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

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Laurie Winton ZL2TC operating in the VHF Contest (10-2-19) from Mt Curl (Manawatu).

The small corner reflector is for 23cm. Not many stations in the Contest, most DX contacts (ZL1/ZL3) were hard work due to poor propagation conditions.

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



Site visitors enjoying the view from Kahuranaki

David ZL2DW explaning some of the aspects of 670 repeater.



Several Br 13 and 25 members attended the site of repeater '670, the weather being just right. David ZL2DW was able to give them a history of the site, including a wee story about TV in HB first coming from this site (the piles for the building are still visible). A conducted tour continued. Naturally the '670 repeater was shown and aerials likewise.....amongst other equipment.

A light lunch was consumed while enjoying the view from this 2224 ft asl site, to the South of Hastings.



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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

I'm sitting here writing this blog with the realisation that the last week was an extremely busy one for the people of Napier and Hawkes Bay generally, visitors to our district for ART DECO activities hopefully got all the weather they wanted, while they enjoyed the activities provided. Certainly the traffic has been to manic levels at many times around Napier.

At the invitation of Dave ZL2DW, I had a visit to Taraponui to affect a repair to a faulty antenna, so along with Warren ZL2AJ we made our way to the mountain top, did some checks, made the necessary repairs, had lunch, and in the case of Warren, completed another SOTA event. This was interesting to me as I hadn't been to Taraponui for many years. I am sure there will be a report on this activity elsewhere in this publication by David ZL2DW.

This time of year also is the time for the JOCK WHITE memorial contest, and unfortunately it looks like Napier branch will not field a team for this years contest.

My copy of Break In arrived last Saturday in a plain envelope, so I was obviously on the "lost" list, amongst the usual articles and reports there is a review of the SDRPlay RSP1 SDR receiver, this review covers that particular radio, and also the computer software that can be used with said radio, this is a timely article because at our next Branch 25 Meeting Jan ZL2CZE will talk about SDR equipment. This may be followed by a "Sunday" practical set up session for those who may have difficulty setting these things up. More to be advised.

Last Meeting it was decided that a Dummy load would be the Club's project this year, so there is some investigation going on to source componentry for this. All will be revealed at the next meeting which will be on Wednesday 6th March at 7:30 at the Clubrooms Latham street, all welcome.

My EME fun continues with a foray into the 23cm band, and I have completed 6 EME initials with various stations around the planet, even with my tiny station, all good fun and very late nights / early mornings to contend with.

I hope your month has been busy and interesting and you have achieved any aims and ambitions you may have in Amateur Radio

See you on the 6th March at 7:30.

73 de ZL2MQ

NZ QRPers GROUP



The group started loosely in January 2017, with five keen QRPers getting on air on a Thursday night on 3.690 Mhz at 8.30pm, to discuss QRP equipment, antennae, and such.

Others joined in and the group has grown to its now 60+ members with more joining each week.

Some are avid homebrewers of QRP equipment, some building kitsets like the Micro Bitx, and others with commercial QRP rigs. Many of the group go portable with their equipment, some are SOTA fans, trampers, caravaners, or mobile home owners. We are mostly believers in the 5w QRP limit, but allow 10w for those whose rigs won't go down to 5w.

Our Weekly net, (QRP), is on Thursday nights at 8.30pm on 3.690Mhz LSB. Some of the group have a pre-net get together at about 8.00pm, on 5.353Mhz on the new 60M band, which appears to work particularly well for QRP.

Anyone (QRP) is welcome to join the group, just send your Callsign, Name, QTH, and email address to the address below. Its FREE! This makes you eligible to receive our Newsletters and take part in the Net and any other activities, like the "GO QRP NIGHT".

Contact ZL2OZ waynezl2oz@gmail.com



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.

The Remains of the USA Twin Tower communication mast

Taken in 2018 by Wayne ZL2CS





The correct way to do it

A collection of wiring photos from Cambodia and Vietnam
Peter ZL2LF











Branch 13/HBARC, Hastings, February meeting, 27th, 7-30pm, all welcome