

The Newsletter of the Hastings and Napier Amateur Radio Clubs

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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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Snow at the National System site, Wharite (Manawatu) 17 Sept 2020 from Daniel ZL2KA

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 Top Table

Hi to all you folks out there.

Yipee we are going back to level 1. It looks like things will get better slowly but surely and we may be able to travel around a lot better with out any worries unless you want to go far up North and want to cross the coat hanger in Auckland. We

really don't know how lucky we are with travelling around and not having any thing to cross just to get to the other side. they really are having lots of trouble in that big city and I for one am glad I don't live there.

Well things here at my home are on the go and I'm busier now than when I was working. That is just doing things around the house to tidy it up. At least it will look good when we have all the jobs done.

David ZL2DW is getting better and will be back on deck again soon so keep getting better Dave as we do miss you to help steer the club along.

Next month we will be in Waipawa for our club meeting. I know it is a bit hard for some to

come down but it will be nice to see some new faces there and to enjoy the meal that they serve. You don't have to have a meal and if you need a ride it can be arranged for you as we car pool and there is always room.

I'm looking for suggestions for guest speakers for each month. I'm sure some of you know some interesting folks that would like to come and talk to us for half an hour or so and it does not

have to invoke amateur radio, any subject will do.

I look forward to seeing some of you on club night and catching up with others some time on the air.

Cheers from Blue ZL3TT

President Branch 13 HBARC



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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, I showed a few pictures of my EME station, and answered a few questions about EME in general.

I also attended the AGM of NZART in Wellington, and said a few words about our commitment to host the 2021 version of this event, This will be on Queens Birthday 2021. . 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 (7/10/2020).at the usual venue 123 Latham Street.

I am awaiting some DX on VHF and also notice a few internet comments that Sun cycle 25 has indeed started.

My version of the loop antenna and PCB based variable capacitor is progressing slowly, awaiting some parts for the capacitor, transport from China seems to have slowed down dramatically since Covid 19 hit.

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 7th of October, next meeting 7:30pm.

73 Dave ZL2MQ

AREC SUMMIT 2020

Over three days in September, your AREC National team met at Wellington to discuss, debate and agree the strategy and priorities for our organisation over the next 12-months and beyond.

LandSAR MOU Signing

A highlight of the weekend was the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between LandSAR and AREC by Carl McOnie, CEO of LandSAR and AREC National Director Don Robertson. "LandSAR are a key partner of AREC" explains Don. "We were privileged to have Carl spend the weekend with us as the SAR Sector representative on the trust. I would like to thank Carl for his time at the summit and also for his ongoing support of AREC".



Carl McOnie (LandSAR) and Don Robertson ZL2TYR (AREC) sign the MOU

Eastern Managers Report on the Summit

I attended the Summit as the Eastern District Manager and was in awe of the job being done and the amount of work in front of us to get AREC onto a professional footing. Don Robertson the National Director has basically had to start with a clean slate and create a functioning organisation out of the threads of what had gone before.

There is certainly a new energy and vitality to the organisation that I haven't seen before in my rather long association. The workload was huge with a very short timeframe and Don has everyone heading in the right direction, sometimes with a little persuasion (as in anything to do with Amateurs herding cats is a good metaphor). Typical of higher IQ people who come from positions of authority who all have their good ideas of how things should be done and all having valid points we were able to be led and pointed in the right direction to achieve massive results in a very short time.

I would like to thank Don in particular and the other members there for their massive work ethic and their massive achievements in, as I said, very short time frames.

It was an amazing weekend and it is great to be a part of a team at last and not just some far distant, forgotten area of New Zealand.

John Newson ZL2VAF



Annual Table Sale

Saturday 3 October 0900 hours NZDST

Longburn Hall

Hi Everyone

It's that time of the year again – the Annual Branch 20 Table Sale. Held at the Longburn Community Hall, 17 Ngaire Street, Longburn.

Doors open for Sellers at 0730 and to the general public at 0900. Morning tea will be available at the venue. Costs are:

- Full Table \$25
- Half Table \$15

For Further Details Contact:

- Peter Moore ZL2AUB
- Bill Dench ZL2BILL

Please make bookings by emailing committee@zl2ko.org.nz

The preferred method of payment is via electronic banking to the club account.

- Westpac Account: 03-1522-0161009-000
- Put tablesale in particulars your callsign in code and sumame as the reference.

Warren Crawley President ZL2KO

Remember the Rules - don't come if any of the following apply to you:

- · If you are unwell with a cough, fever, or other respiratory symptoms.
- If you have been in close contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 until they have completed the prescribed quarantine period, even if they are completely symptom free.
- If you have returned from any overseas country until they have completed the self-quarantine period for 14 days, even if they are symptom free
- If you are undergoing COVID-19 testing, until they have received negative results and are symptom free
- If you have been advised to stay at home by a health professional.



Guideline from Ministry of Health



Longburn Community Hall, 17 Ngaire Street, Longburn. (Off State Highway 56)

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