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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

Editor John Newson ZL2VAF



Blue ZL3TT presenting the Branch 13/HBARC November 2022 AGM, Homebrew Trophy to Morrie ZL2AAA for his winning entry

http://www.zl2gt.nz/
http://www.zl2as.org.nz/

Emergency Call-in Frequencies: 3615khz and 670 repeater



https://arec.nz/join-arec/



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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

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a great Festive Season with friends and Family.

Mr COVID paid Mary and I a visit on Boxing Day, so put paid to our activities for some days, we are pretty much over it now, but not the greatest experience overall. My prediction that covid would disappear in 2022 was sadly well off the mark.

I had a look at the wspr data base and although the ZL2GT 6 metre antenna is damaged the beacon (wspr) is still being heard regularly in VK and the pacific islands. This antenna is one of the aerial projects we can hopefully fix this summer, along with the HF antenna for the club shack.

The Branch 25 committee will meet this week to decide on a program for the coming year, as usual we are looking for speakers and demonstrators, so if you have a skill (not necessarily Ham / Radio), let us know and you can help rejuvenate the Club, by adding to the knowledge and entertainment base.

Our next general meeting for members and guests will be held at the clubrooms Latham Street on 1st February 2023 at 7:30pm, All welcome.

That's all for now

73 Dave ZL2MQ

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Club Nights: Fourth Wednesday each month at 7.30 pm Pakowhai Hall, Pakowhai Road, Pakowhai

From the top table

Happy New year to you all and may it be a better year.

Well so far this year I have not been up to to much HF wise but have been doing a little bit on 20 Meters and 10. There is very little on 10 and the signals are not great but you do get the odd one that comes across really good that makes it all worthwhile. The other night I worked a guy over in GI in Belfast so that was a new one for me. If you are into HF there are a few DX expeditions happening right about now so keep your ears out for them and be polite, remember there will be heaps of stations calling them. Do your best and work them as quick as you can with just the ZL CALL 5/9 your name and get out and let them work the next guy that is calling them. Pileups will be there so it will be a case of the strongest stations making the calls and getting through. Be patient and wait, you will get them sooner or later. If you can't find them look on the cluster to see where they are. They might also be working split so make yourself familiar on how to do this on you rig.

Last month, December, I had to go have a hearing test done and OH joy joy they told me that my hearing was not good. I thought there was nothing wrong with my hearing what-so-ever but oh no not the case. After doing all the tests my hearing was not good at all and to be told you need hearing aids was a shocker. Just before Xmas I got my new hearing aids and boy they do make a difference that's for sure. They do make sounds a lot better but birds are bloody noisy. Other sounds do come across a lot better now as well. I also find that I don't need to have the TV very loud to hear it and even have to turn down the volume on the radio as well. In the car I can hear what others are saying with out having to try and read lips or look right at who ever is talking. All I can say about the whole thing is bloody great.

Wally ZL2MO is laid up at the moment with a broken leg. He is doing well and is well on the way to getting better. Some time in the next few weeks he should be up and



Branch 13/HBARC, Hastings, office bearers,
David Walker ZL2DW (Secretary),
Blue Smith ZL3TT (President),
Peter ZL2HM (Treasurer).

about again once the bones heal back together again and then there will be no holding him back again. This brings me to make mention that a lot of us are getting older and we just got to remember that we can't do what we used to do so think before you do something that can and, in some cases will, end in disaster. Be wise and careful before you do anything on your own, ask some one to help you.

Well that's my lot, take care and I hope to see some of you on Wednesday night. Before that I will just like to make mention that we do have the cornflakes net each weekday morning and on Sunday morning there is also a net on 670. This net is for all and of late I'm very disappointed in the fact we go out of our way to have these nets and yet very few of you bother to participate in them. They are a good way to hear what is going on around the clubs and really I'm starting to wonder is it worth the time to hold them, for the guys that go out of their way to run them to carry on, more so the Sunday morning net compared to the cornflakes net which has a good following.

That's all for this month.

Your President Blue ZL3TT Branch 13 HBARC



WANTED

'725 repeater requires the donation of an N coax connector (ie a male/male barrel) (or if you prefer N(m)/N(m)). (Male gender as in the centre pin). This will allow the upcoming circulator to be connected to the transmitter. If you can help out please contact David (ZL2DW 0274 502501).



Branch 13/HBARC Hastings Subs

Sub's (\$20) are due and can be paid

- · in cash to Peter ZL2HM or David ZL2DW or
- (preferably) paid online to the Club account (03 0642 0733310 00) use your call sign as the reference.

Thank you.



THE NEXT Branch3/HBARC, Hastings, General Meeting

- is on Wednesday 25 January 7-30pm, Pakowhai Hall.
- the Guest Speaker will be David ZL2DW talking about why circulators are necessary for repeaters. David also has some historical test gear to show.

Other folk will be bringing along some items/gear of historical interest and talking about them also.



FARADAY CENTRE

Our two Branches have had an approach from the Faraday Museum of Technology as they wish to update the Ham Radio historical display they have and have asked our two clubs to lead this. So, we need, a project leader, contributors, helpers, good ideas, older no go equipment etc. (in the short term contact David ZL2DW re this matter).

Branch 13/HBARC Homebrew Trophy

Blue ZL3TT presenting the Branch 13/HBARC November 2022 AGM, Homebrew Trophy to (absent) Morrie ZL2AAA for his winning entry.

It was an interesting Competition this year with entries from

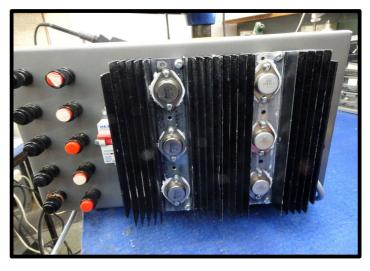
- · "Old Timer" Morrie ZL2AAA, 12v DC, high current power supply
- · and
- "Newbie" Graham ZL2YG, photos shown of his home station aerials.

Well done all



Winning entry (Homebrew Competition) Power Supply from Morrie ZL2AAA







Homebrew Comp second place getter, Graham ZL2YG Home Station aerials











RESULTS of the last Branch 13/HBARC Annual General Meeting

(November 2022)

- All Officers and positions are as they were last year.
- another good year for the Club and a profit made (We are more than covering our costs).
- Sub's remain unchanged at \$20 and are now due (see separate notice elsewhere).
- Our venue host (The Pakowhai Memorial Hall) is happy with us and our branch's contribution to it's upkeep and running (of particular note is our contribution last year towards the War Memorial Gates maintenance......it was noticed by the local community and nice notes left).

PLANNED VAN TRIP (to Wanganui Vintage Radio Museum).

To be confirmed but Branches 13/25 have an upcoming day trip to Wanganui on 5 March as per below. Lady's welcome. Mask use optional unless something Covidwise dictates otherwise nearer the time.

https://vintageradiomuseum.co.nz/

Our host can provided a table for lunch and a toilet but we need to take our own food/drink. Entry fee is a donation. There is a great food shop at Bulls.

\$'s per seat is yet to be determined.

"Pick up the van" locations have yet to be decided (perhaps Pakowhai Hall, BP Stortford Lodge and BP Waipawa, Waipukurau ????).

It's a great venue and these "Van trips" are great fun, 'looking forward to it and having another Branches 13/25 adventure.

Bookings to David ZL2DW 0274 502501



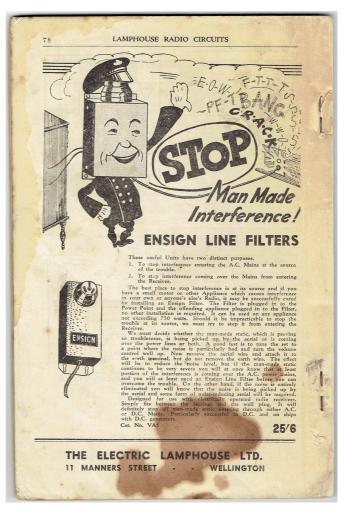
For Sale

Lengths of RG213 RG8 coax most with PL259; Ph 8767904 ZL2AO



This ad. (more than 70 years old) came my way courtesy of Ian ZL2AM. While the ad. is old the filter type (there are modern day versions) is valid, and especially the described "trick" within the text to determine the supply route of your interference.

David ZL2DW



Start of new year

December and January is always the start of a new year.

I put a new coat of white paint on the floor, and generally have a major tidy up of the work bench.

Because people of my clan have this problem, if there's a flat surface that's empty you have put some stuff on top of it, and you end up with no bench .

Now my bench is 700 mm by 500 mm, and that's sort of all the space that I can keep clean.

So I have a lot shelves, as I have a collection of stuff.

But we all do .

That took up most of the time, (that and mowing the lawn).

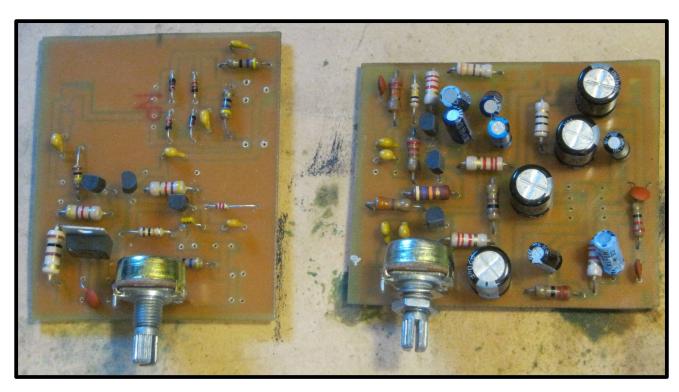
I had promised Errol and Dave of the Napier building club that I would catch up with the rest of the members .

The building Club's first project is the Beach 40.

Errol has worked up some PCB layouts, as this is the easiest for the new members (and me) to work on and fault find.

I had enough PCB that I could print and etch, to make the balanced modulator and audio out put stage.

I have drilled the boards, and mounted all the components I have in stock (see figure 1), balanced modulator left, Audio right.



Now the next job is to do the transmitter board, I bought some new printed circuit board on Friday .

But I have two cord of firewood to put away.

Now this new etching compound (Ammonium Persulphate) the liquid goes blue as it eats away the copper .

I have been advised that you do not do the etching on top of a stainless steel bench. As if you drip or splash it on the bench, the copper will some out of solution and will leave a stain.

Let me say that you will get you some comments.

But aluminium doesn't have a major problem.

So I've got an old electric frypan that I heat up with water in it as a water bath as these solutions work better when they are warm.

A second hand Pyrex dish sitting in the water with the etching solution in it.

It seems to work quite well so that's got me sort of caught up with the rest of them.

The next thing is I'm still waiting for my 40 metre magnetic loop antenna job to be done, so I'm putting up a centre taped half wave dipole on 40 metres, as it will give me a working aerial, and a reference point to measure the magnetic loop against . We'll see what happens .

I've got my linear mains power supply started and need to finish.

I use a computer power supply on the bench, but when you're working with receivers and transmitters with a computer power supply, it generates quite a few birdies.

It's alright when you working around on something else but not when you doing receivers especially if you want to hear something besides electronic noise.

Sorry I'll just leave it at that , I need to write this up so I can keep John happy and give it to him in time .

Take the photos and hopefully we can have a good year sorting out things I want to do .

So I'm off inside for a Bickie and a Coffee.

Eric ZL2TSU



How a secret message in a Colombian song gave hostages hope

A recent article on the BBC website describes how a Columbian love song was used to send coded messages to captured soldiers held hostages in the jungle by rebels. Quite a long read but well worth reading in full. Here is the link:- https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-63995293

Here is a link to the song:- https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-latin-america-63995294 You can hear the CW between 1.30sec to 1.52sec, 2.28sec to 2.53sec and from 3.32sec to the end.

This is the hidden message for those who do not know the Morse Code. "19 people rescued. You're next. Don't lose hope."



Amateur Radio Hall of Fame

http://www.radcomms.net/Hall of Fame.html

Here are a few more Tuai photos

Pylon building and running out the cable. All the steel for the pylons had to be transported to the building site by bullock cart. The cable drums were sent out from Southampton. Again no sign of OSH inspectors! There is another photo of the control panel after installation in the Hawke's Bay Knowlege Bank collection. Peter ZL2LF



Cable mounted, ready for running out



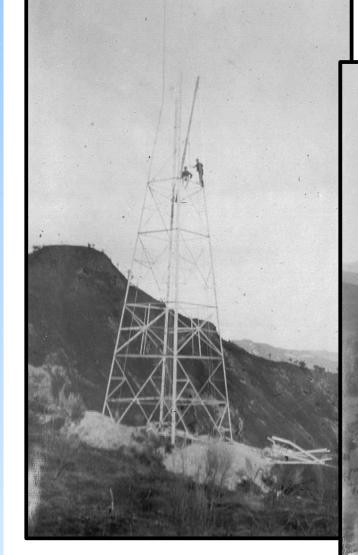
Motive power for running out cables



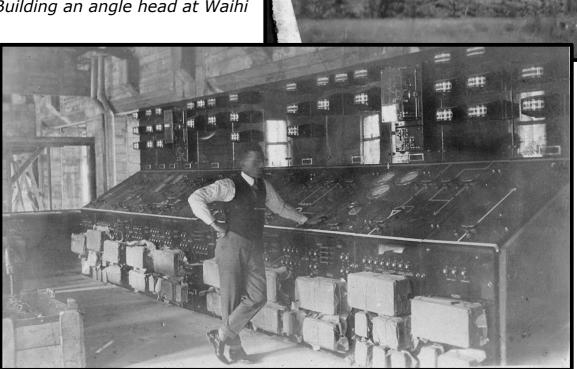
Hanging wire on an angle head tower 260

Loading the tower steel at Waihi

Tower 247 swinging the top leg into position



Building an angle head at Waihi



Improved switchboard 2



Icom IC-T10

We now have the IC-T10 available for \$385.25 (inc. GST) plus freight from our warehouse to their delivery address.

I've attached the brochure which lists the specifications and accessories available. If anyone does want to place an order or requires more information, please send your enquiries to:

orders@rwb.co.nz



SPECIFICATIONS

| GENERAL | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| Frequency coverage (MHz) | | | |
| Version | Transmit Receive FM broadcast | | |
| USA | 144-148, 430-450" 136-174, 400-479" 88-108 | | |
| Export | 136-174, 400-479* 136-174, 400-479* 76-108 | | |
| * Guaranteed range Number of channels | *1 144-148, 440-450 MHz, *2 144-148, 430-440 MHz | | |
| Type of emission | 208 channels (including 2 call and 6 scan edges) F2D, F3E (FM) | | |
| Frequency stability | ±2.5 ppm (-20°C to +60°C on the basis of 25°C) | | |
| | | | |
| Power supply requirement External DC power | 7.2 V DC nominal 10–16 V DC (with AD-149H) | | |
| Current drain (approximate) | Tx High Less than 2.5 A Rx Max. audio Less than 600 mA | | |
| Antenna impedance | 50 Ω (SMA) | | |
| Operating temperature range | -20°C to +60°C; -4°F to +140°F | | |
| Dimensions (W x H x D; Projections not included) | 52.2 x 111.8 x 30.3 mm; 2.1 x 4.4 x 1.2 in (with BP-280) | | |
| Weight (approximate) | 278 g; 9.8 oz (with BP-280 and antenna) | | |
| TRANSMITTER | | | |
| Output power | 5 W, 2.5 W, 0.5 W | | |
| Max. frequency deviation | ±5.0 kHz/±2.5 kHz (W/N) | | |
| Spurious emissions | Less than -60 dBc (High, Mid), Less than -13 dBm (Low | | |
| Ext. microphone connector | 3-conductor 2.5 (d) mm (1/10")/2.2 kΩ | | |
| RECEIVER | | | |
| Receiver sensitivity | Less than 0.18 µV (at 12 dB SINAD) | | |
| Squelch sensitivity | Less than 0.18 µV (at squeich threshold) | | |
| Adjacent channel selectivity | More than 55 dB (FM, 25 kHz) More than 50 dB (FM Narrow, 12.5 kHz) | | |
| Spurious response | More than 60 dB | | |
| Audio output power (at 10% distortion, 8 Ω load) | Internal SP 1500 mW (typical) | | |
| | External SP 450 mW (typical) | | |
| | HM-222HLWP 1500 mW (typical) | | |
| Ext. speaker connector | 3-conductor 3.5 (d) mm (1/8')/8 Ω | | |

All stated specifications are subject to change without notice or obligation.

Applicable II S Military Specifications

| Standard | MIL 810G | |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|
| | Method | Procedure |
| Low Pressure | 500.5 | 1, 11 |
| High Temperature | 501.5 | 1, 11 |
| Low Temperature | 502.5 | 1, 11 |
| Temperature Shock | 503.5 | I-C |
| Solar Radiation | 505.5 | 1 |
| Rain Blowing/Drip | 506.5 | 3, 10 |
| Humidity | 507.5 | 11. |
| Salt Fog | 509.5 | +0 |
| Dust Blowing | 510.5 | 1.0 |
| Immersion | 512.5 | 1. |
| Vibration | 514.6 | 1 |
| Shock | 516.6 | I, IV |

Also meets equivalent MIL-STD-810-C, -D, -E and -F.

| Ingress Protection Standard | | |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Dust & Water | IP67 (Dust-tight and waterproof protection) | |

Supplied Accessories:

- · BP-280 Battery Pack · FA-S270C Antenna · MB-133 Belt Clip
- BC-213 Rapid Charger AC Adapter (BC-242 or BC-123SA/SE)



The "3D GENUINE Icom label" is attached for proof of authentication. https://www.icomjapan.com/explore/genuine_info/

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

SPEAKER MICROPHONES







HM-168LWP Waterproof speaker microphone



HM-158LA Compact speaker microphone with 3.5 mm earphone jack microphone



HM-159LA Loud and clear audio speaker

HEADSETS







HS-95LWP Neck-arm type headset







HM-166LA Light weight lapel microphone with earphone

BATTERY PACK

BP-280 Li-ion, 2400 mAh (typ.), 2280 mAh (min.) (Same as supplied.)





BC-123SA/SE Charges the BP-280 in 3 hours (approx.). AC adapter is supplied with the BC-213, depending on the charger version.

POWER SUPPLY ADAPTER AD-149H

Use with CP-12L or OPC-254L to supply DC power



to the IC-T10 CP-12L (left) and AD-149H (right)



BC-157S



The BC-157S and AD-130 charger adapters are supplied with the BC-214N, depending on the charger version.

OTHER ACCESSORIES

FA-S270C

VHF/UHF antenna (Same as supplied)

MB-133

Belt dip (Same as supplied)

MB-130

Charger bracket for BC-213

CP-12L

Cigarette lighter cable for use with the AD-149H

CP-23L

Cigarette lighter cable for use with the BC-213 OPC-254L DC power cable for use with the AD-149H

OPC-656 DC power cable for use with the BC-214N

PROGRAMMING SOFTWARE & CABLE

CS-T10

Programming software for Windows PC Available for free download from:

OPC-478UC/-1

Programming cable (USB)

https://www.icomjapan.com/support/firmware_driver/

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Branch 53 of NZART

21ST Market Day

Saturday March 25th, 2023

Paengaroa Community Hall. 4 Old Coach Road, Paengaroa.

(GPS Coordinates: 37.49S 176.24E)

Venue opens for Vendors from 06.30am.

Sale time 09.30am.

Door Charge \$2.00 per person to help recover costs.

Table Costs

Pre-Sale 1.8 Table \$20.00, On the Day \$25.00 Pre-Sale ½ Table \$12.00, On the Day \$15.00.

For further information & Table Booking's

Contact Syd Rowe ZL1LWR Phone (07) 533 1029, Mobile: 0272488664,

Email sydrowe@xtra.co.nz
Postal Address: 223 State Highway 33, RD 9, Te Puke
3189

Hot Breakfast Available from 07.30am to 11.00am.

Te Puke Amateur Radio Club Inc. Junk Sale March 25th, 2023. Vendors Registration Form

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