

# **BREAKOUT**

*The Newsletter of the Hastings and  
Napier Amateur Radio Clubs*

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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

Editor  
John Newson  
**ZL2VAF**



Willy-ZL2AGD

Bert-ZL2OC

Ted-ZL2WY

Wally-ZL2MO

*Are these the likely lads?? The Flying Squad?? The Transmitting Terrors or Last of the Summer Wine...I will leave that up to you to decide on your own name for these fit and energetic boys. If you see them out and about in Hawke's Bay be sure to give them a toot, im sure one of them might hear the toot or see the wave..if they are not too busy transmitting in transit...Note these lads can't go anywhere without their radio's, as we can plainly see the radio on Willy's handlebars!!!! Go the Lads!!!*

<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**

## Presidents Portion

Hi All.

The amateur training weekend for Hawkes Bay is fast approaching. If you know someone who should be attending - get them to get in touch with me urgently. I need to get the numbers for the course finalised.

If you are not reading this, it could be possible that your membership subs are due. If you think you might have paid, or are unsure, get in touch with myself, Bill or David. Subs can be paid by cash, cheque or direct credit.

At the risk of being a radio nag, one or two bad habits are creeping in on our repeater networks. While we have newbies on the air more and more, good procedure should be encouraged for their sake. Such bad habits include

- No callsigns (not every over just when you first transmit is fine, and every 15minutes or so after that)
- Abbreviated callsigns (callsigns start with a ZL)
- DTMF dialing without first announcing

While its just a hobby we do like to keep our standards up so we don't start sounding like the stuff you hear on other bands. With several emergency events that have occurred both nationally and globally, the importance of amateur radio, as well as civil defence has been emphasised. Have you got a survival kit? An emergency plan? Batteries for your radio gear? All things worth thinking about.

A recent trip up to 670 repeater has resulted in the mute being opened back up, after it was closed slightly from the interference over Christmas Reports are welcome.

The successful candidate for NZART president should be known by the time of our meeting on Wednesday. While we don't currently have an after meeting topic, suggestions of topical discussions from the floor would be welcome.

Please join our yahoo email reflector <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/zl2as/>

If you are on facebook then "like" HBARC at

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Hawkes-Bay-Amateur-Radio-Club-Inc/169037166451173>

See you Wednesday.

Warren ZL2AJ



## Membership Subscriptions are due

Please pay \$20 to

Hawkes Bay Amateur Radio Club,  
Westpac 030642 0733310 00

or Dave Walker at Apex coms.

or Bill Lowes, 27 St.Hill Lane, Havelock North, 4130.

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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 will be at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 6 April at the clubrooms. Laurie ZL2TC will give a presentation on fitting coaxial cable connectors. This is something that everyone needs to know about.

The May meeting will include a discussion of remits to Conference – all 13 of them plus a presentation as well.

At the last meeting Lee ZL2AL enlightened us on the properties of vertical antennae. Thanks Lee

There is still a bit of gear and some components for sale at the clubrooms. Make an offer of a gold coin except for the built up items which may cost several gold coins!

Subs of \$25 are now due and can be paid to Treasurer Stan ZL2ST or directly into our account at an ANZ bank. Our ANZ account is 116400 0014548 11 'Napier Amateur Radio Club Inc'. and the branch is Napier. A reference of your callsign is required on the deposit.

The solar flux really took off early this month and reached 153 but soon fell back to below the 100 mark. However there has been good signals on 10 and 12 metres at times (morning – America and evening – Asia/Europe). Some interesting DXpeditions too. Revilla Gigedo – an island off Mexico signing 4A4A has been very active, VU4 Andaman Is has been on as well as some others.

The only signals from this area in Field day were ZL2AJ for Branch 13 and ZL2GT for Branch 25 from Tangoio. At ZL2GT John and I did hour on and hour off with one rig covering 80 phone and CW plus 40 phone and CW to achieve 921 QSOs in total. 600 on 80 metres (394 phone, 203 CW and 3 DX) and the rest on 40m (225 phone, 79 CW and 17 DX – VKs and one FK). Conditions were good except for 40m for the first few hours on Sunday morning when many big European (mainly French) signals were heard but no ZLs. Multipliers seemed a bit down for various reasons. However we were very happy with our result.

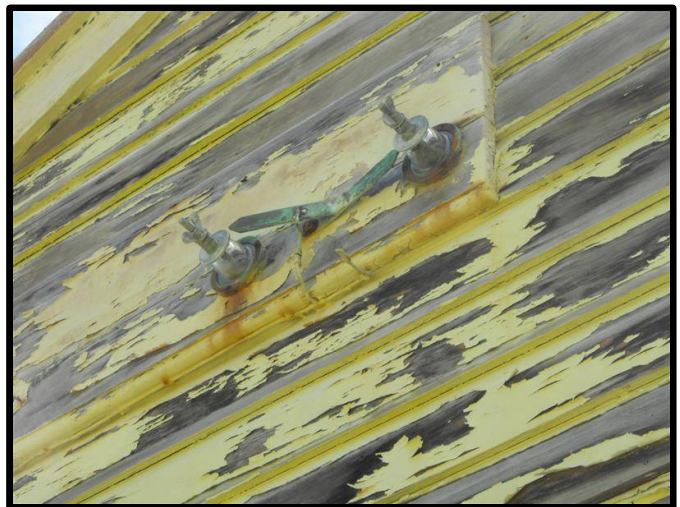
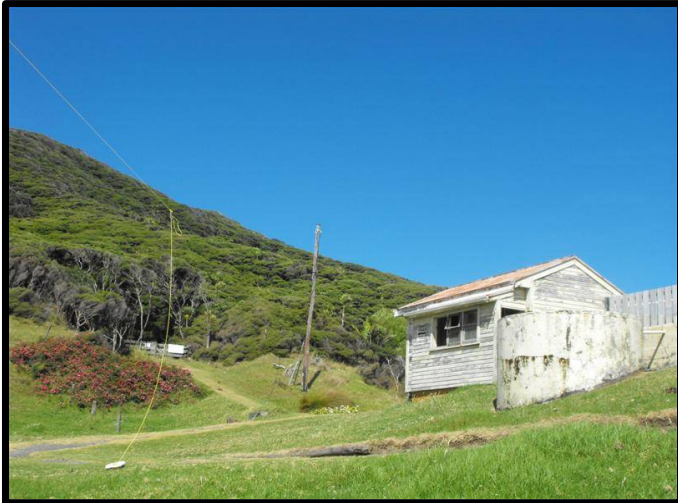
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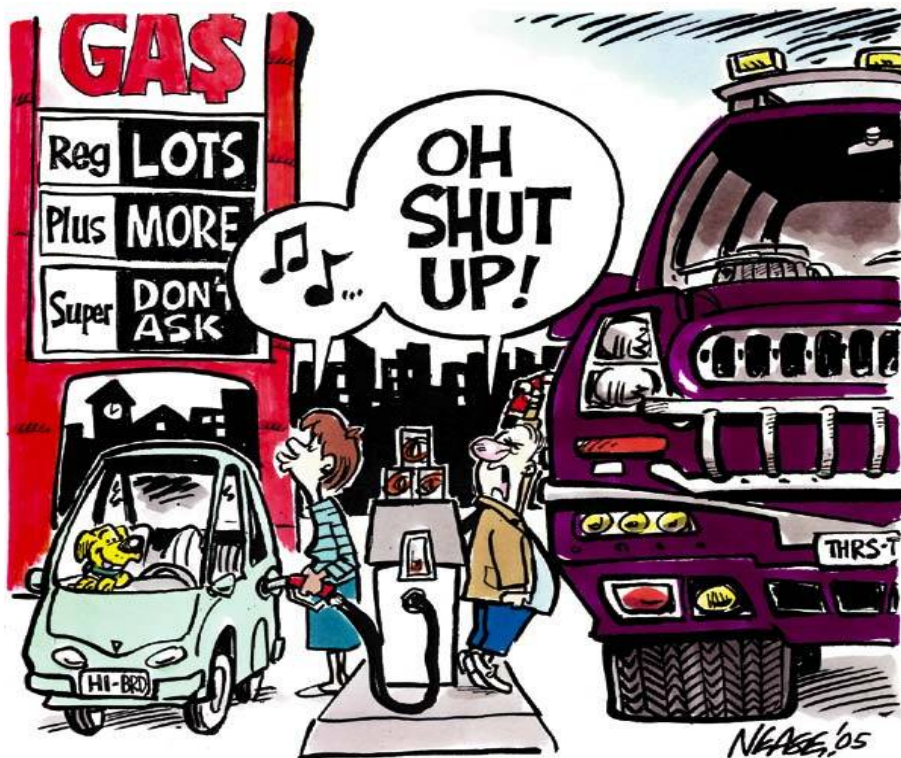


## Miscellaneous pictures from East Cape.

(Jan. 2011)

They all relate to the ex HF radiotelephone aerial/buildings used by the East Cape Lighthouse keeper, prior to his departure from the site in 1984. One mast (of two) is down and lying in the paddock. The gable end of the building shows an open wire feeder entry point to the "radio room". ZL2DW.





## NOTICES

### Rally of Hawkes Bay

20/21 August 2011

## Buy – Sell - Etc

### Wanted

Kenwood TR 9500 UHF all mode rig, any info where I can  
lasso one of these would be appreciated

ZL2CDK Colin  
TXT 0211399519



### Wanted

Need to replace the rig stolen from my 4 wheel drive, so am  
looking for a duel band mobile.

Duncan ZL1UIO  
Phone / txt 027 390 9148

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