



Western Suburbs Radio Club Inc.

June 2010 Newsletter

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

Club Calendar

Saturday	12 th	June	Club Meeting – Talk by Paul ZL1AX On Radio Related Topics and Ornithology.
Saturday	10 th	July	Club Meeting – RTTY Discussion - to be confirmed.
Saturday	14 th	August	Club Meeting – Receiving TV Programmes From Satellites - to be confirmed.
Saturday	11 th	September	Club Meeting – Programme to be announced.
Monday	11 th	October	Club Evening – Programme to be announced.

June Club Evening

The June club meeting will be on the Saturday 12 May at 10:00 am. There will be a talk by Paul ZL4AX on radio related topics and ornithology.

Saturday Meetings

From June on and for the rest of the winter, club meeting will be held on Saturday Mornings at 10:00 am. This was trialled last year and proved very successful. The club recognises the difficulty in going out on cold winter evenings and will bring as interesting programme as can be arranged for the Saturday meetings and we hope that all can attend.

Club Fees

Club Fees are now due. Please pay promptly either to John ZL1JT at the next Club meeting or by sending your remittance to PO Box 15-122 New Lynn WAITAKERE 0640. Fees are the same as last year at \$30.00 with a discount available for family membership.

NZART Conference

NZART Conference was held over Queens Birthday weekend. Many attended and enjoyed the weekend's activities. There was a trade and radio activities display on Saturday and this received a lot of interest from all. The forums were informative and well attended.

Remits - 1 lost, 2 carried, 3 carried, 4 lost, 5 lost, and 6 carried. The motion to have an entry level licence was debated and was not passed.

Activities at Conference included a talk on Software Defined Radio (SDR) by Ian Ashley ZL1AOX. AREC Calling Frequencies are 3.550, 3.900 and 7.100 MHz all upper side band (USB). There was a talk by Don Spakeman on the recent purchase of a satellite communications system and how it affects their operations. There was a magnificent meal on Saturday evening at which Gary Bold talked on trying to teach CW to the un-teachable and totally disinterested. WARO AGM, KiwiSat project is nearing completion and after this AMSATZL will move to education rather than construction. Fred ZL1BYP gave a presentation on the KiwiSat project. Flight hardware is operational at Massey University to prove the system and give operators a chance to gain experience using the transponders; inputs on 70 cm and 23 cm. Fred is now concentrating on the wiring loom and will negotiate for a launch later in the year. There were forums on Echolink by Nigel ZL1SEA and Digital Modes by Murray ZL1BPU. Overall a very good conference.



Vintage Police Radio Communications



Vintage Radio Display



KiwiSat Display



Trade Display



ZL2SEA Nigel talking about Echolink



ZL1BPU Murray Talking about Digital Modes

AREC

No activity is planned for AREC in the coming month.

Monty Millar Cup

Following my story in April Roy ZL1WI has provided the following:

Dear John,

Re Monty Millar Cup. Monty was a member when I joined the Club in 1948. Monty was later President and under his guidance we raised money and built the Clubrooms.

About 1960 Monty and his family went to live at Pahia, Bay of Islands, where he worked for the old "Fuller Boats."

The Cup in those days was awarded on a points basis, something like 1 point for attending a meeting, 2 points for an AREC activity, 3 points for a working bee and so on up to 10 points for introducing a new member to the Club.

Why we stopped awarding the Cup I do not know, but I think it may have got mislaid!

Monty's Call was ZL1HA.

Roy

Digital Modes

I received this from Oleg DL2IPU. Some of you may be interested in giving it a try. I haven't tried it so you are on your own!

Hello John,

I am Oleg DL2IPU, I saw your contact on ZL1AC page and thought I could invite you and other hams from your branch to use JT65a digital mode on short waves.

Probably you know it already, if not - that is the old good one, used for EME. On HF it is even more reliable than PSK, but still having enough ops willing a QSO, unlike WSPR. You could be a very welcome (and workable) guest in Europe, even in our noisy QTHs.

Since some months, it is simpler than ever to work JT65a, with W6CQZ's new "JT65-HF" program, available here:

<http://groups.google.com/group/jt65-hf> I attached a screenshot from Sunday, just to give you an idea. (Was not attached ed)

There is an accompanying web site, with chat and reporter (reverse beacons) network: <http://jt65.w6cqz.org/> Yet another one is <http://www.chris.org/cgi-bin/jt65talk> If you like other digi modes, <http://hamspots.net/> is a very neat tool for skeds and chat.

Everywhere across these web sites, you'll find a lot of DL and other EU operators, all patient DXers and keen to get some ZLs into their logs. I hope to see you and your fellow hams from your branch one day on my waterfall!

73! de DL2IPU Oleg

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>

4-Jun-10	ZL1RCA	Ian
11-Jun-10	ZL1MW	Brian
18-Jun-10	ZL1NE	John
25-Jun-10	ZL1ACZ	Barry
2-Jul-10	ZL1WI	Roy
9-Jul-10	ZL1VRR	Ross
16-Jul-10	ZL1RCA	Ian
23-Jul-10	ZL1MW	Brian
30-Jul-10	ZL1NE	John



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