



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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John Newson
ZL2VAF



*The site of the new '405 Taraponui antenna
Installed 27th November 2011.*

<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

Notes From Rob ZL2RFL

Best wishes to everyone and a Happy New Year and I hope you all got through the Xmas/NY period OK.

The National Amateur Radio Day is scheduled for the 10 March next and Hastings Br 13 will be having a stand and operating stations at the Hastings clock tower again, with new and improved signage etc, do come along and help out, even if it's only for a short while.

Based on "on air" observations it is recommended that users use there full call sign when active on repeaters and amateur bands. If you break in on a conversation announce your call sign so those involved know who is contributing. Good operating practices never go amiss and remember if, for example, you are on the local repeaters that they can be heard as far away as Wairoa and Palmerston North and bad operating practices reflect badly on our area. Call Book gives us a good reminder of amateur protocol and operating practices.

We are also hearing a few operators from Cruise ships these days and we don't want them going home with bad memories of our area.

Taraponui ' 405 replacement aerial has arrived and plans are being made to install it asap, so that should put that repeater into "top notch" condition.

The next Hastings Br 13 meeting is on Wed. 25 Jan. 7-30pm at the Surf Club rooms.

A reminder that Br 13 sub's remain at \$20 (or \$30 for a couple) and are now due. They can be paid to either Peter ZL2PW, David ZL2DW or banked directly into the club account at Westpac (use your call sign as the reference). HB Amateur Radio Club 03 0642 0733310 00.

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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...

Next Napier Branch meeting is on Wednesday 1st February, Peter ZL2LF will give a demonstration of aircraft APRS location otherwise known as virtual radar.

The club has received a generous donation of ham equipment, parts etc. from the estate of Ian Smith ZL2ADM. Ian wasn't well known locally, but he had been an active amateur for over 60 years, and it was his wish that his equipment should go to the local club. Some of the gear will go to equipping our club station, some will be sold to boost club funds. A list of items for sale will be on the ZL2AS and ZL2GT reflectors.

On a trip to Taraponui late last year by ZL2DW, ZL2AJ and ZL2TC, the 8425 repeater was reinstalled on it's new frequency, unfortunately we found the UHF colinear antenna to be faulty. A replacement has been ordered and will be installed in the next few weeks.

Just a reminder about using repeaters. If you call on a repeater frequency, please properly identify yourself by using your full callsign. (As required under the Radio Regulations) You don't have to identify every over, just at the beginning of the transmission, and again when you sign off. Not using your call is an easy habit to get into, we're all guilty at some time or other, and it tends to be contagious. Also if there is a problem with co-channel interference to or from another repeater, it makes identification much easier.

Finally, if you have a personal gripe with somebody, don't use the local repeater to sound off, it's discourteous, and the rest of us don't want to hear about it. Use the phone. You never know who is monitoring the frequency

Cheers de ZL2TC

Results of VHF/UHF Field Day 3/4th December 2011

6 metres (50-52 MHz)

ZL2AS 392 pts
ZL4AA 340 pts
ZL2TC 166 pts
ZL1BQ 73 pts
ZL1SWW 62 pts

2 metres(144 MHz)

ZL4AA 980 pts
ZL1SWW 604 pts
ZL2AS 510 pts
ZL1BQ 352 pts
ZL2TC 76 pts
ZL2KBR 56 pts

70 cm (432 MHz)

ZL4AA 1205 pts
ZL2AS 398 pts
ZL1SWW 186 pts
ZL1BQ 131 pts
ZL2TC 32 pts
ZL2KBR 24pts
23 cm (1296 MHz)
ZL1SWW 345 pts
ZL4AA 154 pts
ZL1BQ 152 pts
ZL2AS 113 pts

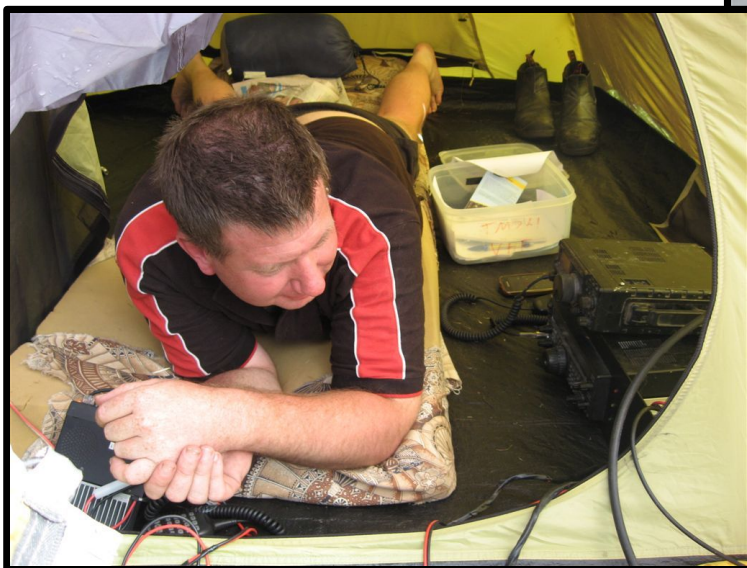
93 stations active in contest

TOTAL SCORES (in order)

ZL4AA 2678 pts
ZL2AS 1413 pts
ZL1SWW 1197 pts
ZL1BQ 708 pts
ZL2TC 274 pts
ZL2KBR 80 pts

Best DX

6 metres ZL2OK - W1PL 14707 km
2 metres ZL2DX - ZL4AA 645 km
70 cm ZL3ADT - ZL4AA 323 km
23 cm ZL3NW - ZL4AA 318 km



Warren ZL2AJ operating on Field Day
using Club Call ZL2AS.



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,
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New Zealand Amateur Radio Day 2012

This will be held on **March the 10th** from **1000 to 1400** hours.

Branches are encouraged to set up a station in a prominent area in their local community, and to make contact with other NZARD stations and home stations. Make sure you seek the appropriate permissions to establish a station, with the council or businesses as appropriate.

Media inclusion is to be encouraged. Be sure to have pamphlets at hand. Contact NZART HQ for pamphlets.

A good idea is to have some hams operating equipment, and other hams available to talk to public and explain what amateur radio is and our place in the community, and how easy it is to get an amateur licence. After the event follow up with anyone that showed interest, and assist them with gaining their amateur licence.

The purpose of NZARD is twofold. To expose our hobby to the community and to prospect for potential amateur operators.

Please take photos and write a short activity report, and submit to Breakin for publication.

Any questions please send to Warren ZL2AJ at warren@zl2aj.com or 021-649284

'405 Taraponui



Z12AJ doing the deed

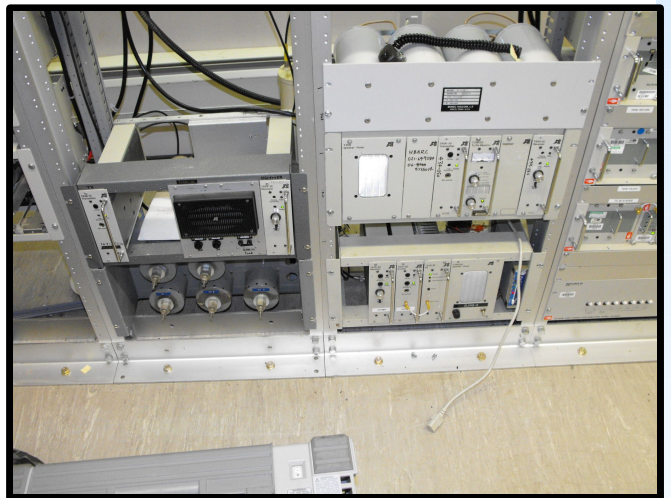


The full array in all it's glory

Line of sight – the Bay



The new '405 equipment at the top RHS



The Exploits of ZL2OK on 2m

http://www.zl4plm.com/pacweb/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout



Stolen Equipment

1x Yaesu FT-60R dual-band ham hand held, serial number 7N780961, fitted with a Nagoya NA-771 antenna (about 45cm long). They did not take the charger, manual, AA-battery case, stock antenna or original box so it should stick out like a sore thumb if it shows up on Trademe.

1x Icom F4GT UHF (commercial - programmed for both 70cm and PRS) hand held transceiver, 100ch, full DTMF keypad, etc (displays ZL2WRW on the screen when turned on and the attachment point for the belt clip on the battery pack was broken and I then sanded it flush with the surface of the battery pack). They don't have the manual but do have the charger.

Contact Ross Wenmouth ZL2WRW (ross@topwire.co.nz) or the Hastings Police



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NOTICES

HB Car Rally

Saturday 9th June 2012



Silver Fern Car Rally

November 10th - 18th 2012

Buy – Sell - Etc