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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...my sincere apologies, I neglected to advise in the last issue of HQ Infoline that I would be taking this past week off. I have accumulated a considerable amount of leave and I am trying to reduce it bit by bit.

Unfortunately I am in the position of requiring time off and when taken it takes more time to catch up.

I will endeavor in the next few weeks to take a day here and there, which will reduce the accumulation of leave and not cost the Association money for overtime.

This all said - I never managed to get the Branch Circulars out, but rest assured they will be sent including voting figures by the end of this week.

Sorry all for the inconvenience... talk soon Debby ZL2TDM

Jock White Memorial Field Day Correction

Attached to this edition of Infoline is an updated results table for the Jock White Field Day. Apologies to the ZL2AS Hastings/Havelock North team for the error in their callsign and to ZL2JKY in the home station section for a similar error. I have also listed the home stations in correct ranking order.

73s, Stuart ZL2TW

NZART 2008 Annual Conference News Update

The Otago Branch 30 website has just been updated with the latest version of the registration form for this

years conference. This one allows you to complete the form online and then submit it directly to us. The PDF download version is still available should you prefer this option.

Any questions? Please send us an email using the Inquiry Helpdesk link.

Website

<http://zl4aa.org.nz/>

Inquiry Helpdesk

conference@zl4aa.org.nz

Online Registration Form

http://zl4aa.org.nz/conference/conf_form.html

Download PDF Registration Form

<http://zl4aa.org.nz/downloads/Files/Conference%202008%20Registration%20Form%20Ver%201.2.pdf>

There are easy instructions to follow to complete these forms and once you have done that you can choose the payment option that best suits you.

Please note that if more than one person is coming from your household that we require you to complete one registration form for each person.

The current issue of "Break-In" also contains a registration form which can be photocopied, completed and then posted to us. There are also payment options with this method of registration.

Otago Branch 30 looks forward to welcoming you to Dunedin this Queen's Birthday Weekend.

73 Ross ZL4RC

ZL DXCC Card Checker

The ARRL runs the DXCC awards program which you obtain awards in by submitting your QSL cards (or Logbook of the World credits) to the ARRL headquarters in the USA. A number of ZL's have applied for and obtained various levels of achievement including top of the Honour Roll for having worked all DXCC entities.

Several months ago it was suggested that New Zealand should have its own DXCC Card Checker rather than ZL's having to send QSL cards to the ARRL in the USA. After being nominated by my fellow ZL Dxr's NZART put forward my name to ARRL and the ARRL DXCC Manager has appointed me a DXCC card checker in this area of the world.

Basically my function is to receive and check cards to make sure they are valid for DXCC Applications and Total upgrades. Your cards will be checked and returned within a few days to you and I will sign the application and forward it to the ARRL DXCC Desk.

Please note: I do not and cannot award DXCC credits. The DXCC Desk does that. I simply check cards for information and validity. I cannot check "Deleted Entities" or 160M cards. They must be sent to the ARRL Desk for validation. I am bound by exactly the same rules as you would encounter with the DXCC desk.

If you are contemplating making a DXCC application in the near future, I would suggest that you contact me leejen@paradise.net.nz by email I can advise you and send you the correct forms and information to help you complete your application correctly. There are DXCC and return postage fees that must apply.

Australasia has never had a resident DXCC Card Checker and this is a great opportunity to become a DXCC member without risking your cards traveling to the USA. It is an honour and privilege to be able to be in a position to do this for ZL (and VK if required) amateurs.

73, Lee Jennings ZL2AL

AMATEUR PROMOTION DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAY 23 APRIL 2008

At Papakura Radio Club we are opening our clubrooms on Wednesday 23rd April for an open day style promotion of Amateur Radio. The format that we will cover this year is shown in a handout and you can link to that at <http://www.gsl.net/zl1vk/ARPromo2008.pdf>

The 23rd April is during the school holidays and we have advised High Schools in the area, forwarded information to the local newspapers in the Auckland area and will soon be emailing other service clubs in the area to invite their members along.

We will have HF stations operational, a portable station setup in a vehicle and live demonstrations of APRS, EchoLink, Digital Modes and displays for AREC, NZART and Training / Exam details. We have one person for each activity. A couple of computer Powerpoint presentations will be running and a 50" plasma will also run presentations. All we need now is some arms and legs (non ham).

Any other ideas are welcome as there is still lots of time to go!

David ZL1DK

Square Kilometre Array - SKA (Radio is alive!)

The technical road to completing the **\$2 billion** Square Kilometre Array by 2020 has been discussed at a week-long conference - Deep Surveys of the Radio Universe with Square Kilometre Array Pathfinders - at The University of Western Australia.

WA and South Africa have been short listed as the two best sites on which to build a giant radio telescope linked by supercomputers and thousands of small antenna dishes arranged in spiral-shaped clusters spread across the country.

The conference featured research by Australian and international astronomers on SKA-related science projects including WA's \$100 million SKA pathfinder project being built by CSIRO at the proposed SKA site at Boolardy station 300km north-east of Geraldton.

(from vk6kda) and Vk1wia-news WIANEWS for week commencing April 13 2008

Contest News

VHF-UHF CONTEST NOTES

The results of the Low Band Contest, held on the 5th and 6th April 2008, will be finalised on Monday and Tuesday of this coming week.

So far, the result looks like a three-way tussle between ZL1TPH, ZL2IP and ZL2ALW.

Please email any remaining logs ASAP to:

zl2wa@clear.net.nz

THE NEXT CONTESTS

The next contest is the Hibernation Contest, 50 MHz and above, on Saturday the 7th and Sunday the 8th of June 2008, the weekend following NZART Conference. The operating times are: Saturday 1700 to 2300 NZT and Sunday 0700 to 1300 NZT.

The following contest is the Brass Monkey Contest, 50 MHz to 440 MHz, on Saturday the 2nd and Sunday the 3rd of August 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, PO Box 12-259, Thorndon, Wellington

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HF Contests

2008 VK/Trans-Tasman Contests details may be found at:

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/contests/>

FORTHCOMING NZART CONTESTS

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 off 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 now the mysteries of CW contesting until you try it.

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.

Logs to be forwarded to myself, ZL1BHQ - NZART Callbook address OK - by 7th August 2008.

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.

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/>

However, the WIA also covers in detail this contest and their website appears more user friendly for accessing the contest information and requisite downloads :-

<http://www.wia.org.au>.

OTHER FORTHCOMING CONTESTS

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

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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