



Western Suburbs Radio Club Inc.

July 2007 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.qsl.net/zl1ac>



Club Calendar

Monday	9 th	July	Club Night. Programme to be announced
Tuesday	17 th	July	Franklin Amateur Radio Club's Annual JUNK SALE
Saturday	7 th	July	VK/ trans-Tasman 160M Contest Phone
Saturday	21 st	July	VK/ trans-Tasman 160M Contest CW:
Saturday	28 th	July	WSRC Phone Sprint
Saturday	28 th	July	Whangarei Junk Sale
Saturday	4 th	August	WSRC CW Sprint
Saturday	11 th	August	Hamilton Market Day - Claudlands Event Centre 10:00 am
Saturday	13 th	October	WSRC Used Equipment Sale.

July Club Meeting

The next Club Night will be on Monday 9th July at 7:30 pm. The topic is yet to be announced. Listen to the News and Net on the Klondike 2m Repeater, 146.625, Sunday at 2015 for an update.

June Meeting

We had an interesting evening at the last club night in June with Andrew ZL2ALW showing us how to place surface mounted components on a circuit board.

Western Suburbs Radio Club Used Equipment Sale

The used equipment sale will be held on 13th October 2007. Not in November as in the past. The sale will be at the usual place at the Rosebank Primary School Hall at 217 Rosebank Rd Avondale. Sellers from 8 am and buyers from 9 am. The sale will close at 12 noon. There will be the usual canteen running with a sausage sizzle. Please look for equipment for the club to sell. Help will be required to set up and run the morning from club members. Further details will be provided nearer to the date.

Franklin Junk Sale

The Franklin Amateur Radio Club's Annual JUNK SALE will be held in the clubrooms, Stadium Drive, Pukekohe on Tuesday 17th July. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Sale commences at 7.30 pm sharp. This promises to be a landmark sale as there is gear from two deceased estates as well as assorted gear already in the clubhouse. Additional offerings are invited, and vendors can give their instructions to the sales conductor prior to the sale. There will be a delicious homemade supper following the sale.

Whangarei Used Equipment Sale

Whangarei NZART Branch 28 Junk Sale will be held on Saturday 28th July 2007 at the Heritage Park SH14, Maunu, Whangarei. The Clubs 60th Celebration Dinner event will also be held on this date. All contacts to:

PO Box 10-078 Te Mai

Whangarei

Contact Charlie Moates

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Hamilton Market Day - 11 August 2007

The Members and Committee of Hamilton Branch invite you to attend the annual Hamilton Market Day to be held on Saturday 11 August 2007.

Location: Claudelands Event Centre
Vendors: Doors open at 8.00 am (vehicle access provided)
Buyers: Doors open at 10.00 am (no door charge)

Waitakere Sprint

Waitakere Sprint is on again this year with the Phone sprint being the last Saturday in July and CW sprint being the first Saturday in August 2007. Both on 80 metres. The full rules can be found on the club's website at www.qsl.net/zl1ac/wsrtc-sprint.html. The sprints are for one-hour duration from 10pm to 11pm local time. It is open to all Amateurs in New Zealand, Australia and the South Pacific.

Club Fees

These are now due and should be paid to the treasurer at the next club night or posted to the Club at PO Box 15-122, New Lynn. 0600. Club fees are \$25.00 single and \$30.00 family.

Echolink Repeater

Echolink has been relocated from the Papakura 147.325 Repeater to the simplex frequency of 146.500 due to interference problems.

ATV Repeater Status June 2007

The ZL1BQ Channel 39 ATV Repeater in Auckland (615.25 MHz) is temporarily off air. The faulty power supply has been repaired but there are further problems with the PA.

New Zealand Rally of Whangarei 12th / 13th May 2007

A week before the Rally start we were given the maps and route instruction for the stages we had to do radio com's as 5km operators. We planned what time it would take to get to the stages, and where we would stay for the two nights while up north. As we had Wairere 1 and 2 on Saturday, and Sunday we had Brooks 1 and 2. So we arranged a site at Paparoa camping ground to stay over and be close to both our stages.

With a 7 am on site time for the first stage of the day, we left the camp ground in the dark and slight rain falling as we made our way to our position at point B, which we found quite easily. Once in position we commenced to set up with safety signs, antenna mast up so we could raise the dipole and tune up to get in touch with control. This was done before the safety car came through to check we were in the correct location and behind the tape that was left on site. We logged through the safety cars ready for the start and the first cars passed.. Green was on time. Com's were good copy with all stations round the course. We only had one close mishap as a car came up the hill to our position, over-cooked and nearly spun into a drain on the side of the road. He was able to back up and proceed to the finish, with only his pride hurt. But this did mean that the road could have been blocked if only temporary. The FIV team went to help, but were not required.

During our break for lunch, between stages on SS12 one of the cars left the road and rolled, causing some concern and the SOS sign was shown to proceeding drivers causing the stage to be yellowed flagged for the rest of the cars in the stage. This allowed all the remaining cars to travel the stage, and an average time was given them. The alternative would have been to reissue new route instructions to get the cars back to service park before the start of the afternoon sections, a re-run of the mornings runs

The weekend proved to be well run with the overall winner being a local New Zealand driver who has only been rallying in this class for only a short time. Cody Crocker, with Ben Atkinson as co- driver. but he was down on time by 28 seconds. Then there was a Kiwi class also.

After the rally finished we packed up and made our way to the main road. You could see how close the rally cars had run to the side of the road. Once we hit the main road we joined the queue and travelled at a leisurely pace Till next time

Signed Ross Reddell ZL1VRR / ZK1EKR



Set up of position at stage 10 / 14 of Radio and FIV personal



Action of FIV practice with a possum who was hit by a flying stone with full treatment given (without success). This was done prior to stage running.

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 full HF Net Roster can be found on <http://www.qsl.net/zl1ac/wsrc-hf-roster.html>.

6-Jul-07	ZL1JL	John
13-Jul-07	ZL1NE	John
20-Jul-07	ZL1ACZ	Barry
27-Jul-07	ZL1WI	Roy
3-Aug-07	ZL1VRR	Ross
10-Aug-07	ZL1MW	Brian
17-Aug-07	ZL1JL	John
24-Aug-07	ZL1NE	John
31-Aug-07	ZL1ACZ	Barry

VK/ trans-Tasman 160M Contests:

Phone: SAT 7th July (this weekend),

CW: SAT 21 July,

Both at 2000 to 0100 or 0200 hrs NZ time

ie: 8pm to 2am (Phone) - or 1am, if you work 5 hours.

8pm to 1am (CW) - or midnight, if you work 4 hours.

Bronze Trophy for Over-all Winner (highest score).

Laminated Certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, in both Phone and CW.

Also 1st VK or 1st ZL (if not the Trophy winner).

ZL's came 1st and 4th in the 80M Phone, - so, get some wire up in the air, and give 160M a go. (maybe do as I do, - just use RCA plugs to attach 20m tails to your 80M dipole, running in any direction, and connect via an ATU).

These Contests are for your enjoyment, but they can only continue if the number of Logs returned makes it viable. This also applies to individual Categories (like CW), which will only survive if the participation warrants it. We need as many ZL prefixes taking part as possible (particularly the elusive ZL3's) - a ZL6 would be a big help too !

Auto-scoring Logging Programs (hopefully now free of bugs), and revised RULES now on Contest web-site at:

<http://home.iprimus.com.au/vktasman> (with links on NZART, WIA, www.vkham.com and www.vkcc.com contest URL's).