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Greetings Everyone

Welcome to Headquarters-Info-Line a twice-monthly bulletin of news from NZART Headquarters e-mailed directly to Branches and to others that subscribe through the NZART Web Site. This bulletin is also distributed on the amateur radio packet network.

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From The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM

Debby Says...

Donations: A very big thank you to the generous donations we have been receiving to send a delegate to the World Radio Conference in Geneva. To date we have collected \$5170.

A number of members have specifically requested that we do not publish their donation in Break In; therefore I will respect their wishes and not do so. However I would like to publicly thank the following members for their generosity:

ZL2WP \$115	ZL1TPH \$300	ZL3IB \$50	ZL1AAR \$100
ZL2AMJ \$100	ZL2AZ \$100	ZL2JR \$150	ZL2AIE \$50
ZL1WB \$100	ZL4GJ \$100	Estate of the late ZL2AKE \$300	

There have been so many who have donated the \$15 rebate that it will take a considerable amount of paper to name them all. For those of you who I have missed or not included please accept my apologies, and let me know so that I can include you in the next update.

Subscription Payments: Obviously coming in fast. Again I thank you for sending them in so quickly. For those who wish to pay into out bank account the details are as follows:

BNZ Upper Hutt 02 0772 0209760 00

Please remember to include your membership number as it can be difficult to determine where payments come from if you don't have a call sign or membership number as your payment reference.

I would hate to send you a reminder and you have already paid.

Talk soon....Deb ZL2TDM

Donations for WRC in Geneva

NZART HQ has asked us to help with donations to the fund to send our Representative to the World Radio Conference 07 in Geneva, later this year.

If Peter Lake ZL2AZ is to be relaxed, enthusiastic, and fighting for our bands at the World Radio Conference in Geneva every one of us ZL's should contribute to the fund for him to attend this conference. We want him to be able to fight alongside other country representatives to keep our bands open and maybe even expand them.

At each Conference the pressure on our precious frequencies, increases, and Peter we know has gained a lot of knowledge and respect for his work in this area.

Remember 'No Bands - No Hobby - No Clubs'.

With this in mind the Rotorua Club - Branch 33 - challenges all other Branches to equal or beat their effort of donating \$500.00 - the annual subscription of our 25 financial members to this worthwhile cause.

de ZL1SY

NZART Council Submission: Auction on 2.3 and 2.5 GHz Bands

NZART Council advises that a Submission to the MED Auction on 2.3 and 2.5 GHz Bands has been completed and submitted to the MED to meet the closing date of 14 September 2007.

NZART Council thanks the following amateurs who supplied input into the submission:

Ted Barnes ZL2IP Stephen Hayman ZL1TPH Kevin Murphy ZL1UJG and Brian Ryall ZL1AVZ.

Mark Gooding ZL2UFI

Break-In Closing Date Reminder

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

"Copy for the NOVEMBER/SEPTEMBER issue of Break-In closes on 10th NOVEMBER 2007.

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

Old Timers' Club (ZL)

Your net controllers have unanimously decided to change the time and frequency of the OTC (ZL) SSB weekly net.

From Sunday 2/9/07 onwards there will only be a net on 3.865 MHz at 1600 hrs.

Thanks very much.

73, Roy ZL2KH

Contest News

THE NEXT VHF CONTEST

The next contest is the Microwave Contest, all bands 614 MHz and up, on Saturday the 6th and Sunday the 7th of October 2007. The operating times are: Saturday 1700 to 2300 NZT and Sunday 0700 to 1300 NZT. The rules are available at: <www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests/vhfcontestrules0606.html>

All contest logs should be sent, to arrive within two weeks, to:

Contest Manager, Wellington VHF Group, P.O. Box 12-259, Thorndon, Wellington

HF Contests

A couple of contests this weekend to whet the appetite and get in some practice for the forthcoming Oceania SSB and SSB Contests early next month - hopefully band conditions will cooperate in this respect!

Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB: 1200Z, Sep 22 to 1200Z, Sep 23

Find rules at: <http://www.cisdxc.srars.org/cisdxc.pdf>

2008 NZART STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT ACTIVITY

When: Sunday, 4 November 2007

Time: 2000 - 2300 NZDT

Where: 80M

Refer 2006 NZART Callbook, Page 5-8 for Activity details.

Please note log sheets are to be forwarded to ZL1AIH, Ken McCormack, 181 Ararimu Valley Road, Waimauku. AUCKLAND, on, or before 20 November 2007.

2007 CQ WORLD WIDE CONTESTS

The 2007 Phone and CW Contests will be run as follows:-

Phone - 27 & 28 October 2008 - 0000 UTC (27th) until 2400 UTC (28th) - All Bands

CW - 24 & 25 November 2008 - 0000 UTC (24th) until 2400 UTC (25th) - All Bands

2007 OCEANIA CONTESTS

Oceania's premier SSB and CW Contests will be conducted over the first two weekends of October. Increased activity from NZ Hams will be appreciated in this our "flagship" Contest. In 2007 the increased patronage from our VK cousins put ZL's to shame, on a pro rata basis. OK the introduction of the new VK Entrant License certainly assisted in this increase, but ZL's have had a non CW Licensing requirement for some time now and one would have thought that a corresponding, or increased level of participation from that source would have been evident in previous year's activities. How about taking part in the 2008 Contest, even if it is only for a limited period.

Contest dates are:-

SSB - 6 & 7 October 2008 - 1000 UTC (6th) until 1000 UTC (7th) - All Bands

CW - 13 & 14 October 2008 - 1000 UTC (13th) until 1000 UTC (14th) - All Bands

Refer to the Oceania Contest(s) Website: - <http://www.oceaniacontest.com/index.html>

For Contest Rules and other operating information

OTHER FORTHCOMING CONTESTS

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Sep 29 to 2400Z, Sep 30
FISTS Coast to Coast Contest	1700Z, Sep 29 to 1700Z, Sep 30
UBA ON Contest, CW	0600Z-1000Z, Sep 30
German Telegraphy Contest	0700Z-0959Z, Oct 3
Oceania DX Contest, Phone	0800Z, Oct 6 to 0800Z, Oct 7
Makrothen RTTY Contest	0000Z-0759Z, Oct 13 and 1600Z-2359Z, Oct 13 and 0800Z-1559Z, Oct 14
Oceania DX Contest, CW	0800Z, Oct 13 to 0800Z, Oct 14
UBA ON Contest, SSB	0600Z-1000Z, Oct 14
JARTS WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Oct 20 to 2400Z, Oct 21
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 27 to 2400Z, Oct 28
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Oct 27 to 2359Z, Oct 28
Ukrainian DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 3 to 1200Z, Nov 4
WAE DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Nov 10 to 2359Z, Nov 11
LZ DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 17 to 1200Z, Nov 18
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 24 to 2400Z, Nov 25
ARRL 160-Meter Contest	

73, John Powell ZL1BHQ, NZART Contest Manager

PS Apologies for the somewhat sparse bulletin this week - been catching up on some delayed activities around the QTH while the weather holds

Boat Anchor Sprint Rules and Operating Time

This is in two sections:

Section 1: Old radios - all valves - i.e. ZC1, 19 set, Heathkits, any home brew set, but must have all valves.

Section 2: Any Hybrid transceiver (must have valve finals i.e. FT200, FTDX400/401, Drake, FT 101s, etc..)

Amplitude Modulated signals only.

The overall winner shall be the entrant having the highest points score which will be published in the following Break-In.

WHEN: The second Saturday each (2007) February, April, June (9), August (11), October (13).

One operating period Local ZL time: 2000 to 2100 hrs

Jumbo "ZL1HV" Award

Presented at NZART Annual Conference

The purpose of this award is to remember one of New Zealand's most well known radio amateurs, who fully supported NZART Inc and branch level activities, in the belief that strong branches meant a strong national organisation.

As there was/is a gap in this area of recognising branch level activities at a national level, this award has been instituted to not so much reward those who work at this most important level but to acknowledge to the rest of the amateur service the tireless work put in at the grass roots of amateur radio.

The Award to be made to the radio amateur or non-transmitting branch member who in the opinion of the

nominator(s) has given outstanding service to Amateur Radio at a branch level over a period of time that has not been recognized anywhere else.

1. Criteria.

- (a) Nominees must be active in branch level activities and in these to have shown extraordinary service to their fellow branch members. Points of service rendered need to be presented to ensure that the nominee meets the purpose and vision of the award as outlined in the introduction.
- (b) The award is for the years prior to the award presentation. E.g. if award year is 2008, the period of time to be considered are those prior to 31 December 2007.
- (c) There are no limits on the number of nominees, however up to a maximum of three recipients can be awarded in any one year.
- (d) The nominee must be a current member of NZART Inc.
- (e) The nominee must be a current member of the nominating branch.
- (f) The nominee should be unaware of the nominations.

2. Nominations.

- (a) Nominations to be made to the General Secretary of NZART (at current address) to reach the office by 1 May following the year(s) under review.
 - (b) Nominations must be made through the Secretary of a Branch of NZART Inc.
 - (c) Points of "service rendered" must be tabulated and certified as correct by the Branch Chairman (except that two other officers would be accepted if the circumstances warrant) and these must refer to the period under review. Through these, the reason why the nominee should be considered must be clearly evident.
- The General Secretary will recommend those that meet the criteria of the Award to NZART Council for confirmation immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting. It is possible that in some years no award would be made even though nominations/recommendations were received.

Out and About

== WEIRD 'N WONDERFUL

The toothbrush with 'satnav'.

As you clean your teeth, Oral-B's Triumph SmartGuide toothbrush transmits its exact location to a base unit. The unit then shows you on an LCD screen which area of your mouth has been cleaned and a clock tells you how long you have left to brush. The system uses technology similar to the Bluetooth system used with hands-free earpieces for mobile phones. The LCD display can be mounted on the bathroom mirror or held in your free hand, picking up information as you brush. The remote display also doubles up as a bathroom clock. Oral-B is hoping that the brush will be a stocking filler this Christmas and has planned its launch in Britain within weeks. So for a whiter wider smile... at least for ORAL-B's shareholders, you know where to look! (From WIA News for 16 September 2007)

== 1296 MHz WAS #1 AWARDED TO TEXAS HAM

Al Ward, W5LUA, of Allen, Texas, is the first person to achieve the ARRL's Worked All States (WAS) on 1296 MHz, making him 1296 MHz WAS #1.

Ward first started on his pursuit January 25, 1977, with his first 1296 MHz contact with Leroy May, W5HN (SK). His 30 year quest ended last week, with confirmed contacts with Wyoming, Utah and Idaho, giving Ward his last three needed states, thanks to Paul Perryman's, WA5WCP, EME DXpedition... (From ARRL Letter Vol 26 No. 37)

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

2007 OB at 8pm Sunday: Sep 30, Oct 28, Nov 25, Dec 23

- * **NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 and**
- * **Next HQ-Info-Line e-mailed on Sunday 7 OCTOBER 2007**

2007 HQIL on Sunday: Sep 23, Oct 7-21, Nov 4-18, Dec 9-23

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