

February 2024

INTERFACE

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

Club Calendar

General Meeting;.... 8 Feb, 7.30pm, EOC
Social Group; 18 Jan, Dodson St Beer Garden
Committee Meeting; 18 Jan (week early), 7.30pm, Zoom



HF Net Tuesdays & Saturdays
2030 hrs 3876kHz

VHF - USB Net Wednesdays
1930 hrs 144.150MHz

Branch 22 Notices

1. Wine & Food Festival..... 10 Feb
2. Jock White Field Day..... 24/25 Feb
3. Carluke Combined BBQ..... 9 March



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

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Combined Branch 22/26 Carluke BBQ (RSVP to Caryl ASAP - email shown above)

Check page 3 for details but I need your RSVP before March 3rd thank you.



Pictured are some of the members preparing to head off after the Fox outside Carluke Hall last year.

Apart from the Fox Hunt, the other fun competitions are for everyone, young, old, amateur or family members/guests. No radio knowledge required.

We need to retain the trophy!

SUBS WERE DUE DECEMBER!!

\$30.00 Single Member \$40.00 for Family Membership
Internet Payment only please.

Kiwi Bank Acc. N°: 38 9002 0114897 00

Please Quote Call Sign and "Subs" as reference

Payment before December 30th would be appreciated.

Don't make us send the boys around!

If you're unsure if you've paid, ask treasurer Greg gjbarton@gmail.com



MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

via Zoom 18th January 2024 at 19:30 Hours

Present: John Errington (Chair), Greg Barton, Paul Rennie, David Rothwell

Apologies: Don Laing, Graeme McKay, Gerard van Antwerpen, Nick Batt, Stuart Watchman

Health & Safety: No issues identified

Minutes of last meeting of 23 Nov confirmed: No matters arising. *Moved PR/ Seconded GB, Passed All*

Correspondence: (since GM MOM 09/11/23)

Inward:

16/12/23	CARC	December auction
16/12/23	G. Barton	Re 6m Beacon
21/12/23	Kiwibank	Term deposit confirmation
23/12/23	Dalley	Field Day portaloo booking confirmation
26/12/23	Kiwibank	Statement
28/12/23	CARC	Conference raffle #3
31/12/23	Luca Ghinazzi	Transmit use of Brayshaw remote station

Outward: Responses & distribution of the above Inwards as applicable

23/12/23	Dalley	Field Day portaloo booking
12/01/24	EOC Roster	Draft schedule Feb~May 2024

Motion: The Inwards correspondence be accepted and the Outwards endorsed

Moved: JE / Seconded: GB / Passed: All

Motion: The Use of Brayshaw Park Facility requires club and NZART membership

Moved: JE / Seconded: PR / Passed: All

Finance: (In Committee)

Treasurer presented his report

Motion: The Accounts be accepted and the payments approved *Moved: JE / Seconded: GB / Passed: All*

Events:

BBQ - Onamalutu, 21 Jan 2024.

Wine & Food Festival - 10 Feb.

Jock White Field Day - 24/25 Feb.

Carluke Combined BBQ - 9 March.

A summary of annual events was received from Caryl Simpson to serve as a reminder schedule (attached).

Repeaters & Systems:

6m Beacon	Construction still underway. Will address the NZART records in due course.	JE
Kaikoura	Being bench tested and linking OK but issue with speech input so off line until resolved. Suspect duplex filter alignment and gate input adjustment	DR
Picton Batteries	Present replacement batteries working OK	DR
Weld Cone	No progress.	
Brayshaw Park	Complete	

MARC Club Building - Paul advised search for site still underway

Speaker Schedule:

February 24	SOTA briefing & round table discussion JE to discuss with Gerard
March 24	AGM and possible talk from Marlborough Lines re new Solar installations
April 24	Weld Cone visit
June 24	Winery Tour site visit

AREC:

PR

A & P Show - SAR confirmed we would get 11% of SAR payment. Awaiting advice from A&P to determine total amount to be paid.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Meeting Closed: 20:25

Next General Meeting: 8th February, 7:30pm at EOC

Next Committee Meeting (TBC): 22nd February 2024, 7:30pm (via Zoom)

JOCK WHITE FIELD DAY - 24/25 February: Stuart, ZL2TW

Hi all, a heads up for field day which will be on the weekend of February 24/25.

Site: at the end of Dillons point road, last driveway on the left.

When: set up begins at 1200, radio ops start at 1500 to 2400, then 0600 to 1500 on Sunday. Tear down at 1500 on Sunday.

We operate from the clubs tent on 80 and 40 metres, phone and CW.

Ian is away this year, so I would appreciate another helper to organise things. There will be more information in the next interface and watch for emails.

If you are planning on coming, let me know.

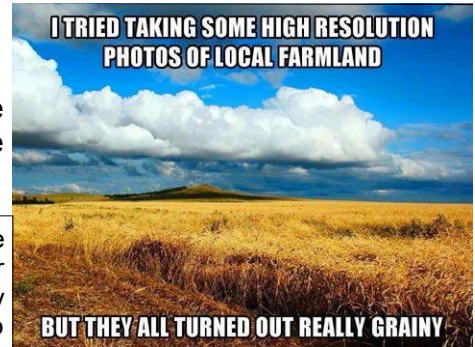
Most of you will know all about this and have been there before BUT if you are new to this and want to know more, see my e mail address below.

It is always a fun event,

Stuart ZL2TW

clareandstuart@xtra.co.nz

A change from the "Come & be outstanding in your field" jokes that usually accompany Field Day info



MARLBOROUGH / NELSON AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS' COMBINED BBQ AND FOX HUNT

WHEN: Saturday March 9th, 2024 **TIME:** 11am onwards **WHERE:** Carluke Hall, Rai Valley

Bring: Salad and/or dessert to share, drink, plates & eating utensils, chair, sun hat, sun screen, handheld for Fox Hunt (and a spare if you have one to lend to someone who hasn't).

Both clubs will be providing meats, bread, onions, sauce.

You may stay overnight on Friday if you wish, the toilets will be open for your convenience. Plenty of space for campervans/tents. I think it still costs only \$10 for a powered site.

If there is anyone who would like to attend but needs transport, let me know and I am sure something can be arranged.

RSVP to caryl@simtronics.co.nz by 3 March for catering purposes!

ONAMALUTU BBQ REPORT

We had 35 attendees this year, plus 2 children. Luckily, we got into our usual, preferred, shady spot before the Classic Car Club set up at the other end of the row of trees. Many of us enjoyed watching the many and varied classic cars as they drove in.

First minor problem was John E discovered he had left the milk in the fridge. No biggie, at least he had his coffee machine and others had milk to share. Next, Linda realised the large bag of onions she had spent time preparing were still in the garage at home. One of our newbies forgot chairs but someone had a blanket to share and he and his family were young and fit enough to sit on this in the shade. When it came to serving up the food, I realised I had left our plates and cutlery behind. Again, there were others with spares they quickly offered. Gerard then realised he had plates and cutlery for two but they were three (his mum is visiting and enjoying the sunshine, as opposed to the snow currently being experienced in her home country). All minor hiccoughs and quickly fixed.

The temperature kept rising but it was pleasant at the edge of the kahikatea trees, with a slight breeze, although those who went on the Fox Hunt said it was a lot hotter among the trees. Perhaps that explains why it took them so long to find the fox! At one point, Jolande was laughing as she had been told by 3 different hunters that they were sure the fox was nearby but she said they were all in totally different parts of the forest when they told her this! The eventual winner was Tony Whitaker so congratulations Tony.







Deborah Errington & new member Linc Teale discovered they were related (Deborah's maiden name is Teale). Cousins of some sort (not the kissing kind though I don't think)

Is this your plate & cutlery? Left behind at Onamalutu. Contact Helen Harris to arrange collection



Radios getting turned on and tuned in to listen for the fox.

