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Our Branch 13/HBARC group being shown around the ABB operation, a great night

Branch Nets

9.00 AM Sunday Morning 3615 kHz 439.175 MHz

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

Emergency Call-in Frequencies: 3615khz and 670 repeater



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

WEEK TRIPPER (Branch 13 Pres)

Sorry I missed the last Br 13/HBARC Pakowhai Hall meeting (on 25 May), Sue and I were away on holiday at Auckland, we had a great time. (Many thanks to Rob ZL2SG for standing in for me as chairman). And thanks to a very nice retirement present Sue and I will be going back to Auckland....for a long weekend. The last meeting was, of course, an "out visit" to the ABB business at the Napier Airport Industrial Park, it was well attended. Many thanks to Holger, Ross, Birgit and the ABB business for hosting us. It's a pretty nice work place you have there.

Talking of holidays a couple of weeks back I was lucky enough to have a "boys week away" at Fiji (see pix elsewhere) and very nice it was too.

Seeing as how NZ is in mid Winter I don't suppose it would be prudent to talk about swimming and warm sunny days......

Despite looking around for ham radio aerials I never saw one and consequently I wasn't "active" while there.

For Sue and I our next "mission" is in the planning stage and will involve Hawaii and Alaska. Ham radio has been super quiet for me for a wee while now and I suspect that even if I had a 2m contact an exchange of QSL cards would be necessary hi hi.

Has anyone noticed the spic and span grounds around our meeting Hall......courtesy of some Saturday "forced volunteers", they've done a great job and it's likely to continue?

Due to a fault please note that the "Clifton Accessor" is out of service and under repair.

Our next Br13/HBARC meeting is on 27 July, 7-30pm, Pakowhai Hall. After the meeting we have a couple of presentations to be made to a worthy recipient, then we get into the World Famous (at Pakowhai) DONATED JUNK AUCTION. The hall will be open early for you to bring your contributions along. And bring money so we can sell your junk back to you......all proceeds towards Club Funds to help defray our standing costs.....and keep our balance sheet looking good.

73, Rob Leicester ZL2US (President Branch 13/HBARC, Hastings)



Branch13/HBARC Officers (left to right) David Walker (ZL2DW, Secretary), Rob Leicester (ZL2US, President), Peter Keong (ZL2PW, Treasurer)

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Club Calls: ZL2GT, ZL2G

Club Web Site: http://www.zl2gt.nz/

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

123 Latham Street Napier

Branch 25 Report

Well that's another month closer to Xmas... don't know where the time goes.

Had some really good weather for this time year. Yep, I know its winter but its not as bad I've known winters to be. Well maybe it's living in this part of the bay, it's seemed to be getting least frosts.

Radio wise I haven't been doing much as even though retired I seem to have heaps to do.

Just a bit of blog for those those who do HF.

21 July - 18 August 2016 Tuvalu will be activated by Tom KC0W using call sign T2COW. He will operate on 160-6m CW

N7BF.WT4BT, AA4OC and W6ABM will be active from Martinique island IOTA NA 107 on the 29 October - 4 November

Call signs being used will be: FM/N7BF, FM/WT4BT, TO4OC and TO6ABM. They will operate on 40 - 10m ssb, Digital Modes.

Back to the P5 North Korea. No date has yet been set for the return by Don to this location. Although the radio equipment he used in December 2015 has been approved. These radios have remained in North Korea. That's where they will remain even after his next trip. Even even though he has three bands he's allowed to use he's going to operate on SSB 20m. He will be using 100watt with a vertical.

Good DX ing

73

Wally ZL2MO

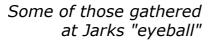
Cornflakes Net Eyeball

As many of you know, in HB we have the 7-30am week days "Cornflakes Net" on 670 repeater, it's been going many decades now. Some folk are originals, others have been and gone and we have new folk participating also. Sometimes we are able to welcome area visitors to the net.

Thanks to an arrangement by Marilyn ZL2BOA many of us (and partners) recently had a very nice lunch at Jarks (a Hastings Restaurant). After talking to one another each morning by radio it was great to have some eyeball time with some folk meeting others for the first time. Table place mats were crafted to welcome us by our host and we were asked by our host (after her staff asked) "what was the Cornflakes Net all about"?. Marilyn was able to enlighten her. Yes it was another fine gathering of the group. It was also noted that only two amongst the gathering did not hold a Gold Card we need to get used to that, hi hi. (Thanks Joy for the pix).



The welcoming place mat and menu







AREC Inventory, Training and Have a Look Day

On the 21st of August we are having another day to inventory, deploy and check all of the AREC gear. If you want to pop along and have a look now is your chance. We will be at the Pakowhai Hall by 10am and expect to be there till at least 2pm with a sausage sizzle around lunch timeish. All welcome.

Any queries contact John ZL2VAF 027 230 3642 zl2vaf@gmail.com

SPECIAL NOTICE

Re Branch 13 August meeting

Please note that in August Branch 13 will be shifting it's normal meeting date from 24 August to Sunday afternoon, 21 August.

There will be a very brief General Meeting followed by a lady guest speaker to address us. While she is retired now she left school to take up a Radio Serviceman's ?????? apprenticeship. Diane Story will tell us a wee bit about her journey through her career. This is a time for xyl's to come along and share the afternoon with the OM. There will be a light BBQ and cuppa available (if you'd like to contribute to the food pool please contact David ZL2DW and we could do with some guys to help in the kitchen on the day please).

More info. about this afternoon meeting will be given in the August issue of Break Out.

Tnx, David ZL2DW



Off the internet

Thanks to Ross Whenmouth ZL2WRW

Wide-band WebSDR

http://websdr.ewi.utwente.nl:8901/

"On this page you can listen to and control a short-wave receiver located at the amateur radio club ETGD at the University of Twente. In contrast to other web-controlled receivers, this receiver can be tuned by multiple users simultaneously, thanks to the use of Software-Defined Radio."

Signal Identification Guide

http://www.sigidwiki.com/wiki/Signal_Identification_Guide http://www.sigidwiki.com/wiki/Signal_Identification_Guide

"This wiki is intended to help identify radio signals through example sounds and waterfall images."



ZL2US Fiji holiday snaps



