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**Hastings Br** 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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Denis Dawson ZL2TDA giving a talk on the Wharite VHF analogue TV transmitter, prior to it's final switch off on 28 Sept 2013

http://www.zl2gt.com/blog/

Join the KIWI DX Group Talk to ZL2AL for Details http://groups.yahoo.com/group/zl2as/

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

#### FROM THE CHIEF RIGGER

The 5 Oct. saw a van load of us make the journey to the "Palmerston North Table Sale" day. It seemed a pretty good turn out again and I'm sure a few bargains were exchanged and if nothing else it's always a good social occasion.....thanks Br 20.

Pakowhai Hall working bee day recently saw the lawns done and various other spruce up work completed and most importantly HF, UHF and VHF aerials erected. This means that we now have those resources available for any event requiring them...perhaps for a guest speaker or a club radio night or some SAR training etc.

I'd like to say a special hello to all those "away" recipients of our "Break Out" magazine, it's amazing where in the World or NZ the mag. ends up and it's great to get the feed back on it, I know our Editor appreciates it, thank you all.

The HF bands have been a bit irregular of late but I note that David ZL2OK has been doing OK on 12m and 17m.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our next Br 13 meeting.....this time to be held at Waipukurau (see the club notice elsewhere for details).

Enjoy your hobby and lets have plenty of entries in November at our (GM, AGM and) "Homebrew Competition".

73, Rob ZL2US, (Pres. Br 13/HBARC, Hastings, NZ)

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Club Calls: ZL2GT, ZL2G Club Web Site: www.zl2gt.com/blog

Club Nights: First Wednesday each month (except January) 7.30pm at the Club Rooms: 123 Latham Street Napier

## Napier News from Br. 25.....

Hi all, just to show there is still life in what has been a fairly dismal sunspot cycle, 10 meters was open to Northern Europe, Japan and Russia late yesterday. Among the hordes of JA's and Europeans, alert Hawkes Bay DXer's would have worked RO9O in Siberia on 28.515 MHz.

For the month of October, the Kiwi DX Group are operating a special callsign ZM90DX to mark the 90th anniversary of the first ZL to VK contact in 1923, and the first ZL to England and the first ZL to California contacts in 1924, thus proving that long distance communication on short wavelengths was possible.

For those who are interested in participating in the National System contest during January, the object of the contest is to work all Maidenhead sub-squares. The full six character locator is needed for sub-squares, e.g. Napier CBD is RF80KM, Taradale is RF80KL, Hastings CBD is RF80KI. As most of the North Is is in RF79 or RF80, it's only the small sub-squares denoted by the last two characters we are interested in. To find a sub-square for any location, an excellent locator based on Google maps is at <f6fvy.free.fr/qthLocator/fullScreen.php>. This gives you an overlay of the sub-square on a map, plus the six character locator. Full contest details in October Break-In.

Finally, for a live feed of the National System,(no radio required !) log onto < http://shoutcast.zl2ja.org.nz:8008/listen.pls> or go to the web page < http://zl2ja.org.nz/listen>

Don't forget the combined clubs Christmas Tea on 29th November. Name/callsign to me or David ZL2DW.

Happy hamming, ZL2TC

#### **New Aerials For Branch 13 Club Rooms**



The Branch 13 Club Rooms gets new aerials. Rob ZL2US giving directions during the event and Bert ZL2OC having a rest after having done a great job of mowing the lawns

David ZL2DW inspecting the newly installed UHF and VHF aerials at the Branch 13 Club Rooms





Jan ZL2CZE
performing
some strange
Czech custom,
watched by Rob
ZL2US and Bert
ZL2OC



Rob ZL2US giving the Club's new all band HF aerial a work out



### **Palmerston North Table Sale**



David ZL2DW negotiating a deal at his "Palmerston North Table Sale" table

Ted ZL2TED
makes a note on
the palm of his
hand while Rob
ZL2US looks
pretty happy
about something

## **Branch 13/HBARC NOTICES.**

Please note that the scheduled 23 Oct. meeting for Br 13 at Pakowhai Hall is RELOCATED to Waipukurau, CHB.

It's the time of year that we visit our Br 13 members on their patch. A light meal, followed by the normal Br 13 meeting is to be held at the "Farriers Arms", Northumberland St, Waipukurau, CHB. Start time 6pm, onwards. Numbers for our caterer are to be given to David ZL2OK, David ZLDW or Rob ZL2US. (Menu below)

Br 13/HBARC General Meeting and Annual General Meeting will be held at the Pakowhai Hall on 27 Nov., 7-30pm.

This is also our Homebrew Competition time so bring your entries along. Photographic entries are acceptable for those that won't fit through the door.

Napier Br 25 has the combined Xmas Tea in hand for 29 Nov., see notice elsewhere.



## The Combined Branches Annual End Of Year Dinner.

The event is to be held on 29 November and will be held at the Maraenui Golf Club Awatoto.

It will be a buffet dinner, format and cost similar to previous occasions. Please indicate interest and likely number attending to kmatthys@callsouth.net.nz



# An easy way to find your Maidenhead grid locator to 6 digits

http://no.nonsense.ee/qth/map.html

Fergus Veitch ZL2VF



#### **FOR SALE**

Kenwood TS-440S/AT, HF transceiver. Built in ATU. \$700.

Contact Mike Legg, ZL1TCU, Havelock North. ph 06 8704480



#### **FOR SALE**

Kenwood TR-9300 6m transceiver, all mode with Manual and CD service info. \$250 ono.

Contact David, ZL2DW hm 06 8760518 wk 06 8765014

### David (ZL2BCE)

Welcome to the shack of David ZL2BCE, reasonably recent photo provided. I was first licenced in 1992 with a Novice callsign, ZL2NQU and then in 1993 I upgraded my theory pass and gained ZL2TAZ as a Limited/Novice callsign. CW eluded me or perhaps I eluded it until the Regulations changed and CW was no longer part of the criteria for a General Grade Licence and I was able to apply for the still available callsign held by my Dad when he became a Silent Key in 1988.

I was surprised to be the recipient of his Ham Station which was a Kenwood TS830S for H/F and a trusty old Icom IC-2A VHF handheld and an Icom IC3200E dualbander which of course I was only able to access VHF with a Novice Call. Some restrictions were in place twenty odd years ago.

In 2009 I decided to buy a new multimode transceiver and chose a Yaesu FT897D which I have enjoyed and it has been a trouble free rig, menu driven functions took a bit of getting used to but we got there. The IC3200E then became my mobile rig which is still the case. Dad bought the Kenwood new and I will never sell it, it is set up elsewhere in my home in a second shack (Computerless) and it still gets used on a regular basis. It's quite nice to step back in time on occasion.

I have enjoyed the friendship of many local (HB) and ZL hams over the years, David ZL2DW (ZL3DK back then) and John ZL2ARF were hugely instrumental in me gaining my first callsign and the learning curve, which is still alive and kicking, has been assisted by being prepared to

ask questions of those more knowledgeable than me.

Over the years I have enjoyed taking part in Branch activities where it has been possible to do so, there's a lot of fun to had, hobbies are supposed to be fun.

I like to work the H/F Bands as much as I can and gain a lot of pleasure from that. I'm not an ardent DXer but do enjoy a good DX contact, Band conditions allowing. Antenna is a Windom per courtesy of David ZL2OK and it works pretty good for me thanks David.

I'm a financial member of both Br13 NZART and NZART and enjoy the benefits and

privileges of both.

See you all in Waipuk for our Dinner Meeting,

73's, David ZL2BCE.

