



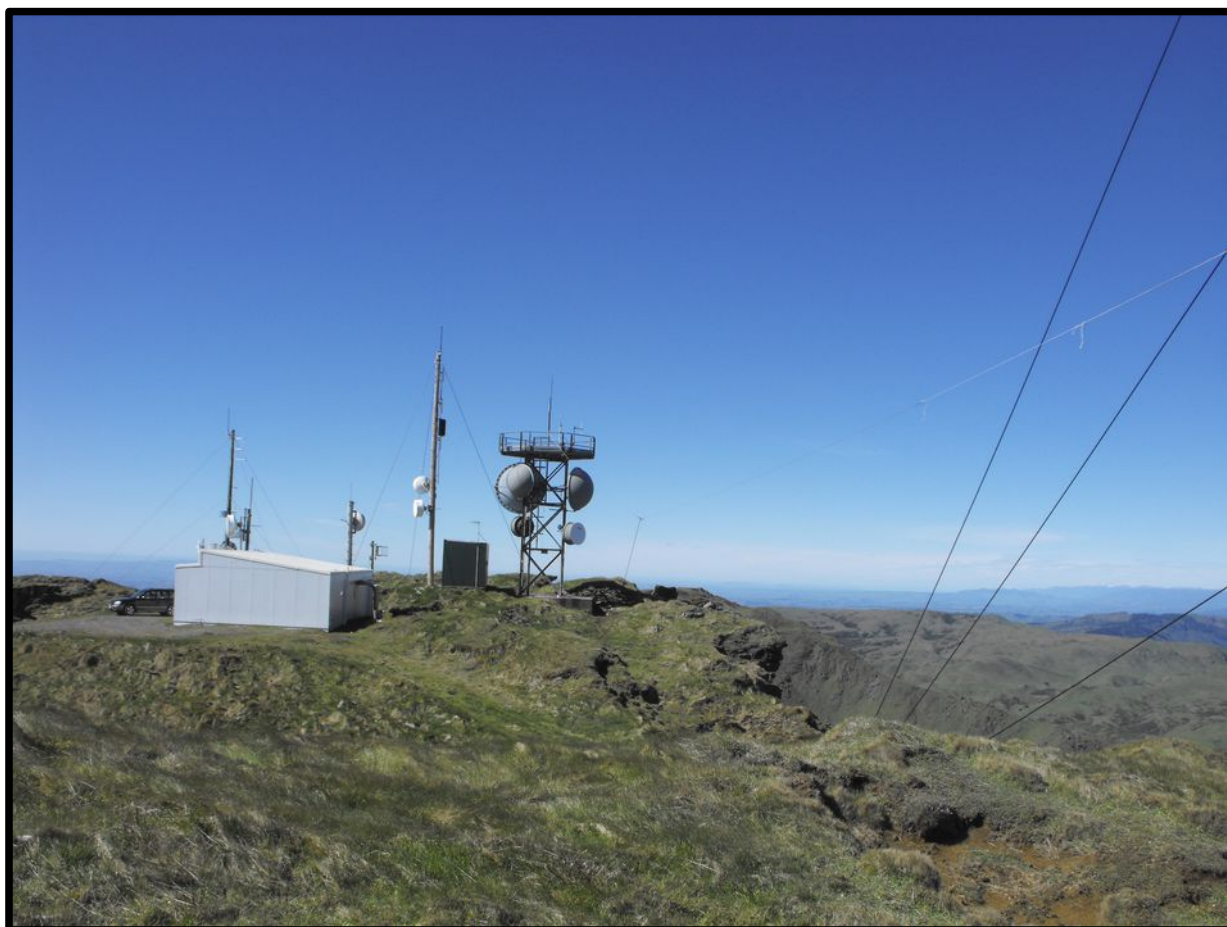
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Br 13  
Club Calls  
**ZL2AS**  
**ZL2QS**

Napier Br  
25  
Club Calls  
**ZL2GT**  
**ZL2G**

**IRLP**  
Node  
6793  
147.250

**Branch  
Nets**  
9.00 AM  
Sunday  
Morning  
3615 kHz  
439.175  
MHz

**Editor**  
John  
Newson  
ZL2VAF



*80m at Taraponui, 4300 ft asl, dipole and coax feeder just visible across to the microwave tower. Repeater 2m and 70cm aerials visible on the top of the tower*

**Emergency Call In Net at 19.30**  
**146.70 MHz and 3615 kHz LSB**  
**on the third Wednesday of the month**

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

<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**

## THE PRESIDENTS STORY

Well the Car Rally has been and gone and there were a few incidents along the way but certainly from our point of view it went well.

A few days back the cruise ship "Nordan" brought John KA4RXP and his partner Janet to Napier Port. Sue and I went out for lunch with them both (pictures elsewhere) and while I returned to work Sue took them up Te Mata Peak, I'm sure they enjoyed their time at Napier. John visited Napier a couple of years ago and made contact with me prior to this arrival so we were a bit more organised this time. Safe continued travel John and Janet.

Mike (N7TLL) and Judy are holidaying at Palm Springs for a month at this time, I hope you both have a good time.

Congratulations to Warren ZL2AJ who did very well in the recent CQWW contest.

<http://www.cqww.com/rawcat.htm?cat=AH%20ALL&c=OC&mode=ph>

David ZL2OK has been hay making when the weather permits so his DX ing has taken a back seat from time to time however he was able to make several 2m trans Tasman contacts a few weeks ago, well done David.

It's no surprise that the Waipawa CHB Br 13 Oct. meeting went well.....they always do and with a change of venue it was a great night, thanks to all you CHB-ites for having us in your patch.

Branch 13 has appealed the decision by the Hastings District Council regarding their recently released District Plan relating to amateur radio aerials/heights. While it had some good points that we're keen to retain they weren't very generous regarding our height request(s), we await the appeal court process.

At our 25 November Branch 13 meeting it is proposed that we set a date for the "Last of the Summer Wine, pensioners bus trip" from Hastings to Napier (for lunch) and back again. The current thinking is for the 5 or 6 of December. Non pensioners welcome of course and xyl's/om's.

The next Branch 13 meeting is on the 25 November 7-30pm, Pakowhai Hall, it is also our AGM and Homebrew Competition night, so do bring those entries along.

After these events Jan ZL2CZE is going to give us a demo. of D Star. I look forward to seeing you all on the night.....I'm sure we can manage a supper of some kind too.

Thank you all for your support throughout the year and Seasons Greeting to you and your families.

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

## **NAPIER BRANCH 25**

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**Committee Meetings:** 7:30 pm, 3rd Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, November

**Club Calls:** **ZL2GT, ZL2G**

**Club Web Site:** [www.zl2gt.com/blog](http://www.zl2gt.com/blog)

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

## **Napier News...**

Hope I can fill this position as well Laurie has over the years.

Not much to report at this point.

As you all know a lot of upgrades have been done at the Napier Club which are still on going, back of it has been broken just a few touch ups to do.

I went down Napier Club on Sunday and happened upon the new owners of the old brass band club rooms. They call themselves Man Shed. They were telling me that they intend to double the size of the building so they can fit their machinery in. Be interesting to see what happens.

Well that's about it for now.

So I wish everybody a Merry Xmas an a Happy New Year all the best to you and yours

cheers

Wally ZL2MO

President Branch 25



Napier Branch subs are now due. Please remit \$25 to Stan ZL2ST or deposit \$25 in the club bank account at ANZ Napier. The account number is 116400 0014548 11. Please include a reference, preferably your callsign.



*Branch 25 Homebrew Competition, Karl ZL1TJ with his SDR Receiver using a USB dongle device etc and David ZL2MQ with his CANFI noise measuring device primarily used to test Low Noise amps. Competition won by ZL2MQ*



*Some of those gathered at Waipawa CHB for the Branch 13 "CHB Meal and Meeting", held in October*

# Car Rally and LXpedition with Mike ZL2VM and David ZL2DW at Taraponui HB, 13 – 14/11/15

<https://onedrive.live.com/redir?resid=F4CFDF51FA6C6998!827&authkey=!AHbidfzJJ7U-tak&ithint=folder>

*(Click on the first pix in the link and then step your way through them. In the middle is a wee video clip (of Mike and I travelling down from Taraponui), let it load, view and then keep stepping through the pix).*

Having to establish a temporary repeater at Taraponui (4300 ft as, inland from Lake Tutira) for the duration of the recent HB Car Rally, meant that Mike and I travelled to Taraponui on the prior Friday afternoon. Making the repeater go took only a couple of minutes so we continued the day by setting up an 80m dipole between a mast and the microwave tower (in the snow and hail) and set ourselves up for the duration. HF wasn't fantastic in activity but what we did hear was super quiet (the S meter rarely came up to S1) and ZL signals usually S9 or better. I don't think that the altitude, over a conventional low level paddock, contributed any benefit to the HF performance, however we had the time and opportunity to "play" and it was certainly something to do in the evening before we crashed into bed at about 8-45pm.

I do like my job/work but I do wonder if sleeping with commercial repeaters is taking my desire too far hi hi, however the room was nice and warm.

The next day dawned for us at 5-10am with a security company phone call (they thought we would be checking out of the building at 5am and wondered why we hadn't done so) however it also allowed us to step outside to see the most amazing sun rise with the orange glow stretching from behind Cape Kidnappers right across to Mahia Peninsula,.....the camera just did not do it justice.....amazing.

After a warm breakfast and a roam around the hill top Mike and I played with his selection of HF wire aerials that he wanted to measure and test, we certainly had the right environment to play in giving near identical surroundings to those that he will encounter during his tramping escapades.

Packing up, cleaning up and a wee afternoon sleep didn't take long and then it was departure time at 6pm.....home by just after 8pm.

A great way to start a weekend.

David ZL2DW and Mike ZL2VM.



## FOR SALE/OFFERS

The tower and spider beam are free for the taking away as is the 2m, 70cm and 2cm dish. Preamps and antenna controllers going for a modest contribution. Contact David Lamont ZL2AMD, Napier ph 8449117



## A note from Branch 13

There is NO Branch 13 meeting or Break Out magazine during December. The first 2016 meeting of Branch 13 will be on 27 January 2016 and Break Out will be emailed a few days before the 27th January.

David ZL2DW (Sec for Br 13/HBARC, Hastings)



<http://www.knowledgebank.org.nz/875/1050/35573>

(Via John ZL2VAF) "We wonder if Lee ZL2AL knew about the existence of this pix and info....and one could ask, what is a radiotrician ?"



*Rob (ZL2US) and Sue (ZL2DC) with Janet and John (KA4RXP), lunching out". (See Rob's story).*



*Peter Mulhare ZL2IK (front left), an "old boy" from Napier in the 1970's and 80's, and xyl, Margaret (in the red dress) (both now living in Whangarei) gathered recently with a few old friends at the Napier RSA. There was much nostalgia exchanged and probably a few lies too hi hi, especially between Peter and Errol ZL2IT (front right) who both trained together in Wellington in 1959*