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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 09-NOVEMBER-2008  
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## From The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM

Debby says...

CALL BOOK...oh dear!! :( Once again it appears a very large number of errors have occurred in the latest call book. Please bear with me, Council and I are aware this has happened.

If you have received your Break In and Call Book to the right address, that means that the NZART database is correct. However the MED data has somehow come unstuck. As I said Council are considering the options available to us at this time and will advise everyone when a solution has been confirmed.

At this stage there is a Call Book CD Rom to be produced and included in the December issue of Break In. Of course we want to make sure the data is accurate before this is done.

Nominations: If you are considering standing for the March 09 Council elections, please contact me to get a nomination form. Please consider standing and have the opportunity to represent your area on Council.

I must receive nominations here at NZART HQ by 31 December 2008, clearly identified by addressing to "The Returning Officer".

Talk soon...Debby ZL2TDM

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## FMTAG Notes For October 2008

NZART Council, at its 7th October 2008 meeting, approved publication of the following notes.

## INTERIM RECOMMENDATIONS TO NZART COUNCIL

Published for the information of, and seeking comments from, NZART members.

Branch 39 Tauranga has applied to relocate its 680 repeater to Minden, map reference NZ260 U14 794833. An engineering evaluation confirms that there will be no interference to other stations, and that the repeater transmit frequency can remain on 146.800 MHz and the repeater receive frequency can remain on 146.200 MHz.

Branch 39 Tauranga has applied to relocate its 385 Echolink up-link station to Arataki, map reference NZ260 U14 952872. An engineering evaluation confirms that there will be no interference to other stations, and that the up-link transmit frequency can remain on 433.850 MHz and the up-link receive frequency can remain on 438.850 MHz.

Branch 46 Wairarapa has applied to relocate its 735 repeater to Rewa, map reference NZ260 T26 607123. An engineering evaluation confirms that there will be no interference to other stations, and that the repeater transmit frequency can remain on 147.350 MHz and the repeater receive frequency can remain on 147.950 MHz.

## FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO NZART COUNCIL

None this month.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Please send your comments and suggestions on the above matters and recommendations, and on any other FMTAG matters, by e-mail to [fmtag@nzart.org.nz](mailto:fmtag@nzart.org.nz)

Applications for repeaters, beacons, digipeaters, point-to-point links, and so on, should be made on the latest version of FMTAG Form 10.

The latest versions of FMTAG Form 10, and the explanatory Form 10A, are available from the above address, in paper or electronic versions, or on the NZART web site:

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/nzart/fmtag.html>

Completed forms should be sent by e-mail to [fmtag@nzart.org.nz](mailto:fmtag@nzart.org.nz)

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### Stolen Gear

Tuesday 7th October, Lower Hutt. I got home from only to find that the shack/garage side door and flat door open, further investigation revealed the following items missing :

1. Blue Electric Guitar  
Switch knob missing, black/green stripes strap
2. Sony TRV-320E Digital8 camera  
S/N P-48827290-M and S01-1083039  
Train and Intel Inside stickers on camera body.
3. Icom IC-W32E FM handheld  
S/N 006396  
AA battery pack BP170 with powertech 2400mAh Ni-MH,  
No antenna

Could the above list please be put in the next Infoline and Break-In.

Contact details : [zl2tvm@nzart.org.nz](mailto:zl2tvm@nzart.org.nz)

Thanks  
Gavin ZL2TVM  
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### **The Branch Spots**

1. ZL2AA, on the first page introduces the Gisborne Amateur Radio Club, NZART Branch 11. The page also has a report on the September Branch meeting. The remainder of the first page covers membership, repeaters, arrival of the National System to Gisborne, ATV, APRS, Activities and the Officers in Branch 11. An interesting innovation is that the website is also a WikiSite where you can login and create your own web pages. Full instructions are given with extensive help pages. APRS has an extensive coverage. You can find the Gisborne Branch website at:  
<http://zl2aa.onnz.net/FrontPage>

2. The Branch 68 website gave 864 as the number of visitors to date. A novel item was the invite to "hear the morse again" where you clicked on a button and heard ZL3RR calling CQ. "The Mount Noble Repeater" and "At The Repeater" are pages worth visiting. The pictures show what a repeater site can be in the winter and in the summer and the ever present vandals. The Guestbook has an interesting background - Rasberries. The Branch 68, North Canterbury ARC website, can be found at:  
<http://www.ncarcinc.com/index.htm>

3. :-) From ZL1DK: Repeater 147.375 is back on the air. Thanks to Russell and the crew at Richardsons Communications. Cheers all and have a good weekend, Mick ZL1HJ. (-:  
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### **Wellington EXPO-09**

Due to a double booking, the date for holding EXPO-09 is now the 28 March 2009 not 4 April 2009 as previously advised. Same location, only the date has changed.  
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### **Infoline E-mail Saturday 18-September-2008**

This was an error in using the wrong e-mail address. In revising the web pages for Council and Officer Listing, I used INFOLINE instead of the correct e-mail address of INFOLINEEDITOR for the Infoline Editor. The e-mail was to check the work done on the Officers' web page and should have sent a message directly to me. The system accepted the e-mail, of course, and everyone enjoyed my test e-mail of holding keys down to generate test text.

Jamie Pye ZL2NN  
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### **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](mailto: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**

Last weekend's band conditions for the Oceania CW Contests resembled something like the "Parson's Egg" in parts - 10m was virtually non-existent, while 15m showed a little activity, 20m sputtered into life on occasions while 40m was the pick of the bunch. However, 80m provided quite good activity and was a pretty good source of mults. - 160m another surprise with quite good propagation not only to VK, but also the States and Asia. All this without too many sunspots in sight !!

Next weekend sees the start of the "big gun" contests with the CQWW Worldwide SSB Contest and it is hoped that the present upswing in HF propagation conditions will continue for this premier event.

### **2008 CQ WORLD WIDE CONTESTS**

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

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/>

### 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 ,orby email – [zl1aih@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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.

### 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/](http://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

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 25 to 2400Z, Oct 26
Ukrainian DX Contest 1200Z,	Nov 1 to 1200Z, Nov 2
WAE DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Nov 8 to 2359Z, Nov 9
JIDX Phone Contest	0700Z, Nov 8 to 1300Z, Nov 9
OK/OM DX Contest, CW	1200Z, Nov 8 to 1200Z, Nov 9
JT Hamradio-50 Anniversary DX Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Nov 15
YO International PSK31 Contest	1600Z-2200Z, Nov 21
LZ DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 22 to 1200Z, Nov 23
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 29 to 2400Z, Nov 3

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

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### Upcoming Events - Closed for Christmas

Wellington Region Expo - Saturday, 28-March-2009

The Combined Wellington Amateur Radio Expo 2008 Committee advises that the annual Wellington Radio EXPO-09 is to be held on Saturday 28-March-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/](http://www.jarl.or.jp/iaru-r3/).

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### 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](mailto:zl3qr@nzart.org.nz) or [zl3ov@nzart.org.nz](mailto: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 9-NOVEMBER-2008 \***

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

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