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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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OFFICIAL BROADCAST THIS MONTH IS ON SUNDAY MARCH 30 2008

NEXT HQIL IS TO BE E-MAILED ON SUNDAY APRIL 6 2008

From The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM

Debby says...

F2F Minutes

My sincere apologies...as I was away last week and the change in webmaster, I totally forgot to forward Council's face to face minutes for inclusion on our web site.
Please be assured they are now there for you to view.

As I said the appointed webmaster is Jamie Pye ZL2NN, therefore any queries you have regarding the content of our web site need to be addressed to him directly. webmaster@nzart.org.nz

Spam

I have been advise that a considerable amount of Spam appears to be coming from the nzart.org.nz web site. I can assure you that this should not be happening. Jamie is looking into the issue and will advise in due course.

Remits

Will be published in the next Break In - however if your branch requires them before the beginning of April (although that's only a few days away), you can request them from me directly and I will send an electronic version.

Remit voting and NZART Membership

As yet reminders for subscriptions have not been posted, therefore if someone in your branch is not sure if they are eligible to vote, please get them to contact me.

Another reason they may not be aware of, is that they have changed address and their details remain with their previous branch. Gentle reminders to have them take special note of the branch advised on the Break In wrapper will ensure their vote is counted in your branch.

Finally....hope you all have a very happy and safe Easter, and the Easter bunny brings you lots of yummy chocolate!

Talk soon...Debby ZL2TDM

MAROANUI NATIONAL SYSTEM COMMISSIONED

The Trustees of the 9825 Maroanui (Taupo) National System repeater, which has operated for a few months as a stand-alone repeater, have advised that it was connected to the rest of the National System on Saturday the 8th of March.

Congratulations to Branch 60 and Branch 74, for their efforts in extending the National System.

The repeater transmit frequency is 439.825 MHz and the receive frequency is 434.825 MHz.

Doug Ingham ZL2TAR

Minutes of NZART Council Face to Face Meeting 2-3 FEB 2008

These are now available at:

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/NZART/minutes/index.html>

Contest News

VHF Contests

THE NEXT CONTESTS

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 following contest is the Hibernation Contest, 50 MHz and above, on Saturday the 7th and Sunday the 8th of June 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:

zl2wa@clear.net.nz

or:

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

The rules are available at:

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HF Contests

My apologies the lateness of last week's bulletin. I prepared the bulletin prior to heading off to Tauranga to a funeral and set things up to be despatched around the usual Friday time. What I hadn't counted on was that the laptop used for last week's bulletin was one that I use for contesting and the time is always set for UTC - the despatch time was 13 hours later than intended.

FORTHCOMING NZART CONTESTS

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.

SANGSTER SHIELD QRP CW CONTESTS

When :- Saturday, 17th May 2008 and Sunday, 18th May 2008

Time :- 2000 NZST until 2300 NZST each evening

Band :- 80m

Mode :- CW only

Refer to NZART 2006/7 Callbook, Page 5-4, or NZART Website - <http://www.nzart.org.nz/contests> for update Contest Operating Information.

NZART's oldest Contest established in 1927 to reward the excellence of efficiency of low power operation. This is a friendly contest and your support would be most welcome - don't be put of by it being a CW only activity, most operators will adjust their CW sending speeds to match those of your speed.. Give it a go, you never will know the mysteries of CW contesting until you try it.

2008 VK/TRANS-TASMAN CONTEST

When :- 80m Phone - 10 May 2008

80m CW - 24 May 2008

160m Phone - 5 July 2008

160m CW - 19 July 2008

Times:- 0800 UTC to 1400 UTC each evening.

Contest rules and operating information is available from the Contest Website :-

<http://home.iprimus.com.au/vktasman/>

Likewise the group calculator sheets and relative log sheets are also available from the Contest website.

There is a possibility that the Contest rules and operating details may be included on the NZART Website prior to the Contest commencing.

2008 NZART MEMORIAL CONTEST

When :- Saturday, 5th July and Sunday 6th July.

Time :- 2000 NZST until 2300 NZST each evening.

Modes :- CW and SSB

Refer to NZART 2006/7 Callbook, Pages 5-4 and 5-5, or NZART Website - www.nzart.org.nz/contests for Contest Rules and updated Contest Operating Information.

The Memorial Contest was established post World War II to commemorate ZL and other Hams who lost their lives in the Second World War in the service of their country. A Contest that caters for all Amateur Radio HF activity interests.

OTHER FORTHCOMING CONTESTS

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
YU DX Contest	2100Z, Apr 19 to 0500Z, Apr 20 and 0900Z-1700Z, Apr 20
SP DX RTTY Contest	1200Z, Apr 26 to 1200Z, Apr 27
Helvetia Contest	1300Z, Apr 26 to 1259Z, Apr 27

That's it for this week. Happy Easter to you and your families.

73, John Powell. ZL1BHQ, NZART Contest Manager

Break-In/HQIL Information

Break-In Closing Date Reminder

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

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

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

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OB at 8pm Sunday: 2008 Mar-30 Apr-27 May-25 Jun-1-29 Jul-27 Aug-31 Sep-28 Oct-26 Nov-30 Dec-21

*** NZART Official Broadcast Sunday MARCH 30 2008 * and
* Next HQ-Info-Line e-mailed on Sunday APRIL 6 2008 ***

HQIL on Sunday: 2008 Mar-23 Apr-6-20 May-4-18 Jun-8-22 Jul-6-20 Aug-3-17 Sep-7-21 Oct-5-19 Nov-9-23
Dec-7-21

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