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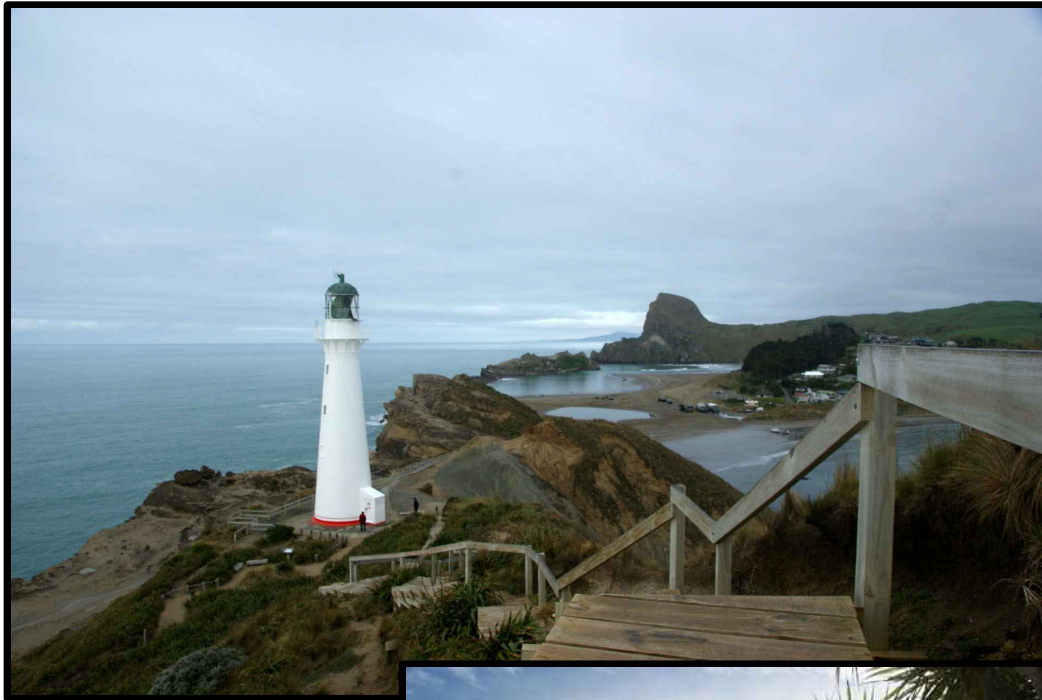
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Club Calls
ZL2AS
ZL2QS

Napier Br 25
Club Calls
ZL2GT
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IRLP
Node
6793
147.250

Branch
Nets
9.00 AM
Sunday
Morning
3615 Hz
439.175
mhz

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*Castlepoint Lighthouse –
location of the Lighthouse
Weekend for our intrepid
operators*



The view from the QTH

<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 Pakwhai Hall, Pakowhai Road, Pakowhai

Top Mans Words

I'm just cranking this out before I head off to the "Lighthouse Weekend" event. Historically it's always been a great event and I don't expect this one to be any different.....actually it's really a "Boys Weekend Away" so that means the xyl will get some peace hi hi. Hopefully there will be pictures and a story elsewhere in the mag. relating to our effort at Castle Point.

Subject to confirmation our Sept. meeting is expected to be held at Waipukurau (we have several members from down that way now and we thought it time that we visited their patch). Some of us are expecting to take our XYL out to tea at Waipukurau and then attend the meeting afterwards. Details coming up at our next meeting (22 Aug., Pakowhai Hall) and the Sept. mag. (or ask myself or David ZL2DW).

Willy (ZL2AGD) and Wally (ZL2MO) continue their magic in our Hall "office" and it's coming up a real treat. Fergus (ZL2VF) has some electronic magic coming up too but more about that at our next meeting. Thanks guys. Talking of thanks it has not gone unnoticed the contribution that most make in the kitchen after the meeting by way of cleaning up cups etc....very nice, thank you.

On a personal note I'm quite chuffed to be able to say that I have achieved the DXCC Award for working 100 countries (actually 118 at my last count). My thanks to Lee ZL2AL for helping me out with the award process. This week I have also worked three separate guys "pedestrian mobile" in UK, on 20m at about 7pm NZT. These guys had trolleys (for batteries etc.) with them of some kind and were able to deliver 100w as they moved.....we amateurs are a diverse bunch.....and probably strange too hi hi

Well that's my story for this month.....gotta start packing up my gear.
73 Rob (ZL2US)

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Committee Meetings: *Third Monday of the month 7pm at Club Rooms*

Club Calls: **ZL2GT, ZL2G**

Club Nights: *First Wednesday each month (except January) 7.30pm at the Club Rooms:
123 Latham Street Napier*

Napier News...

Spring is in the air, and unfortunately so are a lot of unwanted emissions in our HF bands. OTHR, plasma TV's, heat pumps, CFL lamps, and all those little switched mode "wall warts" contribute to a gradually rising background noise level. In some city areas the 80 metre band is almost unuseable.

John Martin ZL1GWE, (the NZART monitoring service co-ordinator) is calling for volunteers to help with a program of monitoring and reporting your local noise level on a daily basis, over a three year period.

You may ask what use that will be, well it's no use going to the MED or whatever it's now called, and asking for action unless we have some statistics. As it's for a 3 year period, a long-term committment is needed, so if you want to put your hand up for it, contact John at john.martin@nz1.ibm.com.

The club's Yaesu FT707 has been sold, and replaced with a Yaesu FT-840, which now resides in the clubrooms "shack", along with 2 metre and 70cm radios. The plan is to make the facilities available for an hour or so before (and maybe after) meetings, or for any other special event. There will be a working bee after Labour weekend to erect VHF and UHF antennas.

The Manawatu Junk Sale is on 6th October, always a good opportunity to socialise with your ham mates and to add to the contents of your shack (or somebody else's).

Next Napier club meeting will be a short demonstration and talk on amateur microwave, and the October meeting will be a quiz night with buns and coffee/tea to follow.

Happy hamming
de ZL2TC

Photos from the Lighthouse Weekend

Those present at Castle Point
(alphabetical order):-
ZL2AUG Tony
ZL2GR Gerard
ZL2OK Dave
ZL2US (ZL2RFL) Rob
ZL2VF Fergus (photographer)



The beam is up



Dave ZL2OK launches an end support line for the doublet



The 190ft doublet centre support is up



Dave & Rob pull a heaver support line back over the tree



Rob ZL2US hammers in the earth stake



Rob ZL2US tries out his station



Tony ZL2AUG Starts the operating the doublet station



Gerard ZL2GR Starts operating the beam station



The doublet station



The beam station



*Dave & Tony work
the third station*



Pile-up Stress

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 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.

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

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



2007 AREC Manual

Could all those who have the **2007 AREC Manual** issued to them to contact Mike Bull ZL2VM or Rob Wallace ZL2SG please.

NOTICES

Silver Fern Car Rally

November 10th - 18th
2012

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