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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....Happy new year to you all.

Do hope this year brings all good things to you and the Association.

My new year's resolution is to follow the Latin phrase Carpe diem - seize the day!

Therefore it's time to harvest the good and dispense with the bad.

Remits and Subscriptions

Interestingly we have received a total of 6 remits for the AGM this year. These will be advised in the March Break In. This means that there will be much discussion and plenty to think about in the coming months preceding Conference. Make sure your vote is counted by being a financial member of the Association.

Repeaters and Beacon Payments

Previously advised in my final HQ Info-line last year, all payments for branch repeaters and beacons are to be sent to me here at NZART HQ. Doug Ingham advised branches of all repeaters and beacons that they

are financially responsible for last year. What this meant was, should a branch only require some licenses to be renewed, they should contact Doug immediately.

The remainder licenses to be renewed would be paid for by Doug with NZART reimbursing him accordingly.

2007 Membership promotion

As this promotion has now officially expired, please do not, if you know of anyone still wanting to join, allow them to embarrass themselves by submitting the application for membership using this form. The special offer of \$65 for new members was for a limited period; however I see that there are still a number of cheeky amateurs who are trying their luck.

Talk soon...Debby ZL2TDM

Jock White Field Day 23rd and 24th February 2008

It is time to get your team together for Field day. This is a great event with something for everyone; your team can be as competitive or social as you like, a great way to bring everyone together.

Operating commences 1500 local on Saturday through to 2400 and resumes at 0600 on Sunday concluding at 1500.

Shelters for field stations can be moved on to the site on the weekend of the event, antenna erection can only take place after 1200 on the Saturday. Operation is on 40m and 80m, see the rules for the sections that can be entered.

Please note that only one section can be entered, have a look through past years results on the NZART contest web page to get a feel for what has been done before if your team is new to the event.

The full rules are available on the NZART web page:

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests/rules.html>

Please make sure a member of the team has checked through the rules and brings a copy along for the event.

If you have any queries about the rules it is best to sort things prior to the event, please contact me at:

zl2tw@nzart.org.nz

Don't forget to send in your logs and summary sheets if you enter a team, it makes scoring a lot easier.

Please use the sheets printable off the rules page. Have a great Field Day weekend!

Stuart Watchman, ZL2TW

Contest News

VHF Contests

THE NEXT CONTEST

The next contest is the DX Weekend Contest, 50 MHz and above, on Saturday the 2nd and Sunday the 3rd of February 2008. The operating times are: Saturday 1700 to 2300 NZT and Sunday 0700 to 1300 NZT. The following contest is the Low Band Contest, 50 MHz to 440 MHz, on Saturday the 5th and Sunday the 6th of April 2008. 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

CONTESTS THIS WEEKEND - 19 & 20 JANUARY 2008

A quick bulletin this week am away on holiday in the sunshine capital of NZ hence the somewhat abbreviated news.

Happy New Year to all and good luck with your 2008 contesting.

Am sending this from my son's pharmacy computer - due to my phone modem in the laptop going u.s.

2008 THELMA SOUPER MEMORIAL CONTEST (WARO)

The Thelma Souper Memorial Contest will be held on the 5th and 6th April 2008 from 0800z - 1000z on Saturday and Sunday evenings. All contacts to be held on 80 meters - Phone or CW may be used. YLs contact YLs and OMs. OMs contact YLs and OMs. One contact with each station permitted in each half hour period. Call "CQ WARO CONTEST" exchange report, serial number (commencing 001) and name. To qualify as a multiplier WARO Member stations must have contacts with at least 10 different stations. A Bonus Station using the WARO callsign ZL6YL will be in operation for random periods and will count as one multiplier on each night of the contest if worked. . All radio regulations must be observed.

SCORING:

To Qualify: Enter date at beginning of each evening. Each log must contain: Time of Contact, callsign of station worked, cipher sent, cipher received and the name of the operator contacted and points claimed for contact.

Scoring - 5 points for each WARO contact including ZL6YL.

Scoring - 4 points for Non WARO YL contacts

Scoring - 3 points for OM contacts Multiply by the number of WARO members including bonus station if worked.

Each contact claimed as a multiplier is to be underlined

A separate summary sheet showing is to accompany each log entry:

Callsign:

Name and Address:

Number of Contacts:

Number of WARO member stations worked:

Claimed Score:

A couple of interesting contests this weekend, of which the organizers welcome foreign participation. Declaration that all Radio Regulations have been observed, including the observation of the Contest Rules.

Non complying Logs will be disqualified.

LOGS:

To reach the Contest Manager no later than May 1st 2008

Bev Osborne ZL1OS
34 Cobham Drive
Kawerau 3075
New Zealand

No logs will be returned and No Correspondence will be entered into.

AWARDS:

The highest scoring WARO member will be awarded the Thelma Souper Memorial Cup to be held for one year. The highest scoring OM operator will be awarded a trophy to be held for one year. Certificates will be awarded to:

1. The first three WARO members,
2. The first three OM operators, the highest scoring VK/YL operator.

Please Note:

Contacts made during the contest will count towards the NZ WARO Awards.

2008 VK/ZL/PACIFIC DIGITAL WEEKEND

When; 9 February to 10 February 2008

Times; 0600 UTC (9th) to 1900 UTC (10th)

Freqs. ; 10.138 kHz to 10.145 kHz

Modes; PSK31, RTTY, or other digital modes of your choice

This is not a contest as such, purely a digital modes activity.

Further information from Bill, ZL3NB - zl3nb@ihug.co.nz

FORTHCOMING CONTESTS OF INTEREST

HA (Hungarian) DX CW Contest	January 19/20 0000-2400 (Sat/Sun)
CQWW 160m CW Contest	January 26/27 0000-2400 (Sat/Sun)
UBA (Belgian) DX SSB Contest	January 26/27 1300-1300 (Sat/Sun)
REF (French) DX CW Contest	January 26/27 0600-1800 (Sat/Sun)
PACC (Dutch) CW/SSB Contest	February 9/10 1200-1200 (Sat/Sun)
CQWW RTTY WPX Contest	February 9/10 0000-1800 (Sat/Sun)
ARRL International CW Contest	February 16/17 0000-2400 (Sat/Sun)
Jock White Memorial Field Day	February 23 1500 (Sat NZDT)
Jock White Memorial Field Day	February 24 0600 (Sun NZDT)
CQWW 160m SSB Contest	February 23/24 0000-2400 (Sat/Sun)
REF (French) DX SSB Contest	February 23/24 0600-1800 (Sat/Sun)
UBA (Belgian) DX CW Contest	February 23/24 1300-1300 (Sat/Sun)
ARRL International SSB Contest	March 1/2 0000-2400 (Sat/Sun)
RSGB Commonwealth Contest CW	March 8/9 1000-1000 (Sat/Sun)
RSGB BARTG RTTY Contest	March 15/16 0200-0200 (Sat/Sun)
Russian CW/SSB Contest	March 15/16 1200-1200 (Sat/Sun)
VK Field Day	March 15/16 0100-0059 (Sat/Sun)
CQWW WPX SSB Contest	March 22/23 0000-0000 (Sat/Sun)
NZART WARO Thelma Souper	April 5/6 2000-2200 NZDT
Sangster Shield QRP CW Contest	May 17/18 2000-2300 NZST
CQWW WPX CW Contest	May 24/25 0000-2400 (Sat/Sun)

Please excuse the abbreviated nature of this bulletin, but am in Blenheim for a week or so after delivering 2 grandsons back home after a stay with us in Auckland. The weather has been brilliant here, as it has been in most part of the country, but very hot - somewhat humid for the first few days of the holiday, which made me think I was back home in Auckland, but things have returned to normal with a temperature of 35' yesterday!!

73, John Powell, ZL1BHQ NZART Contest Manager

More RFI?

The following is an extract from DISCOVER magazine for January 2008:

First Step to Wireless Electricity

Thanks to wireless technology, chargers wired to your cell phone or power a computer, could become a thing of the past. In July, researchers at MIT extended the Wi-Fi concept to allow the beaming of power to anything that uses electricity. Freeing electrical transmission from power lines has been a dream since the

days of pioneering electrical engineer Nikola Tesla. Today electricity can be transmitted via magnetic induction in such things as security swipe cards. But sending electricity this way is practical over only the smallest of distances.

The MIT Wi-Fi power demonstration, first published in the journal Science, uses two precisely tuned coils to boost efficiency. Power is loaded into one large coil a couple of feet in diameter, causing electricity to surge back and forth more than a million times a second...

Anything that switches current flow is a potential source of RFI. Switching sources that have "...one large coil a couple of feet in diameter..." are particularly suspect.

Break-In Closing Date Reminder

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

"Copy for the MARCH/APRIL issue of Break-In closes on 10th MARCH 2008.

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

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Happy New Year, Jamie Pye ZL2NN, Editor zl2nn@nzart.org.nz