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

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The Manawatu Table sale – an annual tradition for a number of the members from our two branches

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



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

Presidents Prattle

This month's branch meeting will be held at Unison Networks Ltd , corner of Omahu Road and Ormond Road, Hastings, 7:30 pm. Please use the entrance off Ormond Road opposite the convex mirror and parking is available outside the gate near the buildings. Everyone will need to sign the visitors register which I will have available. We can then enter the premises and head for the smoko room and if anyone wants a cuppa there is a coffee machine and facilities available. Please bring your own cup if you wish to have a drink. I will be showing people my vehicle computer tablet and then we can enter the Control Room for a look around. Hopefully you will find it interesting there. It has changed a bit since we were last there. My phone number is 021739516 if you are running late or lost!

Jota Weekend was held last weekend and hopefully Warren or someone can let us know how it went. I think it is important supporting this for a possible recruiting ground of future hams.

A reminder there is a block course for new Hams on November 5th and 6th so please contact Lee ZL2AL or Warren Zl2AJ if you know someone keen to attend. We Need more Hams!

The Branch 13 NZART Hawkes Bay Amateur Radio Club Inc AGM is to be held at The Hawkes Bay Surf Life Saving Clubrooms on Wednesday 23rd November. Please attend.

Wally ZL2MO and his team did some repair work out at Clifton on the aerial of 9175 recently. Thanks Guys.

Peter ZL2AK, Mark ZL2LAB, Kirk ZL2KY, Mike ZL2VM and myself attended a LandSAR Search methods and CIMS course recently and it gave us an update on new ideas and what is happening around the country. We certainly need to be professional in our approach and on top of our game with comms when it comes to Search and Rescue.

See you all at Unison.

Rob Wallace Acting president, **HBARC INC**

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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 November 2 at 7.30 pm in the clubrooms. It will be the AGM and Pan Pac Trophy Constructors Contest. Bring along and briefly describe your homebrewed items that haven't been in the event before. Anything radio related will be suitable. Have a think about whether you would like to be on the club committee. There are only six committee meetings each year.

The December meeting on Wednesday December 7 will be a sticky bun evening with a quiz from famous guizmaster Lee ZL2AL.

At the September meeting Laurie ZL2TC showed his simple bottom fed 2 metre vertical dipole enclosed in a plastic pipe. To show it's simplicity Laurie built another one in just a few minutes at the meeting.

More Pacific DXpeditions are underway with operations on the Marquesa Islands (TX7M) part of French Polynesia but a separate entity for DXCC and Nauru C21UF. The TX7M team operated from Papeete as TX3A on the way and will be back on the return leg. The bands have been in great shape with the solar flux at 168 on October 22 with A & K 5 and 1 respectively. Lots of interesting phone and CW signals on 10 and 12 metres. Some good signals from the Caribbean on 10 metres around 8-9 am.

The ZM4T team did very well in the Oceania contests from Tangoio in good conditions for the SSB weekend but reduced conditions for the CW. The scores were well up on SSB from 2010 with 11.9 million points from 3178 QSOs and 1442 prefixes on 4 bands (6.11M points in 2010). The CW score was 5 million points (1782 QSOs and 1009 prefixes) compared to 3,77M points in 2010. This year both were multi two (2 rigs with multi operators) stations. There seemed to be less activity from DX stations in the CW leg. We spent a lot of time CQing.

The CQ World wide contest is on 29/30 October from 0000 UTC (1 pm) Saturday to 2359 UTC Sunday (1 pm Monday.NZT). The exchange is report and CQ zone number eg. 5932 for NZ. The bands should be humming. Have some QSOs – there should be some good DX about.

Stan ZL2ST

STOLEN

From Hastings area Approximately 1st October 2011 Icom 756 PROIII serial number 3205263.

This radio was in original boxing and could be offered without mic or power lead. Any information please report to Police.



Br 13/HBARC General Meeting RELOCATION (26 Oct)...

In lieu of the normal Club Rooms meeting and location members and visitors are requested to meet at Unison ("the power lines people") Hastings, entry from the Oak Ave gate at 7-30pm.

Robert Wallace ZL2SG will show us around his work place, including the Control Room and some vehicle technology. Remember.....be on time (or ahead of time).....as vehicles will be locked inside the Unison yard. Any Branch items of importance can be handled after the look around if need be.



Xmas Tea Branches 13 and 25

The combined Xmas Tea this year will be at the Meeanee Hotel, easy on site parking, Friday 25 Nov., Drinks 5-30pm onHi all. Due to 438.425 Taraponui being upgraded and changing frequency, if you have a commercial radio bring it along to the November meeting (AGM) and I will reprogram it with the new frequency.

The new frequency will be 434.050 + split (mobile transmits on 439.050). It will still send a 123.0Hz tone for those using CTCSS.

This change is hoped to occur on the 26^{th} or 27^{th} of November.wards, meal at 6-30pm, smorgasbord, \$26 per head.

There is a mini bus to take you home afterwards if need be.

Numbers attending bookings to either Rob ZL2RFL or David ZL2DW



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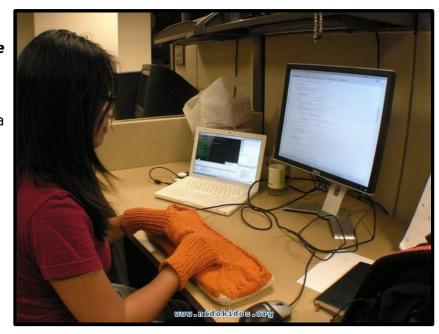
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ZL2AJ

Computer Password Security

Given current concerns for computer data security, you are advised to take this message seriously.

1. If your workplace has been assessed and determined to be at a lower level of risk, the following method is recommended to ensure no one can see your passwords or what you're typing:



2. For a moderate level of risk, this method ensures no one can see your passwords, what you're typing, or the website you're visiting:



3. Where there is a high level of risk, this method ensures ultimate security:

This equipment is available for a modest fee from ZL2DW who has taken up needles in the interests of computer security.



The Silver Fern Car Rally 2012

I have been tasked with organising comms for this event.

The Silver Fern is a 7 day international marathon rally. It is being held in the North Island in the 2nd week of November 2012.

I am looking for operators that fit one of the following profiles.

- 1) A mobile operator that wishes to follow the rally through its 7 days. You must be HF ready for 80m and 60m portable communication. VHF while mobile, HF when onsite. Fuel and accommodation will be provided.
- 2) A local who wishes to participate as the rally passes through your area. This could be mid week. HF portable and VHF mobile required.
- 3) Base HQ operators. For part or all of the 7 day event. The base is likely to be in Hamilton.

If you are interested please indicate your interest to me via email. If you have worked car rallies before (and not one I've organised) please let me know so I know your capabilities.

warren@zl2aj.com

Some info is at http://www.silverfernrally.co.nz/rally2012/index.php

The course is likely to travel from Tauranga through Rotorua, Gisborne, Hawkes Bay, Palmerston North, Ohakune, Taupo, finishing in Hamilton.

Regards, Warren Harris ZL2AJ 021-649284 warren@zl2aj.com www.zl2aj.com



New Ham Course

HBARC is holding a training weekend for new hams in Hastings, during the first weekend of November.

Any interested applicants to contact Lee Jennings ZL2AL direct leejen@paradise.net.nz All information will be given then.

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