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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



Warren ZL2JML working SOTA at Taraponui HB

<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 BOSS'S POINT OF VIEW (President Branch 13/HBARC)

Giddy one and all and boy are we having a good run of weather at the moment, just the sort that we hams like as it means we can get outside and do those jobs we have been putting off over Winter.

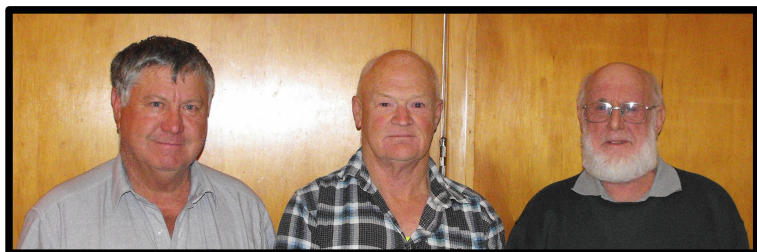
I'm sorry that I can't make the "Secret Radio Aerials" picture any better but I hope you all get what you are looking at. Yep antennas come in all shapes and sizes and in many different forms and I sometimes sit here and contemplate on just how many types there are and the mind boggles when you think it over.

Well it is good to see that Xenia ZL4YL and Jaidyn ZL4WW are back home from their big trip to Bulgaria and I for one am very interested in listening to Xenia's and Jaidyn's tales at our next meeting on Wednesday night, so if, like me, you want to hear their story do come along. No one will bite you and we don't charge at the door, it is still one of the things that is free and for us old buggers you don't have to show your Gold Card either and we will even give you a cuppa but don't ask anyone to make it for you, it is self help.

Well I don't have a lot more to add but remember guys and girls it is not long till the AGM of Branch 13 so put your thinking caps on if you want change or are just happy to leave things the way they are but we do need input from you all to keep the club active and don't forget next month we are off to see the boys down south for our meeting and tea (at Waipawa), which is always a good hoot.

OK no more from me till next time so take it easy, look after yourselves and I will see you at the meeting.

Cheers, Blue ZL3TT, President Branch13/HBARC, Hastings



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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

From Branch 25 Napier Amateur Radio Club

Last meeting, Errol ZL2IT, presented those present with an interesting discussion on how the choices of transmission line coaxial cables came to be made in the varying impedances that we choose from today. Thank you for that Errol!

Branch 25 (with help from Branch 13) have agreed to run NZARTs AGM and conference for Queen's Birthday 2021, an initial meeting has been held, and a list of tasks distributed amongst the attendees. If you think you can assist and wish to be part of this event, please make yourself known to Karl ZL1TJ, me ZL2MQ, or Dave ZL2DW for Hastings volunteers, "many hands make light work". We are also open to suggestions for Speakers and entertainers for the Social and technical side shows.

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 (2/10/2019).

The first signs of tropo occurred for me last week and I managed a tropo contact on 2 metres with Nick ZL1IU in OKAIHAU (RF64vr) approx 540km, after a futile attempt to contact Roger ZL3RC, in Christchurch, on 1296 Mhz, The Hepburn Tropo map indicated that there was some chance of tropo enhancement, I used SSB and JT65B to make (or try to make) these contacts, hopefully a sign of things to come. Hepburn tropo map site is http://www.dxinfocentre.com/tropo_eur.html simply select the region of interest and you can click the map to advance for about a week.

I have finally beaten the last remaining glitch in the Arduino sketch for the Club Project Power Meter, the cases have been ordered, so I will be filling orders shortly. We still need orders for the Power Meter version, the Dummy Load version is sold out, please place your order at the friendly Br25 and BR13 prices, before the decision is made to sell these on Trade me or Break in.

Spring seems to have sprung, Weather trying to improve, Antenna projects in full flight.

Good Luck with your endeavours and DX.

See you all on the 2nd of October, next meeting 7:30pm.

73 Dave ZL2MQ

WANTED TO BUY

- a frequency counter (anything considered)
 - a chimney mounting bracket (again anything considered)
- (these were used for mounting TV aerial pipes to a concrete chimney)
Contact John Childs ZL2BMC phone Hastings 8735153 or 0272381517



Branch 13/HBARC, Hastings meetings

25 September Xenia and Jaidyn will give us a presentation on their recent trip to the YOTA Camp in Bulgaria, in August.

23 October Branch 13 meeting will be The "Meal and Meeting" at Waipawa, CHB. A chance to visit the patch of our CHB members.
Bookings to Peter ZL2HM or David ZL2DW, details to follow.

27 November is the Branch 13 General Meeting, Annual General Meeting and Homebrew Competition. Get those projects under way and completed and bring them along. Photos accepted of projects that you can't get through the Hall door.

Decemberno meeting



Thanks for my de-erection. The picture of the three intrepid hams, fully equipped with safety gear. And note, Peter bought his car up the drive and parked in the bush, John parked his bike under the window, and Rob did not use a ladder to get on the roof..... he just jumped. They were brilliant, and all wire, ropes, coax and poles can go to new hams, or emergency use. Ric ZL2RIC

SOTA at Taraponui HB



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Warren ZL2JML
and Ada ZL2ADA
working SOTA at
Taraponui HB



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<http://www.southgatearc.org/>

Pictures via Ray ZL2RB from a recent trip to Christchurch



Tait's "Upstairs Museum" Sample of many products made by Tait.

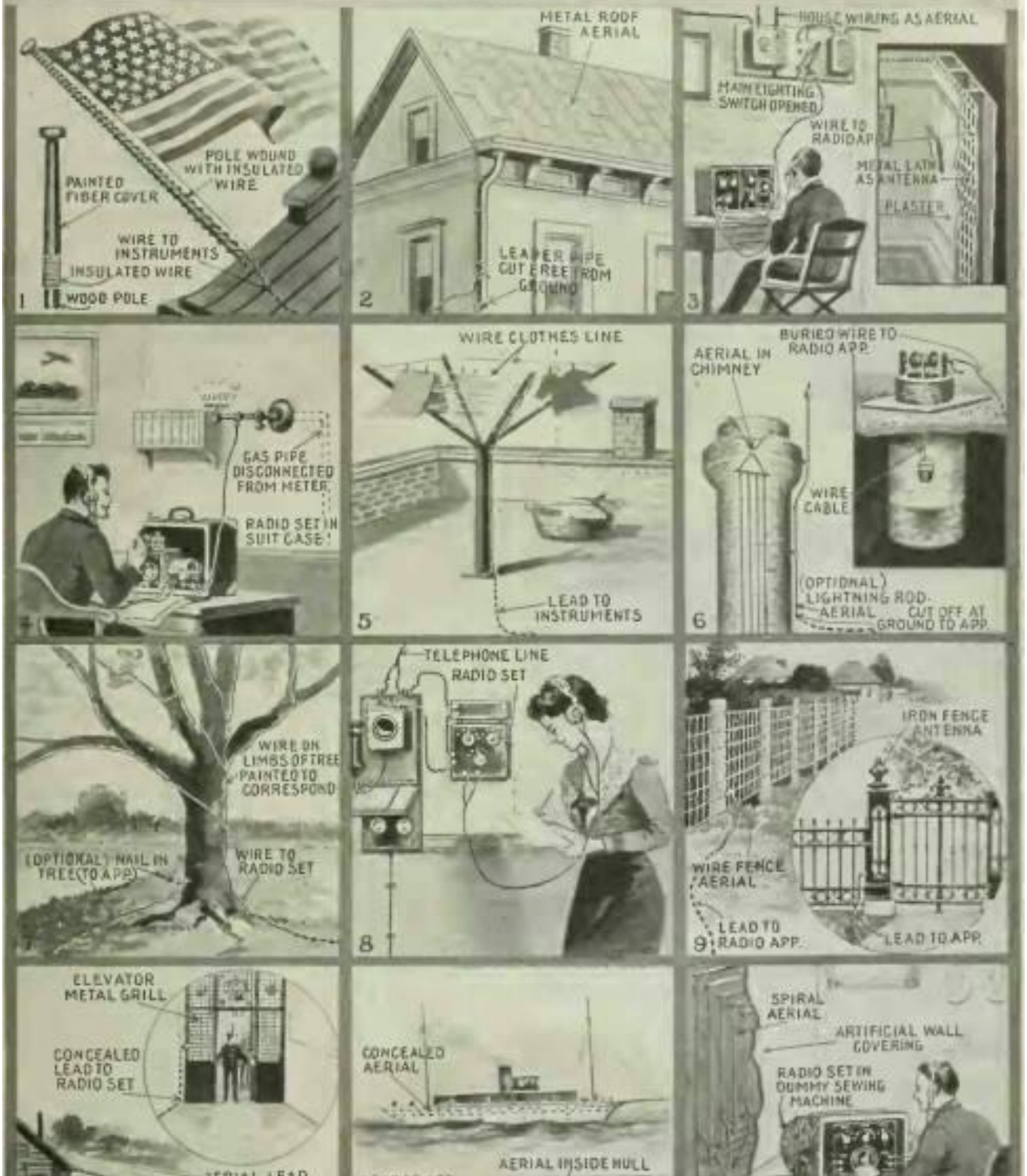


Tait Museum with curator Ian Gardiner.



P & T equipment in back room at Ferrymead

SECRET RADIO AERIALS



LIFE IS SIMPLE

