



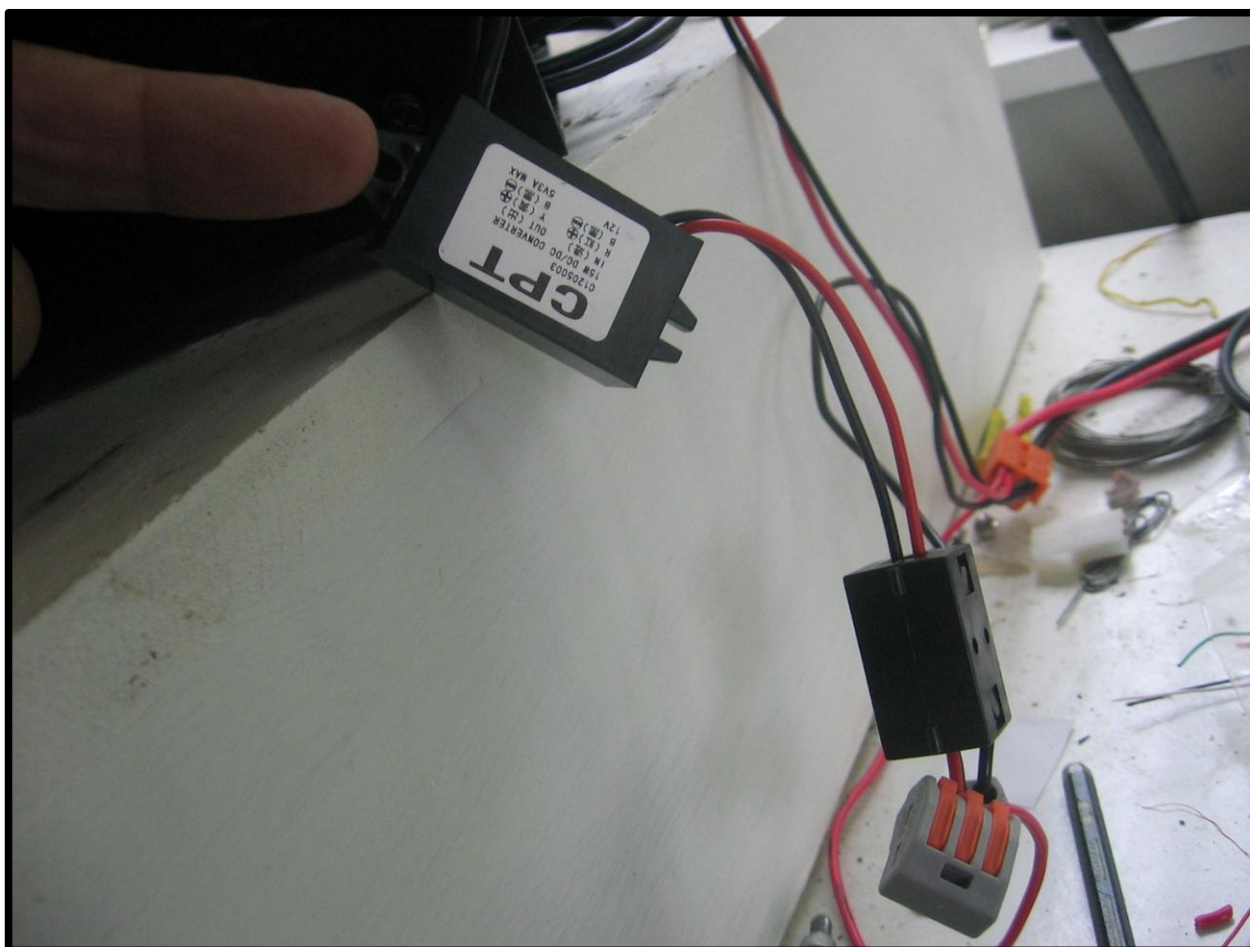
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Napier Br 25  
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Node  
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**Branch's**  
**13/25**  
**Net**  
9.00 AM  
Sunday  
Morning  
670  
Repeater

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*This is the culprit – check out Page 4 for the article*

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

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

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



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## From the Branch 13/HBARC Boss

You know I have never been the boss of anything but myself and this here computer, but I am sure that even my computer thinks for itself, in that I hit the lettered keys and hope that some words come up on the screen, but not likely. The top row of keys only work when they want to and even some of the others don't work, so I spend more and more time looking at what is on the screen just to make sure it has put the letters there but now it is even putting more letters on to words. It must be getting time to look at buying a new computer and they are so cheap now. I remember way back when I got my first computer from Dick Smith, it was a desk top type and as big as the table it was sitting on and I think I paid some where around \$2000.00 for it. For this sort of money we could get some sort of super computer today.

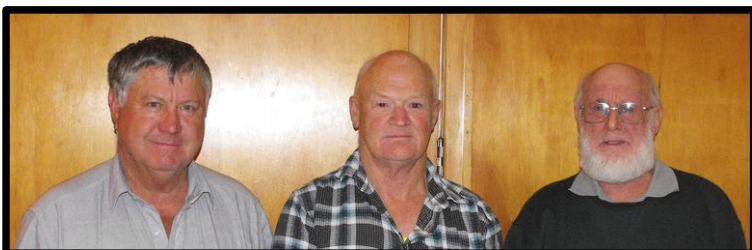
Talking of new things I am thinking that it might be time to upgrade my radio but what do you buy ? I have always been keen on Kenwood but maybe now I would like an Icom, or maybe a Yaesu, any thoughts from the team out there hint hint.?

Gary ZL2GAZ took my Baofeng hand helds and programed them for me, as well as setting up my computer with Chirp so I can write my own channels into these radios if I want to add more channels, thanks Gary. I would love to get my computer and my base radio to talk to each other again but it seems to be one of those things that just don't want to work. It's just one more thing that makes me think its time to spend some money and update from old to new and go the whole hog with a new computer and radio.

Anyway enough of that. What big news from France with Notre Dame being burnt down and even though I have never seen it, apart from in pictures, some folk that have say it was impressive to visit. Lets hope they can save something from it all.

Talking about this part of the world we have two young hams from Hawke's Bay and only from here, not anywhere else in NZ, that are going to be heading over that way (Bulgaria) later in the year. I am going to call on club members to offer some

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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 Branch 25 NZART**

Easter is upon us as I write this, what a wonderful piece of weather we are having, loads of people out and about, and a myriad of activities around the Bay, no wonder the place seems crowded out.

Winter has signalled that it is on it's way, so I hope everyone has a project to fill the time until spring, I have been prototyping this years Club Project, which is a 100watt dummy load, with a simple version, and a more complicated one with display etc., so far so good on the simple one, more work to do on the advanced one if there is any takers.

The noise levels at my place appear to have shot upwards, and I discovered a neighbour has fitted some after market bulbs to his downlights, obviously with built in hash makers! If anyone has a 70cm yagi I can borrow to check noise levels, then please let me know. I am already building 23cm aerials to escape the noise hi hi.

With the Northern spring and Summer coming on, various Dxpeditons have been coming forth so I have been chasing the EME ones, I missed out on TO2MB Martinique because of holidaying in Tasmania, but managed after a few nights of calling to snare VP2EMB on Anguilla Island, where the team were plagued with rain static, so could not hear too well.

Next meeting of Br 25 is on May 1st at Latham Street, all welcome, starting 7:30pm, usual discussions and a vote by eligible members on the remits proposed for next NZART AGM will take place. There is only 2 such remits, both administrative, so this shouldn't take long, we may be able to arrange a amateur based video to fill out the evening. I hope to see you all there.

Amateur Satelites continue to be launched and the geostationary Es'hail sounds a great thing, unfortunately only serving areas of the earth surrounding Africa, but including the eastern most tip of South America, northern Europe and the Asian continent including India and just touching Antartica to the south... pity... you can see all the info on <https://eshail.batc.org.uk/>

Hopefully, I will see you all at the next meeting of NARC, where I will explain a bit more about the construction project.

Best 73  
Dave ZL2MQ

## From the Branch 13/HBARC Boss

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cash towards the cost of their travel and I hope that the club can give some as well. Near the end of this month there will be a page set up called "Give a Little", keep an eye out for it. I think that we the older and not so old hams should get in behind this as these youngsters or young hams are the future of our hobby and we need to help them so they can then help us but also keep ham radio going long after we have all gone. More to come on this as time goes by.

Well that's about it from me this month apart from saying that Winter is coming and so I know I will be spending more time by the rig. Short days and long nights. It will be good to see what pops up on the radio or even the digi modes re D-Star or even the IRLP which is up and running again (thanks Ross ZL2WRW).

Good DX.

See you all soon.

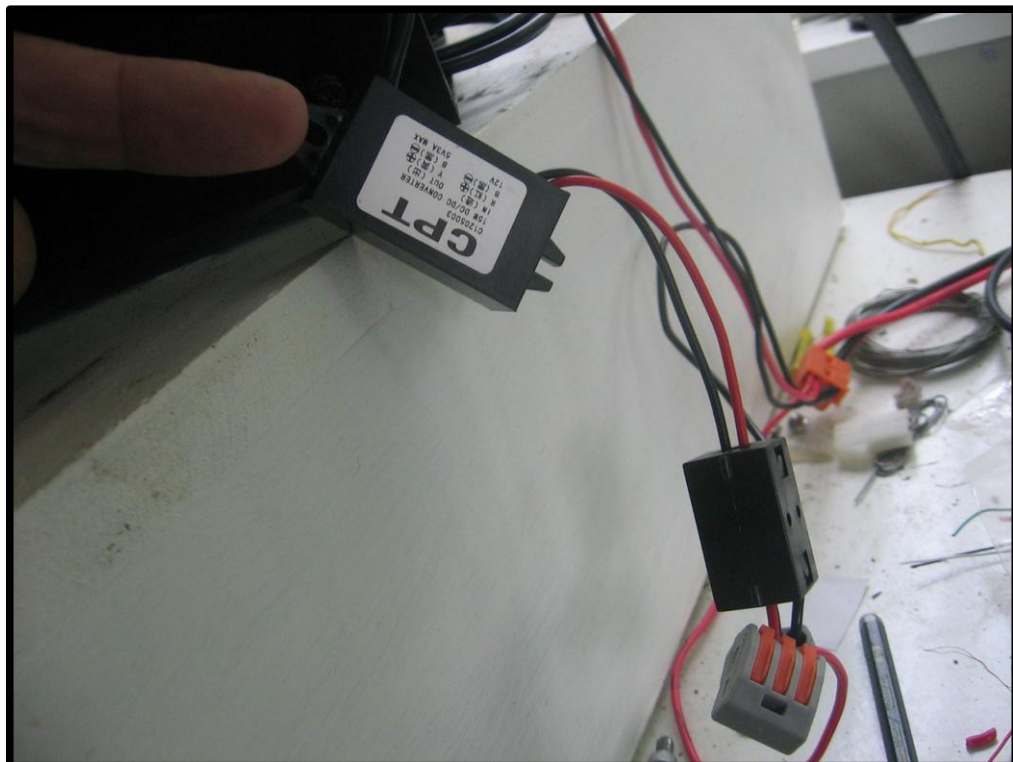
Blue (ZL3TT President Branch 13/ HBARC)



### Blame the neighbours, or not.

Recently I noticed the background noise level on 2 metres had increased noticeably. I had not added any new equipment at my house. To be sure I turned off the power at the main board, noise still there. Must be the neighbours I said to myself. So I borrowed a yagi from ZL2DW and proceeded to track it down. Hey it is coming from my house, sorry neighbours. It turned out to be a small device from China, 12 v in and 2 x USB out which is part of my high power hot spot for DStar. The hotspot is powered from my 12 volt DC supply which has a 100 AH backup battery so turning off the mains had no effect.

The simple fix was a clip on ferrite around the input 12 v cable. He presto, the noise has gone. I am assuming that it is a switch mode device and that the noise was being radiated back down the DC cables to my ID5100 which where I first noticed the noise.



## THE NEXT Branch 13/HBARC MEETING.

**Wednesday 24 April, 7-30pm, Pakowhai Hall**

Change of format. Our guest speaker will be presenting at 7-30pm. She will be talking about First Aid, something she is highly qualified to do. Your hands on participation in her presentation is not required. So, do you want to be sure you know what to do in the case of Electrocution, CPR, Rescue Breathing etc then come along and hear what she has to say.

Our normal meeting will follow. We may do the two NZART Conference remits (if documentation from HQ comes to hand in time), otherwise we'll do them at our May meeting. Warren ZL2AJ will be representing us at the Conference this year.

We will be discussing possible funding for Jaidyn and Xenia (travel costs only) who will be attending the IARU Youth Camp in Bulgaria in August.

Some consideration will be given to a replacement web site and reflector for Branch 13 also.



Thanks Ross ZL2WRW for hosting our IRLP node which we had to relocate. It's all up and running nicely.



MID YEAR XMAS TEA.

It was agreed at the last Branch 13 meeting that we should move the annual Branch 13/25 Xmas Tea from November to June. A booking has been made for 28 June at 6pm at the Napier RSA. Numbers wishing to attend will be taken in May/June.



Branch 13 has available several 12v 65a/h SLA batteries at \$35 each. Proceeds to Branch 13 funds. Contact David (ZL2DW 0274 502501)



### Branch 13/HBARC sub's are due.

This is the third reminder to those that have not renewed their Branch 13/HBARC sub's for the 2018/2019 year. Sub's were due in November 2018 for the period 1/10/18 to 30/9/19. They remain at \$20 per ham or \$30 for a couple or family group. They can be paid to

- David ZL2DW
- Peter ZL2PW
- Posted to Box 2403 Stortford Lodge, Hastings (4153)
- banked online to account number 03 0642 0733310 00 (use your call sign as the reference).

Thank you.

## NZART Conference and AGM

Just a quick reminder to all members the NZART conference and AGM is in New Plymouth this Queens Birthday Weekend May 31 - 2nd June. The easiest way to register is via <https://conference.zl2ab.com/>

Just some notes the alternative program on both days does not start until 11 am

Also Gary ZL2IFB is authorized by ARRL to check QSL cards for DXCC, WAS and WAZ awards. If you've been patiently collecting QSL cards intending to apply for an award, you are welcome to bring them or ask a friend to deliver them to Gary at the conference in New Plymouth. You'll need to apply for the award and complete the official paperwork first: please email [Gary@isect.com](mailto:Gary@isect.com) for detailed instructions. Card checking is free but there are charges for the awards (see [www.arrl.org/awards](http://www.arrl.org/awards)).



### For Sale

Make an offer, UPS 650 for sale, near new battery, working and no external damage.

No tyre kickers please. Peter ZL2LF, txt 0272133213.



### Receiver Collection website

<https://www.qsl.net/zl1bpu/IONO/rxcollection.htm>

Listening Post ([www.listeningpost.co.nz](http://www.listeningpost.co.nz)) currently list this receiver at \$235.

There are now about 54 receivers in the collection, 20 of them currently in the shack. Of all the receivers, only about 15 are non-going.

73,  
Murray ZL1BPU



### Note about a note

In the latest Break In, Mar/Apr 2019, on page 49, the tail end of the Digital Modes column (Final finals), there is a mention about an item that our local Fergus ZL2VF had seen on the Internet.

I believe this is it,

<https://www.facebook.com/bbcworldservice/videos/do-young-people-know-how-to-tune-a-ra>

Sound up and have a listen/watch. Make of it what you wish.

David ZL2DW