

February 2016

INTERFACE

MONTHLY BULLETIN

MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC. P.O. BOX 432 BLENHEIM NZ

Club Calendar

General Meeting; 11 Feb. EOC, 19.30hrs

Social Group; 18 Feb. 12.00hrs - The Vines

Committee Meeting; 25 Feb 07.30hrs - EOC



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Branch 22 Notices

- 1. Wine & Food Festival 13 Feb.
- 2. Jock White Field Day 27/28 Feb
- 3. AGM **10 March**
- 4. Grape Ride 2 April

VHF Mondays 1930 hrs
146.950MHz, 145.600MHz,
147.225MHz

Net Controller; Ken Hynds ZL2KHZ

VHF - USB Net Wednesdays 1930
144.150MHz

TIME TO BE OUTSTANDING IN YOUR FIELD!

JOCK WHITE FIELD DAY

27 - 28 February

Installation starts 12 noon

End of Dillon's Point Rd

Operating starting at 1500
until midnight - Saturday.

BBQ sausages & bread
provided for tea - Saturday

0730 - 1500 - Sunday
then dismantling

Hot/cold drinks available
whenever you like



All welcome, even just for a visit and yarn, although we do need operators!
Even just an hour's contribution would be appreciated.

MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING
28 January 2016 at 19.40 Hours

Present: Paul Rennie, Robin Carter, Chris Grant, Grant Simpson (president), Kaye Hannagan (secretary), Stuart Watchman, Ken Hynds (treasurer), Ken Menzies

Apologies: Nil all members attended

Correspondence: All Inwards only, nil Outwards

- Sam Contracting
- Martella Refrigeration
- Sam Contracting – letter thanking MARC for the voucher and Christmas Card
- Martella Christmas Card

Reports:

- **Finance:** Some accounts still to pay pertaining to the Brayshaw Park Shed. Accounts held and approved for payment – padlock and plywood for shed, BBQ costs. Note that the accounts have been delivered to the auditor for review and it will be the end of February when they will be ready – in time for circulation prior to the AGM.
- **Repeater report:** No change – nothing was done over the Christmas break
- **SAR:** NH90 was in Seddon for SAR training earlier in January. Paul attended and whilst the full training did not take place, a ride from Seddon to Woodbourne was pretty exciting by Paul's account

General Business:

Upcoming events:

- **Wine Fest;** roster done – enough people have volunteered, thank you.
- **Picton half marathon;** enough people have volunteered, thank you.
- **Grape Ride roster;** to come out around mid February – can you please advise Stuart if you are available.

Paul received an email asking for assistance with communications for the MTB event run by Kevin Wilson on 15 May. Paul will follow up, as the email was not clear, and report back to the next meeting.

The Ned; Ken M is available to go up the Ned to change the shackles. Paul Rennie to organise, requires up to 4 people.

Brayshaw Hut; Chris and Stuart reported that a letter from MCC had been sourced, dated 2014, showing that written approval had been received by Council, from the Brayshaw Heritage Park Administrators, for erection of the tower and installation of the shed. Now Chris and Stuart are working on a formal 'agreement to occupy' with Vintage Farm Machinery.

Radios; Hand helds were purchased last year to use on the Grapeide by officials/marshalls. These radios will also be used by security at the Wine Fest and dub will receive a donation for the use of this equipment.

Jock White Field Day; 27/28 February, Stuart to talk to landowner. Ken M suggested signage on gates for those unfamiliar with the site. Anyone keen to participate please contact Robin Carter, Ian Conway, or Bill Cousins.

Old Ghost Road Marathon; 12 March, details to come. Stuart organising – this is a small event.

Health and Safety; Chris has been following this through to identify if there is any risk for MARC and members under the new legislation coming into effect on 4 April 2016. Currently it is believed that the Club is fulfilling the requirements based on the general framework on the DOL website.

Silver Fern Car Rally; Dates are on the website 27 November to 4 December 2016. This rally has been taken over by the Targa organisers. Robin has rung on more than one occasion to identify if MARC and amateur radio is expected to be involved but the response has been limited, with the secretary asking the club to complete a form advising what it is that MARC does. Interestingly, the 2016 rally is starting and finishing in Christchurch, this 2016 rally is not doing the back country, as in the past, with Danseys Pass being the most remote point. Robin will email the organisers with the information requested.

Kenwood 440; The MARC owned 440 radio was sent for repair some time ago. It is currently with a member who reports that the receive audio is not working well and the main DC fuse has blown (again). It was suggested that it was time to shed this older radio – Robin to put on Trade Me

Other MARC radio equipment was also discussed:

- 4TS50 is with an interested member of the public
- Kenwood 430 was on loan to a member who has since become a silent key, it may have been picked up;
- Robin to check if this is the case.

Antenna Analyser; There were problems last field day when checking and tuning antennas when erecting antennas, it was thought at the time that the antennas were at fault but it has since been proven that it was the analyser. It was decided to investigate the cost and availability of a new analyser which will cover the full

spectrum of the amateur bands for purchase by MARC. Committee members will come to the next meeting with options.

AGM; Date for the AGM is set 10 March 2016. Grant to organise an advertisement for Interface. Please have reports ready and to Caryl for Interface production at the end of February.

AGM Nomination forms; will be distributed at the next general meeting, please ensure these are back to Kaye via email (katznkaye55@gmail.com) prior to the end of February. **Also sent as a separate attachment with these Minutes!**

Meeting closed 20:30

ACTION LIST

Item to Action	Who
Pursue clarity of purpose and service agreement with BPMVFM regarding indemnity concerns raised - ongoing	Stuart & Chris
Follow up regarding the internet link to BPMVFM design and implementation.	Grant
Talk to insurers regarding cover of equipment now on site at Brayshaw	Ken
Publicity – Grant to follow up	Grant
The Ned – Organise replacement of turnbuckles	Paul Rennie
Meeting topic for meetings over next 12 months	???
Repeater at Kaikoura	Grant
Grape Ride roster – let Stuart know if available	Stuart
MTB event 15 May	Paul
Jock White Field Day organisers	Robin, Ian, Bill
Old Ghost Road Marathon 12 March	Stuart
Silver Fern Rally	Robin
Kenwood 440	Robin
Antenna analyser	All

JOINT INTERCLUB BBQ BRANCH 26 AND BRANCH 22 YEARLY GET TOGETHER

The time has come again for Branch 26 to try and get the trophy back from us. So come along and have a fun day, catch up with some old friends or make some new ones. WE CAN'T LET THEM WIN!!!

Date: March 12th

Venue: Carluke Domain / Hall Rai Valley

Time: Any time after 10am, lunch will be at 12.30pm

Items to Bring along: Salad or dessert to share, own eating utensils, plates etc. chair to sit on, sunscreen and a hat, togs if you are game to swim in the river.



CLUBS WILL PROVIDE THE MEATS



For those who wish to do so, the hall will be open for us on the Friday night for toilets if you would like to camp overnight, and also the Saturday night should you decide to make a weekend of it.



There will be some fun to be had for sure, the best of three challenges again will take the trophy out. So come long support this inter branch Challenge, join in the fox hunt, Toss the Tait and the final challenge the tug of war. We look forward to seeing as many as possible for a fun filled day with some old and new friends.

Any further information required please Contact Topsy ZL2LS from Branch 26 or Grant ZL2BK from Branch 22.



ONAMALUTU BBQ
Text by Tony, ZL2RKL
Photos by Linda Laing (XYL of Don ZL3DN)

The weather forecast wasn't too good for the annual Club gathering at Onamalutu, but by the time Chris (ZL2CHG) and myself arrived there was a good turnout, many picnic chairs and tables deployed, the communal food table groaning with goodies and our erstwhile NZART President, wearing an invisible chef's hat, in charge of the BBQ itself. As usual, conversations dominated with the chance to catch up with people not met since last year, including a small contingent from Nelson, interspersed with the serious task of eating.



Even a short period of drizzle and light rain didn't dampen proceedings, the trees affording adequate shelter.



Jim (ZL2BHF) invited everyone to the Nelson Club's BBQ at Rabbit Island the following weekend before we returned homeward after an enjoyable time had been had by all and found, of course, that it hadn't rained in Blenheim.



GRAPERIDE SATURDAY 2ND APRIL

Just when you will have recovered from the wine festival here comes the Graperide!
 This will be run as usual club members in official vehicles and in roadside positions.
 We may need a new volunteer for tail end this year:
 Leave Forrest Estate at approx. 0945 and get back about 2.30pm with a leisurely ride around the circuit.
 Please mark this date on your calendars, I will be chasing you in early March.
 See: <http://www.graperide.co.nz>



- Stuart ZL2TW



AGM

This stands for Annual General Meeting, not All Go Missing!

The AGM is on 10th March. Attached to this email is a nomination form for you to use. If you would like to volunteer then contact Grant (just hit reply to this email), or one of the committee, to arrange for someone to nominate you for a specific position. You may also nominate yourself, if you wish. Fill out the form and get it back to the secretary (details in the Minutes top of page 3).
 Nobody is forced to accept a position on the committee as we want enthusiastic people with new ideas, not reluctant ones who felt pressured into it. You cannot be nominated without your permission either. Note the nomination forms require the nominee's acceptance signature, so do not feel reluctant to attend because you think you may be coerced into something you feel unable to do, this does not happen.
 A new face or two would be wonderful as the same people have been doing all the work for a number of years now and new faces mean new ideas, purpose and enthusiasm.
 As most are nominated in advance, due to using the forms, the AGM does not drag on for hours either.

SUPPORT YOUR CLUB & VOLUNTEER FOR SOMETHING!



VHF DISCONE ANTENNA

Ex deceased estate. Free to a good home!
 The discone antenna looks like an upside down umbrella and has wideband characteristics from 75 MHz to well into the UHF. I use mine for monitoring the airport and marine frequencies but it works on transmit as well.
 Phone Bill (579-3121) to view or pickup.



BUTTERNUT MULTI-BAND HF (80 - 10m, incl. 30m) VERTICAL ANTENNA

Also free to a good home. It goes to the metal merchant if there is no interest. It has decorated my garden for long enough!
 9m high. Needs radials and an overhaul but otherwise worked well before replacement by a GAP which does not need radials.
 Phone Bill (579-3121) to view or pickup. Does not dismantle unfortunately, but I am willing to walk it to your place!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See what's coming up in **your** club. Make sure **you** volunteer for something, if able, & mark it on your calendar!

FEBRUARY

- 13.....Wine and Food Festival
- 27/28.....Jock White Field Day



MARCH

- 10.....AGM
- 12.....Branches 22 & 26 Annual BBQ @ Carluke Domain
- 12.....The Old Ghost Ultra Marathon, Buller (Base only)

APRIL

- 2.....Grape Ride



MAY

- 14.....Saint Clare Half Marathon (Base only)

