



Hastings Br
13
Club Calls
ZL2AS
ZL2QS

Napier Br 25
Club Calls
ZL2GT
ZL2G

IRLP
Node
6793
147.250

**Branch
Nets**
9.00 AM
Sunday
Morning
3615 Hz
439.175
mhz

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Steam Radio

Vintage JA steam loco at Hastings railway station. Note the VHF radio antenna on the cab roof for the Railways radio network. The radio is powered from the steam turbine lighting generator on the engine.

For the benefit of the steam buffs, the engine is JA 1278, built by North British Locomotive Works in 1956.

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



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Presidents Prattle

The month has gone so fast and it's time to write something up again for the newsletter.

Just over weekend has been the Hawkes Bay Car Rally and also the Lighthouse weekend event.

I personally gave up a lot for the Rally and it is far less than the efforts Warren ZL2AJ, Nathan ZL2ND, Maurie ZL2AA, Lee ZL2Lee and John ZL2VAF spent behind the scenes setting up HQ, and generally getting the Rally up and running. It is a big amount of stress for a few people trying to find operators, set up gear and solve a lot of problems to make it all happen. People's lives depend on what we do and I would like to thank everyone who gave up their time and efforts to help, including the operators from outside the district.

The comments I have heard over the air re the Lighthouse Weekend were all good and it sounds like the groups had a great time and a lot of fun. I would also liked to have participated in the event. Maybe next year! Be at the Next Club meeting to hear the full story!

Next Club meeting on Wednesday 24th August we are hoping to have a lawyer Quentin Johnston talking about wills after a couple of attempts to get him to our meeting. Third Time lucky! We will get Quentin to talk at 7:30 pm and then have our meeting after. See you all there.

Rob Wallace

ZL2SG Acting President

HBARC Inc Branch 13 NZART

LAWYER VISIT

It is planned that Quentin Johnston will address us at the next Br13/HBARC meeting on 24 Aug, about wills etc, with a slant towards amateur radio. If you have plans (one day) to become a SK then do come along.....XYL's/OM's and family are encouraged to attend also as no doubt it will involve them.....eventually.

Quentin will make his delivery at 7-30pm and we'll have the usual meeting afterwards.

ZL2DW

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123 Latham Street Napier

Napier News...

The next Napier meeting is on Wednesday September 7 at 7.30 pm in the clubrooms. Lee ZL2AL will give a presentation on yagi antennae for all bands.

At the July meeting we had a conference report from Laurie ZL2TC. Lee ZL2AL gave a presentation of his Icom transceiver followed by a presentation by Dave ZL2DW on his all band loop antenna. We had an Australian visitor at the meeting – John Mouritsen VK2CRI ex ZL2AGE of Napier. John has been in Sydney for 20 years. Also visiting was Colin ZL4KJ from Gore who is staying in Napier for a while. Colin has called in on previous occasions.

At the meeting there was discussion on Land SAR and Mike ZL2VM, who is a member of Land SAR has agreed to look after the Napier Section of AREC until the AGM. Thank you Mike.

There will be no kitset session this year – maybe next year?

Some excitement was generated on the HF bands in the last month by new DXCC entity/new country being activated. The majority of the population of South Sudan had voted to split from Sudan and was recognised by the UN, ITU etc. as a separate country. A group of DXers from Spain, US etc set up soon after the recognition and activated ST0R. The best shot from here was 20 metres long path around 4.30 pm when they peaked before disappearing again around 5.30 pm. There were 138 ZL QSOs made with the group at ST0R and most of those that did get them had an SSB QSO on 20 metres with a few having SSB QSOs on other bands. A greater number of CW QSOs were made on 15-40m and on RTTY on several of the bands. The maximum band/modes made by a ZL was 11 by ZL1IBYZ and the total QSOs by ST0R in the 20 days that they were there was over 121,000. The addition brings the DXCC entity total to 341.

Talking of DXCC, Bob ZL3TY from the South Island west coast has just obtained his DXCC for over 100 countries on two metres with all but one being by moonbounce. He has achieved this since 2003 using wsjt digital mode.

Stan ZL2ST

Gisborne Car Rally

While I don't yet know the exact numbers I am sure we will need help from Hawkes Bay operators for the Gisborne Rally.

The event requires 24 operators in total.

The event is on the 10th of September (less than 3 weeks). One day only. Fuel costs will be reimbursed.

Majority of comms will be on 80m, there will be some VHF comms as well. If you would like to assist please let me know.

Warren ZL2AJ



Red Tape?

Mike erected a new tower for his antenna.... fine.... lovely. A few weeks later, a letter arrived from the local Council.

Dear Mr Smith, we believe in the last few weeks that you have erected an antenna tower on your property. Can you please confirm with Council the height of this structure. This will make sure it is within the height restrictions allowed by this Council..... yours, etc.

Mike took the tower down and measured it..... 15 metres. Sent letter back to Council: It's 15 metres long, is that ok? Yours etc.

A week later: Letter from Council. Dear Mr Smith, you seem to have misunderstood our request regarding your tower. We need to know its height, not its length.

Dublin City Council.



Internet Stuff

Here's a handy link

<http://www.saarsham.net/coax.html>

Coax loss calculator, dipole length calculator, other online useful bits and pieces.

This is an interesting link

<http://www.learnmorsecode.com/>

Castlepoint Lighthouse Weekend

Some photos from the team at Castlepoint Lighthouse this weekend.

The team:- Dave ZL2OK, Rob ZL2RFL, Gerard ZL2GR, Fergus ZL2VF, Tony ZL2???



3 element tri-band beam going together



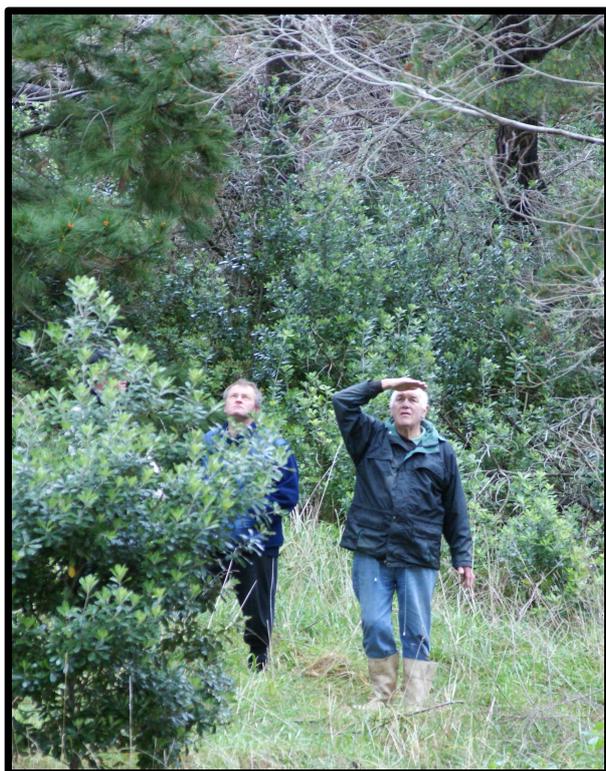
Beam ready to raise



Beam going up



Up she goes



Where is that wire?



View from QTH



Beam ready



Off centre dipole going up

NOTICES

Gisborne Rally

10 September 2011



Palmerston North Junk Sale

1 October 2011



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12/13 November 2011

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