



Western Suburbs Radio Club Inc.

May 2003 Newsletter

ZL1AC, Branch 03 NZART 3000 Great North Road New Lynn, PO Box 15-122, New Lynn.

President: James Moore ZL1WOT, Secretary: Merv Thomas

VHF Club Net Wednesday 07:30 146.525 MHz, HF Club Net Fridays 07:30 3.622 MHz

Website <http://www.qsl.net/zl1ac>

Club Calendar

Saturday	10 th	May	Cambridge Radio Club Annual Market Day
Monday	12 th	May	WSRC Club Night - David Morey ZL1UTR - "Death from Radiation".
Saturday	31 st	May	Annual Conference at Masterton.
Sunday	1 st	June	
Tuesday	29 th	July	Regional Coordinating Committee
Tuesday	30 th	September	Regional Coordinating Committee

Club Night Monday 12th May

David Morey ZL1UTR will be giving us a talk titled "Death from Radiation". Dave is an undertaker and spoke to us a few years ago on a similar subject, and that proved to be a most interesting talk. Don't miss this one. All friends and relations will be most welcome at this meeting.

Last Meeting

Following the vote and discussion on remits, Maurie ZL1FK, spoke about and demonstrated his key, sounder and galvanometer that he once used in his days at the Post Office. A very interesting talk on the history of the morse code and the development of the morse sounder which included computer driven demonstrations.

Remits

At the Club evening of 12 April remits as published in Break-In for this National Conference were discussed and voted on. There were four remits and they were all passed unanimously by the 12 qualified NZART members present at the meeting.

Club Rules

The Club Rules have recently been retyped and a copy is on the club notice board for all to read. These can also be viewed on the Club web <http://www.qsl.net/zl1ac/wsrg-rules.html> for those that would rather view in the comfort of their own homes.

Meat Raffle

At the recent club evening a raffle produced \$34.00 for the club. The prize was a meat pack kindly donated by John ZL1JL Thanks John.

Beginners Classes

Bryce ZL1AXT is prepared to start learner's classes in May. His success rate was 100% last year with 3 new license holders. Bryce has run his 10-week ham ticket course for many years now with a high success rate. The classes are normally held on Tuesday nights, 7 - 9 pm, at the Western Suburbs Radio Clubrooms, 3000 Gt. North

Road, New Lynn. Please pass the word on to anyone you think may be interested; teenager to retiree. For further details phone Bryce, 378 4488

**Western Suburbs Radio Club Branch 03, N.Z.A.R.T. Inc:
Minutes of the 2nd committee meeting for 2003.
Monday 28th April 2003.**

Marc Veldhuisen ZL1TMV Acting Secretary

Attendance: James Moore ZL1WOT, President; Barry Williams ZL1ACZ, Newsletter Liaison; Bob Highet ZL1GD, Equipment Officer; Brian Huggard ZL1MW, A.R.E.C; Marc Veldhuisen ZL1TMV, Auditor

Apologies: Ross Reddell ZL1VRR.

Meeting commenced at 1950 hours.

Minutes: of the last committee meeting were read by the acting secretary.

Matters arising: ZL2QT – ZL1TMV is still trying to contact him
Cupboard heater – ZL1MW says this is underway
Spelling of names – ZL1TMV commented on this with regard to last months committee meeting minutes.

Finance: ZL1ACZ tabled a budget for the annual cost of the newsletter of \$352.80, this consisting of 42 newsletters each time, each double sided, twelve times a year.

Correspondence There was no correspondence tabled as the PO Box key holders were not present.

A.R.E.C. Brian Huggard ZL1MW had nothing of note to report this month.

General Business

From ZL1MW: The GM300 radios on long term loan to us from Waitakere Civil Defence have been written off by them as having no commercial value and we have been informed that we are under no obligation to replace any that should become missing or damaged. A motion was therefore moved by ZL1MW that the club should not insure the radios. ZL1GD seconded this motion.

From ZL1MW: The council has installed a metal box over our water meter. A plumber is required to connect our supply to the meter. ZL1WOT will contact a plumber.

From ZL1TMV: No smoking signs will be coming for the tents. Ideas were discussed for other signage requirements. ZL1MW suggested that if signs are made for use with the tents, the fact that they were paid for by the ASB Trust should be included.

From ZL1WOT: Re Sunday night nets – someone is required to run these nets when ZL1VRR is not available. ZL1WOT to investigate this.

From ZL1WOT: Attempts are being made to recruit new members into the club from those who live in our catchment area and have recently passed their exam.

From ZL1WOT: Some time has passed since our last grant applications were made; we should be eligible to apply again. Some worthy projects may include the running losses of the club, metal for the driveway, a portable repeater.

From ZL1WOT: Re Proxy vote for NZART AGM. ZL1WOT to approach two possible candidates.

From ZL1ACZ: The DX League recently hosted a guest speaker on the topic of radio astronomy who may be available as a guest speaker at a WSRC meeting. ZL1ACZ to investigate this and also the possibility of ZL1UTR returning as a guest speaker.

The next club meeting was set for Monday 12 May 2003.

The meeting concluded at 20-27 hours.

Marc Veldhuisen ZL1TMV, Acting Secretary / Scribe. 1st May 2003.

Basic Radio Training Manual

The Business Management Committee (BMC) of NZART recently approved the reproduction of a limited number of the above training manual. This book was originally produced in 1994, and has not been updated since this time, therefore the reproduction includes the "New Rules Explained" booklet as Radio Regulations have certainly changed over the past 9 years. The BMC were asked to consider this special print as a number of enquiries have been received here at HQ from people who prefer a textbook rather than a disk or CD Rom.

The cost to purchase this book is \$30, with reference to all web sites included.

The NZART Sangster Shield CW Contest

This will be held on 80 metres on Saturday May 17 and Sunday May 18 0800-1100 UTC each day. Your activity is needed to make your Branch available. It's a friendly QRP event for the novice or experienced CW hand. Give it a go. Periods are half hourly and the exchange is RST/Branch number/power. Refer to the callbook or NZART website for full rules.

From the Ministry of Economic Development: Amateur Statistics as at 31 March:

Repeater 212	Beacon 42	Digipeaters 29
Fixed 2	General 3267	Limited 1603
Novice 15	TV 19	

Total 5189

2003 VK/ trans-Tasman Contest

The **VK/ trans-Tasman Contest** will be held on **SAT 24th MAY**, (Phone), and **SAT 7th JUNE** (CW), from 0800 to 1400 hours UTC – (that's 6pm to Midnight EAST).

It's a "fun" contest. So don't just say, "I'm not into Contesting", because this one is for beginners and experts alike, - and you won't know if you like it if you don't give it a go! Every effort has been made to make the Contest even better than last year, by refining the Rules, and separating the dates for Phone and CW.

We need more participating, particularly from **NZ**. To this end, Rules will be emailed to about 1000 Hams in VK and ZL. Also, we are looking for a much higher percentage of returned Logs!

This Contest offers a lot that others fail to deliver, such as:

- 6 hours, reworking stations every hour.
- Best 5 hours to count (meaning you don't have to work 6 if it doesn't suit you, - but you can work 6 to try and improve your final score.
- Scoring to provide (so far as is possible), a level playing field for all.
- A bronze metal, engraved trophy (none of that plastic stuff !), and the best laminated Certificates you are likely to see.
- Rules published on the Contest website <http://home.iprimus.com.au/vktasman> - also on the NZART Homepage, and in the magazines.

Results published and prizes dispatched within 10 days of Closing Date for CW logs!

ZC1

Pictured below is a ZC1. Paul ZL1JC owns this one and the image was captured at the recent Musick Point Open day in January 2003. There must be some great stories out there waiting to be told by Amateur Operators who used these sets. How about putting pen to paper, or even hunt and peck on the keyboard, and sharing those stories with the rest of us via this publication.



Club Nets

VHF Net 146.525 MHz 7:30pm every Wednesday
HF Net 3622 KHz +/- QRM/QRN 7:30pm every Friday

HF Net Roster, Branch 03 The full roster is on:
<http://www.qsl.net/zl1ac/wsrc-hf-roster.html>

9 May 2003	ZL1JL	John
16 May 2003	ZL1NE	John
23 May 2003	ZL1ACZ	Barry
30 May 2003	ZL1WI	Roy
6 June 2003	ZL1VRR	Ross

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