

INTERFACE

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

CLUB CALENDAR

General Meeting;..... 11 Aug, 7.30pm, EOC
Social Group;..... 18 Aug, Dodson St Beer garden
Committee Meeting; 25 Aug, 7.30pm, via Zoom



HF Net Tuesdays & Saturdays
 2030 hrs 3876kHz

VHF - USB Net Wednesdays
 1930 hrs 144.150MHz

BRANCH 22 NOTICES

1. GM - Radio Astronomy, Anthony Winter.. 11 Aug
2. Lighthouse Weekend..... 20/21 Aug
3. Constructors Award 8 Sept
4. Club 90th Birthday (note date correction) 5 Nov

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

Net Controller; Rob Carter, ZL2IW

Website: www.zl2ks.org.nz

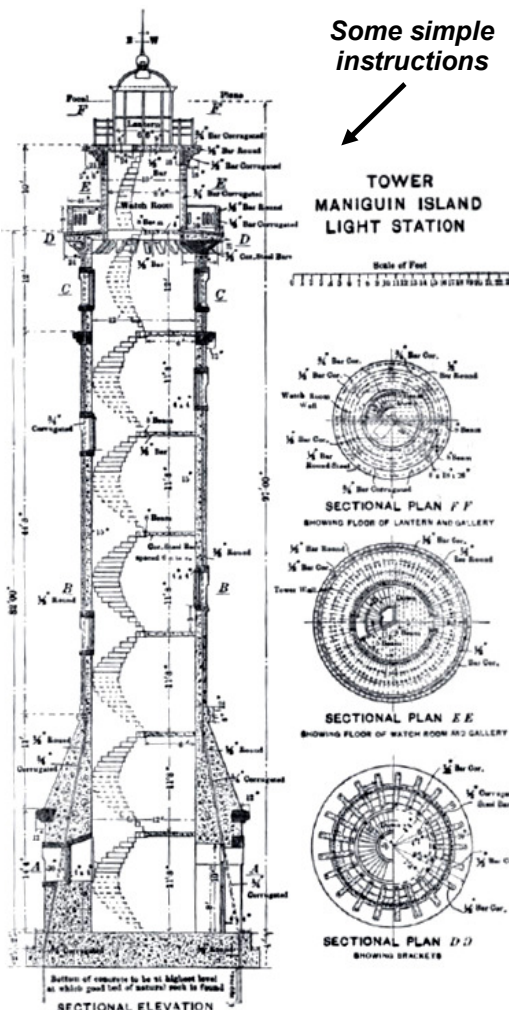
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Since the Lighthouse Weekend AND Constructors Award are so close together, have any of you thought of constructing a lighthouse? The height would be excellent for an antenna!

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Baring Head lighthouse construction 1934.
 Replaced Pencarrow light and became operational in 1935.
 First lighthouse in NZ to use electricity to power its light and was automated in 1989.



Some simple instructions

TOWER
 MANGUIN ISLAND
 LIGHT STATION



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - EOC, 7th July, 2022 19:30 hrs

Present: Bill Cousins, Don Laing, Greg Barton, Gerard Van Antwerpen, Nick Batt, Paul Rennie, Don Jamieson, Ken Menzies, Ian Conway, Wayne Parker, Neil Shepherd, Antony Winter, Sheila Cunningham, Graeme McKay, Grant Simpson, Felicity Marshall

Health and Safety: Masks strongly recommended.

Apologies: John Errington, Helen & Ron Harris,

Visitors: Gary Lodge, Alan Cresswell

Confirmation of May Meeting Minutes: Gerard Van Antwerpen / Ken Menzies

Correspondence: (since Committee Meeting 23/06/22)

Inward:

7/7/22 NZART Radiograms Radiograms to Felicity Marshall & Sheila Cunningham congratulating them on recent license success.

Outward: None

Finance & Membership:

Membership 53 (+2)

Felicity & Sheila with their Radiograms

Payments - Donation to VCC for room for Hamcram

Events:

- **HamCram:** Very successful and thanks expressed to all those who supported and assisted. To be analyzed & reported to determine future
- **Social Lunch:** 21st July at Dodsons
- **Mid-Winter Dinner:** 24th July at Woodbourne Tavern
- **Lighthouse Weekend:** 20 & 21 August. Contact Bill Cousins or Ian Conway
- **Constructors Award:** 8th September
- **90th Birthday:** 5th November. To consider having an Award. Discussion next meeting. John Errington intending to have discussions with Nelson Branch regarding possible event cooperation



Repeaters and Systems

- Kaikoura still being progressed.
- Ward repeater operating satisfactorily.
- Brayshaw HF antenna rotator is intermittently failing. To be checked but suspect 240V inverter

Speaker Schedule:

August Anthony Winter: Radio Astronomy
September Constructors Night
October Bill Cousins (Topic TBA)
December John Errington (Topic TBA)

AREC:

Supported SAR on recent training exercise

Checking access to Wither Hills repeater site as possible alternative Branch site

Noted that a recent newspaper article acknowledged SAR & AREC contribution to a Police search

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- EOC Radio Checking – request for Volunteers to assist with routine Thursday morning 10am EOC radio system checks. More volunteers will reduce individual attendance. See Paul Rennie
- NZART National Conference Wellington 10th September
- BBC 100th Anniversary. Special Station award GB100BBC is now available.

Meeting Closed: 20:00

Next Meeting:

Committee 28th July via Zoom
General 11th August at EOC

Alan Cresswell, ZL2BX, gave an interesting presentation on determining his actual long wire antenna radiation pattern by data crunching his thousands of FT8 30 meter band contact reports.



CONSTRUCTORS AWARD September Meeting!

Now's the time to start thinking about, and constructing, your entry for this.

MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING via Zoom
28th July 2022 at 19:30 Hours

Present: John Errington (Chair), Don Laing, Graeme McKay, Gerard van Antwerpen, Bill Cousins, Paul Rennie, Greg Barton, Grant Simpson

Apologies: Nick Batt

Health & Safety: No change to Government Covid status and no items of concern raised.

Matters Arising: Covered in General Business

Correspondence: (since GM MOM 07/07/22)

Inward:

13/07/22	Gary Lodge ZL1GA	Relocation to Blenheim
18/07/22	Graham Hunter ZL3T/ZL3GQ	Relocation to Blenheim 7 club membership
21/07/22	Jack Reddan	Surplus mast at Renwick
26/07/22	Armadillos Restaurant	Promotions

Outward:

19/07/22	Paul Rennie	Copy of Constitution as requested
21/07/22	Graham Hunter	Copy of Interface

Matters Arising: None

Finance:

Membership 54 (+1 Graham Hunter ZL3GQ)

Payments were made for; Donation to VCC for use of rooms for Hamcram
Expenses for Hamcram

It was agreed that future publication of the Financial accounts are to be excluded from Interface.

They are available at member's request.

Also agreed that Committee Minutes to continue to be published in Interface

Events:

- Repeater Cram - Development proposal prepared by John Errington was discussed.
John to revise and distribute to Committee
- History Project - To progress with Helen Harris when she returns.
- Light House Weekend - Proceeding with good participation. 9 confirmed to date
Motion: That the \$50 charge for the special call sign ZL6CC be reimbursed by MARC
Moved: B. Cousins / **Seconded:** D. Laing / **Passed:** All

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Repeaters & Systems:

- RBN Antenna replaced however investigating why count is significantly less than when initially operating at Gerard's place
- Kaikoura Repeater back on bench
- Brayshaw Antenna rotator is occasionally stopping

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Speaker Schedule:

August	Antony Winter re Radio Astronomy
September	Constructors Award
October	Bill Cousins (Topic TBA)
November	John Errington (Topic TBA)

Proposed that there be a presentation on SOTA. To investigate possible speaker.

A vote of thanks was raised for the contribution to MARC by Christine Conway, Caryl Simpson & Helen Harris.
Certificates of Appreciation to be awarded.

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AREC:

Missing person search in Havelock area 26 ~ 28 July. Person found deceased.
Communication & Sartrack issues to be discussed with concerned parties.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Nelson Branch shared speakers - Even though some Nelson speakers have come to Blenheim previously it was thought it would be difficult to get a speaker from Blenheim to travel to Nelson. To propose to Nelson that electronic linking be investigated as the previous Zoom discussion on DMS radio via Zoom worked well.

90th Birthday Contest Award - Bill C had raised at the last General Meeting for members to consider hosting an Awards for MARC 90th anniversary. This will require a team of operators for a few weeks to make it happen and confirmed soon to enable promotion.

Endorsed by Committee and to be determined at next General meeting

Street Light Pole - Paul Rennie had inspected. It would need to be cut shorter in order to transport.
After discussion agreed to advise Jack Reddan thanks but MARC had no interest.

Meeting Closed: 20:55

Next Committee Meeting: 25th August 2022 (via Zoom)

INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND

This event takes place on the weekend of 20/21st August at, for us, Cape Campbell lighthouse. It is NOT a contest as such, but the aim is to work as many other lighthouse-based stations around the world as possible. Hence it is quite laid-back and casual.

The station has to be operated from the actual lighthouse being activated, therefore we stay overnight in the old lighthouse keepers quarters, which were upgraded some years ago for the film "Light Over the Ocean", and is very comfortable and warm.

When I say "we", there is a hard-core of seasoned members who have taken up the opportunity over several years now, but anyone is invited to join the party, keeping in mind that participants share the cost of the hire of the lighthouse premises (usually around \$50 each, depending on numbers).

We travel by car, leaving Blenheim around 0800 on Saturday and usually return on Sunday afternoon.

If you have not been to Cape Campbell before, this is an ideal opportunity to see a part of the country otherwise only accessible via the foreshore at Marfell's Beach at low tide, unless you have farmer's permission (and a key) to use the road access.

The weather has usually been very kind to us - only once can I remember arriving and putting up antennas in the teeth of a southerly gale and rain.

If it sounds of interest to you, have a chat to Ian Conway, tine.ian@farmside.co.nz, or Bill Cousins, b.cousins@xtra.co.nz to express interest or get more information.



Dave & Maricel weren't at our mid winter lunch as they were having one of their own - in the Philippines!



He sent these pics...



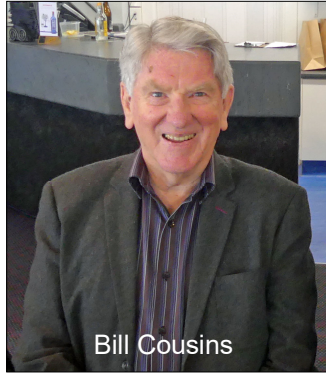
MID WINTER LUNCH - WOODBOURNE TAVERN

We had 19 attend this and all thoroughly enjoyed their meals, catching up with other members old & new. I would definitely recommend The Woody for delicious, generously portioned, meals (with fresh, homemade, pumpkin soup and Apple Crumble on offer) in comfy surroundings.





Anthony Winter



Bill Cousins



Bernie & Brenda Lankshear



Brenda Lankshear, Linda & Don Laing, Ken Menzies



Chris & Gavin Piercy



Linda & Don Laing



Dianne Menzies & Sheila Cunningham



Gary & Carol Lodge



Caryl & Grant Simpson



Helen & Ron Harris



Deborah & John Errington