

July 2016

INTERFACE

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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

Club Calendar

- General Meeting;** 14 July. EOC, 19.30hrs
- Social Group;** 21 July. 12.00hrs - The Vines
- Committee Meeting;** 28 July 07.30hrs - EOC



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Branch 22 Notices

1. Conway's Cleanout - reminder P.3.....9 July
THIS IS TOMORROW. Notice was sent some time ago
2. VK-Tasman Low Bands Contest.....16 July

VHF Mondays 1930 hrs
146.950MHz, 145.600MHz,
147.225MHz
Net Controller; Ken Hynds ZL2KHZ

VHF - USB Net Wednesdays 1930
144.150MHz

VK-TASMAN LOW-BANDS CONTEST:

16th July
Saturday 2000 - Sunday 0200 hrs.
160/80/40m SSB, CW and/or PSK/Rtty
Needs more ZL support.
Rules are published on the WIA website under "Contests".

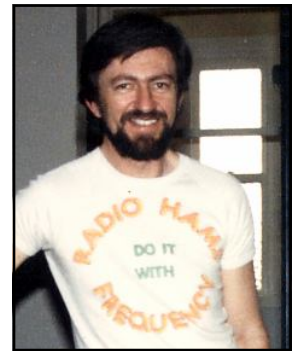


One of these days it would be nice to run a Branch 22 effort in the multi-op sections of these contests if there was enough interest.

- **Bill Cousins, ZL2AYZ**



I assume you all recognise the hirsute young fella on the right. This was taken in the early 80's while visiting a quadriplegic ham friend who lived in the St John of God Hospital. His T-shirt reads "Radio Hams Do It With Frequency".



Renwick and surrounding areas will be hosting a SCOUT JAMBOREE 29 December 2016 - 7 January 2017. Is our Branch interested in doing something with them? It would be an ideal time and way to get young people interested in the Amateur Radio hobby. Not quite as exciting as talking to astronauts on the ISS but I am sure something else could be jacked up? What do you think? A discussion on the pros and cons (and what would be possible) needs to happen at the next General Meeting.

**Marlborough Amateur Radio Club General Meeting EOC
09 June 2016 at 19.45 Hours**

Present: Grant Simpson ZL2BK, Don Laing ZL3DN, Gerard van Antwerpen ZL2GVA, Ken Menzies ZL2BJV, Ken Hynds ZL2KHZ, Chris Grant ZL2CHG, Bill Cousins ZL2AYZ, Paul Rennie ZL2RE, Stuart Watchman ZL2TW, Ron Harris ZL2BDD, Helen Harris ZL2HH, Nelson Bateman ZL3FM, Rob Carter ZL2IW, Wayne Parker ZL2AIE, an Conway ZL2BGL, Lana McIntyre

Apologies: None advised

Correspondence: Inward – Break-In NZART Magazine, June / July 2016

Outward – Nil

Finance: Grapevine and Car Rally events payments received

REPORTS:

Repeater:

Kaikoura – Redundant repeater & filters removed. Original batteries are still in service but condition unknown. Need for them to be checked & tested. Volunteer requested to refurbish filters.

Picton & Ward – Seem to be operating satisfactorily.

SAR:

Combined SAR Picton exercise will be held 18 & 19 June involving Coast Guard, Marina & Police. Blenheim EOC agreed for use of their Coms truck.

Brayshaw Park:

Paul has installed earth rods & bonded earth system all together. Also fitted hut frame hold-downs. FT1000 is available for use but still working on internet link. Triple Dipole antenna has now been installed but still needs trimming. Works on all HF bands but 80m has S9 noise level.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

NZART Annual Conference;

Grant summarised his experience at the Conference which he thought went very well with Christchurch Branch doing a good job. Rob Carter also gave a short presentation of his Conference experience.

Next Conference will be at Rotorua.

AREC;

Paul attended HF Digital radio demonstration at Westport during Conference weekend. Could be the answer in typical West Coast mountainous areas where VHF range is limited even with repeaters.

Also showed the new VHF digital hand-held that will supersede present hand-held although they have yet to be set up

Meeting closed 20:15

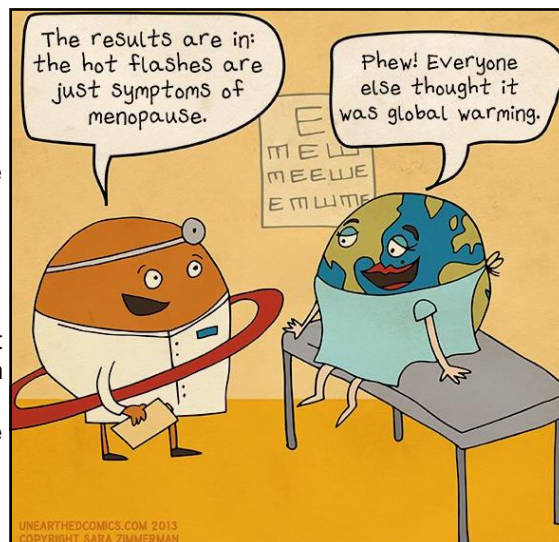
Presentation/Talk:

Slide show by Grant of their VCC Vero car rally at Dunedin held last January 2016

(Photo bottom right shows Grant and Caryl in the Steampunk costumes they wore at times during the event)



There are no committee meeting Minutes as there was no committee meeting. There were not enough people to make a quorum so it was decided, since there was nothing urgent to discuss, to cancel the meeting.



Item to Action	Who
Follow up signing of service agreement with BPMVFM	Stuart
Follow up regarding the internet link to BPMVFM and implementation	Grant
The Ned – Replacement of turnbuckles ongoing	Stuart
Meeting topic for meetings over next 12 months	???

To fellow amateurs in the Marlborough area:

As you probably know, your Regional/District Plan is up for review. In my initial skim through the published Proposed Plan I could find no reference to Amateur Radio, nor Amateur Radio Configurations, but did I miss something?

Your club may already have a plan to make a submission to this plan, and if so, I would like to add my services to assist you. If you haven't yet made any such plans, then I would like to suggest that we make a joint submission from Branch 22 and NZART. The issue is that if individual submissions are made, and if they do not ask for exactly the same things, then Council sees conflicting requests and doesn't know quite what to include in their plan.

With the changing face of Health and Safety, and with a population that is better informed than ever before, it is absolutely essential that the Plan contains provisions that give permitted status to some core Amateur Radio Configurations (i.e. masts and aerials). Without that Permitted Status, every aerial we erect could be subject to a Resource Consent, which isn't cheap.

What I can do for you is to supply you with some samples of submission narratives, with some key requirements for Council to include in their plan, from which we can jointly produce a submission which is customised for the Marlborough area. What I ask of your club, please, is to provide me with a name or names of people who I can work with on this project.

Feel free to contact me on 09 424 0134 or email me at lglo@nzart.org.nz if you want to discuss this further.

Thanks,
Douglas Birt, ZL1BFS



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Do think about the above from Douglas Birt, ZL1BFS that just came through to us. There will be some discussion at the next meeting about the subject to see what we need to do next and who can liaise with Douglas.

Also to discuss will be the Scout Jamboree, as mentioned on the front page.

The repeater and filters have been removed from Kaikoura as the new cabinet has had the co-located equipment installed. The old wooden box had been leaking which caused quite a lot of corrosion on the adjustment rods of the Wacom filters. Ken Menzies, ZL2BJV, volunteered to repair them. This has been done so the filters now need to be set up again ready for the new repeater equipment to be installed.

The battery at Kaikoura will need to be tested as its condition is unknown and we will need to look into upgrading the solar panels to increase the capacity as well.

Good to see Gerard, ZL2GVA has been mentioned in the list of participants taking part in the recent sprints.

- Grant, ZL2BK



EQUIPMENT OPPORTUNITY REMINDER
Saturday 9 July 2016
328 Casey's Road, Seddon
Start from 9 a.m. - until 1 p.m.
smoko at 10.30 a.m.

Are you interested in a wonderful opportunity to acquire some much loved equipment?

This gear is not something which has fallen out of favour with me, I am having a clean out.

Plenty of choice, something for everyone, lots of options for repair or homebrew

Everyone welcome; come and enjoy a run to the country, and take some treasures home with you.

- Ian Conway ZL2BGL
contact phone (03) 575 7114



This is an unknown photo from the MRSA, and was in a Clubs of Marlborough newsletter. If you can identify any of the people, please contact John Forrest or the MRSA on 578 1059. Early mobile radio? ☺

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

JULY

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