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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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ZL2VAF



*Our members hunting for bargains at the Paengaroa Junk Sale
– More pics inside*

<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

FROM THE COMMANDER

It seems a bit early for hibernation but I guess that's what strange "Summer" weather does for you (it bodes well for the AGM Home Brew Competition later this year though).

Things have been a bit quiet on the air over the last month, however HF hasn't been too bad.

Earthquakes have featured in NZ of recent times and it's probably timely to remind you of informal arrangements that we have locally after such an event. Logging on to repeater ' 670 should be first choice with a briefcall sign, where you are and all fine (or not).....Don't waffle and hold up the repeater with idle chat stopping others that may wish to log in their circumstances. Perhaps next alternative should be ' 725.....same procedure. And don't forget simplex 146.575mhz should the repeaters not be going perhaps due to power issues.. Don't lose sight of HF, 3615khz for local log in's.

And consideration should be given to advising the rest of NZ (if the situation indicates so) perhaps by the UHF National System or on the designated AREC HF frequency 3900khz USB or LSB. That pretty well covers it for us in the broad HB area. Remember also that the local VHF repeaters will get you out of HB, eg Taupo, Palm Nth, Gisborne if you need to raise any alarm.....likewise the National System. Enough said.....I hope you never need to put it into practice. Oh, one more thing, how quick can you get up on the air if the mains goes off, think about that ?

At the next HBARC/Br 13 meeting Peter ZL2LF will give us a talk on data modes and his playing with same.

The last notice about renewing your Br 13 membership worked well and most of those outstanding have paid up.....but check your own status to be sure your membership is up to date or you may get disconnected from Break Out.

Looking forward to meeting you on Wed. 28 March, 7-30pm, HBARC/Br 13 meeting.

73, Rob (ZL2US) (HBARC/Br13 Pres).

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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...

Not much to report this month, Peter ZL2LF's DVD on DXing from remote islands was shown at the March meeting and went down quite well.

Lee ZL2AL has managed to sell most of the remaining "junk" from ZL2ADM's collection, leaving only a small pile to go to the tip.

The Amateur Radio Day display in the Hastings city centre attracted some attention, and maybe gained us a couple of potential amateurs. Unfortunately HF propagation was poor due to a solar flare a couple of days earlier, and 40 metres was dead by midday. Contact was made with Masterton and Manawatu Branches who were manning similar displays.

Under consideration at the moment is a proposal to find another location for the Napier clubrooms, where the facility can be better utilised, and there won't be so much graffiti and vandalism. Nothing firmed up yet but the committee is investigating.

In the meantime, get the shack ready for winter, and if you are idly tuning the HF bands, keep an ear out for non-amateur intruders. The so-called "free-banders" have invaded the bottom of the 10 metre band lately, so drop an email to ZL1GWE at john.martin@nz1ibm.com if you hear any local non-ham activity.

73 for now, ZL2TC

AMATEUR RADIO TRAINING WEEKEND

The next proposed weekend for the amateur radio course to get your amateur radio licence is to be held on the 31st March, 1st April.

While some pre-reading is required, this course is essentially completed with in the weekend, and the exam will be held on the Sunday Afternoon. Callsigns will be issued at the completion of the weekend.

The weekend program runs from 0800-1700 Saturday and Sunday. Course costs will include morning and afternoon tea, and lunch on both days, as well as the training manual in hard copy, and membership to HBARC. Places must be booked and paid for by the 24th of March. Course cost \$65. Callsign costs (if you pass the exam) additional \$95 (includes subscription to NZART)

Please forward this email around, and submit to your club magazine.
Any interested people to contact myself or Rob ZL2US wk 8782828 hm 8786381
Regards,
Warren Harris ZL2AJ



SUNDAY MORNING NET BBQ.

Craig (ZL2ACJ) and Suzy have offered to host a Sunday morning BBQ at there house at/near Otane on 22 April, 8-30am.

At this time and place Craig will allow us to be active on the Sunday morning Br 13/25 net.

Those interested should make contact with Craig on 021 2341143 or zl2acj@paradise.net.nz indicating your numbers attending.

You should take some goodies along by arrangement as a contribution.



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.silverfernally.co.nz/rally2012/index.php>

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

Various HB amateurs attending the BOP Paengaroa Junk Sale on the 3rd of March 2012



NZ AMATEUR RADIO DAY

For NZARD this year at Hastings we were not blessed with the hot weather that we had last year and I believe foot traffic numbers were down as a result.

We set up in good time at the Hastings Town Clock (the clock being a memorial to those that died in the 1931 Hawkes Bay earthquake, this earthquake being the prompt to create the subsequent AREC) and were soon on the air. 40m worked well for us with some 10 contacts spread out over the four hours, about half being with other NZARD stations around the North Island. We achieved similar numbers on the National System.

We found the NZART brochures to be of great value and gave out many to "prospective customers". "Customers" that were eating out in the malls and side walks were targets for promotion of our hobby, again they were given the brochure.

We have our "Amateur Radio Training Weekend" coming up late in March and I'm sure our NZARD will go some way to adding to the numbers for the weekend. Looking forward to next year to give NZ Amateur Radio another promotion.

David Walker (ZL2DW for HBARC/Br13, Hastings)



*Our illustrious leader mounting a sheep
(antennae and Town Clock in background)*

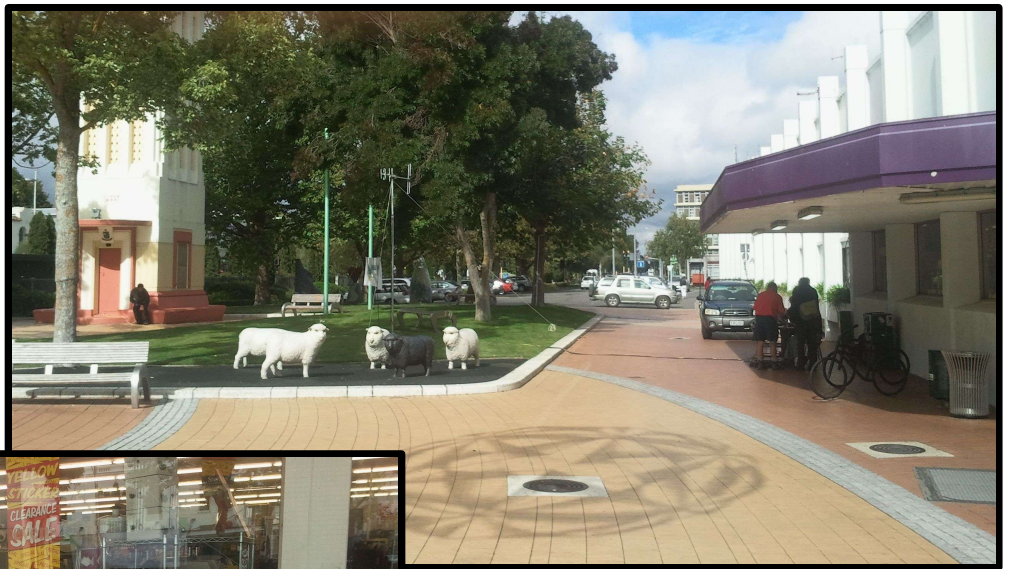
*An overall
view of the
setup*



Close up of the signage



Another
overall view
of the setup



Bill, ZL2UBG
and Laurie
ZL2TC
Manning the
radios

Branch 13 Subs Now Due

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.

NOTICES

HB Car Rally
Saturday 9th June 2012



Silver Fern Car Rally
November 10th - 18th 2012

Buy – Sell - Etc