



Western Suburbs Radio Club Inc.

December 2008 Newsletter

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 HF Club Net Fridays 07:30pm 3.623 MHz
 Website <http://www.qsl.net/zl1ac>



Club Calendar

Monday	8 th	December	Club Night – Christmas Social at the Club Rooms
Monday	9 th	February	Club Night – Programme to be announced
Saturday	28 th	February	HF Field Day
Sunday	1 st	March	
Monday	9 th	March	Annual General Meeting

Compliments of the season

*The Committee of the western Suburbs Radio Club
 wish to extend to all members a
 Very Merry Christmas
 and a
 Happy New Year*

December Meeting

The December 8th will be our Christmas Social, when the club will supply nibbles and light juice, tea and coffee. Could members please bring a plate either savoury or sweet. It is optional, but bring a can or two of your favourite amber fizzy drink. A time to bring your Partner along and make this night enjoyable for all. This will be our final night for the year.

November Meeting

Summary of Last Club Night Monday 10th November

This consisted of three brief talks by club members to a small audience present

Fist up was Barry ZL1ACZ who bought along some DX radio's that he had used in his DX radio interest. He also gave a brief history of the DX league in new Zealand with copies of their early magazines. Interest is waning with fewer numbers listening to O/S broadcasts in some interesting countries. Below are photo's of these radios. He also gave some interesting accounts with his early HF radios and a whip on the back of his car while next to a long fence line where conditions proved to be unreal. The reason for this was discovered in the morning once the sun was up. Next day it was discovered he was beside a metal fence that was just above his whip.



Barry's early Radios Receivers valve type



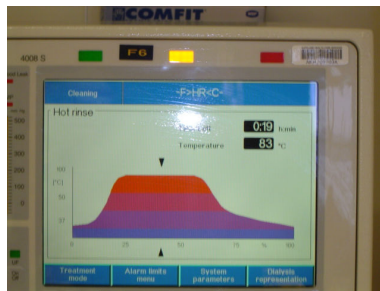
World War 2 transceiver found on a war site.

Next was Tom ZL1CZ who gave his talk on a folded dipole using a metal coat hanger to show what could be accomplished using different configurations He explained by moving your feed point around gave different aspects of the dipole when feed from the top, side or bottom.

This was followed by Ross ZL1VRR who gave a talk on dialysis and what he has to do each day, four times a day and seven days a week fifty-two weeks of the year. Firstly he told those present to look after your kidneys watching what you eat and drink. The kidneys have many functions other than to get rid of fluid waste by urinating. They produce calcium for your bones and allow extra oxygen produced to drive the muscles in your arms and legs. If your kidneys fail then you have two options, to go onto dialysis either PDU using glucose solution bags to draw the waste from your blood through your perennal cavity which is a membrane which collects the fluid that is then drained out into a collector bag, or go to a hospital or clinic and have a machine that filters your blood for 4 /5 hours each visit three times a week. This can also be done at your home with a machine been lent from the hospital at many thousands of dollars.



Machine next to bed Hemo Dialysis



Graph of blood from machine at finish



Layout with bag on trolley at home

From the November Committee Meeting

The AGM is to be held on March 9th when all officers and a committee will be elected for the year 2009/10. It was decided by those present that they were all willing to be nominated for office for the coming year.

Ian bought up that an Epurb low frequency would from next year be taken out of service for Boaties. It was suggested that our club be a drop off centre for the old equipment, and that we can dismantle and remove the batteries, before handing them over for disposal. Research is needed into this first.

The current newsletter to be held a month before going onto the club Web ZL1AC.

That we as a club are to participate in the Jock White Memorial Contest on Feb 21/22 2009. (*editors note* It was advised on the Monthly Broadcast ZL6A on Sunday 28 November that the date of the contest will change to the weekend of 28 Feb to 1 Mar due to a clash with another contest). We will run a QRP station, at a location on the West Coast. Roy ZL1LK and Grant ZL1GSM are to organise the event. Any club members willing to assist please get in contact with Roy ph 834-3218

There will be a clean up at the clubrooms during the Christmas break. All loose and surplus equipment that is not needed will be taken to the scrape dealer. Then all our unused radio gear will be set up and ready to use when ever the clubrooms are open.

That the stage at the front of club rooms be cut in half to allow more room for the layout of our Radio equipment.

Our ATV transmitter will be offered for sale at a latter date as it was decided that we as a club couldn't complete the installation by ourselves.

VHF/UHF Contest

The annual VHF / UHF contest is on again this Sat / Sun 6th / 7th December on all bands? Home stations are able to make contact with field stations so again if you have some time give the keen contesters a signal report and another point for their log.

WSRC Committee

Following the resignation of the president, Ian Sangster has agreed to fill the position of Acting President until the next AGM in March. Please give Ian all the support that you can to make the job as easy as possible.

Horse event held at Bothwell Park Road Farm Waiuku Sunday 9th November

A call from Bob ZL1BBZ on Friday, a day or two before the event saw us assist the Franklin Br 10 AREC with a Horse Endurance Event out on a farm in Waiuku South Auckland. It was an early start on Sunday morning 0330am to get ready and be out for the start of day two of the two-day event at 0600am. We were placed on the start / finish line to record the start and finish of the horse and rider in the events for the day. The STSP repeater 146.8250 was in use for the weekend's operation. As we travelled we kept in contact with the base, which was situated in a large shed on the farm. The repeater was positioned on a hill just between the base and the beach area to the west where the Waikato River enters the Tasman Sea. The events being run on the Sunday were a 95km 85km, 48km and 24km which were a series of loops, with checks at positioned places along the route. The fields were not large with fields of four to nineteen. Fortunately most of the numbering were different numbers with different bib colours, but after the start of the third event we found that two numbers were the same which caused a panic nationally, but the bib colours were different and the race distance was not the same.

As the race progressed we had horses finishing their loop and came in for a vet check where they were stood down for 40 minutes while the inspection of the horse was made and heart rate taken before leaving again for another loop of their total distance to be ridden. At checkpoint one we had Murray ZL1BPU and Colin ZL3CJS was on the beach at check point two with Ian ZL1PZ at three, which was a 3km ride from base, so after hearing Ian call in, it was not that long before we could pick up the horses riding past some pine tree's before coming into site and heading back to the finish. At Base we had three operators stationed who were Bob ZK1BBZ, Tom ZL1TO, and ZL1RK a lovely Englishman, name escapes me

As the day progressed the horses made their way to the finish and so by 1600hrs the last ones made the end and for the winners of each section a prize. We did not stay around but packed up our gear and drove back to Auckland to unpack and clean up after a lovely day in the sun. Thanks to Bob and Tom and the horse people who made the day very enjoyable. All the horses got home again some riders after some nine with only short breaks for veterinary inspection and nine hours in the saddle for the riders.



From Ross ZL1VRR Photograph by Tom ZL1TO

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>. Send me an email shortly if you would like to be included in the weekly roster to run the net for 2009. I will be compiling a new list over the Christmas break. Let me know of any dates that you know you will be unavailable and I will do my best to schedule around those dates. Similarly, if you are would like a break from running the net, let me know. Regards John ZL1NE john.neill@opus.co.nz

5-Dec-08	ZL1VRR	Ross
12-Dec-08	ZL1MW	Brian
19-Dec-08	ZL1NE	John
26-Dec-08	ZL1ACZ	Barry
2-Jan-09	ZL1WI	Roy
9-Jan-09	ZL1VRR	Ross
16-Jan-09	ZL1MW	Brian
23-Jan-09	ZL1NE	John
30-Jan-09	ZL1ACZ	Barry

Western Suburbs Radio Club Branch 03, NZART Inc:

Nomination form for election of member/s as an officer of the above-mentioned club
at the Annual General Meeting - Monday 9th March 2009

Member nominated

Name:

Callsign:

Financial member: YES / NO

For the office of:

Date of Nomination:

Nominated by:

Callsign:

Financial member: YES / NO

Seconded by:

Callsign:

Financial member: YES / NO

Nomination accepted:

Signed by Nominee:

Date of Acceptance: