



Western Suburbs Radio Club Inc.

March 2006 Newsletter

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VHF Club Net Wednesday 07:30pm 146.525 MHz, HF Club Net Fridays 07:30pm 3.623 MHz

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

Club Calendar

Monday	13 th	March	Annual General Meeting
Monday	20 th	March	Branch 66 Meeting – Digital Radio developments.
Monday	10 th	April	Club night
Saturday	20 th	May	Cambridge Used Equipment Sale – Town Hall

March Club Meeting WSRC Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Monday March 13th at the club rooms 3000 Great North Rd New Lynn at 7:30 pm in accordance with club rules. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 2006 will be due from the AGM onwards. The agenda is as follows. Please consider putting your name forward for one of the positions on the committee. Only with support from all, can the club continue to provide support to the Radio Amateurs in the West Auckland Area.

Agenda	Election of Officers
1 Presidents Introduction	1 President
2 Apologies	2 Vice President
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February Club Evening

At the February club meeting had a session on connecting Radio Transceivers to computers. If you have completed a connecting cable then you may like to have a look at the following web sites and get some software and start experimenting.

Digipan – this software is free and will allow you to view PSK31 and PSK63. Signals can be found on 14.070 USB
<http://www.digipan.net/>

MixW – This software will give you a 15 day trial before you need to pay for it. It has a number of different mode within it.
<http://www.mixw.net/>

Slow Scan TV – This software will allow you to have a go at Slow Scan TV. There is an instruction section on the website that will guide you through the process.
http://www.ultimatecharger.com/html/sstv_3steps.html

Multiple Programmes

If you are really game have a look at this site. There is just about every type of digital software available here.
<http://www.xs4all.nl/~n19222/software.htm>

Questionnaire

Have you filled in the Questionnaire yet? Your committee need your input if they are to provide activities that are interesting and appropriate.

Jock White Field Day Activities

The annual Jock White Field Day Contest was held during the weekend of 25 and 26 of February. The Western Suburbs Radio Club set up a station at Huia in time for the 3:00 pm start. We were active on 80 and 40 metres. The site was excellent as can be seen by the attached photos. For the record on 80 metres we made a total of 442 contacts in the two days. 72 of the contacts were on CW and the remainder were on phone. 65 of the contacts were with home stations. Only one VK was worked during the two days of the contest. The 40 metres logs have not been analysed but a total of 388 contacts was recorded. Below is a few photos taken by Merv ZL1SK during the weekend.



40 Metre Station at Night



80 Metre Station at Night



80 Metre Tent



80 and 40 Metre Stations



The club generator which powered the complete station



The ZL1AC Field Day Team

Civil Defence work Recognised

Recently Brian Huggard and Bob Hight received certificates at the Waitakere Civil Defence Emergency Management Annual Function. The certificates were in recognition of the work put into testing and maintaining radios at the Civil Defence Headquarters in Elcoat Street and assistance with Civil Defence activities. Congratulation to Brian and Bob for carrying out this work.

Swimsuits

While at a water park, my four-year-old son and I were sitting on a bench eating ice cream. I had on a pink-and-black-striped swimsuit.

We looked up just as a very beautiful young woman with a gorgeous figure walked by, and she happened to be wearing a similar suit.

My son looked at her, then at me. "Look, Mum!" he said. "That lady has on a swimsuit just like yours, only hers is a different shape."

The Auckland VHF Groups

The Auckland VHF Groups General meeting for March takes place on the Monday March 20th at the Hazel Avenue Clubrooms, commencing around 7.30pm. The subject is all about "IBOC". "In Band, On Channel", High Definition Digital Radio. This is a developing technology for commercial Radio stations and allows them to provide a Digital service for their listeners, which should start to appear on the New Zealand Air bands in the very near future. The talk is being given by Mr Geoffrey Durrant, a Broadcast Engineer who imports the equipment and is very familiar with the technology. He has already demonstrated the equipment to commercial broadcasters in New Zealand, which provides a favourable option for NZ Broadcasters as against other systems that are currently available.

Club Nets

VHF Net 146.525 MHz 7:30pm every Wednesday, HF Net 3623 KHz +/- QRM/QRN 7:30pm every Friday. All are welcome to check in on the nets. The HF Net Roster can be found on <http://www.qsl.net/zl1ac/wsrc-hf-roster.html>. We are looking for more members to take a turn at running the net. If you would like to be rostered on, then contact any of the people mentioned below.

3-Mar-06	ZL1ACZ	Barry
10-Mar-06	ZL1VRR	Ross
17-Mar-06	ZL1MW	Brian
24-Mar-06	ZL1NE	John
31-Mar-06	ZL1ACZ	Barry
7-Apr-06	ZL1WI	Roy
14-Apr-06	ZL1VRR	Ross
21-Apr-06	ZL1MW	Brian
28-Apr-06	ZL1JL	John

KARAKA HARBOURSIDE ESTATES & KARAKA LAKE LTD VINTAGE DAY 2006

Organised by the Karaka Historical Society & Vintage Engine Restores Auckland

The organisers cordially invite individuals and clubs to exhibit Stationary engines, Vintage farm tractor and implements, Vintage cars – trucks – motorcycles, Vintage military equipment, farming memorabilia etc. at our 4th Vintage Rally on 19th March 2006 at the Karaka Sports Green, corner Linwood and Blackbridge Road, Karaka. Meals, casual food and drinks are available. Camping and showers available onsite.

Special Features: Displays of Vintage Stationary Engines, Tractors and Implements, Military Vehicles, Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles and Traction Engines. Children's Entertainment Grand Parade at 2pm.

Come long on the day, enjoy a mix and mingle with fellow vintage enthusiasts.

Paul Rhodes (for Organising Committee)