



Western Suburbs Radio Club Inc.

May 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

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| Monday | 12 th | May | Club Meeting – 7:30 pm. Remits Again |
| Saturday | 4 th or 11 th | October | Used Equipment Sale - Rosebank School Hall |

April Meeting

Our next club night is Monday 12th May. This will include voting on the Remits that are to be discussed at the June NZART Conference as it didn't happen last club meeting. Bring your Break-in as the remits are printed in there. If any member wants another copy then send me an email john.neill@clear.net.nz and I will send a word version to you.

Club Fees for 2008/9

These are now due so please make payment to John Turnwald at the next club meeting or post your subscription to PO Box 15-122, New Lynn 0600.

AREC Exercise

At the beginning of May our AREC section took part in the National Band Communications Exercise for the whole of New Zealand to test the procedure of sending messages from Outpost, to Branch, to the National Station ZK6R to check on the frequencies to be used to pass messages from A to B to C. In some cases there was a double or treble-up of stations on the one frequency, other than the National System and HF. The exercise started at 6 am and ran to after 9:30 am. Thanks to all of our section members who assisted in the exercise ZK1EKA, ZK1EKD, ZL1EKE, and ZK1EKF. (Ross, Merv, Brian and John)

There is to be a Section Leaders meeting at VHF Clubrooms on Thursday 15th May 2008 at 1930hrs. All AREC and club members are welcome to attend.

Used Equipment Sale

Don't forget the Used Equipment Sale to be held in October. Start looking for that equipment that you do not require any longer and could sell off to make some coinage for the club. It's time to start and look out for gear? The date is still to be finalised but likely to be the 4th or 11th October.

Postal Codes

The Club is endeavouring to update mailing records. Could you please supply to Ross ZL1VRR ross.reddell@xtra.co.nz your correct postcode zone listing for your address. Your mail may get lost if we do not have the correct zone as these are necessary on letters after July this year.

Club Secretary

We are looking for someone to take over the position of Secretary to replace Raji, who has had to return to India for family reasons.

Maritime Radio

For seafarers, their main lifeline to land is communications. Maritime New Zealand is responsible for maintaining VHF and HF radio services for New Zealand's coastal waters and the South Pacific, providing around-the-clock monitoring of VHF and HF distress channels. The region covered by the New Zealand Distress and Safety Radio Service is known as NAVAREA XIV, covering 12.5% of the earth's ocean surface. It extends from mid-Tasman to mid-Pacific, and from Antarctica to the Equator.

The service provided by Maritime NZ is complemented by a network of volunteer private radio operators around New Zealand and its offshore islands. The radio network is monitored by people located at the Maritime Operations Centre (MOC) in Lower Hutt on a 24-7 basis. The MOC is also responsible for the broadcast of Maritime Safety Information within the NAVAREA. Maritime safety information includes meteorological information, navigational warnings and ionospheric prediction warnings. Maritime NZ own and maintain one third of the Maritime radio network with the remainder being provided for and maintained by Kordia.

Full details of this service can be found at http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/Maritime_Radio/radio_coverage.asp

Web Site

Roy ZL1LK has developed his own website which he has devoted mainly at this stage to Amateur Radio. Roy's web address is <http://www.freewebs.com/rosargo/>

Roy has managed this by following instruction given in the website <http://members.freewebs.com/> There is a link on the Club website to make access to Roy's website even easier. Other Club Members may be interested in building their own websites to promote themselves and Amateur Radio. If you do decide to give it a go, then Roy ZL1LK or John ZL1NE will be pleased to assist you in getting started.



An Example of a Home Brew Project that Roy has placed on his Website.

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>.

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| 2-May-08 | ZL1WI | Roy |
| 9-May-08 | ZL1VRR | Ross |
| 16-May-08 | ZL1MW | Brian |
| 23-May-08 | ZL1NE | John |
| 30-May-08 | ZL1ACZ | Barry |
| 6-Jun-08 | ZL1WI | Roy |
| 13-Jun-08 | ZL1VRR | Ross |
| 20-Jun-08 | ZL1MW | Brian |
| 27-Jun-08 | ZL1NE | John |