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SKN Summer Edition

Summer Straight Key Night will be held on Sunday 1 December, 9-10pm, on 80 metres.

No keyboards, no electronic keyers, no bugs. Just good old-fashioned straight keys.

You don't have to be fast - accuracy is the key (pardon the pun) to success. But, most of all, we aim to have fun.

For details, please visit maritimeradio.org/skn

--Neil Sanderson ZL1NZ

[New Zealand Straight Key Night](#)

Address radiograms to ZL1NZ Auckland
QSO 3535.0 kHz at 2100 NZT (Mon-Fri)

The CWops Award for Advancing the Art of CW

CWops is pleased to announce that it is now accepting nominations for this prestigious award for the year 2020.

The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals, groups, or organizations that have made the greatest contribution(s) toward advancing the art or practice of radio communications by Morse code.

Criteria - Candidates for the award may be one or more of the following:

- Authors of publications related to CW
- CW recruiters, trainers, mentors, coaches and instructors
- Public advocates of CW
- Organizers of CW activities
- Designers and inventors who advance the art or practice of CW
- Other contributors to the art or practice of CW

Note: The award is **not** limited to amateur radio operators or their organizations.

Nomination

Nominations may be made by anybody (not limited to CWops members). Nominations should be emailed to [<awards@cwops.org>](mailto:awards@cwops.org) with a copy to [<secretary@cwops.org>](mailto:secretary@cwops.org). In order to be considered, a nomination must be received by March 18, 2020 and include:

- Name(s) and call sign(s) (if applicable) of nominee(s), and complete contact information including their postal address(es), email address(es), and telephone number(s).
- A detailed explanation supporting nominee qualifications according to the above criteria.
- Name, telephone number, email address, and call sign (if applicable) of the person submitting the nomination.

Presentation of Award

A plaque will be presented at the Dayton Hamvention. If the recipients are not present, it will be sent to them.

NZART Portable Activity Day

New Year's Day 1 January 2020

After the success of the first NZART Portable Activity day last New Years Day, which generated an amazing amount of activity, a second event is being promoted for 1 January 2020.

This is an opportunity to get outdoors and operate knowing there will be others doing the same. As an activity day this is not a contest, so it is up to you where, when and how you operate. There will be a lot of Summits on the Air (“SOTA”) activity on this day (VK and ZL) owing to them being able to claim double activation points by operating either side of 0000z 1 January UTC (1pm NZDST). You could therefore activate a SOTA summit, or if that is a bit much, participate in the NZART awards programme by activating a lake, lighthouse or National Park (make sure you know the rules before you start) [1]. Alternatively, you could just park up at your favourite spot and make a few QSOs. Apart from SOTA which stresses portable activity without your station being connected to a motor vehicle, you are free to use any method of portable operation you like.

This could be a chance to take the family on a picnic, a branch activity, or you could get together with a bunch of mates, head to different places and meet up in the pub afterwards to swap “the DX that got away” stories. It is entirely up to you. It is also a great chance to test your portable emergency capability.

There is no fixed operating period, although as a rule of thumb SOTA activators will generally be operating between 12pm and 2pm NZDST, and you can operate as long as you like. Activity on all bands, HF, VHF, UHF and up is encouraged.

Based on SOTA activity we suggest the following HF frequencies. SSB: 5353 kHz (as long as you have a permit), 7080-7115 kHz, 14300-14330 kHz (great to VK); CW: 5362 kHz (with permit), 7030-7040 kHz, 14060-14070 kHz (for VK). 2m FM: 146.500 simplex. Note: repeater contacts are generally not acceptable for awards but can be used to organise simplex operation. If you are not award chasing, then repeater contacts are fine.

Can't get away? Then just fire up the rig at home and work as many stations as you can. Who knows, by the end of it you may be able to claim an award.

Good luck and we hope to hear you on the air!

[1] <http://www.nzart.org.nz/activities/awards/>

Official Broadcast

The Official Broadcast is made on the last Sunday of each month except:

- December when the Broadcast is made on the Sunday before Christmas.
- January when there is no broadcast

The broadcast is made on 3900 kHz, and on the National System and local VHF repeaters.

The broadcast is made at 2000 hours (8:00 pm), with a repeat at 2100 hours (9:00 pm).

Members and Branches are welcome to submit material for inclusion in the Broadcast to the e-mail or postal address shown below.

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73, Jim ZL2BHF

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