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Greetings

Welcome to Headquarters-Infoline a twice-monthly bulletin of news from NZART Headquarters e-mailed directly to Branches, the amateur radio packet Bulletin Board Service and to others that subscribe through the NZART Website at: <http://www.nzart.org.nz/lists/infolinelist.html>

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From The Business Manger ZL2TDM

Debby says...

Council are meeting in Upper Hutt over this weekend. With the considerable number of agenda items that they are faced with, the meeting is likely to last well into Saturday night with a fairly early start.

I need to remind ALL members that a Councilor is your first point of reference, if you or your branch requires assistance or guidance. If you feel you are unable to contact or approach your closest Councilor, then it is imperative you contact the President.

Remember your Executive has been elected by members to work for their specific regions and must avail themselves wherever possible. While I appreciate that you may wish to contact headquarters, in most instances your Councilor can and should be able to help.

Annual reports will be published in the next issue of Break In. I would urge you to pay special attention the drop in membership figures. You can all help improve this by encouraging others to join or pay their membership as the Association needs their support now more than ever. Remember as a collective we have bargaining power, as an individual we almost fail to be heard.

That's all from me...hopefully you will have an update from Council after this weekend.

Debby...ZL2TDM

2010 Jock White Memorial Field Day Contest

Please note there has been a rule change which can be found at:

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

FMTAG Notes For February 2010

At its 20th of February 2010 meeting, NZART Council approved the following FMTAG Notes:

FINAL RECOMMENDATION

Previously published on the NZART web site and in HQ Infoline for the information of, and seeking comments from, NZART members. No comments have been received.

Branch 81 Waikato VHF has applied to relocate its Raglan 5675 Repeater, by about 3.4 km, to Te Uku, at map reference NZ260 R15 835684, owing to the construction of a wind farm near the present site. An engineering evaluation confirms that there will be no interference to other stations and that the repeater transmit frequency can remain on 145.675 MHz with the repeater receive frequency remaining on 145.075 MHz.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Please send your comments by e-mail to: 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 on the NZART web site:

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

Completed forms should be sent by e-mail to fmtag@nzart.org.nz

Digital Aurora Radio Technologies

The mission of Digital Aurora Radio Technologies (DART) is to expand communications across the north by using existing, and exploring new communications technologies.

DART is in the process of testing the potential to broadcast digital radio across Alaska. Uniquely Alaskan, the project presents challenges and opportunities that one might expect in the "Last Frontier."

We are currently testing DRM on 4.85 MHz, 7.505 MHz and 9.295 MHz. In addition, we are broadcasting CW on 4.851 MHz, 7.511 MHz and 9.301 MHz. If you pick up our signal, let us know - we would like to hear from you.
WE2XRH

<http://daradiotech.com/>

Interesting Web Site For Shortwave Listeners and Intruderwatchers

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

The site promotes DX-BUDDY. From the description of DX-BUDDY, all we need to use on HF is DX-BUDDY controlling our rig, and we can do most anything!

A simplified list of DX-BUDDY's features:

- *Can act as a universal remote control for your station
- *Runs under Windows, OS X and Linux
- *Controls your RIG via a CAT-control-port
- *Controls your Rotator
- *Helps you when listening to broadcast stations with up-to-date frequency-lists
- *Shows you what you can hear and what broadcast-stations are on the air
- *DX-Cluster working
- *Logbook included for ham-amateurs and shortwave listeners
- *Intelligent memories
- *Descriptive propagation displays
- *Beacon clock
- *Voice memory for contests
- *Helps you to find out what utility station you are listening to
- *World map with day and night view

For more information on DX-BUDDY:

<http://www.dx-buddy.net>

COMMUNICATION IS THE NAME OF THE GAME

2010 Silver Rally 14-20 Nov 2010

<http://www.silverfernally.co.nz>

Marlborough Amateur Radio Club, Br 22 has again been asked to co-ordinate the Comms for the 2010 Silver Fern Rally. Although the rally will finish in Queenstown the intention is to have the Radio Base in Blenheim again as in previous rallies.

To assist in progressing plans for the event, early notification is out to give anybody the opportunity to consider participation in any of the following roles;

1. Area or Regional co-ordinators, (not necessarily the person who does everything), obviously somebody prepared to attract volunteers, consider the availability of repeaters and suitable locations for portable repeaters (includes IRLP kits) and pass on any relevant information,
2. Mobile Operators, either for all of the rally or part of it, with preferably VHF and HF capability and suitable vehicle,
3. Base Operators. Following on from 2008 a minimum of 14 operators (2 shifts) per day is required. If you are outside of Blenheim and would like to spend a week in a sunny location, appropriate expenses are being considered.

If you can assist or participate as local knowledge can only make this event work please contact Chris Grant at chgrant@value.net.nz or Br 22 at zl2ks@nzart.org.nz

*The basic route is as follows;**

- * 1. Day One, Sunday, 6 stages out on the Peninsular 1st stage starts about 11.00am and the last one about 3.30pm. From this point on all days start from the Parc Ferme no earlier than 8.00am and the last stage ends about 4.00pm
2. Day Two, Monday, 6 stages from Chch to Timaru via Okuku Pass, Lees Valley, Lake Lyndon, Glentunnel and the Geraldine forest (Kakahu)

3. Day Three, Tuesday, 6 stages from Timaru to Dunedin via Fairlie, Black Forest, Duntroon, Herbert Forest, Macraes and Palmerston
 4. Day Four, Wednesday, 6 stages has just been changed but basically north of Dunedin then to Middlemarch then the Old Dunstan Rd, a shorter version of Lake Onslow, Lawrence and back to Dunedin
 5. Day Five, Thursday, 6 stages from Dunedin to Invercargill generally through areas we have used before around Dunedin, Balclutha and Eastern Southland
 6. Day Six, Friday, 6 stages from Invercargill to Alexandra again through much of the area previously used
 7. And Day Seven, Saturday, 6 stages from Alexandra to Queenstown via all the stages that surround the general Omakau area
- The awards function will be at the Skyline Function Centre

EXPO-10

THE COMBINED WELLINGTON AMATEUR RADIO EXPO COMMITTEE advises that the annual Wellington Region EXPO-10 is to be held on Saturday 27th March 2010, again at the Knox Church Hall, 574 High Street Lower Hutt. Doors open to the public at 10am.

Admission is \$4. This includes a free drink and entry into the various raffle draws. Listen out for the raffle draws throughout the day by *MC ZL2BHF*.

Major prize is a dual band handheld - sponsored by *Foxtrot Communications*

This will be the sixth 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

SIGNALS NZ (Yaesu/Vertex) and *ICOM NZ* have confirmed their attendance.

There will be a demonstration of Amateur Digital Television.

Refreshments - coffee, sodas, buns and cakes will be available in the hall.

Contest News

VHF/UHF/SHF Contest Notes

The next contest is the Low Band Contest, 50 MHz to 440 MHz, on Saturday the 10th and Sunday the 11th of April 2010. This is the weekend after Easter. The operating times are: Saturday 1700 to 2300 NZT and Sunday 0700 to 1300 NZT.

The rules are available at:

<http://www.vhf.org.nz/VHF-UHF-SHF-ContestRules>

Logs should be sent within two weeks, to:

zl2wa@clear.net.nz with Contest Log in the subject line,

or by post to:

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

Wellington VHF Group Website <http://www.vhf.org.nz>

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HF Contests

2010 JOCK WHITE MEMORIAL FIELD DAY CONTEST

When:- Saturday, 27th February 2010 and Sunday 28th February 2010

Times :- Saturday 1500 NZDT until 2400 NZDT and

Sunday 0600 NZDT until 1500 NZDT

Updated Contest Rules and Other Operating Information will be available from the NZART Website prior to the commencement of the contest.

NZART Website <http://www.nzart.org.nz/contests/rules.html>

NZART WARO THELMA SOUPER MEMORIAL CONTEST

When: - 10 and 11 April 2010

Times:- 0800Z until 1000Z both evenings

Modes :- CW and SSB

The Annual memorial contest activity to commemorate the memory of the Late Thelma Souper a former stalwart of the NZ Womens' Amateur Radio Organization and considered to be "The Grand Old Dame" of WARO.

Contest Rules and Other Operating information is now available from the WARO Website :- <http://www.qsl.net/zl6yl/awards.html>.

KIWI DX GROUP DIGITAL MODES CONTESTS

80M - 17 April 2010

40M - 24 April 2010

Times - 1000 UTC until 1100 UTC both evenings

Contest Rules and Other Operating Information available from the Group's Website

http://www.qsl.net/zl2sky/new_page_1.htm

For the contests below please see the NZART Web at:

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

Click on GOTO Contest Manager's Reports for the latest contest report.

2010 ARRL INTERNATIONAL PHONE CONTEST

2010 RSBG COMMONWEALTH CONTEST (BERU)

Upcoming Events

Te Puke Annual Sale 6th March 2010

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/tepuke-53/index.html>

Wellington Radio EXPO-10

27 March 2010, Knox Church Hall, Lower Hutt

Registration form and details available at:

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

NZART Annual Conference Auckland 5th - 7th June 2010

<http://nzartconference.cjb.net>

2010 Silver Rally 14-20 Nov 2010

<http://www.silverfernally.co.nz>, or

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/html/2010/02.html#feb03>

Break-In, Infoline and General Information

Break-In - From the Break-In Editor John ZL3IB

1. Closing Date Reminder: Copy for the MARCH/APRIL issue of Break-In closes on 10-MARCH-2010.

2. Document File Format: Please do not send copy for publication as Word

2007.docx files; they cannot be processed. Please send in Word 2003 (or earlier).doc or *.rtf file format.

3. Early receipt of copy is much appreciated.

4. Break-In Contents Index from 1947 can be found at:
<http://www.nzart.org.nz/breakin/index/index.html>

5. To search for an item use the page menu entry of:
"Search all index pages up to Jan 2010 HTML 435 kB"

Found on "Index for Break-In Volumes 20 to 82" page.

All the yearly pages have been combined into one page for your convenience.

Copy for the AREC Break-In Column - From Geoff ZL3QR

The close-of-copy date is the 03-MARCH-2010 for articles for publication in * The close-of-copy date is the 03-MARCH-2010 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.

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The WIA Weekly News Bulletin and The ARRL Letter can be found at:

WIA Weekly News Bulletin

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/html/2010/wia-weekly-news.html>

ARRL Letter

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/html/2010/arrl-weekly-news.html>

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JUL-25 AUG-29 SEP-26 OCT-31 NOV-28 DEC-19

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**** Next HQ-Infoline e-mailed on SUNDAY 07-MARCH-2010 ****

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JUL-04-18 AUG-08-22 SEP-05-19 OCT-03-17 NOV-07-21 DEC-05-19

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