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Greetings Everyone

Welcome to Headquarters-Infoline a twice-monthly bulletin of news from NZART Headquarters e-mailed directly to Branches and to others that subscribe through the NZART Website. This bulletin is also distributed on the amateur radio packet network.

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- Official Broadcast this month is on SUNDAY 26-OCTOBER-2008
Next Infoline is to be e-mailed on SUNDAY 19-OCTOBER-2008

From The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM

Debby says....

Break In will be out by the end of this coming week, that's 11 October. The lateness is due to the production and inclusion of Call Book.

Examinations. A big thank you to all branches who have taken up the challenge and are running classes for new amateur radio enthusiasts. To date the total number of successful candidates totals 44, which is only 4 less than for all of 2007. I hear that there are more classes still in progress, so could be more yet.

A big chocolate fish to Nelson branch who have successfully passed 9 candidates this year and all have joined the Association.

Remember it's a great opportunity to get new people into the Association by offering the reduced subscription of only \$30 plus their examination and call sign fee.

Just a reminder to examiners, please advise all candidates that the details that MUST appear on the Ministry's database is what appears on their birth certificates and drivers license, therefore if they are known by any other name this will NOT be included.

KORDIA. Discussions are ongoing with KORDIA at this time; however there has been no progress to date. The President will advise as soon as information is made available.

Council Net. For those of you who listen in on the Council net on the first Tuesday of each month, (7th October) on 3820 kHz, this week it will start at the later time of 8pm due to daylight saving.

Away. I will be away for a few days...the office will be closed from Monday 6th October until Thursday 9th October.

Talk soon...Debby ZL2TDM

Canadian And American Hams Provide Emcomm Role (abridged)

On Sunday, September 27, the VoIP Hurricane Net <<http://www.voipwx.net/>> formally activated at 5 PM EDT to provide surface reports as Hurricane Kyle affected portions of extreme Northeastern Maine, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Canada. The activation was in coordination with WX4NHC <<http://www.wx4nhc.org/>>, the Amateur Radio Station at the National Hurricane Center (NHC), to support their operations for Hurricane Kyle...

...The storm downed trees and wires, prompting power outages over portions of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, Canada. A measured wind gust to near 95 MPH was reported in Lockeport, Nova Scotia by a ham radio operator with a weather station within a couple hundred feet of the coast of the Atlantic Ocean...

...Elsewhere in the tropics, Sub-Tropical Storm Laura has formed in the open Atlantic, but is currently only a threat to marine or shipping interests. Laura may briefly reach hurricane strength before weakening over the colder waters of the Northern Atlantic.

Radio Amateurs Assist With Hurricane Kyle Operations (Abridge)

As Hurricane Kyle brushed its way across the Eastern New England region on its way to the Canadian Maritimes, hams in the area were prepared for impact. Heavy rain associated with a stalled out boundary, as well as some influence from Kyle, caused heavy rainfall and flooding in the region...

...The Hurricane Watch Net (HWN) <<http://www.hwn.org/>> also provided reports to the National Hurricane Center (NHC) <<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>>. HWN Net Manager Dave Lefavour, W7GOX, said, "Propagation was tough. We think most hams in Kyle's path were making preparations for this rare Canadian hurricane, but we were able to pick up and relay some actual ground observations to the National Hurricane Center. The NHC is always looking for first-hand ground observations of weather conditions to help them understand what the storm is doing below radar and satellite visibility." The HWN relays information obtained on 14.325 MHz to hams at the National Hurricane Center operating WX4NHC...

...Maine Section Emergency Coordinator, Bryce Rumery, K1GAX, provided reports all day Sunday to ARRL Headquarters. On Sunday evening, Rumery advised all District Emergency Coordinators and local Emergency Coordinators to "stand down their ARES members no later than 0500 Monday morning or earlier if possible at the discretion of the DEC or EC."

Extracted from: The ARRL Letter/American Radio Relay League for The ARRL Letter Vol. 27, No. 39
October 3, 2008

Who is Receiving Infoline?

As of today, the 5-October-2008, Infoline is e-mailed to 97 individuals and branches of NZART. Infoline also goes to a further 701 amateurs who have auto-subscribed via the NZART Web page. Total copies distributed 798.

Did you know?

1. That two NZART Conferences have been honoured by the presence of the Governor-General? The 1981 NZART conference in Auckland was opened by His Excellency Sir David Beattie and in 1986 the NZART conference at New Plymouth was opened by His Excellency Sir Paul Reeves. Each spoke of the value of Amateur Radio and of NZART to the community.

2. A Morse teacher program from "Break-In's" Morseman, ZL1AN, can be downloaded from the NZART Web site. This runs in Windows and has already received rave reviews. It is the best "teach-yourself-Morse" program yet seen. Try it. If you don't know the code, this is the thing that you've been waiting for. If you do know the code, try it - just for fun. The NZART web page is at:
<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/exam/morse.html> will lead to the Morse program.

3. That this is the 170th issue of the Infoline. The electronic newsletter was introduced in 2001. Infoline has brought to you the happenings in amateur radio in New Zealand, for the past seven years. NZART works in the interests of all radio amateurs in support of your continuing membership. Suggest to others that. See:
<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/join/join.html>

The Branch Spots

1. A colourful web site is that of the Wanganui Amateur Radio Society Inc Branch 48 NZART. Point your

browser to <http://www.qsl.net/zl2ja/>. The exciting and interesting item on this website is being able to 'tune in' to the National System.

2. Another website to look at is ZL4AL, Eastern Southland Branch 08 NZART. Point your browser to <http://www.zl4al.webfuture.co.nz/index.htm>. What was found on this website was the link to 'DX Atlas - Electronic World Atlas for radio amateurs'. This is an Electronic World atlas for Radio Amateurs. Scrollable World map with smooth zoom, DXCC territories, province/state prefixes, Grid Squares, CQ and ITU Zones in the rectangular, azimuthal and Globe projections, 3D relief, Gray Line, city and island index, unique hierarchical prefix database, local time with DST for all cities, islands and call areas, unique ionospheric maps.

Contest News

VHF-UHF Contest Notes

The Next Contest

Field Day Contest 2008

All bands 50 MHz and up.

Saturday 6-DECEMBER-2008, 1700 to 2300 NZ local time, and

Sunday 7-DECEMBER-2008, 0700 to 1300 NZ local time

The rules are available at:

<http://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

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HF Contests From NZART Contests Manager

Next weekend is the CW Section of the Oceania and I trust that reasonable band conditions will prevail.

2008 OCEANIA DX CONTESTS – ALL BAND CW

When:

CW Contest – 11 October 0800 UTC until 12 October 0800 UTC

Updated Contest Rules and other operating information is available from the Contest Website:-

<http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com>.

Please give your support to these contests which are Oceania's premier HF DX Contests and to the Oceania Contest Committee whose hard work has made these events possible.

Your participation, even for a short time will be appreciated by the overseas participants as well as the ZL and VK entrants.

2008 STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT ACTIVITY

When – 1 November 2008

Time- 2000 NZDT until 2300 NZDT

Band -80m (3.5 Mhz) Mode – CW Only

Activity Rules and Operating Information, including the various categories one may participate are detailed in the NZART Callbook, or at the NZART Website :-

<http://nzart.org.nz>

Logs to the Activity Manager, Ken McCormack, ZL1AIH, 181 Ararimu Road, Waimauku, Auckland, or by

email – zl1aih@xtra.co.nz

Join in this fun activity, CW speed is not a criteria as most of the participants adjust their sending speeds to assist other participants.

2008 CQ WORLD WIDE CONTESTS

When : SSB Contest, 0000Z, 25th October until 0000Z 26th October

CW Contest, 0000Z, 29th November until 0000Z 30th November

Considered to be the premier global contesting activities and a particular test of skill and endurance for the international contesting community. Need to improve your new countries score – here is the opportunity to do just that.

A great source of working rare countries specially activated for these contests.

Contest Rules and Other Operating Information:-

<http://www.cqww.com/>

2009 JOCK WHITE MEMORIAL FIELD DAY CONTEST

When:-Saturday, 21 February 2009 and Sunday, 22 February 2009

Times:- Saturday - 1500 NZDT (0200 UTC) until 2359 NZDT (1100UTC)

Sunday- 0600 NZDT (1700UTC) until 1500 NZDT (0200 UTC)

Bands:- 80m and 40m

Modes:- SSB and CW

Rules:- Please refer NZART Website – www.nzart.org.nz/contests/ and also will be included in the upcoming 2008/9 NZART Call Book. Updated Rules and other operating information will be included in the November/December Break In Contest column.

OTHER UPCOMING CONTESTING INFORMATION

Oceania DX Contest, CW	0800Z, Oct 11 to 0800Z, Oct 12
UBA ON Contest, SSB	0600Z-1000Z, Oct 12
JARTS WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Oct 18 to 2400Z, Oct 19
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 25 to 2400Z, Oct 26
Ukrainian DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 1 to 1200Z, Nov 2
JIDX Phone Contest	0700Z, Nov 8 to 1300Z, Nov 9
OK/OM DX Contest, CW	1200Z, Nov 8 to 1200Z, Nov 9
LZ DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 22 to 1200Z, Nov 23
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 29 to 2400Z, Nov 30

Good luck to those taking part in the Oceania Phone Contest this weekend and hope that the bands are full of Dx Contestants.

73 and more next week. John Powell, ZL1BHQ, NZART Contest Manager

Upcoming Events

DayBreaker® Rally 2008 - Saturday 11-October-2008

2008 Silver Fern Rally - 16-October-2008 Branch 22

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Wellington Region Expo - Saturday, 04-April-2009

The Combined Wellington Amateur Radio Expo 2008 Committee advises that the annual Wellington Radio EXPO-09 is to be held on Saturday 4th April 2009. This will be the fifth Wellington Region trading of radio equipment. There will be the usual trade displays, trade sales of new amateur equipment and trading tables of used equipment. Refreshments - coffee, sodas, buns & cakes will be available in the hall. Throughout the show there will be spot prizes and raffles.

See

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/events/index.html>

14th IARU R3 Conference - Christchurch 12 to 16 October 2009

See

<http://www.christchurch.org.nz/> or

www.jarl.or.jp/iaru-r3/.

Break-In and Infoline Information

Break-In Closing Date Reminders

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

"Copy for the NOVEMBER/DECEMBER issue of Break-In closes on 10-NOVEMBER-2008.

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

2. Copy for the AREC Break-In Column

The close-of-copy date is the 03-NOVEMBER-2008 for articles for publication in the AREC COLUMN OF BREAK-IN. Photos, if available, to be on a separate floppy or CD (with captions), posted DIRECTLY TO US Call Book address. All other material can go to e-mail: zl3qr@nzart.org.nz or zl3ov@nzart.org.nz.

Regards, Geoff ZL3QR

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Dates for Official Broadcast (OB) and Head Quarter's Infoline

OB 2008 8pm Sunday: Oct-26 Nov-30 Dec-21

*** NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 26-OCTOBER-2008 * and**

*** Next HQ-Info-Line e-mailed on Sunday 19-OCTOBER-2008 ***

Infoline 2008 Sunday: Oct-19 Nov-09-23 Dec-07-21

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