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Greetings Everyone,

Welcome to **Headquarters-Info-Line** a fortnightly bulletin of news from NZART Headquarters E-mailed directly to Branches.

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NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:

A very happy New Year to you all. I do hope you have all gotten over Christmas and that your New Years resolutions are still intact.

I have just returned from a wonderful holiday, only to be marred by the untimely passing of my Dad. All things considered, I look forward to yet another successful year with you all.

Reminders: The first issue of Break In for 2004 will be dispatched at the beginning of February. If you do not receive it please check that you have paid your 2004 subscription.

There is now only two weeks left for you to get your **2004 Call Book on CD-Rom** orders sent in. If you want to take advantage of this **free** offer, which is in addition to your normal printed version of the Call Book please, let me know by 31 January at the absolute latest.

Councillors will be meeting at the Porirua Police College over the weekend of 14th and 15th of February. If you have anything that you would like to be discussed please let me know early next week.

Anniversary Day: NZART HQ will be closed on Monday 19th January as we observe the Wellington Anniversary Day.

CU L8R- Debby ZL2TDM

Experience Marlborough 2004 NZART Conference:

When - Queens Birthday weekend, 5th & 6th June 2004.

Where - Marlborough Girls College, McLaughlan Street, Blenheim.

Come and enjoy the 78th annual NZART conference in Blenheim. With Blenheim easily accessible by road, air and sea there is no excuse not to come!

The conference committee is working hard to put together a memorable weekend for you, with entertainment, guest speakers, forums and the alternative programme.

The forums are still being finalised but will include the latest and digital, satellite dx and some home brew sessions. There will be a follow up on from the Medical Imaging session of 2002 in Nelson. Expect the usual Sunday lineup: SPAM, AREC, WARO, OTC and AMSAT-ZL.

We would like to have a display of NZ amateur projects old and new eg: Galbraith series, the Wellington Walkie, Climie, Southland projects, Tucker tin etc. Let us know if think you have something suitable.

The alternative programme will be everything that you will expect from the gourmet province of Marlborough: wine, fine food, olives crafts and natural products.

The Conference registration form will be in your March/April edition of Break-In.

Accommodation is always at a premium in Blenheim. Book early and avoid disappointment. For information see our website: www.zl2ks.com

Contact: Conference Secretary: Helen Harris ZL2TPT

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Contests With Stan White ZL2ST:

The Jock White Memorial Field Day Contest now includes Home stations as well as Field stations. It's time to get prepared and get your field team together for February 28/29. See November / December Break In for details.

Courtesy of Baz ZL1DD here are the results of STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT 2003

Although the SKN 2003 clashed with the All Blacks vs Wales game there were 27 logs from ZL and 2 from VK. A major solar flare did not affect conditions unduly and QRN levels were down here, but heavy in VK. Reasonable conditions mean the QRP boys do well, but sooner or later the higher power stations will have their day.

A very interesting collection of radios and equally interesting personalities participated in the event. First overall and top of the vintage QRP division was octogenarian Jack ZL1AJ with ARC5 tx at 5 watts and AR88 receiver. Baz ZL1DD's ZC1Mk2 clanked its way to second place. Both ZL1AN and ZL1DD had the same number of contacts but one point was deducted from Baz's score as his log was not as clean as Jack's. Hot on their tail was Tom ZL1WW with his ZC1Mk1, third overall and third vintage QRP. How many will join the ZC1 Challenge next year?

Ron ZL1TW used the K2 magic to make the largest number of contacts, taking the Open QRP division and fourth overall. Second Open QRP: John ZL1ALZ, while Jumbo ZL1HV with two watts from his Argonaut at ninety plus years of age came third in open QRP. QRPP star was Bruce ZL1WB with but one watt from his homebrew transmitter, and a different key used for each QSO!

First in the Open class Roger ZL2RX used an FT101 (almost vintage nowadays) as did Jakey ZL2JKY (better known as G3JKY) who was second. First and only operator in the Vintage Open section was Peter ZL2JJ with his elegant home made key, TRF regen rx and 807 tx. Tony ZL2ALJ batted away with a home made WOODEN key, with the bark still on some of it. True! 2003 saw our first YL entrant, Carolyn ZL2JP. Looking forward to seeing you next year, Carolyn. Bill ZL3NB was the lone ZL3 representative, and where are you, ZL4? We miss you! If there were consolation prizes to be handed out my nominations would be: Ken ZL1AIH, out after the first hour with a glass arm brought about by too much rotary hoeing during the day and ZL1AMN RFI'd out after only four contacts.

Special praise for the VK boys, John VK5NJ doing a great job with QRP, and Les VK4BUI who battled QRN at his end, but had a booming signal here. Vintage gear and vintage operators starred this year. Phil ZL2RVW a mere stripling of 40 years seems to have been the youngest operator in the event.

CALL	CLASS	KEY	TX	POWER	QSO	SCORE	PLACE
ZL1AJ	VQ	P.O.	ARC5	5	27	54	01, 01VQ
ZL1DD	VQ	MARCONI	ZC1 Mk2	5	27	53	02,02VQ
ZL1WW	VQ	MARCONI	ZC1 Mk1	4	24	48	03,03VQ
ZL1TW	OQ	HBREW	K2	5	30	45	04,01OQ
ZL1ALZ	OQ	MILITARY	TS120V	5	25	37.5	05,02OQ
ZL1HV	OQ	DCKEY	ARGO509	2	24	36	06,03OQ
ZL2AOH	OQ	HIMOUND	TS120V	5	21	31.5	07,04OQ
ZL2RX	O	HIMOUND	FT101	100	28	28	08,01O
ZL2JKY	O	USNAVY	FT101B	100	27	27	09,02O
ZL2JJ	VO	HB	807	25	21	25.2	10,01VO
ZL2ALJ	O	HB	TS530S	100	25	25	11,03O
ZL1BAV	OQ	P.O.	HW9	5	16	24	12,05OQ
ZL1BHQ	O	SUPREME	FT1000MP	100	23	23	13=,04=O
ZL2ORA	O	CT	IC756	100	23	23	13=,04=O
ZL1DK	OQ	HIMOUND	TS440	5	15	22.5	14,05OQ
ZL2RVW	OQ	KENT	FT857	5	14	21	15,06OQ
ZL3NB	O	J38	TS530S	100	20	20	16,06O
ZL1MH	OQ	HIMOUND	K2	5	13	19.5	17,07OQ

ZL2AKW	O	NR2	JRC	100	18	18	18,07O
ZL1PC	O	ENTSTORT	FT767	100	17	17	19,08O
ZL1WB	VQ	VARIOUS	HB	1	8	16	20,04VQ
ZL1WI	O	ZC1	FT767	100	15	15	21,09O
ZL2ACJ	O	WESTCLOX	TS930S	100	14	14	22,10O
ZL1AIH	O	ULTIMATE	K2	10	13	13	23,11O
ZL2TX	O	SGBROWN	YAESU	10	10	10	24,10O
ZL2JP	O	HIMOUND	FT101Z	100	4	4	25,11O
ZL1AMN	O	PesT	FT987	25	2	2	26,12O

DX ENTRIES

VK5NJ	DXOQ	HIMOUND	OMNI V	5	12	18	01, 01DXQ
VK4BUI	DXO	MARCONI	FT1000MP	100	12	12	02,01DXO

Explanatory note: O = Open Class, OQ = Modern QRP, VO = Vintage (valve equipment), VQ= Vintage QRP

Thanks to all who participated. It was a lot of fun. See you November 07 2004!
73, Baz ZL1DD, SKN Manager.

REMEMBER - The Jock White Memorial Field Day Contest February 28/29.

Time For Another Stroll:

Tony Whitaker G3RKL will be starting another ZL walk in February, this time from Invercargill up the West Coast. For full information regarding each stage of his walk check on the Otago Branch web site at www.qsl.net/zl4aa/ under "News".

IARU:

The twelfth regional conference of the IARU Region 3 is to be held February 16th – 20th in Taipei, Taiwan. Conference Input papers and Workshop Papers can be viewed at <http://www.jarl.or.jp/iaru-r3/12r3c/docs/docs.htm>

Dates To Remember:

- Next NZART Official Broadcast 8pm & 9pm on Sunday 25th January
- The next HQ-Info-Line e-mailed on Sunday 1st February
- NZART Conference 5th and 6th June 2004 at Marlborough Girls College, Blenheim

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Editor