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Repeater trailer set up at Omakere ready for the recent Hawkes Bay Rally



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COMMENT FROM THE CHIEF PETTY OFFICER

A recent working bee at Pakowhai Hall saw good progress made on the new "office" many thanks to 2AGD (wall board), 2MO (tools), 2SG (cabling), 1NW (parts) and 2US (overseeing)......like the old Westpac ad. said, "it's coming along nicely". All the antennas etc have now been recovered from the old Windsor Park venue and keys handed back so that's the end of an era and a good one it was too.....but the adventure goes on.

At the last meeting we gathered in the smaller side annex to the main hall and found that a bit nicer and warmer under the circumstances, a cuppa and cake afterwards helped out too. We are finding out what works for us quite well and the evolution continues.

Nice to hear Dan ZL2UCE on the air, still using a complete call sign and chatting about this and that and even better we hear him about while he is "outing bus mobile", not bad for a guy who is almost 96, keep it up Dan you can still show us young'uns a thing or two.

I'm sure your home brew projects are coming along nicely......they must be because it can be pretty quiet on the air at times so I guess you are all beavering away, or are you slacking off in front of the TV.....in the warm? Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting night (27 June, 7-30pm), don't forget to bring along your donated junk (and money) for the auction after the meeting, it should be a fun night.

Keep the projects going and watch out for DX. Rob ZL2US (HBARC/Br 13 Pres)

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Club Calls: ZL2GT, ZL2G

Club Nights: First Wednesday each month (except January) 7.30pm at the Club Rooms:

123 Latham Street Napier

Napier News...

Greetings all, another month gone, very little done in the ZL2TC shack, too cold.

The June meeting had an excellent presentation from Craig Bedford of NZ Fire Service on current Fire Service communications systems, plus a Powerpoint presentation on the role of AREC in the Christchurch earthquake. Local VHF enthusiasts had the benefit of a brief mid-winter 6 metre opening to VK a couple of days ago, just to show that there is life on one band at least.

The club has purchased a second-hand Yaesu FT-1000mp for field day and contest use. The Yaesu FT-840 we currently own will be permanently installed at the clubrooms, along with radios for 2 metres and 70 cm, so that we have a fully equipped and functioning "shack".

I often get asked when will there be another junk sale in Hawkes Bay. Location is the key to junk sales, the Hutt Valley, Hamilton and Manawatu sales are successful largely because of their central location, with several other Branches within a couple of hours drive, to provide a large number of vendors. The last 2 sales we've tried in Napier had vendors travelling from as far afield as Gisborne and Wellington, but were very poorly supported by local amateurs, with comments from vendors that it wasn't worth the effort, so the short answer is not for the forseeable future. However, maybe a junk sale could be combined with other events as some sort of one-day "Hamfest", and that might be more successful.

While on the subject of junk sales, the Hamilton junk sale is on 11th August, at Hamilton Table Tennis Club, Edgecumbe St., Hamilton (same as last year) Next Napier Branch meeting 4th July, 7.30 pm, Latham St clubrooms.

Cheers de ZL2TC

DONATED JUNK AUCTION

After the next HBARC/Br 13 meeting at the Pakowhai Hall on 27 June, 7-30pm we will hold a :"Donated Junk Auction".

Bring along (in boxes, not loose) the junk you wish to donate to the event. No commissions paid. All proceeds to club funds. We'll have a fun night and you'll go home richer with goodies so bring some money along and try a bid. Tricks will be played by the auctioneers. There will be a mystery envelope item to auction as well. The Hall doors will be open early to allow off loading of your donated items.

David Walker (ZL2DW hm ph 8760518)



To all Branch 13/25 members,

VK / Trans Tasman contest 21 July.

David ZL2DW and Mike ZL2VM are organising to enter this Contest to be held Saturday 21 July 2012 between 0800 – 1400 UTC and extend an invitation to the "locals" to join us.

Depending on interest, our contest station could be on 160m Phone, CW and Digital Modes and 80m CW and Digital modes, or if it's just David and I, 160m Phone only.

More details can be found at:

http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/transtasman/

The site organised (near Haumoana) has some associated costs and security issues so if you are keen, expect to contribute financially to enjoy site access, facilities and an Amateur Radio BWO.

Please update your dairies and:

- a) Send me an email (rlb.mbb@xtra.co.nz)if you wish to join David and I in the field or;
- b) Listen out for ZL2GT from home

Let the games begin 73, Mike ZL2VM



Internet Stuff

The Wireless Institute of Australia

http://www.wia.org.au:80/members/contests/transtasman/

Warren ZL2AJ and Gerrard ZL2GR taken on Omakere hill a day before the recent Car Rally.



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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.

warren@zl2aj.com

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.



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