



Western Suburbs Radio Club Inc.

August 2011 Newsletter

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HF Club Net Fridays 07:30pm 3.623 MHz

Website <http://www.qsl.net/zl1ac>

Club Calendar

Saturday	9 th	July	Committee Meeting 9:30 am
Saturday	9 th	July	Club Meeting- Vaughan Henderson on Coaxial Cables
Saturday	13 th	August	Hamilton Market Day
Saturday	13 th	August	Club Meeting – 10am Power Supplies and possibly Computer Programmes
Saturday	8 th	October	WSRC Used Equipment Sale
Wednesday	12 th	October	Jumbo Challenge Indoor Bowles

ZL1VRR Silent Key

The club is sad to record the death of Ross ZL1VRR on Wednesday 3 August 2011. Ross died at Auckland Hospital unexpectedly after having been admitted for a heart problem. Ross was a willing club member and worked tirelessly for the club. He was always first to put his hand up when there was a task that needed attention. Ross was on the committee and had been for most of the 20 or so years that he had been a ham. Currently he was Vice President and the AREC Section Leader. Ross was always active at the Field Day Stations and assisted with radio communications at motor Rallies, the Annual Auckland Santa Parade and Horse Endurance events. Ross was diabetic and this condition led to kidney failure and the need to be on dialysis for the last 10 years. This only slowed him a little and by buying a motor home he managed to carry on most of the activities that he enjoyed by taking his kitchen and bathroom with him. Ross's death notice is reproduced below.

***REDDELL, Ross William.** Passed away unexpectedly on 3 August 2011. At Auckland City Hospital. Aged 65 years. Dearly loved husband of Betti and only son of the late Eric and Esme. A celebration of Ross's life will be held at Terry St Bible Chapel, 158 Terry St, Blockhouse Bay on Monday 8 August at 1.30pm. In lieu of flowers a donation to the Bible Society of NZ, Box 27-901, Marion Square, Wellington or left at the church would be appreciated. Communications to PO Box 48041 Blockhouse Bay 0644. In the presence of his Lord where there is no more sickness and suffering.*

August Meeting

The Hamilton Market Day is on Saturday 13th and a number of the Club Members will attend this. However the normal Club meeting scheduled for this day will go ahead as planned however we expect it to be a relatively small meeting. Planned is a discussion on power supplies and Roy ZL1Wi will demonstrate a power supply that he has constructed to power his 2-metre transceiver. There is also a possibility that computer programmes will be discussed. There will no committee meeting this month.

July Meeting

The July meeting was a talk by Vaughan Henderson on Coaxial Cables. Vaughan gave us a very interesting talk from his extensive knowledge of coaxial cables and connectors. Vaughan talked about the development of Coax from the early days and of some of the failures. He described how the impedance of the cable varies depending on the diameters of the inner and outer layers. Vaughan passed around samples of many different types of coax and described the properties of each. He gave practical experiences of installing and trouble shooting on installations. Skin effect was well described with a diagram that grabbed our attention before getting into detail. Thanks Vaughan for a very informative talk.

AREC

No AREC activities are planned; however there will need to be a meeting this month to appoint a new section leader.

Hamilton Market Day

Saturday August 13th, 2011

**Hamilton Table Tennis Club Rooms
Edgecumbe Street, Hamilton**

**Vendors from 8.00 am
Buyers from 10.00 am**

**Table space at \$20 per metre pre-paid
\$25 per metre on the day
Refreshments available on site**

**Mail enquiries to: Market Day, Hamilton Amateur Radio Club,
PO Box 606, Hamilton**

E-mail: harcmday@nzart.org.nz

Web: z11ux.tripod.com/market_day.html

WSRC used Equipment

The Club will be holding its usual Used Equipment Sale on Saturday 8th October. The venue will most likely be the Rosebank School Hall as usual but this will be confirmed in a later newsletter. At this stage we are looking for goods to sell. A letter will shortly be sent to prospective vendors. The price of tables remains the same at possible \$10.00. The usual canteen supplying sausages, tea, coffee and biscuits will be in operation.

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/z11ac/wsrc-hf-roster.html>

5-Aug-11	ZL1MW	Brian
12-Aug-11	ZL1NE	John
19-Aug-11	ZL1ACZ	Barry
26-Aug-11	ZL1WI	Roy
2-Sep-11	ZL1NE	John
9-Sep-11	ZL1RCA	Ian
16-Sep-11	ZL1MW	Brian
23-Sep-11	ZL1NE	John
30-Sep-11	ZL1ACZ	Barry
7-Oct-11	ZL1WI	Roy

Newsletter By Email

Would you like to receive the newsletter by email. If so send a request to john.neill@opus.co.nz. By doing this you will get the newsletter a few days earlier and in colour. You will also be assisting the club in keeping expenses down.