



Auckland Branch 02, N.Z.A.R.T. INTERIM NEWSLETTER



Special Event

Saturday 13th March 2010 at 1300 hours

To commemorate the introduction of 600 metres to the Amateur Band, Suburban Branch 86 will be transmitting a special text in CW mode only on 512 Khz.

QRX on 3.686.00.

Amateurs acknowledging the reception of this transmission by a correct copy of the transcription forwarded to:

ZL1BFB, P O Box 163060, Lynfield, Auckland

or emailed to zl1bfb@xtra.co.nz

by Wednesday 17th March 2010

will receive a souvenir pennant as a memento of this occasion.

Our Branch 02 General Club meeting will follow, in place of our usual meeting (3rd Saturday of the month) because it clashes with the Auction at Branch 66 on 20th March 2010.

AUCKLAND BRANCH, NZART (inc.)

Committee Meeting Minutes

On: Tuesday, 2nd March 2010 at 1930 hours

At: Branch Clubrooms

Present: Peter Ellis, ZL1LS, (VP) as Chairman; Wallace Bottomley ZL1WAL (Secretary /Treasurer); Japie Nel, ZL1JJN (AREC Section leader); George Marr, ZL1TUJ; Ray Chapman, ZL1AJR.
Selwyn Ross, ZL1BRC; Steve Miller, ZL1FS
Brian Wilson, ZL1UXB (Non-voting).

Apologies: Gwynne Rowe, ZLAAR (President);

Sustained ZL1WAL / ZL1AJR

Introduction: Peter welcomed the new Committee members, ZL1FS and ZL1BRC, elected at the Special General Meeting on 20th February 2010.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the Committee meeting on 2nd February 2010 were taken as read (having been published) and were a true and accurate record.

Accepted ZL1WAL / ZL1BRC

Business arising from the previous minutes: See Correspondence and General Business.

Correspondence In

1. Break-In magazine Jan /Feb 2010.
2. Newsletters from neighbouring NZART Branches: New Lynn; Papakura; VHF Group; Spectrum; Franklin; North Shore.
3. Auckland City Library re its directory.
4. Kiwibank receipt for term deposit.
5. Selwyn with corrections for ZL1AA web page: Results of Jock White Memorial contest in 2009.
6. Selwyn offering contributions for the next newsletter.
7. Gwynne re progress with priorities set for the Committee.
8. Donald suggesting that we discontinue printing newsletters but extend email to other Branches / members.

Correspondence Out:

1. Donation to AMSAT-ZL
2. Donation to Branch 68.
3. Auckland City Library: directory info.
4. Andrei (Webmaster) requesting amendments to be made to the ZL1AA web pages: Directory, Results.
5. Alan Stuart (executor to Gerard Kilpatrick, ZL1BBS, SK) seeking ACC lease document with Scarbro.

Business arising from Correspondence:

1. Wallace said he intends to post the next newsletter enclosing the Directory and a Membership form thus due for payment of subscription (by 31 March).
2. Whereas it was intended to send an invoice for subscriptions to Members and to those "attached" by NZART to our branch, Selwyn pointed out the illegality of doing this. Selwyn observed that there has been adverse reaction to words expressed by the NZART President in his broadcast describing some Amateurs as "free-loaders, ..."bludgers" who do not pay a subscription for the representation that NZART provides.
Resolved to send a letter to 70 such people merely requesting support of this branch. ZL1LS /ZL1TUJ
3. George will provide prepaid window envelopes that Selwyn will collect by Saturday.
4. In future, six members who do not have email will have to come to the Clubroom to read the newsletter.

Resolved ZL1FS /ZL1TUJ

Financial Report:

The Treasurer presented the Accounts for the year-to-date (1 Dec 2009 to 1 Mar 2010).

Accepted ZL1WAL / ZL1TUJ

Matters arising from the Finance report:

1. Expenses:

a. Food	Steve	\$16.26
b. Lawns	Higgins	\$90.00
c. Weed Killer	Ray	\$35.94
d. Batteries for field day	Ray	\$35.40
e. Brush for vacuum cleaner	Ray	\$64.90.

Approved ZL1BRC / ZL1FS

2. Subscription for 10-10 Chapter membership has not been billed. Treasurer to liaise with Bob, ZL1AFU.
3. Selwyn agreed to be a signatory for the ASB Bank account (to replace Leith Jackson).

Committee Minutes (2nd March 2010) continued

General Business:

1. Jock White Memorial Field Day:

- Selwyn was thanked for assuming leadership for the weekend. His good planning was noted.
- Antennae were successful, particularly the low loop for 40 m for its quietness to QRM.
- There were too few operators.
- Many other Branches did not participate.
- It was questioned whether field day demonstrates our readiness to mount an emergency station.
- Lessons were learnt: difficulty of hearing when two operators are in one tent; clerical mistakes.
- Selwyn has to check the logs before submitting them.
- Selwyn will conduct a debriefing session at the next Committee meeting.

2. Internal Maintenance:

- The new window is fitted and the other front window has been repaired. Steve was thanked. He will reimburse Stan, ZL1TS for his help, with payment kind, e.g. coax cable.
- Smoke detector – no progress.
- Reblocking the entrance is the next project. Storm-water drainage might avoid further subsidence.
- Repainting will follow.
- The Committee intend to make the building appear more respectable and hopefully avoid a future possibility of demolition orders that are presently being made by ACC on this property.
- George stated that the VHF group gets a grant of \$5,000 p.a. for the maintenance of their premises.
- Wallace gave George his draft of an application for funds for the maintenance of our clubroom, suggesting that it be directed to ACC for their discretionary spending.

3. Telephone line:

- Brian Wilson reported that the break in the telephone line had been located under a post in the corner of one of Scarbro's aggregate bins. Thus it presents more difficulty than first thought.
- Brian can do the jointing, but only during the week (when Scarbro are at their busiest).
- Rerouting the cable around the bin is a possible solution.
- Steve intends to liaise with Paul Scarborough along the lines of sharing our mutual problem.
- Scarbro may vacate the area. They have an alternative yard.

4. AREC:

- After the recent earthquake at Chile and tsunami alert, Vaughn Henderson responded at 02:30 hours.
- Branch 66 do regular inspections / maintenance at the Civil Defence HQ, so are first to be called upon.
- Steve will introduce Japie to Vaughn so that he may get involved in the future and thus establish our relevance to Civil Defence and to ACC.

5. Tenure:

- Wallace is to follow up with Gerard Kilpatrick's executor about finding / obtaining a copy of the lease between ACC and Scarbro (to discover if we are mentioned). This is necessary for applying for a grant.

6. Antennae:

- Steve said that the 80 m antenna is ready and that he will be helped by Leith. Erection of it is deferred until demolition of the fire tower is completed this month. Others volunteered to help when called.
- The rotator beam will be realigned on another occasion.

7. Kenwood 450:

- The Committee supports Steve's proposal to purchase the Kenwood 450 and sell its 440.
- This will be put to the General Meeting since the values are likely to be \$600 and \$350 respectively.
- Simon will be asked to value the Yaesu FT726R that Steve intends to purchase (with AC hum).

8. Visit

- Steve will arrange a date to visit Motat - probably on a Sunday. Members will be advised when.
- The next General Club meeting will be held a week earlier on 13th March, so as to avoid a clash with the Auction on 20th March.

Meeting closed at 2120 hours with scones baked by Peter, ZL1LS.

Signed _____ Date _____

AUCKLAND BRANCH AMATEUR RADIO NEWS

Welcome to all our members. This year our aim is to publish more newsworthy items to keep you better informed on new developments. Any contributions you wish to make may be referred initially to Selwyn Ross

NZART CONFERENCE 2010. This will be held at Alexandra Park in Auckland over Queens Birthday weekend 5 to 7 June .including seminars, forums, and alternative tour packages for non-amateurs. Details and pricing options can soon be downloaded from the Conference web page which is:- <http://www.nzartconference.cjb.net> . and will appear in the next issue of Break-In. A few draft registration forms will become available from the clubrooms, or I can e-mail you a copy on request. You can monitor that web page for conference updates.

JOCK WHITE FIELD DAYS 2010. This year we were able to assemble a small team consisting of Peter Ellis, Steve Miller, Wallace Bottomley, Ray Chapman, Ian Robinson and Selwyn Ross, with non-operating assistance from Japie Nel. We kept the ZL1AA callsign active on 80 and 40 metres phone, with reasonably good results. Details later.

SOLAR CYCLE 24 is slowly emerging on the higher HF bands, 15 and 10 metres with successful QSOs from ZL1AA. Please call in on Saturday mornings or early afternoon for the opportunity to use our transceiver/beam antenna combination and to learn how to extract signals from the bands. Use your own callsign for a new challenge if you have not operated there before. The seemingly lifeless bands are not lifeless at all and may soon be bursting with real DX activity. In the Northern hemisphere where DX prefixes are much closer to each other, they are more aware of solar cycle progress than we are. Just look at the following websites occasionally:-

<http://www.solarcycle24.com/>

<http://www.southgatearc.org/bands/10metres/> and

<http://www.southgatearc.org/propagation/2010/g0kya/>

In our remote corner of the world, by working smarter, we can make the ZL presence felt on the rise towards solar maximum, in much the same way as we did about 4 years ago during the decline towards solar minimum. Your contributions are welcome.

CLUBROOM IMPROVEMENTS. Your Committee frequently needs helping hands to tidy up and to promote more operating activity on Saturday mornings from 1000 hours local time. We welcome any hour or two you can spare, and will organise working bees later for painting and refurbishment.

EQUIPMENT SALE 20 MARCH 2010. Auckland VHF Group is promoting a controlled sale of amateur radio equipment and barbecue at 24 Hazel Ave, Mount Roskill on Saturday 20 March. Details available from their website or from a Spectrum copy in our clubrooms, or I will e-mail to you on request to ZL1BRC. Here is an opportunity for all local amateurs to buy or sell at sale prices without travelling long distance



GERRY KILPATRICK, ZL1BBS – Silent Key

Auckland Branch regrets to report the passing on 9 February 2010, in his 69th year, of this life member who has served this branch well and has for many years been an invaluable adviser to NZART, bringing to that larger organisation the essential legal knowledge which is beyond the understanding of most ordinary radio amateurs. In his early days as a radio amateur Gerry was founder of Auckland University Radio Club which thrived for a time. He joined Auckland Branch and served at executive level for about 7 years, eventually becoming President. During that period he was instrumental

in the gift to us, and relocation of our clubrooms on their present site where they became

neighbour to other buildings then being used for Red Cross rescue training and for Civil Defence training.

In our Whitford Field Days period he was an active participant until mounting legal work pressures and his NZART involvement dictated the need to trim back. The photo reproduced here was taken during Field Day 2006. Sadly Gerry's health went into decline soon after with circulatory complications and resulting amputations. However, throughout those bad years, Gerry remained focused on client interests and NZART issues long after a lesser individual would have given up. He will be greatly missed.

Requiem Mass was celebrated at St Ignatius Church, St Heliers, and was attended by branch members, by two NZART Councillors and by a very full congregation of friends, relatives, business people and former clients.

Gerry, we bid you farewell. Rest in Peace

- ZL1BRC

ZL1AA directory

www.qsl.net/zl1aa

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ARRL Grid: RF73kd

The clubroom is located at the head of the Purewa Creek valley reached by going through Scarbro's yard at 400 St John's Road, opposite St Thomas' Church in Kohimarama.

The clubroom is open every Saturday from 1000 hours for members and guests to drop by for tea /coffee and a chat. Or call on 145.775 MHz, Echolink or Skype [zeel1aa](https://www.zl1aa.org).

Members' General meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month (except December) at 1330 hours after a BBQ at noon, clement weather permitting.

Committee meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month (except January) at 1930 hours. All members are welcome to attend.

Use Windows Media Player for:

Video surveillance:

URL: <http://zl1aa.dyndns.biz.8080/>

Remote station on 40 metres:

URL: <http://zl1aa.dyndns.biz.1641/>

QSL: If we receive a QSL card, we shall confirm with our card sent quarterly. We don't use eQSL or LOTW.

Affiliations:

NZART
AREC
AMSAT-ZL

Club nets:

ZL1AA every Monday:
VHF 145.775 MHz at 2000 hours
HF 3.645 MHz at 2100 by Ray.

10-10 Down-under chapter hosted by Bob, ZL1AFU, on 28.530 MHz every Saturday at 1030 NZST.

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See left panel for details of Committee members listed herein.

Subscriptions

- Regular member \$29 or \$25 if paid by 31st March
- Family \$35 or \$30 if paid by 31st March
- Non-waged \$25 or \$20 if paid by 31st March
- The financial year runs from 1 December to 30 November
- An invoice /membership renewal form will be posted separately.
- Complete it with your updated information and then post or give it to the Treasurer with your subscription please.
- Alternatively, make a direct credit into our ASB Bank account.

Submissions to the newsletter are welcomed and appreciated by your editor. You may submit media in a variety of formats such as .txt, .doc, .jpg by e-mail or by post. Photographs will be returned.

AUCKLAND BRANCH, NZART (Inc.)

Membership Application/Renewal Form 2008

P O Box 18-003, Glen Innes, Auckland 1743

CALLSIGN (if applicable):

SURNAME:

FIRST NAME(S):

ADDRESS

Street / Post Box:

Suburb:

Post Code:

PHONE:

(Home)

(Bus)

EMAIL (if available):

TYPE OF APPLICATION:

☐ **New Member**

☐ **Renewal**

CLASS OF MEMBERSHIP:

☐ **Regular \$29** (\$25 by 31 March)

☐ **Non-Waged/Veteran \$25** (\$20 by 31 March)

☐ **Family \$35** (\$30 by 31 March)

SUBSCRIPTION ATTACHED: Yes / No (Circle one)

Cash / Cheque (Circle one)

PREFERRED NEWSLETTER DELIVERY METHOD: Post Mail / E-Mail (Circle one)

OPTIONAL RESPONSES:

1. Are you a current member of NZART ?
2. Are you willing to assist during any Public Service events or displays that Branch 02 may participate in ?
3. Are you willing to join the AREC Section ?
4. Do you have any special interest(s) or idea(s) that you would like to promote or share with others in the Branch this year ?

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes ☐ No

Brief Details: _____

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

EXPLANATORY NOTES:

1. All annual subscriptions run from 1 December to 30 November each year and are payable in advance. A pro-rata rate is offered to a new member joining part way through the year.
2. Regular, Non-Waged/Veteran and Family subscriptions can be reduced (see above) by making early payment only before 31 March.
3. For the purpose of Membership Renewal this form is effectively your Annual Subscription Invoice and reminder notice.
4. Whether posting or handing your subscription to the Treasurer please also include this completed Membership Form. A new one is needed each year to avoid confusion and make administration easier.
5. Receipts will be issued either at meetings or posted later.

Receipt #

Date

TrSig

MList

Yes / No