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From HQ...

Happy new year everyone.

A question to ponder, has New Zealand turned upside down one night while we were sleeping.

Droughts in the South Island and severe flooding in the North. For all of you who have been affected by the awful flooding in Auckland, Coromandel and Gisborne over the past 6 weeks, please remember you are not alone.

On this note, we have been advised that Break In delivery may be delayed due to weather conditions in Auckland, where it is dispatch from.

If there is any way a local amateur, branch or indeed the entire association can help you through the coming months, please let us know. I can't promise we can solve all your problems, but we are here to help if we can.

Many of you will now be aware, due to an injury sustained late last year, I have been advised by my orthopaedic specialist to stay off my leg as much as possible, until he can decide what next to aid the healing of a damaged knee. I am on crutches for the foreseeable future, so with two flights of stairs to the office and crutches, it's a bit of a recipe for disaster if I continue to work there.

To ensure continuity of service to members, NZART Council and I agreed I would work from home, until the problem has been resolved.

I do apologise to anyone who may wish to visit headquarters, but for now ask for your patience during this time. Please keep an eye on the website for regular updates as to my progress.

The work phone has been diverted to a cell phone, so again, as little disruption to daily life as possible.

Elections for NZART Council/President

For the results of the recent election of NZART Council & President please visit: <<https://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/council/election/>>

Talk soon
Debby ZL2DL

Radio Spectrum Management New Register

An update on the new Radio Spectrum Register for you all. It appears as with any new system, a number of issues have arisen, but rest assured RSM along with a couple of ARX's are working with the team to resolve them as quickly as possible.

A summary of issues to date:

1. We (i.e., an ARX) can no longer update your address details, this needs to be done by you the call sign holder, by ringing 0508 776 463.
2. Change of primary call sign – this appears to be a feature of the old system, that somehow has been overlooked, so RSM are working to resolve this issue ASAP.
3. Photo sizes, fortunately we are now able to upload bigger and better photos, however the quality of the photo MUST be Hi resolution with a minimum of 500KB in size. No dark glasses can be worn, with eyes being clearly visible. All photo's must be less than six months old.
4. If applying for a temporary call sign, please also provide an up-to-date photo, as this is a great opportunity to make sure your records in the register are the most recent.
5. Temporary one letter callsigns will see changes coming with the publication of the new PIB 46 document. Unfortunately, these will NOT be allocated on a permanent basis. More on this as details come available.

Contests

Happy New Year Contesters. Plenty of activity coming up:

11th and 12th February DX (VHF) Weekend Contest

25th and 26th February NZART Jock White Memorial Field Day
See <https://www.nzart.org.nz/activities/contests/nzart-contest-calendar>
for details

Commonwealth (BERU) Contest 11-12 March - CW only. Why not get a
team of 5 together? <https://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2023/rcwc.shtml>

73 and good luck in the contest
Geoff ZL3GA

Overseas Contests

The NZ Net Caribbean Cruise Contest

All amateur radio operators are invited to take part in this contest, an
exercise in traffic handling during a voyage of over 3400 nautical miles
by catamaran
'The Brass Cay', scheduled to depart Miami, Florida, on 1st March 2023.

The cruise consists of fourteen individual passages of widely differing
distances, each constituting a unique mini-contest.

The vessel will have a radio operator onboard for each passage who will
transmit a daily situation report in Radiogram format on NZ Net for the
duration of his tenure, the mode is of course CW. Listeners receive the
reports and compile log sheet(s). Hard work and accuracy are the prime
determinants for gaining points.

All are invited to apply for the fourteen sea-going radio operator
positions. Real-time weather forecasting will be used, there is no time
limit, the contest could go on for months depending upon radio
operators' imagination.

'Accuracy over Speed' is the mantra for this contest, transmissions
never faster than 18 wpm, and of course the right to request repeats if
necessary.

Instructions, an application form for sea-going radio operators and
downloadable contest log sheets and are all available at
<https://bit.ly/nznetccc>

AWARDS

NZ Net Century Award 2023

A new award for CW traffic handling is available on four levels. Level 1 calls for only 25 trivia questions in Radiogram format, while Level 4 calls for 100, hail the Century!

That means out of 260 opportunities during the year, your activity can be minimal yet still qualify by submitting only one properly completed log sheet of the four available. After completing the first log sheet, now on a roll of achievement, you may continue seamlessly with the second, if so inclined.

An appropriately endorsed Certificate, sometimes referred to as 'bragging-rights wallpaper', would usually be sent by email, however for a nominal fee it can be printed, laminated and posted.

Details at <https://bit.ly/centuryaward>

"MARCONI WAS HERE!" Award Jan 1st to Dec 31st, 2023

With the sponsorship of the "Guglielmo Marconi Foundation" and "Marconi Museum"

"**Marconi was here!**" is an international amateur radio award organized by **A.R.I. Fidenza Radio Club** (www.arifidenza.it), affiliated to A.R.I., Associazione Radioamatori Italiani (Italian Radioamateur League) with the sponsorship, the historical consultancy and the supervision of the "**Marconi Museum**" (Guglielmo Marconi Foundation) – www.museomarconi.it .

The main objective of this award is to historically commemorate **some of the most important and significant Italian cities where Marconi performed scientific experiments** in radio engineering, long distance communications, radio direction finding and others; experiments that, in the following periods, revealed themselves to be crucial for the technical and scientific advancement and the progress of wireless communications.

The award period lasts the **whole year 2023**.

Each month is dedicated to a **specific Italian city connected to the**

story of Guglielmo Marconi, and is paired to a different special Callsign:

Further details, special callsigns and award rules visiting our official website:

www.arifidenza.it



Cristiano Cornini , IW4CLV
A.R.I. Fidenza Radio Club President
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Around the world:

Sweden

Throughout 2023, one of Sweden's oldest and largest radio clubs celebrates 80 years.

To mark the occasion, Vasteras Radio Klubb (in Sweden known as VRK) will use a unique callsign and a never before assigned prefix - 8S80AA -

to be used on all bands and all modes between 2 meters and 160 meters.

In addition to a series of happenings, physical activities and participations in a large number of contests during the year, we also offer a special award to the person who manages to work a sufficient number of single members to achieve a minimum of 80 points.

The time window for the award hunt is between 1st of January 2023 and 31st of December 2023 and you can apply for the award whenever you want, even after 2023 has passed.

The award costs nothing and is delivered as a beautiful, high-resolution and printable certificate in PDF format via email. You can find a complete list of all the club's members and their special calls at the web address www.sk5aa.se and there you will also find rules and a fillable application form in PDF format.

Any questions related to the jubilee or about the club can be mailed to sm5kri@sk5aa.se and any questions related to the VRK80 Award can

be
mailed to awards@sk5aa.se

Pete Arninge
SM5GMZ

DARC International

The 46th HAM RADIO exhibition and the 72nd Lake Constance Convention, both organised by DARC, Germany's most prominent amateur radio club, will take place from:

Friday, June 23rd until Sunday, June 25th, 2023 in Friedrichshafen on Lake Constance.

We very much hope that again many representatives of the IARU member societies will be able to attend HAM RADIO.

As in previous years we have been able to obtain a discounted rate for you at the "SEEHOTEL". Further details can be found in the attachment.

Please kindly note: The hotel room bookings are not handled by DARC anymore. You now must book directly at the SEEHOTEL via the following link:

<https://www.cbooking.de/v4/Login.aspx?id=seehotelfn&allotmentcode=HAM0623&lang=en>

In case you require a visa for your travel to Germany we would like to remind you to apply for it as soon as possible as the visa screening and issuing process can take quite some time.

Please note that the Informal International Meeting for representatives of IARU member societies will be held on Friday, June 23rd at 16:00.

Furthermore, we intend to hold again an International Reception on Friday evening - details regarding this event will be communicated in due time.

Looking forward to meeting you in Friedrichshafen!

Vy 73,

Thomas



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Next Issue of HQ InfoLine

The next InfoLine is due out Sunday the 19th February 2023. If you would like to share any events or report on any upcoming activities, please send these through to <nzart@nzart.org.nz>

The Next Official Broadcast will be held Sunday 26th February 2023.

Nga mihi nui. (Kind regards)
Debby

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