



Western Suburbs Radio Club Inc.

June 2004 Newsletter

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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	5 th	June	NZART Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting at Blenheim.
Sunday	6 th		
Monday	14 th	June	General Meeting – Topic to be announced
Monday	28 st	June	Committee Meeting

Club Evening 14th June 2004

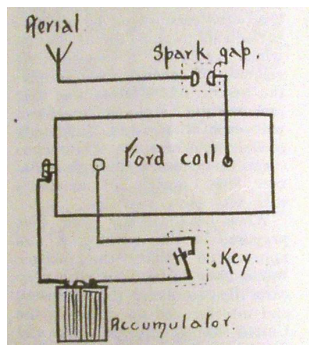
Our next meeting will be a full and open discussion about AREC. What it means to the club, what it means to you, what it can deliver to you as a radio enthusiast, and also how you can become involved in the community in which you live. We are arranging speakers on a variety of related subjects and also demonstrations of our equipment including our new repeater. Please make an effort to be there.

Life Member

At the Club evening of 10th May 2004, Alex Learmond, ZL1AXT, was promoted to Life Member. This prestigious honour was bestowed on Alex for his foresight in starting the Waitakere Sprint, managing it for the last 10 years, and for Alex's involvement and dedication to Club activities such as JOTA. Congratulations Alex. Alex's Certificate will be presented to him shortly.

May Club Evening

Following the general business of the club and a brief session of remits for this years conference, Barry Williams ZL1ACZ, spoke on, "The origins of early DX in New Zealand and the radios used for that purpose." Barry has an amazing collection of Radios used in early DX'ing through to the modern radios in use today. He produced many old magazines from the early days of Radio and some of the articles were quite amazing.



Pictured alongside is a circuit diagram that some of you may wish to try. One of our members playing with this circuit many years ago, caused some problems to other stations.

PS. I wouldn't recommend building this unless you want to have your Ham Licence revoked by the RI! (Ed)

Remits

Both this years remits were passed by the members present at the recent club meeting. Andrew Barnett ZL2ALW, will represent the club at conference in Blenheim this Queen's Birthday weekend. For information on this years conference contact:

Contact: Conference Secretary: Helen Harris ZL2TPT

Telephone or Fax: 03 575 7181

Or e-mail: mt.adde@extra.co.nz

Civil Defence Exercise (Edited from a Western Leader Story)

Residents at the Waitakere Gardens Retirement Village know what to expect in an emergency following a Civil Defence exercise. The event took place at the village on Saturday 15th May and involved about 50 residents.

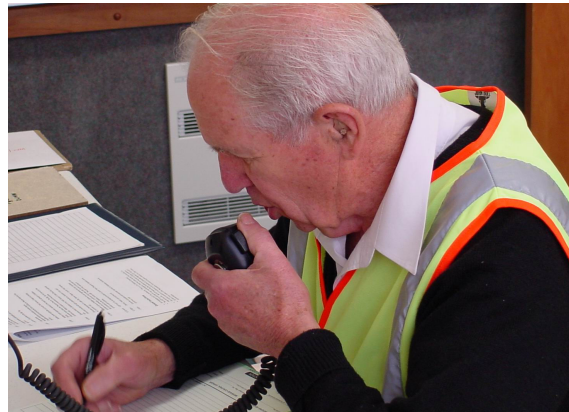
Waitakere City Civil Defence manager Bill Morley says nine groups were involved including the Police, Fire Service, Salvation Army, Amateur Radio Emergency Corps and the Latter Day Saints Church. Mr Morley says the exercise, the biggest practical event of its type in years, was an excellent opportunity to practise multi-agency response.

The event followed three days of training for Waitakere City Council Staff which involved practicing mass evacuation procedures in case of a hazardous materials leak.

Pictured below are photos from the debriefing session following the exercise.



Merv Thomas and Brian Huggard at the Base Station.



Brian Huggard taking down messages during the exercise.



The Group of People involved in the Civil Defense Exercise at the Debriefing

Western Suburbs Radio Club
Branch 03, N.Z.A.R.T. Inc:
Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the 2004 elected Committee.
Monday 17th: 2004. (Edited)

Attendance: Merv Thomas ZL1SK, Secretary, James Moore ZL1JYM, Chairman John Turnwald ZL1JT, Treasurer; Ross Reddell ZL1VRR; Brian Huggard ZL1MW; Bob Highet ZL1GD, Maurie Challinor ZL1FK; Barry Williams ZL1ACZ

Meeting commenced at 19-30 hours.

Apologies: Andrew Barnett ZL2ALW, Vice President.

Minutes: As circulated by email from the secretary were taken as a true and correct record. Moved: Ross Reddell ZL1VRR Seconded: Bob Hight ZL1GD Matters Arising: Nil

Financial Report: The Treasurer provided his report as at the end of April 2004. PLUS 3 more subscriptions & a \$5-00 donation from Michael Lee ZL1VML. Moved: John Turnwald ZL1JT; Seconded: Barry Williams ZL1ACZ report be accepted.

Correspondence: Inwards Branch 02, 10 & 66 branch newsletters.

A.R.E.C Re-instated Section Leader Brian Huggard ZL1MW's related the clubs involvement in last weeks Western District C.D. exercise 11 to 15 May 2004 which included training and practice through the week and a citizen evacuation exercise on the Saturday. A letter of explanation and resignation from Merv Thomas ZL1SK as section leader was read by the committee and was accepted. Moved: Brian Huggard ZL1MW. Seconded: John Turnwald ZL1JT. Moved: James Moore ZL1JYM Seconded: Ross Reddell ZL1VRR that the AREC report be accepted. The secretary offered to write a letter to all members promoting the value of AREC membership and participation hopefully to increase the size of the group.

General Business: The clubs new SPST repeater proved very successful in the recent C.D. exercise and will be shortly returned to the club rooms from Roy Milam ZL1WI's residence.

Discussion about changing the committee meeting nights because of other various conflicting ham meetings and nets, resulted in the 4th: Monday evening being selected SUBJECT to John Neill ZL1NE, the Newsletter editor, being happy with the remaining time frame for publishing UP-COMING events before the next general meeting night.

Ross Reddell ZL1VRR reported on an e-mail he had received from FMTAG re the possible shifting of various repeater frequencies. The meetings general feeling was that it should be opposed at Conference so Ross offered to forward the email to the committee members with the request that we all individually acquaint Andrew Barnett ZL2ALW (the clubs representative at conference) of our individual opinion on the matter for his guidance at conference.

Treasurer, John Turnwald ZL1JT, reported on the present situation with the wall repairs, Procon Developments and the Insurance excess payment.

Discussion on approaching various sponsorship sources for funds to upgrade the clubrooms grounds for all weather conditions. Secretary to ask for Lottery board for a Grant Application form.

Barry Williams will see if Ron Wright could be the speaker at our next (June) general meeting.

And lastly, discussion on the viability or probability of holding a Equipment sale this year was left for further development, namely, having something to sell.

NOTE: 2004 subscriptions of \$25.00 are now due. At 18 May 2004, of the 42 financial members for 2003, 24 have so far paid their 2004 subscription, 57.1428 %.

Meeting concluded (stopped) (finished) (halted) (packed-up) (went home) at 20-30 hours.

Merv Thomas, ZL1SK, Scriberetary / Sectant. 8th: May 2004.

Branch 66 Data Mode CD

The new release of the Br 66 Data Modes and Utilities CD is now on sale at the VHF Group clubrooms. It contains a lot of updated versions plus some new ones - Linux packet radio programmes - Linux data modes programmes - only \$10 per copy.

73, Doug ZL1AVY for the Auckland VHF Group Inc. Branch 66

2004 VK/trans-Tasman Contests

This is a reminder that the 2004 VK/ trans-Tasman Contests are not far off. I need more ZL's participating, to off-set the number of VK's, so how about it

80M Phone SAT 22 May. (You may have missed this one!)
80M CW SAT 5 June.
160M Phone & CW SAT 17 July.

These 6-hour Contests have been expanded this year, to include a night on 160M. (replacing the Pacific 160M Contest). Each evening is a separate Contest, running from 0800 to 1400 hrs UTC (6pm to midnight E.A.S.T.)

The Contest Rules have been refined each year, primarily in an effort to include scoring compensators that make it fair to all, regardless of location or time zone. The top ten "phone" logs, last year, were about as close as you can get, - and about half VK/half ZL. Each year, feedback has shown that it was not only the best Contest in the Region, but also the most fun.

The Contests rely to an extent, on bonus points earned for working "groups of Call-areas", in any one hour. As there are fewer call-areas in ZL, it is important that they are all well represented, - particularly the ZL3's, who have been conspicuous by their absence in past years. I also need a better % return of logs (previously about 25%).

It would be good to have some club/group entries, under the "Multi-operator Rule." - This is an ideal club event! So, plan ahead. I hope that you will be able to organize your time to participate in one or more of these Contests. They have been planned with your enjoyment in mind, and are intended for the "first-timers", right through to the experienced Contester. With stations able to be reworked each hour, there are 5 to 6 hours of continuous entertainment.

Tip for 160M: If you don't have a 160M antenna, just solder some RCA plugs on each end of your 80M dipole, and add 20M of wire to both ends. - If space is a problem, just run the tails back along the fence, through the trees, down the pole, or around the carport. That won't affect the radiated signal much, but will enable you to load up with an ATU.

What more can I say ? - The survival of these Contests depends on the level of your participation. - So give it a go, and send me your Logs !

For Rules, Log sheets, scoring examples, results and analysis go to the following web site:

<http://home.iprimus.com.au/vktasman>

Cheers,
Bruce Renn (VK3JWZ)
Contest Manager.

In Memory Of A Very Important Person

With all the sadness and trauma of today's world, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person which almost went unnoticed. Last week Larry La Prise, the man who wrote "The Hokey Pokey", died peacefully at age 93. The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in. And then the trouble started.....

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>

4 June 2004	ZL1JL	John
11 June 2004	ZL1NE	John
18 June 2004	ZL1ACZ	Barry
25 June 2004	ZL1WI	Roy
2 July 2004	ZL1VRR	Ross
9 July 2004	ZL1MW	Brian