

January 2025

INTERFACE

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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

CLUB CALENDAR

General Meeting;.... 15 Feb, 7.30pm, EOC
Social Group; 16 Jan, Dodson St Beer Garden
Committee Meeting; 23 Jan 2025, 7.30pm, via Zoom



HF Net Tuesdays & Saturdays
2030 hrs 3876kHz

VHF - USB Net Wednesdays
1930 hrs 144.150MHz

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

Net Controller;
Rob Carter, ZL2IW

Website: www.zl2ks.org.nz

BRANCH 22 NOTICES

1. Club BBQ - **RSVP to Caryl by 8 Jan** 12 Jan
2. Wine & Food Festival..... 8 Feb
3. POTA Expedition **RSVP Gary by 1 Feb** 15 Feb
4. Jock White Field Day 22-23 Feb
5. Carluke BBQ with Nelson **RSVP to Caryl by 4 Mar** 8 March

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10 PIN BOWLING

14th Feb 2025 7:30pm

Simcox Stadium

Battys Rd

Lanes have to be booked so it is important you **RSVP**
to Don Laing marcbranch22@gmail.com

before 7th February

Prices, and what to bring, are on the poster here.

I see this is being held on Valentine's Day.

What better way to show your other half (if you have one) you love them than taking them 10 Pin Bowling?

RSVPs required for the following...

Onamalutu BBQ - RSVP to Caryl caryl@simtronics.co.nz
before 8th January (details P.3)

POTA Expedition - RSVP to Gary Lodge lodges@farmside.co.nz
before 1st February (details P.4)

10 Pin Bowling - RSVP to Don Laing marcbranch22@gmail.com
before 7th February (see above & right)

Carluk Combined BBQ - RSVP to Caryl caryl@simtronics.co.nz
before 4th March (details P.3)

10 PIN BOWLING PRICES

No. of Games	Adults	Seniors (60+) Coll Students (with ID)	5yrs to 13yrs	Under 5yrs	Family Pass (2A/2C) or (1A/3C)
One	\$15.00	\$13.00	\$11.00	\$8.00	\$45.00
Two	\$23.00	\$21.00	\$17.00	\$12.00	\$70.00
Extra Game	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$25.00

OPEN FROM 10AM DAILY

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MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB GENERAL MEETING

at EOC, 12th December 2024 at 19:30 Hours

Present: Nick Batt (Chair), Don Laing (Secretary), Greg Barton (Treasurer), Paul Rennie, Ken Menzies, Gary Lodge, Adam Kibblewhite, George Timmermans, Graeme Dillon, Wayne Parker, Tony Whittaker, Ian Conway, Graeme McKay, Bill Cousins, Anthony Winter, Graeme McKay, Tony Whittaker, Wayne Parker

Apologies: Helen & Ron Harris, John Errington, Matt Kerr, Jay Haines

Visitors: None

Silent Key: Standing silence in memory of Gerard van Antwerpen ZL2GVA



Health & Safety: No issues identified

Upcoming Meetings & Events (all, except Christmas catch-up, 2025)

- TONIGHT Christmas catch-up
- 12 Jan Club BBQ - **RSVP**
- 19 Jan Nelson Branch club BBQ invitation - **RSVP**
- 8 Feb Wine & Food Festival (Volunteers' names taken)
- 22~23 Feb Jock White Field Day - Tent needs repairing
- 7~8 Mar Nelson / Marlborough combined BBQ Carluke - **RSVP**
- 13 Mar AGM & George Timmermans on Mesh networks.

Action S. Watchman

Summer Season Outdoor Events 2025

- 15 Feb POTA Expedition (Coordinator Gary L)
- 1 Mar Antenna Building Competition & Fox Hunt (Coordinator John E)
Canceled due to lack of participants
- 8 Mar POTA antenna kitset building (Coordinator Nick B)
Canceled as a Group
- 16 Mar AREC truck demo (Coordinator Paul R)
To be confirmed closer to date

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 10 Pin Bowling - Confirmed for 14 Feb 2025, 7:30pm at Simcox Stadium, Battys Road
Most present indicated attendance. To book. **Action D. Laing**
- 2025 Subs - Reminder for outstanding Payees.
Reminder notice will be sent.
- Kaikoura Repeater - Site meeting to be held on site with all stakeholders late January 2025.
- Ash Corbett Estate - On display for member offers before placing on Trade-Me. Ash's family have advised that offers received to be donated to MARC.

Meeting Closed: 19:55

Next Committee Meeting: (By Zoom) 23rd January '25 7:30pm

Next General Meeting: (EOC) 15th February '25 7:30pm

(POTA – to confirm details in New Year)

Presentation:

Convivial Christmas annual natter & refreshments.

SUBS WERE DUE BY 31ST DECEMBER!!

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

Kiwi Bank Acc. N^o: 38 9002 0114897 00

Please Quote Call Sign and "Subs" as reference

If you're unsure if you've paid, treasurer Greg has sent reminders to the unpaid and a final reminder will go out mid January.



**Ron Harris, Ken Hynds,
Caryl Simpson**

PICKLES by Brian Crane



BRANCH 22 BBQ ONAMALUTU DOMAIN, 12th January: RSVP Required!

BBQ will be fired up at 12 noon but come along earlier for a natter beforehand. Some may have over-nighted there so there will be company.

Club will supply the BBQ, meat, bread & sauce. There will also be birthday cake!

Bring a salad to share (with utensils to serve), or whatever else you want to have with the meat, and maybe a dessert/cake/after dinner nibbles to share as well. There is always an interesting selection of salads and plenty of food for all.

You will need plates, cutlery, cup and a chair. I also suggest sun screen and insect repellent! Hopefully John will attend and have his coffee machine for those who need the real thing rather than instant.

RSVP to caryl@simtronics.co.nz before 8th January for catering purposes.



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

WHEN: Saturday 8th March, 2025 **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.
Hall kitchen has an oven, hot water, plus cups, plates and cutlery if you forget yours.

If the weather is inclement we can use the hall, it is huge with plenty of space.

You might need an umbrella or raincoat if it is raining during the Fox Hunt or Toss the Tait.

Directions: From SH6, go through Rai Valley township then take the first turn on your right into Opouri Rd - the way to French Pass etc. Turn first right where the road splits, drive over the bridge and the hall is on your right just past the bridge. Access to grounds is through a gate at the far end of the hall. Look for Ham vehicles.

Nelson won the trophy last year so we need plenty of members (especially fit and strong ones who can toss a Tait a long way!) to attend to win it back!

You may take the opportunity to arrive there the night before and/or night after if you wish. The toilets will be open on the Friday night for those who wish to stay overnight. There is plenty of space for campervans and tents also. It costs \$15 for a powered site or free if you don't require power. Mention you are with the radio club, if asked, so they don't think you are a freedom camper and kick you out! Freedom campers have to park out on the roadside.

We will be having the usual variety of fun challenges at which to beat Nelson, the Fox Hunt being the only specifically radio related competition, so the whole family can participate.

Toss the Tait has people throw an old Tait radio case as far as they can. An equal number of people from each club takes turns and measurements of each distance thrown is noted. Total is added up and most distance wins.

Come along for the day or stay overnight, it is a fun day out with lots of laughs.

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

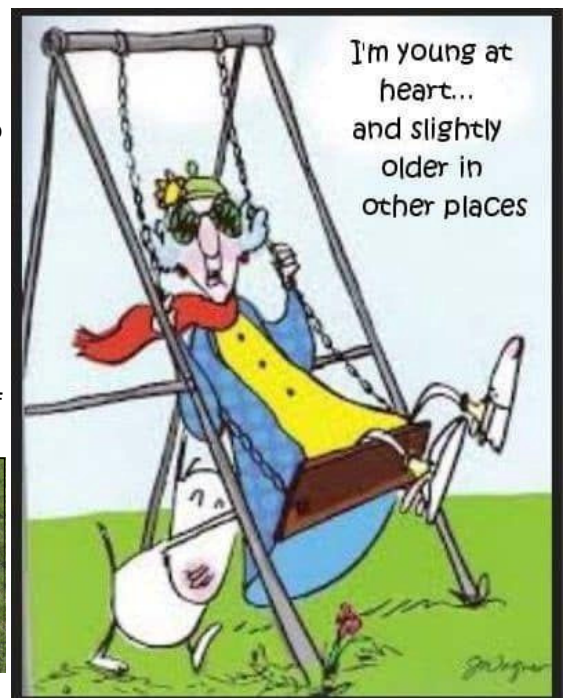
RSVP to caryl@simtronics.co.nz by 4 March for catering purposes please!

There will be a new game this year, although not as part of the club competition...

GUESS THIS MESS: Members are being asked to bring items, not necessarily radio related, for members to guess what it is. Remember not everyone is a radio Ham so will not recognise radio parts, be they obscure or more common!

SALES TABLE: Bring items you think might interest others and gain space in your shack/garage/house!

CORN HOLE GAME: A good competition between clubs instead of a quiz. The aim is to throw beanbags through a hole in a board.



POTA EXPEDITION - 15 FEB 2025

Several club members who are active POTA participants will take small groups to accessible parks to demonstrate the "activation" process. Especially suitable for new hams and those wanting to get into portable activation activities - Coordinator Gary Lodge, sign up by 1 Feb 2025.

AREC TRUCK DEMO - 16 Mar 2025 time - 2pm
- Coordinator Paul R. Signup by 28 Feb 25.



NELSON BRANCH INVITATION TO THEIR ANNUAL BBQ AT RABBIT ISLAND

Marlborough members are cordially invited to attend - 19th January 2025 (week after ours).

Listen on 7025 but, if cancelled, you will be contacted if you had let them know you were planning to attend.

Lunch is usually around 12 noon and bring a salad or dessert to share.

Their club will provide all meats so please RSVP to Topsy z12ls@outlook.com if you plan to attend.

Our own club BBQ will be 12th January at Onamalutu. Nelson members invited.

Plus, we have our combined BBQ at Carluke 9th March.

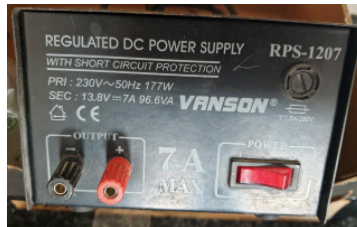
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW & RSVP!!!!

Sheila Cunningham, ZL3SIGS, has a lot of miscellany to sell or donate - a radio, power supply, mast, wire and hardware. Contact her at cunningham.rutherford@gmail.com for more details. Pictured is some of it.



FOR SALE
or
DONATION

This stuff
needs to
go!



SILENT KEY: Colleen Lawson ZL2LY. Colleen, and her husband Roger ZL2BHG, were long time members of the club and active in AREC and SAR. He received his SAR 25 years volunteer award in 2001, shown below left. Roger served as Section Leader in 1993 and Colleen was there to assist him however and whenever she could.



When fellow club member and close friend of the Lawsons, Dave Wilson died, Colleen asked his family for their permission for her to take over his callsign when she passed her licence in the late 90's. They said they couldn't think of anyone nicer to take it on.

Although never holding any office within the club, Colleen was always quick to put her hand up when volunteers were called for. She (and Roger) helped guard chillers at a number of Wine & Food Festivals over the years.

Around 2018 or 19, the Lawsons moved to a Nelson retirement complex as Roger had developed dementia and it offered him the best care. The photo of Colleen, top right, was taken by Helen when the Harrises visited them early 2020. They had settled well and were enjoying their new home after many years on the corner of Hospital Rd and Macey Cres. Their large amateur radio antenna could be seen from quite a distance!

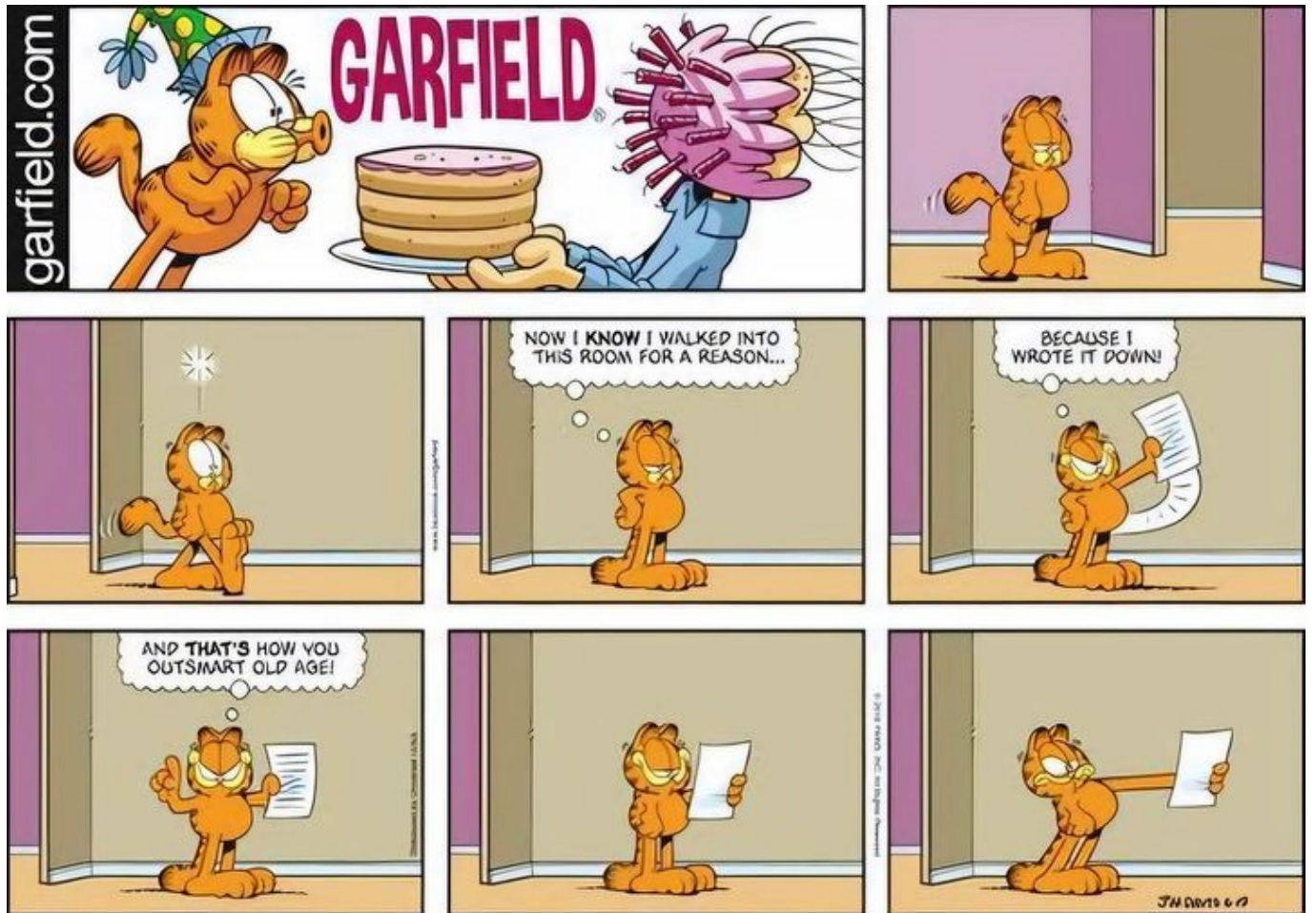


*May all your troubles last as long
as your New Year's resolutions*



These pics, sent to me by Bill C, were downloaded from the international space station on a couple of recent passes. The current offerings finish on Jan 5th.

You can sign up to <https://spotthestation.nasa.gov/signup.cfm> to get alerts, either on your mobile or via email, when the ISS passes over. It tells you the date, time, direction and degrees to see it pass over, assuming there is no cloud cover at the time.



New Word: Exhaustipated

Here is a new word to add to your vocabulary. It will be especially useful to us senior folks!

Exhaustipated: meaning "too tired to give a ..."

Sunburns are a great way to tell the world you are a slow learner.

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Slip, Slop, Slap, & Wrap
This summer