

# BREAKOUT

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

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

**IRLP**  
Node  
6793  
147.250

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

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ZL2VAF



*Two of the three AREC vehicles taking part in the CD "Stinger" attack at Clive – ZL2XL Gerry and ZL2AK Peter checking out their route and ZL2PW finalising the installation in front, ZL2VAF taking the photo*

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

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/zl2as/>

**Emergency Call-in Frequencies: 3615khz and 670 repeater**



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## THE EX HOLIDAY MAKER SPEAKS

As you will have noticed I was at the last meeting, having arrived home from our OE just a couple of days before, I've reacclimatized to our cooler weather.

I must take this opportunity to thank Mike N7TLL for hosting us and allowing me the opportunity to talk to his San Juan Radio Club, they all made me very welcome.

I also convey thanks to Wayne WH6OR at Maui, again a wonderful host.

Over the last month or so I have been working part time driving a truck.....sometimes they want me and then they "sack" me a for a day or three but then I'm forgiven and back I go.....an arrangement that suits me fine.

At our next Branch 13/HBARC meeting on Wednesday 27 September, 7-30pm, Pakowhai Hall, Errol ZL2IT will give us a talk on VHF DF ing (see his wee promo. story elsewhere). Many of us probably wish at times that we could apply this skill when tracing interference, this is your opportunity to learn a bit more about the subject.

Our October meeting will be held at Waipawa CHB, it's our time to have a "Meal and Meeting" on the patch of our CHB members.

Our November meeting is our AGM and Homebrew Competition, so get those construction projects finished off and bring them along in November.

Branch 20, Palmerston North is holding it's annual Table Sale at Longburn Hall on Saturday morning, 7 October It's a great time to get a bargain and to catch up with folk you know and/or have worked on air. Maybe you met someone last year and need to catch up with them again...now's your chance.

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



*Branch 13/HBARC, Hastings, office bearers,  
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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**

At the last Sunday Open Day (17th September) at the Napier Club Rooms, Warren ZL2AJ gave a chat about SOTA, and showed off his exploits, Along with Emma, who has a interest in photography, they have ascended a significant number of locations to photograph / Blog / activate on Radio. This discussion was well received by the 8 or so attendees, Mike showed off his micropower 40 meter CW transceiver, and we were able to measure the 385mW on the prototype SWR POWER METER that will eventually be a NARC kitset, All in all a good Ham event. Next time (Sunday 15th October), Errol ZL2IT will present and probably demonstrate with a live event how to track down a 'fox' with his interpretation of FOX HUNTING equipment.

The next regular meeting of Branch 25 NARC, will be the Quiz night with 10 general Knowledge questions and 10 technical questions straight from the Amateur Radio License exam, These will all be multichoice answerable, so don't be too frightened to have a go, there will be prizes. This Meeting is the first Wednesday in October at 7:30pm (4/10/2017).

The call for presenters for the bi-annual HAMFEST, to be held in 2018, is repeated here, if you have a pet hobby horse you would like to share or if you have a suggestion of some one the committee can approach, please make this known to any of the Napier Branch Committee, we will welcome your input. We have two presenters at this time, but need several more.

The Committee has recommended that we continue our once a month Sunday meetings through Summer, so we are looking for activities of interest to make these days a success, please give us your thoughts and suggestions. The November event is touted as a "complete your kitset" day, as there appears to be a number of people who have not completed the Branches previous kitsets, this to be confirmed after the next regular meeting, see you there.

The beacons on 50.030 and 144.263 have been received as far south as Christchurch, so are already being put into peoples scan lists, this is a sure way to attract Dxers to listen in our direction.

That's all for this month, temperatures are rising and I am considering an overhaul of my 2M array and finishing my 23cm transverter, good luck with your ham radio pursuits.

Best 73

Dave ZL2MQ

## Would you be interested in 2 metre Fox Hunting?

At the Br 13, 27 Oct. meeting Errol (ZL2IT) will discuss the possibility of starting some 2m Fox Hunting over the Summer months.

He has demonstration gear all built and hopes to get some enthusiasm amongst all club members to participate.

Heaps of information on the internet and equipment is very cheap or in your Junk box.

Good chance to get the family involved (or Grandchildren) in a different aspect of Amateur radio.



*The only way to deal with aerials.....it just happens to keep OSH happy too, hi hi. David ZL2DW dealing with the aerial and Jan ZL2CZE being the ground man*

## Clive alive with “Stingers”

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September six AREC members assisted the Hawkes Bay Regional CD team test the emergency procedures by driving around Clive with Stinger emergency loudspeakers broadcasting a test emergency message. Two of the vehicles are below and they started from the same point. The other vehicle started at the Clive Boundary by the flower farm on SH2. (It was also the wrong colour being silver :) ) The maximum speed permitted was 15km/h which was a bit of a bother for some motorists on the 100km/h stretches of road. Hopefully only one horse was frightened by the noise and it all went well.

It was a beautiful Hawkes Bay day and was all over and done with by 1300.

Those involved were Ross ZL2WRW, Peter ZL2AK, Peter ZL2PW, Gerry ZL2XL, Richie CD Radio Operator (and hopefully future ham) and John ZL2VAF.

Alan Daly the Hastings CDEM has asked for his thanks to be passed on for a job well done.



*Peter ZL2PW, Peter ZL2AK and Gerry ZL2XL discussing which vehicle had their “Stinger” back to front – Gerry won and the front vehicle had it turned around before leaving*