



Western Suburbs Radio Club Inc.

April 2009 Newsletter

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Club Calendar

Monday	13 th	April	Club Night - Annual General Meeting
Saturday	18 th	April	AREC Training Papakura
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

April Meeting

The April will be the Annual General Meeting and is to be held on Monday 13th April at 7:30 pm. This is Easter Monday but the committee decided to carry on with the normal meeting time of the second Monday in the month. The agenda is as follows:

Agenda	Election of Officers
1 Presidents Introduction	1 President
2 Apologies	2 Vice President
3 Minutes of 2008 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	

We have nominations for most of the positions but additional committee members are always welcome so as to spread the workload as far as possible.

March Meeting

The March 2009 was talk by FeatureTech and a demonstration of equipment that they have. This was well attended and well received by the members present. FeatureTech frequently advertise in Break-In so be sure to keep an eye out for them and their products.

Report From the AUCKLAND REGIONAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING 31 MARCH 2009.

I, ZL1RCA, attended this meeting together with ZL1GSM. We were enticed by the agenda of business published to be carried out.

Remits were one, that Regional Co-ordinating Committee be put into recess, and two that the combined Auckland Amateur Radio branches host the 2010 NZART Conference.

Present were branches 03, 10, 29, 65, 66 and 86.

Reports were received from the branches. Of note:

Br.10 Junk sale to be held Tues 21st July.

Br. 29 Jumbo bowls trophy April 15th. Classes for licence exam starting soon at 400 East Coast Bays Rd. branch will be participating in Jota at Camp Maynard.

Br.65 Has 50 members! 19 certificates issued for Waitakere Sprint.

Br. 66. seeking sponsorship to pay repeater licences. One sponsor per licence at \$60 approx.

Br. 86 Formulating an award to start in June/ July. QSL cards are available for pick up.

Next Regional Co-ord Meeting Sept 29th.

Remit one: Decided that the Regional Co-ordinating Committee not go into recess but to go to two meetings per year instead of four.

Remit two: That the combined Auckland branches offer to host the 2010 NZART Conference, was passed. ZL1TGC and ZL1DK to form a committee to facilitate. NB No other branches had offered to host the 2010 conference at this stage.

ZL1RCA.

Field Day

Review of the Jock White Memorial Contest Field Day at the VINE-YARD February 28th and March 1st 2009 by Ross ZL1VRR.

Roy and Grant suggested that we run a QRP station for this year's field day so began the planning and putting a team to gather for the weekend. This consisted of Roy ZL1LK, Grant ZL1GSM, Roy ZL1WI, Ian ZL1RCA, Ross ZL1VRR, Paul ZL1JC and Pat ZL1AXB, who helped out for a short break on Sunday afternoon. The weather looked a little unsettled with heavy rain predicted, but after some light rain on Saturday morning, the sun came out and it remained fine for the rest of the weekend. Most of the team stayed over on site and some went back to their own QTH's to sleep.

Our site consisted of the two club tents with two on site sheds to store the gear and house the generator which powered our lights, heat the hot water jug and run the motor home. We ran both 80 metre and 40 metre stations on phone and CW. The Antennae we used were for 80 metres a flat top dipole with ladder line feeder, and for 40 metres a centre feed sloper. The Slopers at the start when we tuned up had good prospects but proved to have moments of good and not so good with only 6 contacts or less per hour. The 80 metre antenna worked fine and the score sheet proved this in the end. Using QRP we ran on some large batteries that Roy ZL1LK supplied and they proved to last the weekend with not much voltage drop.

We all enjoyed ourselves even though some of us had long hours on the microphone.

The final log score was;

80 metres phone contacts 416 c and CW 181 c

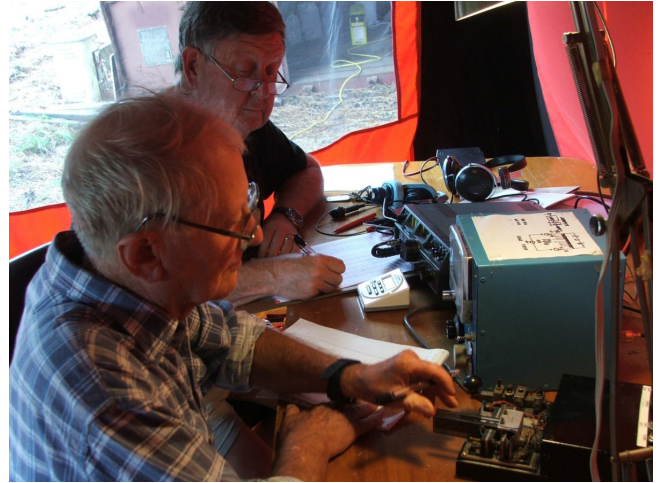
40 metres phone contacts 118 c and CW 61 c

We worked 39 branch multipliers with a total score provisionally of 237,760 for QRP

Thanks to all who assisted in the weekend activities. Pictures over page are courtesy of Roy ZL1LK. More pictures are available on Roy's web site [//www.freewebs.com/rosargo/](http://www.freewebs.com/rosargo/)



The 80 metre QRP station tent



Roy (ZL1WI) at the key and Grant (ZL1GSM) logging at the 80 metre QRP station



Ross (ZL1VRR) logging for Pat (ZL1AXB) at the 40 metre station



Paul (ZL1JC) at the key and Ian (ZL1RCA) logging at the 40 metre QRP station

AREC

Branch 03 - Since last Auckland Section Leaders meeting not much has happened. Assisted Branch 10 Franklin with Radio comms for a horse event out at Waiuku involving Farm, forest and beach terrain. Good coms using the 146.8250 STSP. Thanks to Bob ZL1BBZ and Tom ZL1TO. On 17th January a Saturday morning meeting at 09:30 am at the CDHQ for Waitakere City where we had time to view the radio room with Karl of the Waitakere CD explaining the operations now that the installation of all radios has been completed and running. Brian ZL1MW and Bob ZL1GD check the CD outposts weekly and local regional centres are contacted as conditions allow. HF contact is also made with Wellington. As a Section we have not had any call outs. Numbers are down with our section as we only have three or four able operators. Assisted with Christmas Santa parade Br 66.

AREC Training

There is to be a repeat of the training course given in the last quarter of 2007. This will be held on 18th April 2009 at the Papakura Radio club. If you are interested in attending, then give Ross a call on 629 0504 for further details and to book your spot on the course. The course is highly recommended.

Summer Sprints

The results are available from the Papakura Radio Club website <http://www.qsl.net/zl1vk/>

Radio Classes

Branch 29 at North Shore will be starting Radio Classes on 7th May 2009. If you know anyone interested then get in touch with Branch 29. The classes will be held at the Civil Defence Head Quarters at 400 East Coast Road.

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>

3-Apr-09	ZL1NE	John
10-Apr-09	ZL1ACZ	Barry
17-Apr-09	ZL1WI	Roy
24-Apr-09	ZL1VRR	Ross
1-May-09	ZL1MW	Brian
8-May-09	ZL1NE	John
15-May-09	ZL1ACZ	Barry
22-May-09	ZL1WI	Roy
29-May-09	ZL1VRR	Ross
5-Jun-09	ZL1MW	Brian
12-Jun-09	ZL1NE	John
19-Jun-09	ZL1ACZ	Barry
26-Jun-09	ZL1WI	Roy

A different look at the world!

