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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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The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:

Call Book & Break In... Well what a time I have had, what with the lateness of receipt of this months issue, plus a number of errors with our mail out contractors.

If you are among those who **DID NOT** receive your Break In with Call Book, please let me know ASAP. I will post out another for you, however I only have a small amount in stock.

Also I have been advised that other members address labels have been included with those members who have received their Call book and Break In. This will mean that those people will not receive anything, so again please advise ASAP if you have yet to get your Call Book and Break In.

Call Book on CD ROM... Just a reminder that those of you who ordered this special offer, NZART does have copyright, therefore do NOT copy and give to your friends. Especially if they are NOT NZART members. Better still, take the opportunity to have them join the Association and they will receive one free. You will also benefit as you can apply to HQ, for a \$10 voucher that can be deducted from either this years subscription if you have yet to pay, or even next. This is in addition to the \$15 rebate applicable if you pay before November 30th 2004.

Subscriptions for 2005 - an error in the latest issue of Break In actually advises the 2002/2003 subscription rates.

Correct 2005 Subscriptions Rates are:

Annual Subscription	\$95
Student Subscription	\$40
Family	\$125
Family additional	\$30
Overseas surface (no GST)	\$95

Overseas airmail (no GST) \$110

A rebate of \$15 is applicable for NZ members **only** if received by 30th November 2004. This applies to only Transmitting, Family Transmitting and Non transmitting members.

That's all from me 'til next time....**Debby ZL2TDM**

80th Anniversary of Milestone QSO:

The first ever two-way radio communication between New Zealand and England was made on the 18th of October 1924 by Frank Bell of Shag Valley Station, Otago. Frank Bell held the callsign Z4AA and on that date 18th October 1924, using primitive homebrew radio equipment, he made contact with Cecil Goyder, G2SZ at the Mill Hill school in London. The CW QSO lasted for about 1 hour and dealt mainly with issues concerning signal quality. For several nights after the historic contact they kept in touch.

Further details of the activities leading to the historic QSO can be found on pages 40-41 of the NZART publication **Ham Shacks, Brass Pounders & Rag chewers**, A History of amateur Radio in New Zealand. Detailed information on the actual QSO, complete with a transcript, can be found on the excellent and up to date web pages of the Otago, Branch 30 NZART. Point your browser to <http://www.qsl.net/zl4aa/> and follow the [Index to more](#).

Contests with Stan White ZL2ST:

The big worldwide contest of the year - the CQ Worldwide SSB Contest is on the weekend of October 30/31. It runs from 0000 Saturday (1 pm NZT) to 2400 Sunday (1 pm Monday). Exchange report + CQ Zone (32 for NZ).

The NZART Straight Key Night is coming up on Sunday November 7 between 0700 and 1000 UTC (2000-2300 NZ time) on 80 metres. Straight keys only in four divisions: Vintage QRP, Vintage QRO, Open QRP, Open QRO. Exchange: RST/ QTH/ operator's name (one word)/key used/ TX type/ TX power (watts). See Callbook or NZART website for full details.

Results of the Doug Gorman Memorial Frequency Measuring Contest 2004

It was great to see 23 entries after hearing reports that some would-be entrants were unable to get three good readings because of either QRM or QRN. A three-way tie for first in the Norm Edwards Shield doesn't happen very often.

This year, a small difference was made to the way results were calculated. The calculations were based on the entrants submitted numbers, rather than as had been done in the past where the entrant's results were rounded to whole numbers of Hertz before calculations commenced. This change was made after it had been pointed out that our pre-rounding had altered the integrity of some of the final numbers.

We are thinking of making other small changes to the method of running the contest. This is so that contestants will have a better idea of when and where we are likely to be, in case they lose us at any

stage. A questionnaire will be sent to this year's contestants. Whether we do make any changes will depend on a consensus of replies received.

Norm Edwards Shield (Complex Equipment)

ZL1AKY (1st =)

ZL1UF (1st =)

ZL2AZ (1st =)

ZL1MR, ZL1BOE, ZL3RX, ZL1SWW, ZL4LV, ZL1DK, ZL1ALZ, ZL2AZ*, ZL1JG, ZL2AYF, ZL1WI, ZL3AGS, ZL2BFY. Note: * = second equipment

John McKim Cup (Simple Equipment)

ZL2AUA

ZL2ABB

ZL3PN

ZL2SEA, ZL1VD, ZL1VKG, ZL1VRR.

It was good to see so many old friends turn up and a number of new ones as well. We ask you all to promote this fun event to your Branch. The enthusiastic group at Branch 65 (Papakura) have taken the Branch award again, but surely this can't last for ever. We had a lot of fun putting this year's contest on, and look forward to doing the same for you next year

Neil Gibbons ZL2TNG & Gavin Smith ZL2ACT Contest Organisers

Nostalgia Night 2004 – Results -

ZL1AJ, ZL1ZLF, ZL1LR, ZL1AKY, ZL2IM, ZL4IM, ZL2AJB, ZL2KH, ZL2BGZ, ZL2LA, ZL2ALJ, ZL1DD, ZL3KB, ZL2BSW, ZL1WB.

Full details of both contests are on the NZART Contesting Reflector and NZART website.

Dates to Remember:

- Next HQ-Info-Line e-mailed Sunday 7th November 2004.
- Next NZART Official Broadcast 8pm & 9pm Sunday 31 October

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