



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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Clifton Repeater Site

Recent repairs were done to the Clifton Repeater Site by Warren ZL2AJ, David ZL2DW and Rob ZL2SG – see pictures Page 5.

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



Join the KIWI DX Group
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Club Nights: Fourth Wednesday each month at 7.30 pm Surf Club Rooms, Windsor Park, Hastings

Presidents Prattle

You don't appreciate something until you don't have it any more or it doesn't work. It's real convenient to just pick up the mike, perhaps press a few buttons and away you go, you are talking to someone else miles away, possibly on a distant shore. Well that happens because a few dedicated people run around in the background giving up their precious spare time putting repeaters in, repairing them or whatever for the benefit of all to enjoy. Recently Dave Walker ZL2DW and Warren ZL2AJ and myself went out to the Clifton repeater site for a bit of repair work on the 9175 repeater. The local cattle beasts had had a good rub on the posts. There was a fault or two on the line running from way down the bottom to the tank housing the repeater at the top so we went out to make it all work again which it now is. Warren had commented that that repeater had been in there 10 years and considering the harsh salty conditions out there things have held up pretty well.

There is a bit of maintenance work out there to do and I suggested that we make a club outing of it when the weather gets better. With plenty of hands making light work it should only take a morning, say a Sunday morning and afterwards we could go to the Clifton Cafe for lunch. I just happened to be out there for work recently and while I was there I grabbed a menu so I will bring it along to the next Club meeting.

Last month our guest speaker was unavailable but he will be booked in for a future date. For this month's meeting there will be a discussion about the proposed Clifton outing plus a focus on aeriels, mainly homemade VHF and UHF ones. If you have a homemade Vhf or Uhf aerial that you can bring along or you have a photo or drawings of a really good one please bring it along. Dave Walker and myself will have some aerial analyzing equipment available to test them out and show you what it is actually tuned to. Please make sure you have a PL259 Coax connector on it or adaptors to make it so.

Last week I attended the LandSAR AGM and the next annual exercise is on November 12th and 13th. Please contact me directly on (06) 8784993 if you wish to attend. Please note attending this exercise does Not mean you automatically become part of Land SAR and there is now an application form for people wishing to become part of LandSAR.

The Car Rally is fast approaching on 20th and 21st August and we still need operators. We now have the course layout and if you are able to help us please contact Warren or myself for further info.

See you all at the Club meeting.

Rob Wallace

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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*

Napier News...

The next Napier meeting is on Wednesday August 3 at 7.30 pm at the clubrooms. There will be a conference report from the delegate Laurie and a technical discussion.

July meeting - around six from Napier/Hastings attended the Manawatu Branch July meeting.

Reid Duncan ZL2TXK passed away this month after a period at Atawhai Home. Reid had been unwell for a number of years. He went through the Napier class for the ham exam in the 1980s and until a few years ago Reid enjoyed attending field day each year, keeping track of our multipliers. He was one of the ZL7AA / ZM7A Napier team that operated from the Chatham Islands in 1993. At home Reid was geared up for VHF and did listen on the HF bands.

Reid was Manager of Agnews shop in Napier until it closed and then became Mr fixit at his brother's engineering works for about 7 years. He had always been into photography amongst other technical interests and had earlier been Manager of Camera House in Napier. Reid also had a driving school for some years. He trained and worked as a cabinetmaker in his younger years. Reid's wife Hine has been unwell but was able to be present in a wheelchair at Reid's service.

A small working bee has removed part of the work bench in the clubrooms shack to make more space available for operating. More stuff was removed from the shack to be taken to the dump.

Sun activity has been up and down with the flux reaching 150 a while back before falling to around 85. Recently it was at 100 for a few days before dropping again. However there is DX to be worked at times. The CW section of 20 metres has been busy at times in our afternoons.

A new DXCC country has been created by the separation of Southern Sudan from Sudan this month. The UN and ITU have accepted Southern Sudan and it has been added to the DXCC total as a new entity. A DXpedition is underway and currently STOR is on the air from Juba in Southern Sudan. They plan to be on all bands, several at a time for 24 hours per day for about two weeks.

Stan ZL2ST

Branch 25 Visit To Branch 20

on 6 July last a group of six Hawkes Bay-ites traveled to Palmerston North and attended the Branch 20 meeting where a couple of guys from the NZ Army gave a talk on their Communications equipment as it stands today.

It was a great presentation and we were able to have "hands on" the gear, (I made several 80m CQ calls from the Pinzgauer Mobile Coms vehicle parked outside the door), unfortunately they wouldn't let us play in the mud with the 6WD vehicle &*^&&%\$#. hi hi.

At the beginning of the address the Army presenter said that he was quite sure that they used different "lingo" to us amateur operators, at the end of the presentation I asked if he and his co presenter (across the room) would give us a demonstration of a mock radio exchange about anything they chose.....he obliged, requesting a situation report.....we heard a considerable amount of number exchanging by way of call signs and position information etc.....certainly an interesting exchange and certainly different to what we amateurs are used to in our exchanges.

Yes an interesting night.

It was a nostalgic night also for three of our Hawkes Bay people as each of them had some historical connection to Branch 20 and their club rooms.

Branch 20 hosted us well, thank you.

David ZL2DW



Internet Stuff

DrawSCH is able to create schematics online for free, you don't need to install the software. Just open your browser.

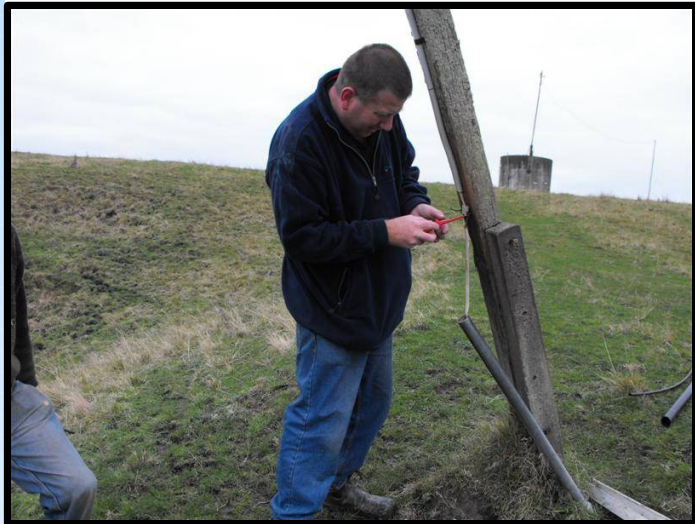
- You can share your schematics with your firends or on forums or BBS
 - You can export your schematics as png or as jpg image,Pdf will be supported later.
 - You can ask someone to help you to modify your schematics
 - Try it ,you will find it very useful
 - Browser Support:Firefox,Chrome,safari,opera,IE9,IE6,IE7,IE8 should install the [Google Chrome Frame](#)
- Click left image to take the tour ,Click the right demo video to learn how to use it.
<http://www.dz863.com/>

A link relating to **glass insulators**.

http://www.nia.org/general/g_radio.htm

Clifton Service Work (2/7/11)

Service work under way on the charging supply line (low voltage) up the hill to the Clifton ' 9175 repeater and HF Accessor site. Other pix showing safe ladder work under way also.
ZL2SG, ZL2AJ, ZL2DW



NOTICES

Hamilton Junk Sale

13 August 2011



Rally of Hawkes Bay

20/21 August 2011



Palmerston North Junk Sale

1 October 2011



SAREX

12/13 November 2011

Buy – Sell - Etc

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

- Yaesu 2m FM transceiver FT-211RH
- Daiwa 2m Linear amp LA-218011, 10w in = 45w out
- Yaesu FT101B HF transceiver (with digital freq read out add on)
- Yaesu FC-700 ATU
- Swan, Astro 150, solid state, HF transceiver, digital display and with Power Supply
- HF vertical aerial, Supreme "DX Vertical", 160, 80, 40 and 20m.
- Icom IC-560 6m all mode transceiver (10w)

Offers for all of the above.

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