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Club Calls
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**Branch
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Sunday
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Spot the antenna – Holiday operating, more inside.

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

FROM THE CHIEF OLD TIMER

Apparently becoming 65 (as I did recently) qualifies me for many things.....probably including some things I don't want hi hi, time will tell.

The Gold Card could be OK though mmmmmmm. Thanks to the many recent well wishers re my birthday.

Upcoming on Sat. 7 March at 2pm I have organised this Sat. afternoon visit to a Hastings taxidermist and I'm sure you'll be impressed with his work and examples. Cameras allowed and please respect our host with tidy casual dress, please give a gold coin donation to Rob (ZL2US) or David (ZL2DW) to pass on to our host. Please give your numbers attending to Rob (ZL2US ph 8786381) or David (ZL2DW ph 8760518). Rob or David will give you the Hastings address to come to. Afterwards I think we could find a nice coffee shop or similar to visit (maybe even Roosters Brew House, 1470 Omaha Rd) to top off the afternoon. Clifton site has again given us a wee oops (the DC supply wires failed inside a post mounted pipe causing us a loss of charging voltage).

Easily fixed (temporarily) as it happens but it's going to necessitate a return visit asap to replace the short cable section and install a small cable pedestal.....a work in progress. The HF Tx side of the system is not without a small problem but again a solution is in hand...it all just needs that thing called "time" (and opportunity). It's mostly work that needs to be done by people with (this type of work) experience.

PLEASE NOTE there is **NO MEETING at Pakowhai Hall this month (February).....instead** we meet at the Hastings District Council Civil Defence Rooms, Lyndon Rd, (east), Hastings (at the base of the large mast next to the HDC offices/tower block). 7-30pm, 25 February We will be shown around the CD Rooms and see how it all works. We will hold a quick informal meeting if need be while there.

Talking of CD, they are looking for volunteers to do radio work. This is not a Branch 13 request, nor is it associated with Br 13, make your own contact with the CD guys (or Robert ZL2SG) and offer your services as you wish.

This is the final reminder that Br 13 sub's are due (overdue in fact, they were due in November 2014) so if you drop out of the Break Out circulation list you will know why. I managed to work Navassa Is. (K1N) during their HF DX-pedition this month, I guess now we wait for that rare QSL card, well done all that worked them too.

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

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Committee Meetings: *Third Monday of the months Jan. Mar. May Jul. Sep. Nov. 7pm at the Club Rooms*

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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,

Not much on the bands to report this month, although 10 metres has risen from the dead on a few odd days. Friday 20th saw Lee ZL2AL and me ZL2TC at the clubrooms to drop down the 80/40 metre trap dipole for retuning, as the 80 metre resonance was found to be outside the amateur band. What initially looked like a simple job taking an hour or two didn't turn out like that, as often happens with this sort of job. Fortunately Wally ZL2DO turned up to lend a much needed hand. We found that the outer legs of the antenna were being partly detuned by the foliage where it passed through the gum trees, so we dropped the whole antenna down, chopped a couple of feet of wire off each end to compensate, replaced the feed-line while we had it down, and with the aid of Lee's trusty spud launcher, fired new tie-off lines through a less dense part of each tree, and after temporarily hauling it up to check the SWR, and having a coffee break courtesy of Wally, we declared it fixed.

At the last committee meeting, we firmed up an idea that has been kicking around for a while, and that is the formation of a Hawkes Bay Emergency Net. With Civil Defense moving away from amateur radio, and AREC becoming a stand-alone organization, we felt it would be useful to have an informal net of local amateurs which would be a communications network of last resort, to assist local authorities in the event of a natural disaster. The idea being to have a monthly net on 80 metres and 2 metres and have local amateurs check into the net to indicate that they are available and have an HF rig and antennas in working order. Tentatively this will be on the third Wednesday of each month, 7:30 pm. There will be a net controller, yet to be decided but this is a position that could be rotated around.

As you will read elsewhere, The Hawkes Bay Amateur Radio club's battle with the District Council over antenna masts is as yet un-resolved, and it's a reminder that we no longer live in a benign environment where we had some degree of acceptance by the community and local authorities because of our role in CD and SAR. In one or two cases we have had open hostility, bred by lack of understanding, and sensationalist reporting by the news media. Just a reminder, next Napier Club meeting Wednesday 4th March, and make a note in your diary for the Wanganui Junk Sale on 2nd of May.

Thats all for now, and carry on hamming.
ZL2TC

JOCK WHITE FEILD DAY

28 February – 1 March

ZL2GT will be operating from the BR25 Clubrooms in Napier
Members of both Branches are welcome to come along to operate or just enjoy a cup-of-tea.

Names to me please at <rlb.mbb@xtra.co.nz> , (maybe with preferred operating periods).

Also helps me to set aside a tea bag for you too.

A familiarisation night maybe available. More on that later

73

Mike ZL2VM



A Techo Note

A classic SSB demonstration. The likelihood of me hearing this again is pretty low.

On 18/2/15 at 8-40pm I was tuning around 40m. As I swept through 7105khz on LSB I could hear two conversations but one was illegible. I dialed up 7105khz and then swapped from LSB to USB and there were two respective legible conversations, both at about S5.

There was no intrusion of one into the other..... all just as we're taught.

Now no surprises here from a theory point of view but I have NEVER actually heard this displayed on air....technically I was impressed.

I'd like to think that my Icom IC-7600 contributed to this demonstration at least in part.

73, David (ZL2DW)



A Sub Paid

Br 13 has received a bank deposit sub (on 20/2/15, I think) and the reference number is 3778383.....the problem is we don't know who it's from. Can the depositor please make contact with Peter ZL2PW or David ZL2DW so we can issue a receipt accordingly.

Holiday Ham Radio

Last month I mentioned I was away on holiday at "the Far North". While in a house at Houhora Harbour (between Kaitaia and Cape Reinga) I was able to set up an HF station.....and worked around ZL on 40 and 80m and also 15m into VK. I could only establish a low altitude 80m dipole but it was enough to "do the business" and make a few contacts. 2m and the National System was accessible from the house too.

David ZL2DW

Houhora house/yard with the centre feed point of the 80m dipole just visible above the centre shrubs



Dipole into the Pine trees, coax feeder visible

Station established on the kitchen table

