



Western Suburbs Radio Club Inc.

April 2010 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	12 th	April	Annual General Meeting – And Club Evening.
Monday	10 th	May	Club Evening – Ian ZL1RCA on his recent Work Trip – To be confirmed.

April Club Night and Annual General Meeting

The April Club Night will be devoted entirely to the AGM and is scheduled for Monday 12 April 2010 at 7:30pm.

Agenda

- 1 Presidents Introduction
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of 2009 AGM
- 4 Treasurers Report
- 5 AREC Report
- 6 Presidents Report
- 7 Election of Officers
- 8 General Business

Election of Officers

- 1 President
- 2 Vice President
- 3 Treasurer
- 4 Secretary
- 5 Four Committee Members
- 6 Auditor of Accounts
- 7 Newsletter Editor

March Meeting

At the March Meeting on the 8th Ross ZL1VRR and Roy ZL1WI gave presentations of on their Field Day operations. During show and tell Barry showed the club members some rare QSL cards and other historical documents. This was followed by a demonstration of a super solder sucker. This is shown in the photograph below. The little contraption below is simply fitted to the end of the vacuum cleaner hose and the suction keeps it in place.



Front View



Rear View

AREC PRS channel 11 is 'Calling and Emergency'

Doing a bit of googling I discovered that three different reputable websites said that PRS channel 11 is intended to be used for calling and > emergency. I'd been curious to know if there was any organised calling/emergency channel (apart from local repeaters) as recent CD exercises and events showed that there were a significant number of PRS radios out there in the general population, and it seemed that promoting such a channel might be helpful to improve the usefulness of these communication assets. For example, including a "Please tune your PRS radio to channel 11 in the event of a Civil Defence emergency" or something like that in CD adverts.

I don't know about other regions, but here in Canterbury the local PRS repeater seems to be a clown magnet and extended listening is damaging to one's sanity, however leaving a radio sitting on channel 11 is far less stressful and likely to be less intrusive.

73, David ZL3AI.

Rally New Zealand and Rally Whangarei dates

Rally New Zealand

Friday 7th May around Whangarei
Saturday 8th May around Franklin
Sunday 9th May around Te Hutewai and Whanga Coast

Rally Whangarei

Friday 2nd July Official start (I guess!!)
Saturday 3rd July around Whangarei
Sunday 4th July around Whangarei

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>

2-Apr-10	ZL1ACZ	Barry
9-Apr-10	ZL1WI	Roy
16-Apr-10	ZL1VRR	Ross
23-Apr-10	ZL1RCA	Ian
30-Apr-10	ZL1MW	Brian
7-May-10	ZL1NE	John
14-May-10	ZL1ACZ	Barry
21-May-10	ZL1WI	Roy
28-May-10	ZL1VRR	Ross