) aspects of the annual conferences and AGM.

### **Explanation:**

There have been many social and technical changes since the first NZART conference was held, so it is timely to conduct a review to see if it still meets the needs of members.

**Timing:** Is a mid winter public holiday weekend still the ideal time? It may have been when NZ closed at 9pm Fridays.

Is it too close to the VHF convention held at Easter? Evidence to date suggests that they may impact adversely against each other (NB in 2011 there will only be 39 days between them).

**Financial year:** Is the current financial year best for good management.

**AGM:** Can we streamline the AGM? There are ways to reduce the time substantially and the current elastic duration is a conference planners nightmare.

**Papers:** We must encourage more educational papers if we are to attract sponsorship. Consider awarding prizes for the best paper (such as free registration for the next conference), and making it de rigueur that a copy of the paper is presented to the editor.

# **Remit 5**

## **Napier Branch PIB46 Review**

## **Transmitting.**

That NZART negotiate a change to PIB 46 with RSM so that amateur call-signs are only issued upon proof being provided that the applicant is entitled to operate in the geographical location applicable to that callsign.

### **Explanation:**

This amendment to PIB46 is required to maintain credibility with the international amateur radio community by ensuring call-signs are only allocated to operators who are entitled to and are going to operate from the location the callsign indicates. Generally for ZL1-4 & ZL7 applications this will be self evident for residents from their address, although visitors should show proof of arrival and departure. However the ZL8 and ZL9 callsign series should only be issued after a copy of the landing permission from the Department of Conservation is supplied with the application thereby ensuring that any such operations, which will be highly popular with the international amateur radio community due to their rarity, are legitimate

# Remit 6

## Napier Branch

## Transmitting

The NZART negotiate with RSM to modify PIB46 to allow the issue of call-signs with one letter suffixes for special events for 12 months but renewable on an annual basis for a reasonable fee. If a call-sign is not renewed that that call-sign should not be re-allocated for a period of at least 2 years.

### Explanation:

Currently under PIB46 call-signs with one letter suffixes are only issued for 12 months and then there is a stand down period of 6 months before the holder may re-apply for the same call-sign.

This is a major problem for contesters or anyone wishing to operate a special event station for say an annual award and who wish to retain the same call-sign year after year for publicity and QSL purposes. This remit will remedy this and if the call sign is not renewed provides for a stand down period to avoid confusion as to who the holder of the call-sign is.

## Council Comments:

*The Administration Liaison Officer called for submissions in HQ Info-line. Several submissions have been received and a draft document produced. This draft once completed will be presented to NZART Council for sign off before taking to the MED to have PIB46 amended.*

# Remit 7

## North Shore Branch

## Non-Transmitting

That NZART Conference instructs Council to report at the 2009 Conference on the feasibility of a "cyber membership" class for a lower annual fee with such "cyber-members" receiving Break In electronically by e-mail.

### Explanation:

Rising costs make an annual membership fees attractive to new members.

Storage of paper Break Ins becomes a problem.

E-mail is widely available and a lower annual fee is an incentive to build the members numbers.

# Remit 8

## Tauranga District Radio Club

## Non-Transmitting

That NZART amend the Constitution to incorporate a provision for the dis-establishment of an AREC Section should a club that has an AREC section wish to do so.

Supporting Argument:

1) There is provision for Branches to establish an AREC Section but once established the constitution states that an AREC Section can only be closed down by the National Director and only if the section has become inactive and is failing to meet its obligations.

2) It is implied that a branch that forms an AREC Section in accordance with the NZART Constitution has no ownership over the future of its section and effectively loses the right to decide later whether it wants to maintain an AREC section regardless of the make up of the club or the wishes of the membership even decades after the Section was formed.

3) The decision as to whether or not a branch maintains an AREC Section should be the decision of the membership of the branch alone.

4) In 2007 the Tauranga Districts Amateur Radio Club (Inc) closed its AREC Section but the process created significant tension between the Club and NZART, in particular with the AREC National Body, as apparently there was no provision or precedent for this. A process needs to be put in place so there is no repeat of this in the future should another club wish to do the same.

5) Suggested Process

Any club may disestablish an AREC Section formed in accordance with the NZART Constitution as follows. Give one months notice of motion to its membership that there will be a vote to disestablish the AREC Section.

Voting on the motion will be carried out in accordance with the provisions in the Clubs own constitution but in addition all voters must be current financial members of NZART and the motion must be carried by a clear 2/3rds majority.

The club must give a minimum of three months notice to the National Director of AREC before the Section is disestablished.

## Remit 9

### Non-Transmitting

**Individual Members from Canterbury branches.**

Placed by NZART members

Mark Sulliman ZL3AB, David Fraser ZL3AI, Mike Stubberfield ZL3MJS, Mike Barnes ZL3TMB and Ann Fraser ZL3TNT.

That NZART negotiate with RSM to amend PIB46 by changing the allocation of ZL#E series for AREC use only to an allocation to anyone who meets the criteria to obtain an amateur radio call-sign.

#### **Explanation:**

With the allocation of Zk1 and ZK4-9 for use by AREC there is no need for the ZL3E series to be retained for AREC use. The AK Allocation has been widely publicized and therefore there is little risk of confusion within ZL amateur ranks.

## Remit 10

### Non-Transmitting

**Individual Members from Canterbury branches.**

Placed by NZART members

Mark Sulliman ZL3AB, David Fraser ZL3AI, Mike Stubberfield ZL3MJS, Mike Barnes ZL3TMB and Ann Fraser ZL3TNT.

That in conducting NZART Business, details of all meetings formal or informal, involving any of the elected or appointed NZART Officers or Council members and including those meetings with non-NZART parties, to be contemporaneously recorded and automatically made available to Council and to NZART members on request. Requests by NZART members should be subject only to the restrictions as set out in clause 8.4(b) of the NZART Constitution.



## Explanation

Council has recently taken steps to show transparency by publishing the minutes of its Council meetings, however we also believe it must ensure that a record is kept of all meetings involving NZART Officers and Councillors regardless of the forum so that members can follow the decision making process. We acknowledge there may be circumstances where publication is not in the interests of the Association as a whole, but those exceptions are adequately set out in clause 8/4(b) of the Constitution without any other attempted censorship.

# Remit 11

## NZART Executive Council

### Transmitting

That paragraph 3.1 ii of the constitution be repealed.

That the following paragraph be inserted into the constitution in its place as paragraph 3.1 ii

“For a period of one year after leaving office as President, the Immediate Past-President (except where the incoming President was, immediately prior to taking office, a member of the Executive Council, in which case the office of immediate Past-President is not to be filled).”

**Explanation:** the Executive Council considers there is little point in having the former President continue on the Executive Council other than for reasons of continuity. This remit provides that where the incoming President has served on the Executive Council immediately prior to taking office, then the office of immediate Past-president is not to be filled. Where the Immediate Past-President does serve, the period of office is limited to one year. Council’s view is that these suggested new arrangements provide sufficient continuity”.

## The Last Bit

My apologies for missing the last mag – seems to a lot of the personal stuff happening these days with various members. I have moved to Taupo and was in the process of moving when the last mag was due out and didn't have my gear set up or the time to do anything. I am still in the process of getting settled in and am enjoying Taupo. The hills are beckoning but will have to wait a little while until I have time. I hope you are all well and making those little electrons sing.

John ZL2VAF.

# NOTICES

## NZART "Wine Country Conference"

Hawkes Bay 2009

Please feel free to sent notices to [john.newson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:john.newson@xtra.co.nz)

## Buy – Sell - Etc

### For Sale

2mt TS-700-A All mode Transceiver Power lead, Hand Mic , copy of manual Great working order \$275.00

Ameritron ALS-500M Solid State NO TUNE Mobile Amplifier 3 years old , 500W Power leads. Manual, \$ 900.00

Yaesu FC 901 Antenna Tuner 25,250,500W power set 160,80,40,20,15,10 Band.Used in mobile easy to set up \$300.00

Kenwood MS-60 Desk Mic

up, down ,lock, PTT. Heil insert adapter for foot control. Serviced in excellent working order \$300.00

IC -505 50MHz Transceiver ICOM Power lead, mic, Manual Built in Antenna \$250.00

Yaesu Auto Antenna Tuner FC-30 HF/50MHz 100W works with FT 857,100, 897, programmed to rig menu your away auto tune that SWR used works well \$400.00

Patch leads x 2 manual very small in size

Puxing 2mt or 70 cem Fm Transceiver (Brand New ) programmable 128 memory,VHF 5W/ UHF 4W output Power supply Desk charger,antenna ,Manual \$160.00, only have one of each band left

Extras, Hand /speaker mic,\$49.00 Antenna adapter \$10.00,

1 tilt over tower aprox 12mt \$250.00 use a car trailer to transport ideal

1 Triangle aprox 300m sides made galv tower into 6 sections aprox 2.5 mt per section with galv bolts base plate guide wires ,u bolts shackles one man assembly,can climb to mount antennas will suite any suburb \$800.00

All items can be looked By email [wane.wilson@gmail.com](mailto:wane.wilson@gmail.com) or 0274 997109 may have to leave short message will answer all Thanks for looking ZL2 WL Wane

Cash sale on pick up All Items in good working order surplus to upgrade of shack



### WANTED

Microphone, Kenwood, DTMF type MC-44DM or MC-44DME

Contact David ZL2DW, hm 06 8760518 Hastings or [david@apexradiocom.com](mailto:david@apexradiocom.com)



### WANTED

Power supply to suit an HF rig, ie 20amps at 13.5v, contact Brian Wilkins ZL2DQ at Napier 8433866

