



## Western Suburbs Radio Club Inc.

### October 2010 Newsletter

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

### Club Calendar

Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	October	WSRC Used Equipment Sale
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	October	Club Evening Cancelled – Transferred to Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> October
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	November	Branch 86 Musick Point Used Equipment Sale
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	November	Club Outing to Music Point
		December	Club Dinner - Date, Day, Time, Venue to be confirmed. Most likely New Lynn RSA

### October Meeting

The October meeting will be the Junk Sale at Rosebank School on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October; details further on in the newsletter. The decision was taken at the last Saturday Club Meeting to continue with meeting on Saturdays for the time being and to review the situation sometime in the New Year.

### September Club Meeting

The September Club Meeting was a talk and demonstration on D-Star by Ian ZL1RCA. Ian was assisted by Laurie ZL1ICU on the topic. D-Star is a way of transmitting digital data and voice over the 2m, 70cm and 23cm bands. The mode is in its formative stages still and is developing all the time. There are repeaters on ZL1VHD - 438.175 and ZL1ZLD - 439.575 in Auckland. Details of these repeaters and other can be found on the internet at <http://www.dstarusers.org>. You will need to buy a radio capable of transmitting and receiving this mode. Currently some I-Com radios can handle this mode and others are pending. The radios have a small display that will display any data messages such as emails that are transmitted to it. Data speeds are up to 120 kb/sec are possible. Thanks Ian for leading the discussion on D-Star.

### Civil Defence

Every week members of the WSRC attend the Waitakere Civil Defence Headquarters to carry out test transmissions on the Civil Defence equipment. This task is done to ensure that the equipment is in good operating condition at all times. As I reported last month our club members provide this valuable service free to Waitakere Civil Defence and I can now report that Brian ZL1MW and Bob ZL1GD have received further recognition in this work in receiving a Bar to their Volunteer Service Awards received five years ago. Congratulations to Brian and Bob.

### WSRC Used Equipment Sale

The Western Suburbs Used Equipment Sale will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> October at the Rosebank Road School Hall 217 Rosebank Road, Avondale. This is the same venue as last year. Sellers from 8am and buyers from 9am. \$2.00 entry for buyers. The sale will conclude at 12 noon. Floor Spaces are \$10 if pre-paid or \$15 if you pay on the day. To pre-book call IAN (ZL1RCA) 09 814 9597, ROY (ZL1WI) 09 814 9550, ROSS (ZL1VRR) 09 629 0504 or email Ian on [sangsfam@clear.co.nz](mailto:sangsfam@clear.co.nz). Make out cheque to WSRC (Inc) send to P.O. Box 15-122 New Lynn 0640 Waitakere. (Some space may be available at 0800hrs on the day.) There are some Commercial Dealers coming. The cafeteria will have, hot sausages, tea, coffee & biscuits to buy from \$2-50. Even if you are not buying or selling come along for the fun and meet fellow electronic enthusiasts all N.Z.A.R.T. Branches and private vendors are more than welcome to bring as much equipment for sale as they wish all things electrical, electronic, antenna, computer, tool, radio and TV related produce is the basic idea for sale items.

Note to Sellers: As there are limited power outlets available, please bring own power board and leads if required. All un-sold equipment must be removed, at close of sale. The Western Suburbs Radio Club Inc, is a non-profit Amateur Radio club, this sale is the way we raise some funds for our technology projects and upkeep of our facilities. Donations gratefully accepted, receipts available.

John ZL1JT

### Hamfest and Used Equipment Sale.

Musick Point Memorial Station will hold a Hamfest and Used Equipment Sale on Saturday, Nov: 13th 2010; 10-00 Hrs

A huge array of complete equipment and hard to get electronic components plus space for car-boot sales (\$10-00 Pre-registered) as well as an opportunity to visit a very special historical coastal radio station and share some convivial "Hamradeship".

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### Papakura Sprints

The Papakura Sprints are new for 2010. Let's make this Sprint one to remember. Tell everyone about it. Post details on reflectors, club newsletters and talk it up on club nets and the like. The Rules can be found at <http://www.qsl.net/zl1vk>

2010 Contest Periods are

- Phone 1000 to 1100 UTC, on Saturday 6th November 2010
- CW 1000 to 1100 UTC, on Saturday 13th November 2010

### 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>

1-Oct-10	ZL1VRR	Ross
8-Oct-10	ZL1RCA	Ian
15-Oct-10	ZL1MW	Brian
22-Oct-10	ZL1NE	John
29-Oct-10	ZL1ACZ	Barry
5-Nov-10	ZL1WI	Roy
12-Nov-10	ZL1VRR	Ross
19-Nov-10	ZL1RCA	Ian
26-Nov-10	ZL1MW	Brian

### Thoughts

I love the sense of camaraderie when an entire line of cars team up to prevent a jerk from cutting in at the front. Stay strong, brothers and sisters.

I'm always slightly terrified when I exit out of Word and it asks me if I want to save any changes to my ten-page technical report that I swear I did not make any changes to.