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Branch's 13/25 Net 9.00 AM Sunday Morning 670 Repeater

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Errol ZL2IT receiving the Br 13/HBARC Homebrew Trophy (from Branch 13 President, Blue ZL3TT) for his 475khz constructed items

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

Branch 13 Pres Speaks

Well here we are a new year and all that so first up let me wish you all a happy and positive new year and maybe some of you will end up with some new toys to go with the new year.

There has been some great contacts on the HF bands for those that care to be there to work it and on the 01/01/2019 was "activity day" and I for one made sure that I was there to work whoever came up on the bands.

Well I guess that most of those that are working will be back on the shop floor now. I have heard that Dave zl2ok has been a very busy working man so has not spent much time at the beach and David I hear you have had some mods done to your mic's, very loud and almost over deviating on the repeater so keep it down, repeaters don't like a lot of modulation hitting the input side. This reminds me of 2 guys a few years ago that thought it was great to have power mics on the 2m rigs and use them to work each other though the repeater even when both lived locally, not needed at all, think before you over do it, just a normal voice will do, even I have done this by forgetting to turn my processor off after coming off the HF bands.

I wonder how the digital bands are going, I see there are a lot on FT8 and it is being used quite well but as I'm not one to work this form of so called radio I am pleased that those that do are having fun doing it. I prefer the chase of good hard DX and having to go looking for those hard to find stations.

I would like to see some of you guys put pen to paper and give us some of your life stories and what you did in your working life and how you got involved with ham radio.

I even ask that some of the guys or girls that are not close by or overseas write to us and let us know what its like in your neck of the woods and what you do or are doing to keep yourselves busy.

Well I don't have a whole lot more to add at this time so as usual I look forward to *(Continued on Page 4)*



Branch 13/HBARC, Hastings, office bearers, Peter Keong ZL2PW (Treasurer), Blue Smith ZL3TT (President), David Walker ZL2DW (Secretary).

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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

Well another year rolled by really quickly, Happy New Year to you all.

6M has been patchy this year, with no where near as many openings as last year, however the potential, and realised, tropo openings on 2M and higher have been noticed.

Branch 25 Committee has met already this year and we are working on a brighter program for the coming year.

As a kick off, Errol ZL2IT will present his experiences with VLF transmitting at Our February meeting (6th February 2019 7:30pm), this will be part 2 for Errol and his Part 1, (Receiving teqniques at VLF) will be presented at the Hastings Branch 13 meeting (26th January 2019). So attend both if you have an interest in VLF.

As the year proceeds we intend to reintroduce some Sunday afternoon sessions, which will hopefully include a practical follow up to the previous meetings subject matter, ie discussion of digital radio modes, followed by a bring your computer and set up for those modes on the Sunday.

As we hope to cover SDR radio and Digital modes this year, the practical application should help those trying to break into these subjects.

Stan ZL2ST has asked for help with this event, if Branch 25 is to carry on with competing this event we need volunteers to set up, operate and tear down the field day station. This involves rigging pre-made aerials, setting up the stations and sharing some operating sessions. It would be a shame to see Branch 25 drop out of this contest, after competing at the top level for many many years. Please get in touch with Stan if you can help in even the smallest way.

URGENT: The Napier City Plan is again up for review, and we intend to present our case for aerials etc. if you have expertise with dealing with Council, please make yourself known to Mike ZL2VM. If you would like to be part of a (small) team to present, please also make yourself known to Mike.

Your Committee decided to abandon our quest to become a charitable entity, when it was discovered that the NZART insurance cover of Branches, repeaters etc. does not cover branches that share a charitable status.

At the next meeting, on 6th February 7:30pm, it is hoped to discuss and decide what the Branch project should be, we have suggestions for antenna projects and a repeat of the computer to radio interface that the Club did a few years ago, if you have a better idea, come along and share that with the meeting.

That's all for this month.

73 de ZL2MQ Dave



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seeing some at the 1st meeting of the year (on Wed. 23 Jan, 7-30pm, Pakowhai Hall) and maybe catch up with others later on. There has been some interesting things happening over Xmas re. the club and I hope it carries on, also we are doing a few things out of town this year as well.

Oh I almost forgot to tell you all what I got up to over Xmas.

A friend and I went over to Wanganui on Boxing Day to watch the motor bike racing, yeah right, the weather was good here but the closer we got to the middle of the country it got wetter and going over the Saddle Road was diabolical, rain and more rain along with low cloud and idiots driving like they are on a race track just silly but the cops were having a field day with them.

Well we got to Wanganui after waiting in the line of traffic at Bulls for an hour and what brassed me off was that guys on there bikes were white lining it, man I miss that, why oh why did I sell my best GL1000 Goldwing, I could have been doing the same yeah no worries, right down the middle and gone, but oh well it was not to be but as I said we got there and yes we did see some of the bike racing.

The next day we were going to go to Taupo via the Parapara's but we lost out to slips at Raetihi on state highway 47 so we had to back track a wee way towards Palmerston North and Marton then on to state 1, man was that fun, lots of traffic but 99% of the traffic was moving fine just 1 or 2 idiots that could not wait to just move with the flow of traffic.

Got to Hunterville, petrol \$1.99 cheapest for most of the trip, but we did get to Taupo, found a cabin at motorcamp and had tea on the lake front along with heaps of other folk and went for a walk around the place then went for a hot swim at Debrets, what a shock I was in for, \$44.00 for the 2 of us, you've got to be kidding don't you, and then got told that the water temp was a cool 37c and I thought what the hell lets give it a go. Well it was in and out, far to hot for me the sweat just flowed out.

Next day we waited around Taupo till around lunch time then hit the road home as there was still alot of traffic on the road but most going the same way and we got back here to Napier safe and sound. The car, being small, kept up with the flow of traffic and held its own on the road, even coming over the hills was no biggie just put the foot down and go for it, 'let the motor and gearbox do what they were made for.

Well that's it from here look forward to seeing you at the 1st meeting of the year all the best.

Blue ZL3TT (Branch 13/HBARC President)

Branches 13 and 25 Xmas Tea







Hastings Branch 13 NZART – Napier Branch 25 NZART

FOR SALE Yaesu FT 897D multi band radio

- including LDG auto tuner attached AT897 plus
- Long wire antenna including matching box CHA EMCOMM ||
- External S meter/swr/power meter.

All this ham radio equipment is in good working order and will remain operational until sold so if anyone wishes to hear it working they can call me on the national system most days 4.30-5.00 pm

The price is \$1,200.00 ono for all. Contact me via phone 07 3789906 or 0275752255

Cheers Doug Bowers ZL1KIW, Taupo



FOR SALE one Rotacut mower

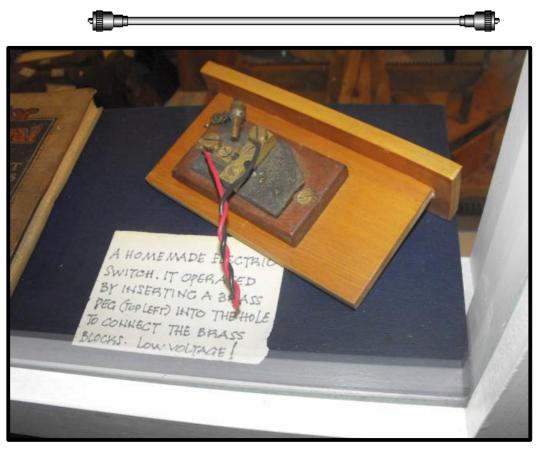
contact David ZL2DW (0274 502501)

FREE

Offered free to a good home, a selection of technical books/data manuals, radio related articles (in files) and associated literature.

Rather than dispose of it the owner would like it to go to a good home.

If you are interested and would like further info. please contact David ZL2DW (Hm 8760518)



A home made electric switch noticed in the Collingwood (top of the South Island) Museum

Notices

Branch 13/HBARC sub's are due, \$20.

They can be

- given to David ZL2DW or Peter ZL2PW or

- posted to Branch 13, c/o Box 2403 Stortford Lodge, Hastings (4153) or

- banked on line to a/c # 03 0642 0733310 00 (use your call sign as the reference).

THE NEXT Branch 13/HBARC General Meeting

is on Wednesday 23 January 7-30pm, Pakowhai Hall. After the Branch business Errol ZL2IT will give us a talk (part 1) on his experiments regarding 475khz.

SK FORM

http://www.nzart.org.nz/council/policies/2006-remove-client-record/ Something for you to print and store with your Will to allow your call sign to be handed in or handed on.

KAHURANAKI (670) SITE VISIT, Sunday 17 Feb 2019, 10am departure from Hastings. 4WD required, make your own arrangements with someone who can transport you up there. If you wish to go please contact David ZL2DW. This is open to NZART members only (this relates to on site Insurance cover). Amongst other things you will be shown where the first TV signals to Hastings and Napier originated from.

TAUPO VISIT

A lunch time meeting has been arranged for the 16 March 12-30pm at Taupo to meet with our Taupo, Rotorua and others neighbours. If you'd like to come along to meet with our neighbours please give your numbers attending to David ZL2DW (0274 502501) as we have to advise our host at

http://www.ploughmans.co.nz/

Maybe you can car pool with someone, others of us may stay over night and enjoy a hot pool swim.

