

BREAKOUT

The Newsletter of the Hastings and
Napier Amateur Radio Clubs

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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 kHz
439.175
MHz

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Newson
ZL2VAF



*New Amateur Radio operators as a result of the November
Branch 13 "AOC Boot Camp" weekend.
Graeme ZL2GZ, Stu ZL2XC, Alice ZL3EM, Mike ZL2MCP*

<http://www.zl2gt.nz/>

<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

From the TOP OF the TOWER

They come to our Club but once a year, yes it's the month for the Branch 13/HBARC AGM and Homebrew Competition, both being after our normal monthly meeting on 23 Nov., Pakowhai Hall, 7-30pm. I haven't seen the balance sheet yet but I'd guess we've had another OK year, do come to the AGM and see for yourself and exercise your vote for Club officers for the forthcoming year.

As is usual with the Homebrew Competition if you can't get your entries through the door then photos of your home constructed item are acceptable.

This month we have held our "AOC Boot Camp" weekend and I'm pleased to say that four candidates passed with flying colours, one being a 15 year old YL (a school friend of last years YL, Xenia ZL4YL). One can feel pretty chuffed with seeing them all go home with a call sign.

The Branch 13/25 Xmas Tea is to be held on the 25 November, at the Taradale RSA, 6-30pm, booking numbers to David ZL2DW or Rob ZL2US.

Due to the success of last years "Summer Wine Bus Trip" it will be repeated this year.....on 3 December on the #12 bus. You can hop aboard anywhere along the route beginning at the Hastings Library (depart 10am).....traveling via Pakowhai and Taradale....and stops at the Napier Library. Last year, after a trip to the Napier Library, we used another bus for a tour around Ahuriri and Westshore then it was time for lunch at the Napier RSA and the return trip back home. Don't forget to use your Gold Card (that's part of the point after all) but non Gold Card users are welcome to join us. 2m portable "Bus Mobile" is optional. We remember David ZL2BCE (SK) with this bus ride, he was one of the instigators initially but never got to exercise his idea.

There is no Branch 13/HBARC meeting in Dec. and no Break Out mag again until about 22 Jan 2017.

It's also time to wish you all Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

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



*Branch13/HBARC Officers
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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: <http://www.zl2gt.nz/>

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

Napier Amateur Radio Club

Hello everybody, the AGM is past and a few changes have been made. Welcome to Paul ZL2HB to the committee, and yours truly being trusted with the top job. The other stalwarts on the committee remain to carry on their good work.

The committee has met and pencilled in a program for the monthly meetings in the coming year, we also discussed JOTA and a construction project for next year.

Anyone with an interest in JOTA should contact and perhaps offer to help Paul ZL2HB who is keen for NARC to have some participation in JOTA next year.

If you have a special (Amateur Radio) skill or interest then perhaps you could come forward to give a talk to the club at one of the meetings. December will be Revell and part 2 of his radio origins series.

Congratulations to the successful candidates at the recent 2 day course and exam for an Amateur radio license at Pakowhai (ZL2US residence). We hope you have an enjoyable Ham career, and please, if you need help or advise just ask, one of our members will have the knowledge you need.

Laurie ZL2TC will soon leave us for his retirement home on the west coast, and I would personally thank him for the long term service he has made to the NARC club as well as helping to maintain the various repeater assets in the district. His sticky bun quiz nights have also been a feature in the last few years. As the December meeting is the last for the year I suggest we could all bring a beer and toast Christmas and Laurie's record of service to the club.

Please also bring your unchanged subscription (\$25.00) for our Treasurer Stan.

That's about it for this month, I hope my tenure is as inclusive as it can be, so any suggestions and thoughts about the future of the NARC will always be welcome.

73 de ZL2MQ Dave

SARex 2016

This year's search and rescue exercise was held last weekend (19/20 November). We have worked in this area before and, weather wise, we had more of the same. Winds gusting up to 140Km/h meant it was tiring just being outside. The camper van and caravan were bouncing around a fair bit and deprived the inhabitants of much sleep. There was little rain but what did come at us from 10 or so kilometres away was horizontal. One side of my vehicle was wet and the other dry. We lost the night frequency antenna with the cost of one split section on the fibreglass mast. This has been organised for repair.

Aside from all that the exercise was a success. The efficiency of the search teams meant the lost parties were found quickly, the last one ten minutes after the 1900 sched on Saturday night, and all teams spent the night out and headed for base in the morning. This allowed for everyone to be able to get homeward bound well before lunch time.

Comms operators were Rob ZL2SG, Peter ZL2AK, Gerry ZL2XL, Kirk ZL2KY and John ZL2VAF.



The brains trust in the woolshed used as HQ

The AREC caravan with Kirk ZL2KY, John ZL2VAF and Peter ZL2AK, intact orange fibreglass mast in background



The other side of the caravan, showing all our vehicles.



A shot of the interior of the caravan. Rob ZL2SG was having trouble sleeping as the caravan was lifting due to the wind



Wanted to buy

I am restoring a ww2 radio for my ww2 jeep (1942).an I am interested in buying if anyone in the local Ham fraternity should have a ZC1 whip or similar military whip antenna that would be suitable to mount on my Jeep.
Errol Lilley ZL2IT 021490253 or 8355338



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.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED



Do you have a passionate interest in the province's history? We need you as a researcher, typist or to enter data at Stoneycroft.

Volunteers are needed for all sorts of tasks -- to help at the Knowledge Bank where we are digitising Hawke's Bay's history.

To see the results of our work visit:
www.knowledgebank.org.nz

Come and join our friendly crew. Training given if required.

Ring 833 5333 between 10am and 3pm weekdays.