

August 2018

# INTERFACE

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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

## Club Calendar

General Meeting; 9 Aug. EOC, 19.30hrs

Social Group; 16 Aug. 12.00hrs - The Vines

Committee Meeting; 23 Aug. 07.30hrs - EOC



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## Branch 22 Notices

1. Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend..... 18 - 19 Aug
2. Constructors Award..... 13 Sept
3. JOTA/JOTI ..... 19 - 21 Oct
4. Christmas Parade..... 1 Dec

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

Net Controller; Ken Hynds ZL2KHZ

VHF - USB Net Wednesdays 1930  
144.150MHz

### JAMBOREE ON THE AIR/INTERNET 19-21 OCTOBER 2018

Anyone interested in being involved in JOTA/JOTI this year?

JOTA /JOTI is an annual event in which Scouts and Guides all over the world speak to each other by means of amateur radio contacts and use of the internet. Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared.

We need to REGISTER via the International JOTI/JOTA website: <http://www.world-jotajoti.info/>

When Scouts or Guides want to meet young people from another country they usually think of attending a World Jamboree or another international gathering. But few people realize that each year about half-a-million Scouts and Guides "get together" over the airwaves for the annual Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) / Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI). Modern communication technology offers Scouts the exciting opportunity to make friends in other countries without even leaving home.



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### CHRISTMAS PARADE - 1 DECEMBER

We have again been asked to help with comms for the Christmas Parade. The parade will start at 3.30pm and only takes about an hour. You will be needed from approximately 3 - 5pm. These times will be confirmed closer to the date.

Let Grant know if you are available.



Bert  
Smith  
ZL3GZ  
2017

**MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB GENERAL MEETING EOC  
12 JULY 2018 AT 19:35 HOURS**

**Present:** Grant Simpson (Chair), Don Laing (Secretary), Ken Hynds (Treasurer), Bill Cousins, John Errington, Antony Winter, Paul Rennie, Trevor Wilkey, Garth Hayloch, Lara Mcntyre

**Apologies:** Gavin Piercy, Ian Conway, Gerard van Antwerpen, Ron Harris, Helen Harris

**Correspondence:** No innies or outies



**Finance:** Accounts presented

**Matters Arising:**

MDC Submission – Still await MDC

DL

**REPORTS:**

**Repeaters:**

The Ned – Site visit still to be arranged. Remote link failed and needed reboot

DR

Ward – Ian C contacting wind farm owners for permission

Kaikoura – Grant to follow up access key.

GS

Brayshaw Park – No issues

**SAR/AREC:**

National SAR conference went very well.

PR

SARTRAC course held today

**General Business:**

- Two persons (father & son) on Ned repeater have not been heard since.
- Field Day third place result due to reduced operating period because of insufficient operators
- Bill Cousins reported on enjoyable experience assisting a 9yo school girl build a basic transmitter & FM radio kit

**Future Events**

- Winter Lunch 28 July, 11:30am, Wairau River Wines restaurant. RSVP asap
- Lighthouse contest at Cape Campbell 18/19 August.
- Constructors Award September

Meeting closed 20:10

Presentation by Don Jamieson about his broadcast 'Whisper' FM radio station

***As there were too many committee members away, or unable to attend, the committee meeting was cancelled this month.***



**You should be well underway with your construction entry for the September meeting!**



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Katherine Dey

**INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE LIGHTSHIP WEEKEND**

18/19 of August

Hope you remembered this is on soon and have contacted Bill ZL2AYZ, Ian ZL2BGL or Rob, ZL2IW if you want to participate. This is a great way to show the communications value of amateur radio.

You will operate from Cape Campbell lighthouse, with the callsign ZL6CC. You stay in, and operate from, some of the old lighthouse buildings on the beach below the actual light. There is space for a good sized team.

The number of people staying over has an effect on what sort of antenna they can put up, and how much radio gear gets taken.

Usually on HF they run a multi-band wire antenna, with a vertical for backup and comparison.

A VHF station is also set up, with a small co-linear on VHF/UHF.

There is a nightly charge for staying on site, so they need numbers participating. Contact one of these people ASAP if you are interested.

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## MID WINTER LUNCH @ WAIRAU RIVER WINES

We had 22 members attend our mid winter lunch and all had a great time. It was a lovely day, so warm they did not light the fire, and we started with drinks in the wine tasting area before moving into the restaurant.

There was a good selection on the menu, and all reasonably priced. Everyone loved their orders and I especially thought the burger was the best I have ever tasted! I did not hear anyone say they weren't happy with their choices.

Quite a few had room for dessert too and these were as tasty as the mains. We were spread over three smaller tables, which I think made conversation easier, especially for the hard of hearing. People got up and moved around, chatting with everyone between courses and afterwards too.

Those who were unable to attend (would you believe we have at least 5 overseas at the moment) missed a lovely social gathering.

Grant had to give a warning about why he looked like he had been beaten up (why does everyone assume I did it????) so nobody got too much of a shock on seeing him after his blepharoplasty. He burst the stitches on the left eye the next day so we ended up back in Nelson for repairs. He then got cellulitis in one leg which then developed an abscess, which had to be drained, so he has been in the wars lately and unable to drive. At least he can now see the computer screen so can work on stuff again!

