



Western Suburbs Radio Club Inc.

March 2009 Newsletter

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



Club Calendar

Monday	9 th	March	Club Night – FutureTech Demonstration of Equipment
Wednesday	25 th	March	Committee Meeting
Monday	13 th	April	Club Night - Annual General Meeting
Wednesday	22 nd	April	Committee Meeting
Monday	11 th	May	Club Night – Address by NZART Councillor Vaughan Henderson ZL1TGC
Wednesday	27 th	May	Committee Meeting
Monday	8 th	June	Club Night – Video Evening on Radio Related topics.
Wednesday	24 th	June	Committee Meeting
Monday	13 th	July	Club Night – To be announced
Wednesday	22 nd	July	Committee Meeting
Monday	10 th	August	Club Night - To be announced
Wednesday	26 th	August	Committee Meeting
Monday	14 th	September	Club Night - To be announced
Wednesday	23 rd	September	Committee Meeting
Saturday	3 rd	October	Used Equipment Sale – Details to be announced
Monday	12 th	October	Club Night - To be announced
Wednesday	28 th	October	Committee Meeting
Monday	9 th	November	Club Night - To be announced
Wednesday	25 th	November	Committee Meeting
Monday	14 th	December	Club Night – Christmas BBQ and Social

March Meeting

The meeting on 9 March 2009 will be a talk by FutureTech and a demonstration of equipment that they have on offer.

February Meeting

The February club meeting was an evening of nostalgia. The photographic record of the club from the Clubrooms construction through to the present day was there for viewing. Thanks to Grant ZL1GSM for the work he has put in scanning the old records. Thanks also to the club members present who managed to add names to the photos.

Broadcasting Use of Frequency Band 7.1 to 7.2 MHz

The Radio Licensing News from the Radio Frequency Management section of the Ministry of Economic Development reports that in accordance with ITU Radio Regulations published last year the use of the frequency band 7.1 to 7.2 MHz for broadcasting services will cease after 29 March 2009.

Mini Auction

As usual the Auckland Branch of the NZ Radio DX League held its monthly meeting at 2pm on the last Sunday of the month at the Western Suburbs Radio clubrooms. This one was a little different as a past member of the DX League had left a mixed quantity of radio odds and ends to the branch and an auction was to be held and members of the Western Suburbs Radio Club were invited.

We had a good turnout from both clubs and most of the items were sold. We had a lot of fun and the proceeds; \$160, was donated to the WSRC to go towards the cost of the renovations. Several items were retained for use within the clubrooms. Everyone went home happy and it is hoped the two clubs will again have a joint function on a Saturday during the winter months.

Field Day

The Jock White Memorial Field Day was held over the weekend of Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March. Western Suburbs entered a QRP station this year. Conditions were reasonably good and many contacts were made over the weekend. QRP was a good option over the weekend and on 5 watts contacts were made into the South Island and Australia.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM is scheduled for Monday 13 April 2009.

AGM Agenda

Agenda	Election of Officers
1 Presidents Introduction 2 Apologies 3 Minutes of 2008 AGM 4 Treasurers Report 5 AREC Report 6 Presidents Report 7 Election of Officers 8 General Business	1 President 2 Vice President 3 Treasurer 4 Secretary 5 Four Committee Members 6 Auditor of Accounts 7 Newsletter Editor

Caption Competition



No captions were received so Grant and John get to share the substantial prize that was up for grabs – hihi.

Boyfriends

A good friend of mine warned me that, as my three daughters became old enough to date, I'd disapprove of every young man who took them out. But when the time came, I was pleased that my friend's prediction was wrong. Each boy was pleasant and well mannered. Talking to one of my daughters one day, I said that I liked all the young men she and her sisters brought home. "You know, Dad," she replied, "we don't show you everybody."

Benefits of Being Over Sixty

1. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
2. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.

3. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
4. People call at 9 PM and ask, "Did I wake you?"
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
7. Things you buy now won't wear out.
8. You can eat dinner at 4 P.M.
9. You can live without sex but not without glasses.
10. You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.
11. You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
12. You have a party and the neighbours don't even realize it.
13. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
14. You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.
15. You sing along with elevator music.
16. Your eyes won't get much worse.
17. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
18. You can't remember who sent you this list.

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>

Regards John ZL1NE john.neill@opus.co.nz

6-Mar-09	ZL1ACZ	Barry
13-Mar-09	ZL1WI	Roy
20-Mar-09	ZL1VRR	Ross
27-Mar-09	ZL1MW	Brian
3-Apr-09	ZL1NE	John
10-Apr-09	ZL1ACZ	Barry
17-Apr-09	ZL1WI	Roy
24-Apr-09	ZL1VRR	Ross

Footnote

Sorry about the size of last months newsletter I know it taxed the dial-up stations somewhat. Got a bit carried away with all the good stuff that I had received. This month is quite the opposite and I have scratched to fill the pages. Perhaps you are paying me back. Anyway if you have something of interest, then please send it in. Thanks to those who have done so. Regards, ZL1NE.

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 13th April 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: