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Greetings Everyone

Welcome to Headquarters-Info-Line a fortnightly bulletin of news from NZART Headquarters E-mailed directly to Branches and to others that subscribe through the NZART Web Site.

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The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says

Election voting forms: for family members have now been sent out. To be eligible to vote a person needs to be a current financial member, this includes the following categories.

Transmitting, Non-transmitting, Family transmitting, Family non-transmitting, Reduced subscriptions, life members and students.

If you have not received a voting form, please contact me immediately.

Applications for secondary call signs: a reminder please to include your payment of \$10 for another call sign, and also complete the Radio 4A form. Any amendments to address details MUST be done by you, I am unable to change this.

If you are unclear as to what call signs can be issued, please refer to the PIB46 document on the Radio Spectrum web site. There is a list in table format of what amateurs are able to request.

Conference 2006: I have been advised that registrations so far for the next Conference in June are low. Palmerston North is easily accessible by plane, car, bus or train even motor home and offers many attractions if it's a first time visit.

Support your Association and register now to attend the 81st annual conference of NZART.

Talk to you all again soon... Debby ZL2TDM

NZART Council: Face to Face – Meeting Report

Over the weekend of 17/18 February 2007 NZART Executive Council met in Upper Hutt for a face to face meeting. During the course of this meeting the position of Administration Liaison Officer held by Fred Johnson, ZL2AMJ, was discussed. Differences had arisen between the Executive Council and the ALO that regrettably were determined to be irreconcilable.

As a result of this situation the ALO was asked for his resignation which he refused to give. The President of NZART then, with the authority of the Executive Council, terminated Fred Johnson's appointment as ALO. This termination was effected Saturday 17 February 2007.

The Executive Council also decided, to ensure ongoing continuity, and that the NZART President, Bruce Douglas, ZL2WP and Councillor Mark Gooding, ZL2UFI will fill the vacant position as Administration Liaison Officers until the matter is reviewed at the NZART Conference in June 2007.

The Executive Council wish to acknowledge the work done by Fred Johnson during his extensive tenure as ALO.

NZART President, Bruce Douglas, ZL2WP and Councillor Mark Gooding, ZL2UFI have been directed by Executive Council to meet immediately with the Ministry of Economic Development: Radio Spectrum Management Group to progress various issues including the Repeater, Beacon and Fixed Link Fee.

The Ministry of Economic Development: Radio Spectrum Management Group, have written to NZART requesting an immediate hold on the usage of the ZK2 and ZK3 callsign series until responses have been received from Niue and Tokelau administrations as to the future use of these callsign series by those countries. The RSM have written to the Islands' administrations requesting that these callsign series be relinquished and passed back for use in New Zealand, in particular by AREC. The National Director of AREC acknowledges this request and has immediately agreed to withhold both the ZK2 and ZK3 callsign series from use by AREC. It is envisaged that once this matter has been resolved, that these series will in fact be returned for use by the New Zealand administration. The National Director of AREC will issue other callsign series to AREC from within the ZK series. While no time has been given as to a final resolution date for the ZK2 and ZK3 callsign series it is hoped that this interim measure will resolve a number of issues within the Amateur Service.

Council has received a business plan, costings and the specific issues of concern for the Amateur Service at the World Radiocommunication Conference 2007 (WRC-07) in Geneva, Switzerland, 22 October – 16 November 2007. At this stage no decision has been made as to representation and a full cost analysis is being made.

An updated and revised Policy for Beacons, Repeaters, Linking and Similar Stations has been approved and will be made available via the NZART Web Site this coming week.

Council has approved the NZART - List (or E-mail Reflector) Guidelines. These rules are situated at: <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/Lists/listrules.html>

Council has classified the one remit received for the upcoming NZART Conference 2007 to be held in Palmerston North, as non-transmitting.

Council has commenced working towards the ability to publishing the minutes of its monthly council meetings on the NZART Web Site. It is envisaged that these will follow the example of the Canadian societies approach.

A new advertising and promotional pamphlet has been prepared, and is in the final stages of checking and editing. It is expected that stocks will be available from the NZART General Secretary soon, as well as the ability to download the file in a PDF form for local printing by branches or individuals.

Oceania Most Wanted Countries List

Mark ZL3AB is collating an **Oceania Most Wanted Countries List** and is seeking submissions from operators in VK/ZL and Oceania only. Lists can be submitted in text, Word, or Excel formats or simply in the body of an e-mail.

E-mail your list to: giggs501@yahoo.com.au.

Submissions will close on 28 February 2007 with results published in March and e-mailed direct to all who submit.

Thanks & 73's, Mark Sullivan ZL3AB, giggs501@yahoo.com.au

Break-In Closing Date Reminder

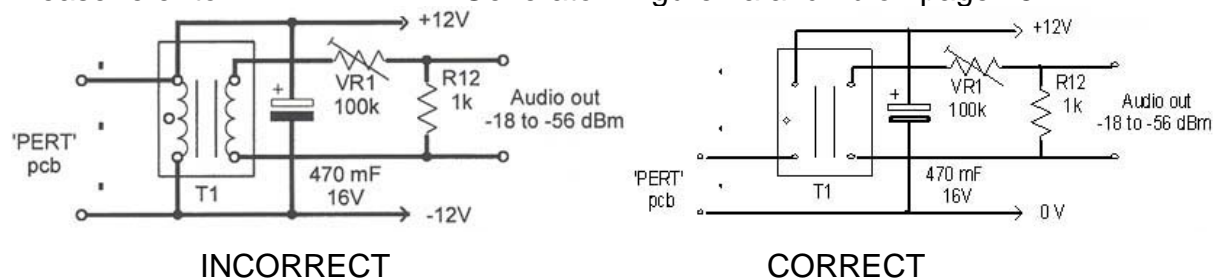
From the Editor *Break-In*, Official Journal of NZART Inc.

"Copy for the April/May issue of Break-In closes on **10th MARCH 2007**.

Early receipt of copy is much appreciated. Thanks. John ZL3IB, Editor"

Break-In Circuit Correction

Please refer to "A PERT DTMF Generator" Figure 1a and 1b on page 15.



The Incorrect Circuit: The wiring for the primary of T1 is wrong.

The Correct Circuit: The primary wiring of T1 should have the +12 V to the top of the primary connection while the bottom connection goes directly to the PERT pcb. The bottom connection marked as -12V should be 0V as shown in the correct circuit above.

Also the Figure 1b on page 15 has the bottom connection marked as -12V. This connection should be 0V, the same as shown in the correct circuit above.

Contest News

Only one major Contest this weekend - the ARRL International CW Contest - details below. Next weekend is the NZART Jock White Memorial Field Day Contest and your support, particularly to your Branch, would be most welcome.

Last weekend's activities, the WPX RTTY Contest and the Dutch PACC Contest appear to have been well supported internationally. I had about 12 QSO's in the PACC - condx were good and some signals absolutely outstanding.

Best wishes to those participating in the ARRL CW Contest.

ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW: 0000Z, Feb 17 to 2400Z, Feb 18

Find rules at: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2007/intldx.html>

UPCOMING NZART CONTESTS

Jock White Memorial Field Day Contest

Feb 24 - 1500 - 2400 (Sat. NZST) and

Feb 25 - 0600 - 1500 (Sun NZST)

NZART WARO Thelma Souper Memorial Contest

Mar 31 - 2000 - 2200 (Sat NZDT) and

Apr 1 - 2000 - 2200 (Sun NZDT)

Sangster Shield QRP CW Contest

May 19/20 - 2000 - 2300 (Sat/Sun NZDT)

NZART Memorial Contest - All Modes 80M

July 7/8 - 2000 - 2300 (Sat/Sun NZDT)

2007 JOCK WHITE MEMORIAL FIELD DAY CONTEST

When – 24 & 25 February 2007

Times – Saturday 24th – 1500 NZST until 2400 NZST and

Sunday 25th – 0600 NZST until 1500 NZST.

For Contest Rules and other Operating Information please refer to either

2006/2007 NZART Callbook, Pages 5-2 to 5-4 or,

NZART Website – <http://www.nzart.org.nz/contests>

PLEASE NOTE THAT LOGS ARE TO BE FORWARDED TO:

Stuart Watchman, ZL2TW, 33 Brooklyn Drive, BLENHEIM by 24 March 2007.

2007 RSGB COMMONWEALTH (BERU) CONTEST

When – 10 & 11 March 2007

1000UTC (10th) until 1000UTC (11th).

All Bands CW.

Please refer to Contests Column, Nov./Dec. 2006, Break In, (Page 30), regarding the

Commonwealth Countries Teams Section of this event. Frank, ZL2BR is co-

coordinating the NZ Team – if you are interested in competing and becoming a

member of the NZART Team contact him by e-mail (zl2br@ihug.co.nz), or snail mail.

Callbook address OK

UPCOMING CONTESTS

ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW

0000Z, Feb 17 to 2400Z, Feb 18

Russian PSK WW Contest

2100Z, Feb 23 to 2100Z, Feb 24

CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB

0000Z, Feb 24 to 2359Z, Feb 25

REF Contest, SSB

0600Z, Feb 24 to 1800Z, Feb 25

UBA DX Contest, CW

1300Z, Feb 24 to 1300Z, Feb 25

ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB

0000Z, Mar 3 to 2400Z, Mar 4

Open Ukraine RTTY Championship

2200Z-2359Z, Mar 3 (Low Band) and

0000Z-0159Z, Mar 4 (Low Band) and

0800Z-1159Z, Mar 4 (High Band)

RSGB Commonwealth Contest

1000Z, Mar 10 to 1000Z, Mar 11

UBA Spring Contest, CW

0700z-1100Z, Mar 11

BARTG Spring RTTY Contest

0200Z, Mar 17 to 0200Z, Mar 19

Russian DX Contest

1200Z, Mar 17 to 1200Z, Mar 18

73, John Powell ZL1BHQ, NZART Contest Manager

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Dates for Official Broadcast (OB) and Head Quarter's Info-Line (HQIL)

2007 OB Sunday 8 pm. Broadcasts dates are: Feb 25, Mar 25, Apr 29, May 27, Jun 3 CONF OB, Jun 24, Jul 29, Aug 26, Sep 30, Oct 28, Nov 25, Dec 23

- **NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 25 February 2007**
- **Next HQ-Info-Line E-mailed on Sunday 4 March 2007**

2007 HQIL Sunday publishing dates are: Mar 4, Mar 18, Apr 1, Apr 15, May 6, May 20, Jun 10, Jul 8, Jul 22, Aug 5, Aug 19, Sep 2, Sep 16, Oct 7, Oct 21, Nov 4, Nov 18, Dec 9 Dec 23, 2008: Jan 13, Feb 3, Feb 17

Thanks to Leo, ZL2GY, for background to heading.

Regards, Jamie Pye ZL2NN, Editor zl2nn@nzart.org.nz