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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:

First may I say a big thank you to all of those who have contacted me offering support and encouragement after my last little outburst in the previous issue of HQ Info-line. I am humbled to think that I have made such an impression on so many.

You will all no doubt be pleased to know, I have finally sent out the much-awaited September, no I mean October, oh dear it's now November Branch circular

There is a lot of important information in these to help you better manage your details in the Radio Spectrum's SMART system.

I do however have it on good authority, to remind you, if you are entering details and the system appears to have locked up or shut down, just close your session and start again. The system is still rather fragile!

On that note, a procedure to assist you in withholding information is attached to this issue, so please read it carefully and have a go.

Talk soon...Debby ZL2TDM

Withholding details on SMART:

To do this, you will require the following:

1. Client Key
2. Client Password
3. Client ID

Procedure

1. Enter the Smart system online at <http://www.rsm.med.govt.nz/pls/web/dbssiten.main>
2. Click the Exit button on the page. This will redirect you to the correct page.
3. Click "Client Maintenance" on the left side of the screen
4. Click "Update Client". This will take you to the screen where you enter your details. Enter them and click "Continue".

Information such as phone numbers and e-mail addresses are on this page. These can be updated. They do not form part of the public records, but must be kept up to date.

5. Click on "Addresses and contacts".

This will show both your postal address and residential address. At this point you have the ability to remove your postal address from the SMART system. If you wish to do so, tick the box and click remove.

6. Click "Residential/Physical".

At this point you can modify and suppress details from being public. You cannot remove these details. They will still remain in the system. Others cannot see them.

7. Click "Save"

8. At any time you can go back to step 4 by hitting the back button and the refresh button.

To check to ensure that your details are presented in the way that you want others to see them, log off the RSM site, and close down your Internet Browser. Go back on and follow the procedure from the Check your details paper already presented.

Please remember, it is your responsibility to ensure that your details are presented in the way that you want them presented in SMART and Callbook.

Please do not blame NZART if incorrect or unwanted details are presented in Callbook.

We print what we get.

In presenting this paper, I am hoping that you will only withhold details if necessary. These details are a resource.

Please also remember that if you want to withhold your residential address and your residential address is listed as your postal address, you will end up having this address presented in the next Callbook unless you first remove your postal address.

I did not use screenshots in this presentation because I was using my own client key and password in the presentation of this.

In doing this, I changed one detail in my records and I received an e-mail from RSM advising me of this.

Tony Case - ZL1UD, NZART Council

World Radiocommunication Conference 2007 (WRC-07) (edited)

Report No. 1 to NZART, Week Ending Friday 26 October 2007

Secondary allocation to amateurs at 136 kHz: This has received world-wide support, with nearly all administrations in agreement. Slight differences of opinion about power levels have been resolved, with a 1 watt eirp limit agreed. An unexpected problem has arisen, however, with part of the "Arab Group" opposing any amateur allocation (i.e. "No Change"), although Oman and some others are strong supporters. We hope that negotiations will get them to accept the majority opinion by early next week.

Review of Allocations 4-10 MHz: The amateur service is seeking secondary access at 5 MHz and the final stage of expansion at 7.2-7.3 MHz in Regions 1 (England/Europe) and 3 (Asia/South Pacific), are at a very early stage of discussion. The main challenge is that the HF Broadcasters are seeking at 350 kHz more spectrum, but many administrations and existing users do not want to surrender their scarce and valuable spectrum. This is very contentious and hard discussions will occur next week. There has been some recent movement by Europe (CEPT), Cuba and others to consider promoting access to 5 MHz. This is encouraging. The 40 metre band expansion will be very difficult to achieve.

I have been working closely with Bruce Emirali of the MoD on all the issues involved.

Some other "Future Agenda" items for the next WRC in about 2011 have not yet surfaced. NZ is promoting a new "500 kHz band" for amateurs, Europe is looking for a harmonised 6 metre band (50-54 MHz), and some requests are on the table for new bands above 275 GHz.

Report No. 2 to NZART, Week Ending Friday 2 November 2007

Nothing is yet firm or fixed.

Review of HF Allocations 4-10 MHz:

This review has resulted in very heated discussions all week on subject matters not related to our amateur requests.

Two polarised positions have emerged. Europe (the CEPT) is supporting the HF Broadcasters, who are seeking 350 kHz more spectrum (this may be reduced to 200 kHz or less).

Most other groups and administrations (the Americas, Russia, APT, the African groups) want to protect their many small, existing mobile and fixed users. They do not want to surrender their scarce and valuable spectrum, or share it with high power HFBC. This is proving very contentious. The bands in 4-10 MHz are very crowded. No "consensus" or "compromise" is in sight.

Our amateur requests for secondary access at 5 MHz and the final stage of expansion of the 40 metre band world wide at 7.2-7.3 MHz in Regions 1 and 3 have been submerged for the moment. This is being watched closely for any "gaps" to occur.

Secondary allocation to amateurs at 135.7-137.8 kHz: This got an early start. It had received world-wide support, with differences of opinion about power levels resolved, with a 1 watt eirp limit agreed. The unexpected problem with part of the "Arab Group" (12 countries) opposing any amateur allocation (i.e. "No Change"), has continued all this week. Oman and some others have been strong supporters, trying to get an agreement. Several rounds of meetings have produced more Footnotes that allow countries to be named and to opt out of allowing amateur access. The final draft has now been approved by the Working Group with only Saudi Arabia voting against it. It now remains to be approved by "COM" committee 4 and then the Plenary. This is now more positive.

Late this week I was given the task to draft some final text inputs to the "COM" committee 6 group. This concerned items for the next WRC in about 2011.

The items are:

- 1) Promoting a new "500 kHz band" for amateurs;
- 2) Europe is also looking for a harmonised 6 metre band (50-54 MHz) in Region 1;
- 3) A request from Cuba is to consider an allocation of up to 150 kHz for the amateur service on a secondary basis in the frequency band 5 250-5 450 kHz. The request for new bands above 275 GHz is part of another

Agenda Item.

Also being watched closely is the tense debate concerned with more spectrum for next generation cellular systems (and broadband wireless). Search for spectrum has started from 440 MHz upwards, including around 2.3-2.4 GHz, and beyond.

73, Peter Lake, ZL2AZ

From VK1WIA NEWS

EmComm Party Update

Five member societies of the IARU Region 3 have confirmed that they will take part in the Third EmComm Party the first ever simulated emergency test involving all three IARU regions.

It happens on the 11th of November, with the Chinese Radio Sports Association BY1RX, Japan Amateur Radio League JA1RL, New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters ZL6R, Philippine Amateur Radio Association DV1JM and the Wireless Institute of Australia VK4WIA.

The EmCom Party runs from 1100 to 1500 UTC on the 11th of November on the 80, 40, 20, 17 and 15 metre bands around the emergency centre of activity frequencies.

Among the aims are to test these frequencies across the regions and create practices for international emergency communication.

All radio amateurs are asked to keep clear of the activity unless actually involved.

MEDIA WATCH: 2ME turns on DRM digital transmissions

Sydney AM radio station 2ME has become Australia's first commercial broadcaster to use its own existing AM radio frequencies to broadcast in digital using the Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) platform.

The off-band commercial station, broadcasting in Sydney on AM 1638 has been operating successfully since 1996. It has since expanded to other capital cities and also now broadcasts via satellite. Because 2ME owns a block of frequencies in the off-band spectrum it has used its adjacent channels to run the DRM transmission on the AM 1701 frequency.

Extracted with thanks from: "Vk1wia-news nov 4 sunday news from wia"

Contest News

VHF Contests

Prepare for VHF Field Day coming up on Saturday December 2. 2007 and Sunday December 3 2007.

HF Contests

CONTESTS THIS WEEKEND - 3 & 4 NOVEMBER 2007

Ukrainian DX Contest: 1200Z, Nov 3 to 1200Z, Nov 4
Find rules at: http://www.ucc.zp.ua/urdx2007rules_eng.htm

IPARC Contest, CW: 0600Z-1000Z, Nov 3 and 1400Z-1800Z, Nov 3
Find rules at: <http://www.ipa-rc.de/cont-e.htm>

IPARC Contest, SSB: 0600Z-1000Z, Nov 4 and 1400Z-1800Z, Nov 4
Find rules at: <http://www.ipa-rc.de/cont-e.htm>

2007 CQ WORLD WIDE CONTESTS

The 2007 CW Contests will be run as follows:-

CW - 24 & 25 November 2007 – 0000 UTC (24th) until 2400 UTC (25th) – All Bands

FORTHCOMING NZART CONTESTS

2007 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.

The FISTS Club, NZ Chapter has kindly undertaken to award a prize to the winner, or winners of each section of this Activity.

2008 JOCK WHITE MEMORIAL FIELD DAY CONTEST - ADVANCE NOTICE

When: 23 & 24 February 2008.

Updated Contest will be posted to the NZART Website and published in Break-In nearer to the event - probably late 2007 and the Nov/Dec Break In Contest column.

2007 DOUG GORMAN FREQUENCY MEASURING CONTEST RESULTS

Due to the spell of fine weather here in Auckland and the necessity to undertake, while the weather lasted, work around the grounds and repairs to the antenna, I have been unable to complete the re-drafting to these results into a Word format document. Will endeavour to do so in the next few days, the incentive being having them ready for inclusion in my upcoming Break In Contest column article.

The weather put into place the old dictum, "make hay while the sun shines"!

BULLETIN CIRCULATION

Due to the "chaos" that presently reigns relating to the re-jigged Contesting and NZDXR Reflectors formats I have been unable to access these forums for inclusion of this week's bulletin. However, it has been forwarded to the Kiwi DX List and individually to those I have email addresses in an effort to ensure a reasonable circulation.

OTHER UPCOMING CONTESTS

WAE DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Nov 10 to 2359Z, Nov 11
JIDX Phone Contest	0700Z, Nov 10 to 1300Z, Nov 11
OK/OM DX Contest, CW	1200Z, Nov 10 to 1200Z, 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 EME Contest	0000Z, Nov 24 to 2359Z, Nov 25
ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Nov 30 to 1600Z, Dec 2
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 8 to 2400Z, Dec 9
OK DX RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 15
Croatian CW Contest	1400Z, Dec 15 to 1400Z, Dec 16
DARC Christmas Contest	0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
Original QRP Contest	1500Z, Dec 29 to 1500Z, Dec 30
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 29 to 1500Z, Dec 30

That's about all for this week. If you wish to receive future weekly bulletins these will be distributed to the Kiwi DX List and available from their Group's website - kiwidxgroup@yahoogroups.com . It is necessary to register to access the message service. Otherwise please let me know by email and I will include in the circulation list.

73, John Powell ZL1BHQ, NZART Contest Manager

Scouting and Guiding in NZ: Canterbury Jamboree or 'CJAM'

The Canterbury Jamboree or 'CJAM' is on at the end of the year over the Christmas break CJAM is happening 28 Dec to 5 Jan for campers. Set up 27 December and take down 6 January 2008. It will be a *international* scouting event. Over 4000 scouts and 1000 visitors are expected. This will be Amateur Radio in Canterbury's last chance for the next 20 years to demonstrate amateur radio to a large range of people.

Volunteers are required to make the camp a success. Before you can attend you must undergo a Scout check. Unfortunately this is mandatory and cannot be waived. Without a scout warrant you will not be permitted onsite.

The more people we have to volunteer the less everyone will have to do. Let's show everyone what amateur radio is all about while we have the chance. Remember this is a once in 20 year event! Even if you can only volunteer to help set up then it's better than nothing at all. Remember it's for the kids, let's not let them down.

Please contact me paul@layt.net ph 03 9810961

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"

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

2007 OB at 8pm Sunday: Nov 25, Dec 23

- * **NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 25 NOVEMBER 2007 and**
- * **Next HQ-Info-Line e-mailed on Sunday 18 NOVEMBER 2007**

2007 HQIL on Sunday: Nov 4-18, Dec 9-23

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