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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...

Not much this fortnight as I have been busy preparing for Council's meeting this weekend here in Upper Hutt.

Among the agenda items to be discussed are: a total of 10 remits, Call Book and it's ever increasing problem of data integrity, and the MED PIB46 document, to name but a few.

As you can see Council faces some fairly contentious issues which some may or may not agree to the final outcome, but to misquote a saying from Abraham Lincoln 'You can please some of the people all the time and you can please all of the people some of the time, but you can't please ALL of the people ALL of the time'.

While in most cases I receive wonderful kudos from many of you members, I am finding it quite disheartening to read negative comments about your Council.

I would like to take this opportunity to say ALL Councillors have the Association's best interest at heart and decision-making is not taken lightly with a huge amount of discussion taking place both on air and via e-mail.

If you are not happy with a decision, rather than talk among yourselves, address the issue with Council remember you elected them to take control of the Association.

If you really want to make a change, try standing for Council in the next elections.

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 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

Firstly apologies for the lack of a bulletin last week. I had planned on doing so, but the arrival of 4 grandchildren earlier in the day threw me off balance and it was not until late on Sunday afternoon that the penny dropped to my oversight. The other apology for the mish mash of the previous week's bulletin - I prepared that in Win XP Pro format, but used my son's pharmacy office computer to send it. The "mix" of Win Vista and Win XP Pro clearly does not work. By all accounts contesting last weekend was conducted in fairly reasonable conditions, particularly the CQ 160m Contest. However, this week's programme can be described as Spartan in comparison.

On the computer front at this QTH I am [pleased to advise the saving of a \$\$, or two. The fault was not a Hard Drive, but a faulty RAM chip and fortunately I happened to have a spare on hand. The completion of the fault finding was a frustrating event, worse than troubleshooting the new breed of transceiver.

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

2008 ARRL INTERNATIONAL CW CONTEST

When: 16 and 17 February 2008

Times : 0000 UTC, Saturday, 16 February to 0000 UTC, Sunday, 17 February

All Bands

Contest Rules and other operating information refer to the ARRL Website;-

<http://www.arrl.org/contests>

2008 RSGB COMMONWEALTH CONTEST - CW ONLY

When : 8 and 9 March 2008

Times: 1000 UTC, Saturday, 8 March to 1000 UTC, Sunday, 9 March

All Bands

Contest Rules and other operating information will be advised in the weekly Contests This Weekend bulletin when to hand, although the rules are generally the same from year to year.

As with the 2007 event a Commonwealth Countries Team section will again be run – the ZL Team were the winners in last year's event so a good level of support would be welcome to assist with the retention of the trophy. Frank, ZL2BR is the Team Captain and co-ordinator and is keen to hear from all who participated in 2007, plus new intending members. Contact Frank at zl2br@ihug.co.nz, or his Callbook address to register our interest.

Competition will be hot, especially from the Canadians, Australians and the UK teams.

2008 ARRL INTERNATIONAL SSB CONTEST

When : 1 and 2 March 2008

Times : 0000UTC, Saturday, 1 March to 0000 UTC, 2 March

All Bands

Contest Rules and other operating information refer the ARRL Website;-

<http://www.arrl.org/contests>

2008 JOCK WHITE MEMORIAL FIELD DAY CONTEST

When: February 23 and 24 2008

Times: Saturday, 23 February - 1500 NZDT until 2400 NZDT and

Sunday, 24 February - 0600 NZDT until 1500 NZDT

Bands ; 80m and 40m

Modes ; CW and SSB\

Rules and other Contest operating details are fully covered in the 2006/7 NZART Callbook, Pages 5-2 to 5-4, or NZART Website – <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzartupdate/contests>

There are no Rule changes for the 2008 event. However, there is a new NZART Branch Multiplier effective for this year's contest – Branch 88, Tauranga Branch Emergency Communications Group, which may be active.

Please note that Contest logs are to be submitted to the Jock White Memorial Field Day Contest Manager, Dr. Stuart Watchman, ZL2TW, 33 Brooklyn Drive, Blenheim by 23 March 2008.

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 :

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:

(i) The first three WARO members,

(ii) The first three OM operators, and

(iii) The highest scoring VK/YL operator.

Please Note:

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

FORTHCOMING CONTESTS OF INTEREST

February 9/10	1200-1200 (Sat/Sun) PACC (Dutch) CW/SSB Contest
February 9/10	0000-1800 (Sat/Sun) CQWW RTTY WPX Contest
February 16/17	0000-2400 (Sat/Sun) ARRL International CW Contest
February 23	1500 (Sat NZDT) Jock White Memorial Field Day &
February 24	0600 (Sun NZDT) Jock White Memorial Field Day
February 23/24	0000-2400 (Sat/Sun) CQWW 160m SSB Contest
February 23/24	0600-1800 (Sat/Sun) REF (French) DX SSB Contest
February 23/24	1300-1300 (Sat/Sun) UBA (Belgian) DX CW Contest
March 1/2	0000-2400 (Sat/Sun) ARRL International SSB Contest

OTHER FORTHCOMING CONTESTS

CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	0000Z, Feb 9 to 2400Z, Feb 10
Dutch PACC Contest	1200Z, Feb 9 to 1200Z, Feb 10
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Feb 16 to 2400Z, Feb 17
Russian PSK WW Contest	2100Z, Feb 22 to 2100Z, Feb 23
CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	0000Z, Feb 23 to 2359Z, Feb 24
REF Contest, SSB	0600Z, Feb 23 to 1800Z, Feb 24
UBA DX Contest, CW	1300Z, Feb 23 to 1300Z, Feb 24
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 1 to 2400Z, Mar 2
RSGB Commonwealth Contest	1000Z, Mar 8 to 1000Z, Mar 9

Russian DX Contest	1200Z, Mar 15 to 1200Z, Mar 16
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 29 to 2359Z, Mar 30
SP DX Contest	1500Z, Apr 5 to 1500Z, Apr 6
EA RTTY Contest	1600Z, Apr 5 to 1600Z, Apr 6
JIDX CW Contest	0700Z, Apr 12 to 1300Z, Apr 13
Holyland DX Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Apr 19
SP DX RTTY Contest	1200Z, Apr 26 to 1200Z, Apr 27
Helvetia Contest	1300Z, Apr 26 to 1259Z, Apr 27

73, John Powell, ZL1BHQ, NZART Contest Manager

MORE RFI TAKE TWO

Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) monthly magazine Radio Communication (RadCom), for October 2007, has more information on Wireless Power Transfer-see EMC on page 26.

See also:

BBC News web site item 7 June 2007, "Wireless energy promise powers up"
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/technology/6725955.stm>

Kurs et al, Wireless Power Transfer via Strongly Coupled Magnetic Resonances, Science, 6 July 2007: Vol. 317. no. 5834, pp. 83-86 <http://www.sciencemag.org> (search for wireless power)

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