



Western Suburbs Radio Club Inc.

Mach 2012 Newsletter

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 HF Club Net Fridays 07:30pm 3.623 MHz

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

Club Calendar

Saturday	10 th	March	Club Meeting - Amateur Radio Day Display at Jaycar New Lynn.
Saturday	14 th	April	Committee Meeting
Saturday	14 th	April	Club Meeting – Annual General Meeting
Saturday	12 th	May	Remits and Possible Visit by ZL1TGC – To be confirmed
Saturday	9 th	June	Committee Meeting
Saturday	9 th	June	Club Meeting - ACARS
Wednesday	11 th	July	Mid-Winter Club Dinner
Saturday	14 th	July	Committee Meeting
Saturday	14 th	July	Club Meeting – Programme to be Confirmed
Saturday	11 th	August	Committee Meeting
Saturday	11 th	August	Club Meeting - Marine Navigation by ZL1JT
Saturday	8 th	September	Committee Meeting
Saturday	8 th	September	Club Meeting – Programme to be Confirmed
Saturday	13 th	October	WSRC Used Equipment Sale
Saturday	10 th	November	Committee Meeting
Saturday	10 th	November	Club Meeting – Programme to be Confirmed
Wednesday	12 th	December	Christmas Dinner at the New Lynn RSA

March Meeting

The March Meeting will be devoted to World Amateur Radio Day and the Club will have a display at Jaycar in New Lynn. Jaycar are situated almost across the road being just at the northern abutment of the Whau Bridge. The dates I had in the last newsletter were incorrect and I hope this has not inconvenienced anyone. In addition to the display at Jaycar, the clubrooms will be open and some minor maintenance will be undertaken by the club members not involved in the display. No committee meeting this month.

February Meeting

The February meeting was largely a business meeting. The programme for the coming weeks was discussed and the Club activities sorted as far as possible. The business side of the meeting was followed by a DVD of Bread Making, Golf Ball manufacture, and Tyre manufacturing. This was not the DVD that was planned but one that Merv ZL1SK just happened to have with him and saved the day when the intended DVD would not play in the DVD player that we had.

Field Day

We participated in another successful field day this year. The venue was Steve Sapich's Vineyard as usual in the west. This year we managed 86,500 points using 80 metres only. This was up from last year's total of 75000 points and was due to achieving more contacts and one more branch. The photo's below indicate the activity.



General View of the Field Day Site



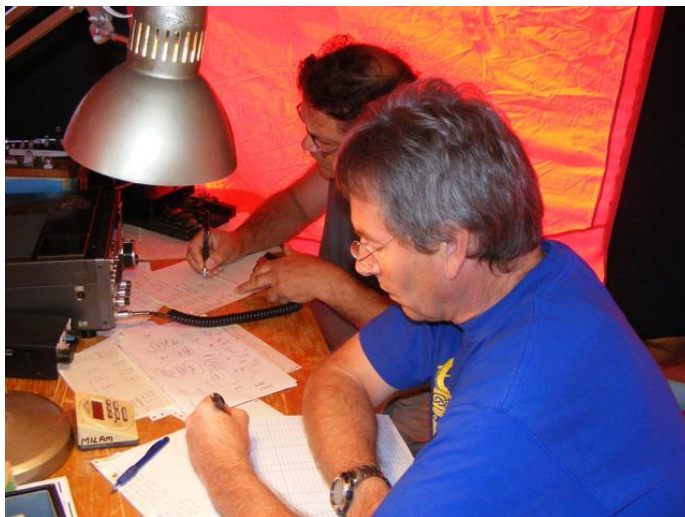
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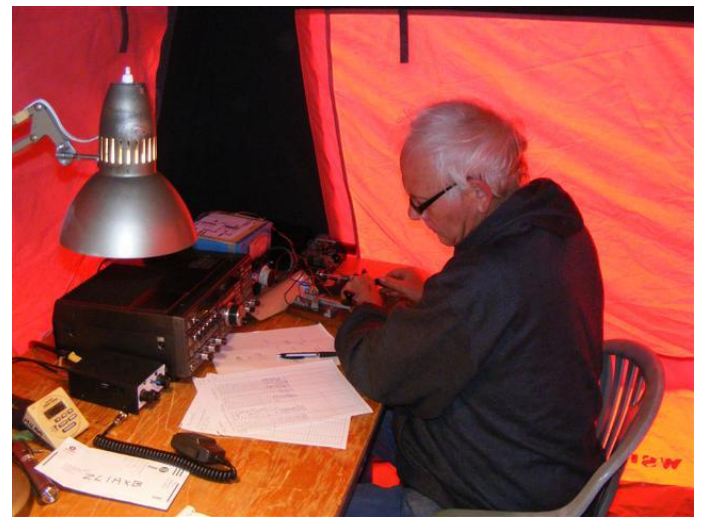
80-meter Phone Operators Ian ZL1RCA and Nilan ZL1SLK



80-metre CW operators Paul ZL1JC and Roy ZL1WI



Roy ZL1LK and David ZL1ADR on 80-metres Phone



Paul ZL1JC on 80-metres CW

Paengaroa Used Equipment Sale

Some of the Club members ventured south in what was forecast to be atrocious weather to visit the Paengaroa Junk Sale. A weather Bomb was forecast which did hit but the worst of the storm passed to the south of this area. Paengaroa is near Te

Puke. From the photographs below the sale is much like our on Western Suburbs Sale. The weather forecast had an effect on this sale and a number of the Vendors didn't make it and possibly buyers as well.



April Meeting

The April Meeting on the 14th will be the Annual General Meeting. This will commence at 10:00 am. The agenda is as follows:

Agenda	Election of Officers
1 Presidents Introduction	1 President
2 Apologies	2 Vice President
3 Minutes of 2011 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	

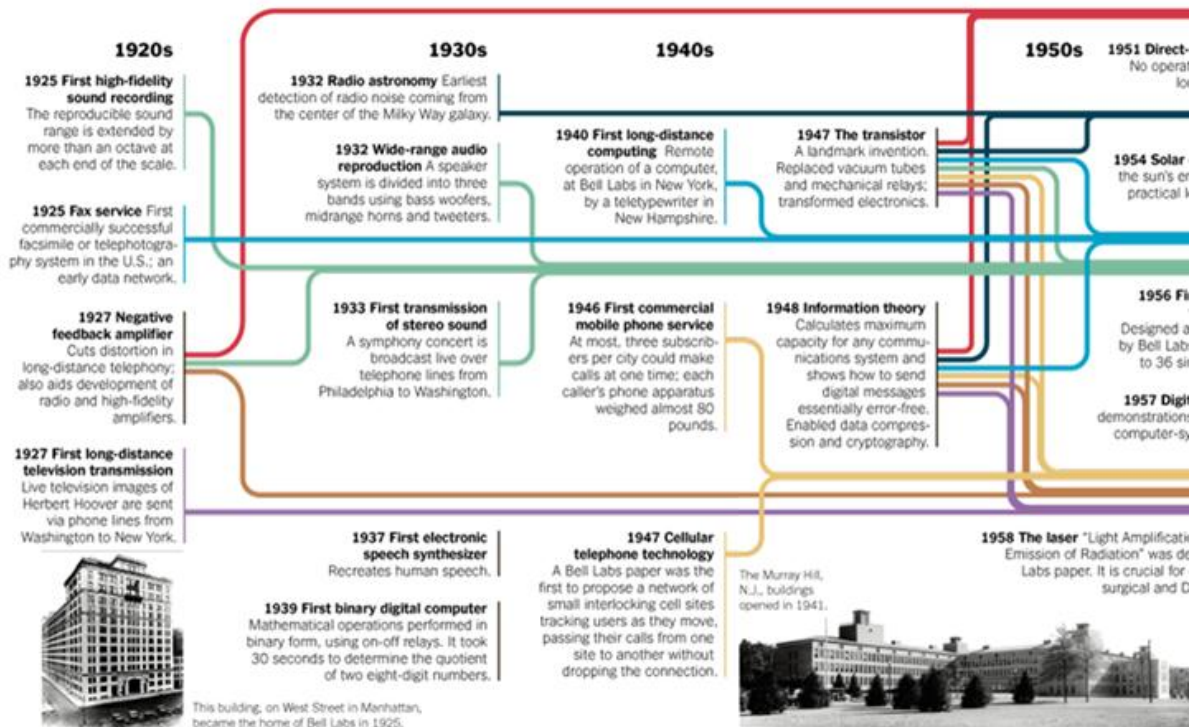
Club Nets

<p>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</p> <p>We are considering a new frequency for the HF Net as the frequency we are using can be very noisy for some of the Club Members who regularly call in. an announcement ill be made in due course. In the meantime we will continue to use 3.623KHz</p>	9-Mar-12	ZL1WI	Roy
	16-Mar-12	ZL1NE	John
	23-Mar-12	ZL1RCA	Ian
	30-Mar-12	ZL1MW	Brian
	6-Apr-12	ZL1ACZ	Barry
	13-Apr-12	ZL1WI	Roy
	20-Apr-12	ZL1NE	John
	27-Apr-12	ZL1RCA	Ian
	4-May-12	ZL1MW	Brian

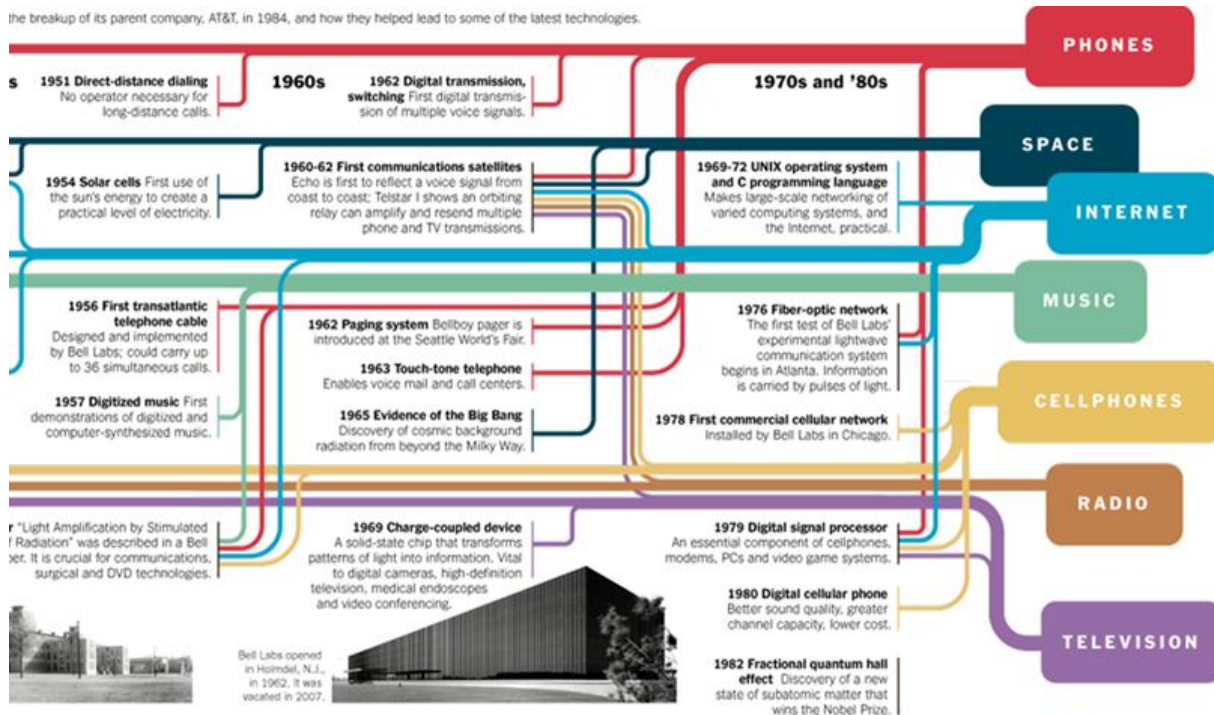
Bell Labs – A hive of Invention

Maurie ZLIFK has sent to me details of this most interesting website. Reproduced below (I had to break in half and I hope you can read it) is a summary of the development of radio and digital communications. The full story can be read at:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/26/opinion/sunday/innovation-and-the-bell-labs-miracle.html>



A selection of its most important innovations in the decades leading to the breakup of its parent company, AT&T, in 1984, and how they helped lead to some of the latest technologies.



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