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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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*Castle Point Lighthouse
– more about the Light House event inside*

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FROM THE ASSISTANT LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER

Well I've broken the hibernation. Last weekend (16, 17 Aug.) I was amongst the ZL2AS team that participated in the "International Lighthouse Weekend" from Castle Point, (sometimes known as "a boys weekend away"). Probably not our best weekend on air but pretty creditable all the same and of course a great time (pix elsewhere).

We've had visitors staying for three weeks so that has slowed up amateur radio over those weeks however I have sneaked into the shack on occasions and had a listen around.

I've been doing a Lambing beat before work recently and so far the success rate is 100%. I should add that this great task has been in my extended back yard hi hi so no great travel involved.

Under consideration and coming up for discussion is the annual "Two Branches Xmas Tea". Currently we're thinking of Friday 28 Nov., the venue is under consideration. We'll talk about this at our next Br 13 meeting (on Wed. 27 Aug, 7-30pm, Pakowhai Hall).

And talking of our next Br 13 meeting I can tell you that Rob Shepherd ZL2AN will give us a talk on "Linear Amplifiers" after the usual General Meeting.

Also coming up is the journey to CHB to have our 22 Oct. meeting (and light meal) in Waipukurau. A time for us to visit the patch of our CHB members and relieve them of their journey to us for that month. This is not the first time we've done this and historically they've been a great event in our meeting calendar.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our next meeting.

73, Rob Leicester,

(ZL2US, Br 13/HBARC President)

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Committee Meetings: *Third Monday of the month 7pm at Club Rooms*

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 Amateur Radio Club news.....

Hi all,

Spring is just around the corner, although with the razor-edged Southerly that's blowing this morning you wouldn't think so, but with warmer weather approaching it will soon be time to get out in the shack.

Wally ZL2MO has finished painting the interior of the clubroom, and next on the list will be a repaint of the radio shack. Also we are looking at ways of improving the heating before next winter.

Users of the UHF National System will be well aware of the problems that have occurred recently in various parts of the country. Unfortunately some of the system repeaters are "boarders" on commercial sites, and are not always immediately accessible to the amateur club trustees that do the maintenance. Also it has to be remembered that the club trustees are volunteers who have day jobs and other commitments, and are not always available to race up to a site and fix problems at a moment's notice. So just bear in mind that it is, after all, an amateur system, and if something fails, it's not the end of the world, and as amateurs, we have alternatives.

In that vein, it has been said many times that when all else fails, there is always amateur radio. That was proved again recently when the satellite internet link between the South African scientific station on Gough Island, and Cape Town failed. Fortunately one of the team based on Gough Island, was Pierre Tromp, ZS1HF who was able to relay via 20 metre CW, instructions from Cape Town on how to repair the satellite ground station on the island. One email that had to be transcribed and sent by CW ran to over 800 words.

The September club meeting topic will be a presentation on the Maidenhead Locator system.

Till then, happy hamming, ZL2TC

70th Birthday Party

Recently Dick ZL2UDE from Wairoa celebrated his 70th birthday with a surprise party, very ably organised by xyl Joy ZL2UGV



*Dick ZL2UDE
enjoying a
reflective
moment*

*Om Dick ZL2UDE
with xyl Joy
ZL2UGV sharing
a few moments
about the last 70
years*



A CELEBRITY VISITS

In early August Murray Greenman, ZL1BPU and Break In celebrity/scribe for Break In was visiting the area for a couple of days. I say celebrity because Murray makes a great contribution to Break In (as do the others), thanks Murray. Murray was active on 2 and 80m during his stay and was impressed by the Hastings flatness while out "triking".

At this time of writing Murray has had is holiday via HB, Gisborne and East Cape and is safely back home again. Nice to have had you visit us Murray.

(David ZL2DW)



Murray putting up his temporary 80m dipole for his evening sched.



Murray about to set forth on his "flat earth" ride around Hastings

A montage of pix from the recent ZL2AS Lighthouse Weekend event at Castle Point



David
ZL2OK



Peter
ZL2PW



Modern day
"807's"



David
ZL2OK



Steve
ZL4CZ



Zzzz time for
Rob ZL2US



Aerial arrays "dealing
with business"



Wanted

An FT857d user who could take and use mine for a short while, and compare notes, to put my mind at rest before I send it away. Ric. ZL2RIC



At the next Br 13/HBARC General Meeting (27/8)

our guest speaker will be Rob Shepherd ZL2AN.

" LINEAR AMPLIFIERS, How to look after your amp, and get the best from it. A little bit of theory, and plenty of practical tips. "

sounds like a great night, all welcome.....it's always nice to have visitors come along.