



Hastings Br
13
Club Calls
ZL2AS
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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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Laurie ZL2TC addressing the last Br 25 meeting on "Microwave"



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<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

Commanding Officer

Sadly we are suffering from an intruder via the Auckland port onto our UHF National System. He shows up and delivers a car type alarm/siren tone, fortunately not lasting very long. I understand that he is known and it is more than just amateurs that are "looking for him". I guess this is a reminder to be sure that amateur radio equipment that you sell only goes to licenced amateur operators.

Our 24 Oct. meeting is tagged to be held at Waipukurau at 7-30pm. Some of us will take our xyl's along for a meal prior to the meeting in the other part of the venue, Farrier's Arms, 17 Northumberland St, Waipukurau. David ZL2OK will gather, nearer the night, some numbers that may attend the meal. Remember that car pooling will be a good way to go. More about this at our next meeting.

The 26 Sept. at 0926hrs NZT will be a nation wide day/moment of earthquake simulation. Do come up on ' 670 soon after the event with a brief message along the line of "this is an simulation event and ZL2XXX wishes to report all is well in XXX".....then shut up, don't chatter on as others will want to issue their own report. Come up on the National System also, with a similar report, if you wish and also 3615khz, if you are able.

Recently we had a "lock on" on our '9175 repeater. The art of DF ing, a new skill for me, was learnt in a hurray and combined with local knowledge we were able to trace the source in short order. The cause proved to be "finger trouble" relating to the front panel of the rig. When advised the amateur radio operator had the graciousness to come up on the air and give his apology, thank you for that OM. Power has been connected to our "Office" at the club rooms so events in that room can begin in earnest now.

Keep plugging away at your "Home Brew" constructions as we want plenty of entries in Nov. at our GM and AGM night.

The next meeting of NZARC/Br 13 is on 26 Sept., 7-30pm at the Pakowhai Hall. Bring your "thinking caps" as we want some ideas from you on the night.

73, Rob. ZL2US,
President of HBARC/Br13 Hastings

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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...

Wednesday 26th September is designated as "Operation Shake-out" which is a simulated earthquake drill for the Hawkes Bay area. The "earthquake" is timed for 09.26 am. There is no official AREC involvement, but it does bring up a point or two. Are you ready, as an individual amateur, to do what you can in such an emergency ?

These days Civil Defence, i.e. local Councils, have decided that they will be self-sufficient in emergency communications, and that amateurs don't fit in with their plans. Well, that's fine, but it doesn't stop us as an amateur from being ready to assist if called upon. And we will be, as recent civil emergencies around the world have shown.

Radio is seen in some quarters as archaic, "yesterdays technology". Well maybe it has been around for a while, but when everything else fails, i.e. the internet is down because there is no AC power to the exchange, wireless internet stops working because the cell site batteries are flat, guess what will still work, and has been proven to work under all sorts of adverse conditions.

That's right ,good old -fashioned radio, either VHF or HF, and we are the people with the radios. What can you do as an individual ? It doesn't take much, for instance have you got a portable HF dipole ? A 12 v DC power lead with alligator clips for your HF and VHF radios ? a portable magmount or similar VHF antenna ? Spare battery pack for your hand held, preferably one that takes dry cells?

Regular drills are not necessary, we do it all the time anyway. Local Branch HF nets, car rallies, field days, contests, etc. give us plenty of practice.

Next Napier Branch meeting on October 3rd will be a quiz nite with sticky buns to follow, an invitation is extended to Branch 13 members.

A fox hunt is planned for February next year, and to this end the December meeting will be a presentation on fox-hunting techniques and equipment.

Meantime, 10 metres is showing signs of life, including all the intruders using lower sideband around 28.230, so happy hamming.

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Photos from the Last Branch 25 (Napier) Meeting

Visitors to the Napier Br 25 "shack", Rob ZL2US and David ZL2DW



Karl ZL2TJ operating on 80m from the Br 25 "shack"

Stan ZL2ST operating on 80m from the Br 25 "shack"



Yuri Suzuki: London Underground Circuit Map Radio

Japanese designer Yuri Suzuki has sent designboom images of his 'London underground circuit maps' project developed as part of the designers in residence program at the London Design Museum.

<http://www.designboom.com/weblog/cat/16/view/23445/yuri-suzuki-london-underground-circuit-map-radio.html>

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.



Silver Fern Rally "Buddy" Required

I'm doing the Silver Fern Rally in November, and my wife can not get the time off to do it with me. My son and a couple of radio mates are the same.

I am looking for a radio mate (or car fan) who is willing to spend a whole week 24 hrs with an old radio ham all over the North Island.

My interests are

- radio DXing, contests, antennas.
- Cars Classic American or British
- Music most sorts especially Blues, 50/60's rock, Trad jazz.
- I drink beer but don't smoke.

Who ever is interested will need to be compatible as once we set off we will be together 24/7 cooped up in a car and motel room.

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NOTICES

Silver Fern Car Rally

November 10th - 18th
2012