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Gisborne Car Rally

The pic on the right is one of the masts put up on a high hill for comms, in this case a VHF whip, UHF dipole and the Car Club Commercial repeater aerial. The box holds a repeater with battery and solar panel. There was another box about the same size out of shot. The clouds in this shot were almost below



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

Presidents Prattle

Daylight Saving is upon us and the months are starting to warm up and there are quite a few events coming up.

Branch 13 Clubnight on September 28th at the Surf Life Saving Clubrooms, Hastings, at 7:30pm will be another attempt for Warren Meldrum from Hastings Emergency Management to come and talk to us.

I am in the process of arranging another visit to the Unison Control Room for our October meeting. Since our last visit there, there has been an increase in technology including what's in my vehicle and I hope to show you that too. Of course it means I will have to have a tidy up! Further details about that event next month.

On October 1st and 2nd there is the Oceania contest (phone) for those interested. Try www.oceaniadx.com for details. The CW portion is the following weekend of the 8th and 9th. Take note 2RFL.

On Friday 14th October at 6pm at St Mathews Church Hall, Hastings, is a pot luck dinner and wind up for those involved with the Kaweka Challenge. Those with A-L Surname please bring a salad and those with M-Z please bring a desert.

We have had a request from the Tararua Branch for operators for the Daybreaker Rally on Saturday 29th October. If you can assist please contact Stephen Cooper ZL2WAU at rosewoodvilla@xnet.co.nz

Also on the 29^{th} October is CQ WorldWide starting at 00;00 UTC or 1300hrs Saturday, finishing Monday 31^{st} at 1300hrs.

Lee Jennings ZL2AL, Warren Harris ZL2AJ and co are organising another Amateur Radio Training Day on 5th and 6th November so if you know any likely candidates give them a good "nudge" to attend. Remember they are our future.

There is an email discussion on having another Amateur Radio Day next year, probably in March. It's a good chance to promote the Hobby and make people aware of what we do. Also a good chance to try out the new banner. More discussion at the meeting. See you there.

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Napier News...

The next Napier meeting is on Wednesday October 5 at 7.30 pm in the clubrooms. Laurie ZL2TC will give a presentation on mobile antennae design. At the August meeting we had a presentation from Lee ZL2AL on yagi designs. Thanks Lee.

It's the season for DXpeditions and contests. The DXpedition by a group of about six to Timor-Leste 4W for 10 days has just concluded after a busy period on the bands for them. They have had good signals on 10 and 12 metres each day as well as the other bands. The current solar flux level of over 150 was a big help – it has risen up rapidly. Many stateside and Asian signals can be heard on these bands too.

A Dxpedition to 3D2 Rotuma Island, a separate entity near Fiji is due to start on September 28 (3D2R) followed by other Pacific Island activity as well as others around the world eg. Market Reef. There are also two operators on Vanuatu as YJOABP from September 26.

The Oceania SSB contest is on 10, 15, 20, 40, 80, 160m from 0800 UTC on Saturday October 1 to 0800Z UTC on Sunday October 2. ZL and the Pacific work the world and exchange report and incrementing serial number eg. 59001. The Oceania CW contest is on the following weekend for the same time period. These contests are a good opportunity for quick QSOs with DX countries around the world.

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.

Stan ZL2ST

Hawkes Bay Car Rally



A couple of pics from the HB Rally – HQ operators John ZL2VAF, Nathan ZL2ND and Lee ZL2LE. The other operator taking the pic was Maurie ZL2AAA. Darrel ZL2GU helped out on Saturday. The other pic is of our "Mast". Easy set up and has the height to get over the three story building we were working out of.



Gisborne Car Rally



John ZL2VAF and Nathan ZL2ND were the HQ Ops for the Gisborne Rally – smaller one day event so less staff.



Warren ZL2AJ working on a Stage.



At least us HQ Ops got to see some cars – the finish was at the Gisborne Cossie Club where we were based. (The cars had had a spruce up for the ceremonial finish)

JOTA and Emergency Communications

Within this year's JOTA, an emergency communications exercise will take place on Saturday, October 15, in the afternoon (Central European time zone). This test will include the Headquarters station, HB9S, of the World Organization of the Scout Movement

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