



Hastings Br
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ZL2AS
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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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*Bert and Willy catching up on the info. re the Vampire aircraft during
the Southwards Museum and The Kapiti Coast Museum visit
– more pics inside*

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FROM THE COMMANDER

A group of us traveled to the recent Paengaroa sale. The event went well and I thought that the quality of presented goodies was great. The refreshments in the back seat on the way home were very pleasant also.

Since this time I have become the proud owner of a D Star chip for an Icom 2820H 70cm transceiver. While my activity so far has been limited (almost) to simplex contacts through my home base/computer I must say that the audio quality is really good.

I'll give a talk and demo. of D Star at our next Br 13 meeting (Wed. 27 March, 7-30pm, Pakowhai Hall). Hopefully a contact with Mike ZL1TV/N7TLL can be made. HF seems to be alive and well and my 20m regular sched's into Hawaii and USA continue without any problems. I also note that David ZL2OK has been pretty active on the 20m Ohana net, sometimes based from Hawaii, this is at about 6-30pm NZDT.

By the time you read this a group of us will have been to Southwards Museum and the Waikanae Com's Museum (on 24 March). A report should come later but some pix are presented here for your viewing.

Some time in the near future we are looking to have a working bee to put up some aerials at our club rooms so keep an ear out for the call..

73 Rob
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123 Latham Street Napier*

NAPIER NEWS.....

Not much to report this month, last month's meeting produced an array of antenna construction projects, including ZL2MY's hex beam which looks very promising.

While on the subject of antennas, most will have read on the various reflectors of the Nelson antenna saga, where a disgruntled neighbor has publicly objected (via the news media) to the presence of a tri-band loop, even though it complies with local council by-laws. It's worth reading the judgement handed down by the Environment Court judge in the Tauranga case, where he noted the role amateurs play in emergency communications, and are a valuable community resource, and should be permitted to have back-yard antennas as of right.

However, if you are going to erect an antenna, make sure it complies with local council rules, and it doesn't hurt to have a chat to your neighbors, even though you don't need their consent.

A lot of amateur radio activities over the next couple of months, VHF Convention over Easter weekend, the great Wanganui junk sale returns on 4th May, followed by the REG sale in Hamilton the following weekend, and NZART Conference in Masterton on QB weekend.

In the meantime, keep those rigs warm.

ZL2TC

TWO VISITS IN ONE DAY

The 24th of March dawned as we would expect in HB, a beautiful day. Rob ZL2US was on the road early to pick up our Rental van and the rest of us gathered at his house for a 6am departure.....our destination(s).....Southward's Car Museum and the Kapiti Coast Museum at Waikanae.

On arrival at Southward's and wanting a drink we found that "Basil Fawlty" does exist, however we turned the experience into a talking point of much mirth. Ted (ZL2TED) and Richard (ZL2RWP) from Wellington joined us for much of the day, nice to meet you guys.

What can one say about Southward's, it's no wonder it has such a wonderful reputation. The multitude of cars, motorcycles.....etc is extremely well presented and housed in a really nice building with well presented lawns and gardens. A visit is thoroughly recommended.

Next, some lunch was in order.....we couldn't help but notice that the waitresses were not trained by "Basil", at the Hotel we had a light meal at.

We hopped over the railway line and called at the Kapiti Coast Museum.....now here there are displays to occupy the men in the Radio Communications area and home and household memorabilia for the womenfolk, having said that a circulation of all items on site by both genders is worthwhile. And the cream on the cake.....an operating "Ham Shack" (ZL6KCM). With a quick call by cellphone I was able to set up a 40m contact with Chris. (ZL2VC) who operated via the HB Clifton HF accessor.....admittedly with moments of difficulty by me to hear him (due to local noise), but here I was using an FT101B from a venue that is worth a visit by any ham passing through Waikanae. I must say, on behalf of our contingent, thank you to our hosts John, Peter and Grant (all hams) for having us to visit and making us feel so welcome....complete with scones and a cuppa in a kitchen reflecting historical decor. Many thanks guys, you and others have done a magnificent job.

On the way home Shannon town gave us a moment of hope that we had come across another museum.....but no, it was a second hand shop, but my goodness there were some old items in it.....including an analogue colour TV, for \$35 ?????,not much good in HB where we have completely converted to digital Freeview and analogue has gone forever.

The van went well, the driver and navigator went well and we arrived home about 6-30pm after some sleeping for some and much humorous banter on board for others, we even had several 2m contacts during the journey. A great day, enjoyed by all.

David (ZL2DW).



Basil Fawty does exist and no that's not Sybil in the foreground

Sue, Rob and Rob viewing an item under the stairway up to the motorcycles



Esther and Fergus resting having purchased their latest car

The travelers gathered for lunch





An arrival welcome speech by our hosts at the Kapiti Coast Museum

Bert and others being very attentive



David (ZL2DW) working Chris (ZL2VC) on 40m from the ZL6KCM ham station

ZL6KCM ham station



A NOTE FROM OUR HOSTS

In this mornings emails was this note from Grant. I have no hesitation in asking for it to be published in our Break Out, it's a small way that we can return a favour to our KCM hosts.

David ZL2DW

Hi Rob & David

It was great to meet you and the team today - we always enjoy visits from folk who actually appreciate the radio items on display at the museum.

Here are a couple of links you may wish to include in your next newsletter.

The museum website is here -

www.kapiticoastmuseum.org.nz

I have created a virtual tour of the museum. It consists of five 360 degree by 180 degree panoramas, the last 2 are taken in the radio area. You can do the tour at a link from the museum website here (this redirects you to my photography website)- <http://www.kapitimuseum.org.nz/about/take-a-virtual-tour/>

If any members have or ever come across information relating to any item on display we would of course be very appreciative of hearing about it. Unfortunately some items have little by way of accompanying information or documented history. Finally, I did mention to a couple of folk that we are interested in obtaining collections of valves. To raise funds for the museum we are buying, selling and testing tubes and in the process hope to build up a bit of stock that can be put into service to get and keep a number of the old radios (domestic and ham) going once again. If there was any opportunity to publicise this then the museum would be most appreciative. Any offers, no matter how small or large a collection, in the first instance can contact the museum by using the contact form on the website, or contact me directly if preferred.

Thanks again for your visit, I think its right to say that we all enjoyed it immensely!

Best 73, de

Grant, ZL3HA

Trustee ZL6KCM



Stuff

Being the usual Ham Radio Operator, my shack, and/or workshop is always very tidy!! And like all HAMS, we keep what we need, and throw away the rest. right?

Well, my shack at home is a mess. However, my workshop in Havelock North, is quite tidy, now I have cleaned out all the old mower blades, flails, air filter.... spark plugs etc, that were in the way. But, in the last year, I have changed literally hundreds of belt, pulleys, cogged chain type pulleys. After the clean up, I have saved a few boxes of what could be worthwhile to a Ham project.

I will bring them along to the next Cub Nite for members to peruse through. Any simple offer or donation will go to Club funds.

73. Ric ZL2RIC

WANGANUI AMATEUR RADIO JUNK SALE

Returning by popular demand !!!!

Branch 48 is pleased to announce the return of their annual !
JUNK SALE

Saturday May 4th, 2013. Auction starts at 10am.

Wanganui Intermediate School Hall. Dublin St, Wanganui.

(same venue as last time)

Lots accepted from 4pm till 9.00pm on Friday 3rd & 7.30am to 9.30am Morning of the sale.

SALE CONDITIONS:

Sellers pay 15% commission with a minimum of \$1 & max of \$20 on any one item. **Accounts will be run.** (to be settled on sale day before goods uplifted)

Bids will be possible only by registered bidder number.

Bidders must register with a \$5 fee. This will also provide them with a sale catalogue. Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS accepted.

Clean out your shack and help us kick-off this iconic sale again!

Come and enjoy the social side of this old fashioned junk sale auction and help us make this an annual event again!

For further information contact Graham Hawtree ZL2AHR

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NOTICES

11 May TransTasman 80m Contest

– considering operating from BR 25 Clubroom. Make a note in your diaries.



20 July TransTasman 160m Contest

– the Tukituki Camp site is booked already. Dairy this event too. Note that there is a DIGITAL Mode section in this event. So for all those who built the PC/Rig interface units, hook 'em up at home and get some practice using FLDIGI Software.