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Club Calls
ZL2AS
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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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View from the Clifton accessor site, showing Te Awanga, Haumoana and Napier. Foreground is Rob ZL2SG and the "pole man" Wally ZL2MO. Taken during a recent site working bee

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/zl2as/>



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Club Nights: Fourth Wednesday each month at 7.30 pm Pakwhai Hall, Pakowhai Road, Pakowhai

COMMENT FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Avoiding bad weather a "working bee" was held recently at the Clifton Accessor site and much improvement was made to the overhead supply wires, but there is more to be done in Spring. Battery capacity was increased also. The site continues to work well and this and future work will upgrade it nicely.

At the last meeting it was decided that we would continue to meet at the Pakowhai Hall in future as it suits our future needs better. This comes after many years of occupying the Surf Club Rooms at Windsor Park. The new venue will, in time, get our "stamp" put upon it. Nothing like a few aerials to make a place "home".

Next meeting (on Wed. 23 May 7-30pm), is remit night, an important night for NZART members to work through the NZART remits and give some direction to our delegate (Warren ZL2AJ has agreed to do this) to the June AGM in Nelson. Come along and have your say.

After remits Warren ZL2AJ will give us a talk with his NZART Councilor hat on and follow up with a demo. relating to Memory Mapping software. Has anyone been doing anything wonderful on HF recently, how about giving us a debrief at our meeting.

Some time in the very near future at our evening meeting we will have a "donated junk auction", so get sorting and get your goodies ready to bring along.

Rob ZL2US (HBARC/Br 13 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...

The recent Environment Court decision in favour of the Tauranga Emergency Communications Group (Branch 88 NZART) sets a precedent that will ultimately benefit amateurs anywhere who wish to erect antennas on their property. Unfortunately it's a battle that will have to be repeated every time a Local Authority reviews their District Scheme or City Plan, but them's the breaks.

The appeal against the Tauranga City Plan was jointly lodged by TECG(Branch 88) and NZART, with assistance from ZL1BNB as the NZART Local Body Liaison officer. It's interesting to note that the anti-NZART brigade whose anti NZART views are regularly posted on various reflectors have suddenly decided that NZART are the good guys. As the Americans say, go figure.

Warren ZL2AJ has agreed to be our delegate to NZART conference in Nelson, thanks Warren.

Operators required for the HB Car Club rally on 9th June, contact ZL2AJ on 06 374 9590 or 021649 284

The last of the unsold surplus junk has been disposed of and the clubrooms cleaned up by Wally ZL2MO and Willy ZL2AGD. Investigations into relocating the Branch 25 clubrooms are continuing, but nothing is going to happen quickly.

That's about all for this month, happy hamming.

ZL2TC

Pictures from inside the (new venue) HBARC/Br 13 meeting hall at Pakowhai



Branch 13 – Next Meeting

Hi all. Next meeting is remit night – please bring your Breakin with you. Also after the meeting I plan on doing a show and tell with some mapping software I have brought. Memory Map. This is a useful tool for amateur radio – showing us Topographical maps in 2D and 3D. Bring a memory stick with 3 Gig of free space and I can transfer the overlay files I have created for memory map for your viewing, and some free software for converting GPS logs into overlay files.
Warren ZL2AJ



Paying Subs

Worthy of note regarding subs paid into your bank using as you have stated, your call sign as ref..

As with last year only numbers can be used over the counter. Then I used my phone number which turned out to not register with the Secretary. This year I was directed to an ATM type machine at the door of your bank that will take your call sign as reference. Took a little study on what to punch in however I won in the end....
Alex Sutton ZL2MYT



Tower and Antenna For Sale

In the near future it is my intention to move on from our present address and downgrade. My antenna mast and yagi rotor combination looks destined to be sold. The 5 element yagi covers 10 megs up. 2 pictures show the mast up and tilted over for service.

As masts go the unit is very compact and not too hard to install. The uprights holding the tower slip into 2 socks in the concrete base. Those socks can either be replaced or the uprights concreted in. I brought the unit down from Gisborne so can be managed. Total height approx 43ft.

There could be a new member or otherwise that might show a expression of interest.
Regards..Alex Sutton ZL2MYT



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.

NOTICES

HB Car Rally

Saturday 9th June
2012



Gisborne Car Rally

25/26 August 2012



Silver Fern Car Rally

November 10th - 18th
2012

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