



Western Suburbs Radio Club Inc.

March 2008 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	10 th	March	Annual General Meeting – 7:30 pm
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March Meeting

Our next club night is Monday 10th March and will be the Annual General Meeting.

Jock White National Field Day Contest February 23rd / 24th 2008

This year we set up the ZL1AC Station in the grounds of the Dominion Road Primary School. The weather was most unsympathetic for the occasion but then the event is all about being able to communicate in less than ideal conditions. And in this respect it was a great success. We worked 80 and 40 metres on both phone and CW. The logs are still being evaluated and results will be forwarded to the contest organisers shortly.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM for the club will be held on March 10th 2008. All present members (2007-2008) are asked to be present at this meeting, to elect the officers for 2008 / 2009.

AGM Agenda

Agenda	Election of Officers
1 Presidents Introduction	1 President
2 Apologies	2 Vice President
3 Minutes of 2007 AGM	3 Treasurer
4 Treasurers Report	4 Secretary
5 AREC Report	5 Four Committee Members
6 Presidents Report	6 Auditor of Accounts
7 Election of Officers	7 Newsletter Editor
8 General Business	

Auckland 670 IRLP node is on test.

There is currently an IRLP test being carried out on the 670 repeater. 670 may be connected to any other similarly equipped repeater in the world. To access the system send from your 2 metre radio a 4-digit DTMF tone to connect to another node.

EG: 1649 (VE7OVY in Canada). Send DTMF 73 to disconnect. Switching delays are significant, so long breaks between overs are needed. A full list of DTMF node numbers is available on the web. 73 - Michael, ZL1ABS @ ZL1AB

Club QSL Card

This year there will be a competition to design a QSL card for the club ZL1AC. It should include the club call sign, ATV and WSRC (inc). Put your thinking caps on and come up with a bright and attractively designed card, which we will be proud to send out. There will be a prize for the best one. Details will follow shortly.

Reasons the English language is so hard to learn:

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) After a number of injections my jaw got number.
- 19) On seeing the tear in the painting, I shed a tear.
- 20) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 21) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Let's face it: English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square, and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, is 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it? If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out, and in which an alarm goes off by going on. English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

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.ysl.net/zl1ac/wsrc-hf-roster.html>.

7-Mar-08	ZL1MW	Brian
14-Mar-08	ZL1NE	John
21-Mar-08	ZL1ACZ	Barry
28-Mar-08	ZL1WI	Roy
4-Apr-08	ZL1VRR	Ross
11-Apr-08	ZL1MW	Brian
18-Apr-08	ZL1NE	John
25-Apr-08	ZL1ACZ	Barry

Club Fees

These are now due for payment. The value of the fees for 2008 /9 will be set at the Annual General Meeting.