



Western Suburbs Radio Club Inc.

March 2013 Newsletter

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 HF Club Net Fridays 07:30pm 3.650 MHz
 Website <http://www.qsl.net/zl1ac>

Club Calendar

Saturday	23 rd	March	Committee Meeting – 9:00am
Saturday	23 rd	March	Club Meeting 10:00am – Equipment Working Bee
Saturday	27 th	April	Committee Meeting – 9:00am
Saturday	27 th	April	Annual General Meeting at 10:00am followed by Club Meeting

March Meeting

The March Meeting is on the 23rd. A simple programme where we will check over the equipment used for field day and stow it safely until it is needed next time. We also plan to check the AREC equipment to make sure all is working. This programme should give us plenty of time for a decent rag-chew.

HF Field Day

This year we had the field day at the Sapich Vineyard at 150 Forrest Hill Rd. Some club members had a little difficulty in finding the site, so if we use that site next year we will have a better map of the actual site so that it is easier to find.

We had two tents where 40 and 80-metre stations were set up. We worked CW and Phone at both stations. About 20 -30 contacts were made each hour on each band and our numbers tally seemed to be keeping pace with other stations around the country. Results will be out shortly, hopefully in time for the next newsletter.

The weather was just right – pleasantly warm and no rain. But then there is a drought on, which as I write this on Sunday morning 17th, may be broken before the day is done. Fingers crossed.

The site is really very pleasant being just at the edge of the grape vines and in amongst some tall pine trees which made admirable antenna poles. There are a few photos of the site and the Field Day activity at the end of this newsletter.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday the 27th April at the Clubrooms, 3000 Great North Road New Lynn 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 2012 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

VHF Net 146.525 MHz 7:30pm every Wednesday, HF Net 3650 KHz +/- QRM/QRN 7:30pm every Friday. All are welcome to check in on the nets.	22-Mar-13	ZL2ATZ	Tony
	29-Mar-13	ZL1WI	Roy
The HF Net roster is opposite. The full HF Net roster can be found on: http://www.qsl.net/zl1ac/wsrc-hf-roster.pdf	5-Apr-13	ZL1NE	John
	12-Apr-13	ZL1RCA	Ian
Note – until Tony has his station up and running, see below, it will be necessary for one of the other people on the roster to step in for him.	19-Apr-13	ZL1MW	Brian
	26-Apr-13	ZL2ATZ	Tony
	3-May-13	ZL1WI	Roy
	10-May-13	ZL1NE	John
	17-May-13	ZL1RCA	Ian
	24-May-13	ZL1MW	Brian
	31-May-13	ZL2ATZ	Tony

ZL2ATZ (Tony) QTH SHIFT

Tony ZL2ATZ has moved his QTH to Mangawhai. He will be off the air as a result for a few weeks until he can get settled into the new house and find some time to set up his antennas. Tony may be contactable in the meantime on tonystroobant@orcon.net.nz. Tony's message is as follows:

I am shifting QTH from Blockhouse Bay up to Mangawhai over the next couple of months in order to better care for mum (aged 94), and to be closer to family already up there.

The HF & VHF rigs have already been dismantled.

The sorting and packing is no fun!

But expect me to pop up unexpectedly on the Friday night net sometime soon - provided an aerial, the matching unit and everything else can be got working at the new QTH!

And I'll see you, for sure, at the next Branch 03 junk sale!

Many thanks for the hospitality and help of the WSRC over the past couple of years- especially to Ian, ZL1RCA, who has been largely instrumental in getting me back on the air after three decades.

I have no idea what local ham fellowship, if any, exists up at Mangawhai- but I guess I'll find out!

Anyway, a slightly more distant QTH will make ham radio all the more meaningful if I am eventually able to join in the Friday night net with my antique rigs. Not to mention my antique self!

73s to all for now.

Tony ZL2ATZ

AREC

There was an AREC Section leaders meeting at the Papakura Club on the 28th February. ZL1NE attended on behalf of Branch 03.

Field Day Photos



Looking towards Auckland Central from the field day site.



The generator used for 40-metres.



Roy ZL1WI operating CW and Roy ZL1LK Booking on 80-metres.



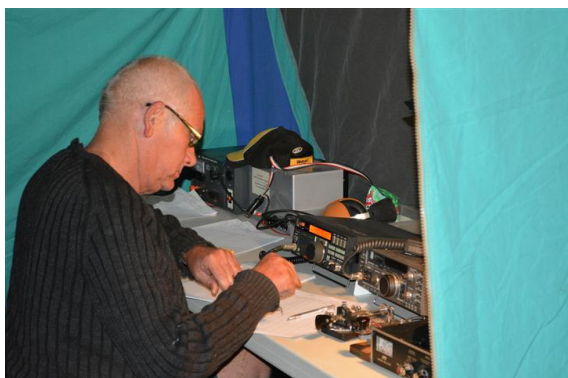
Roy ZL1WI on CW at the 80-metre station.



Ian ZL1RCA starting a ½ hour phone shift on 40-metres.



Searching for a Station on 40-metres.



Paul ZL1JC operating 40-metre CW.



Grant ZL1GSM and Roy ZL1WI operating 80-metres phone.



You may just be able to make out the 40-metre dipole just above the top of the trees (centre vertical). The big white line starting bottom-left is the coax.



The 80-metre dipole is in there somewhere!



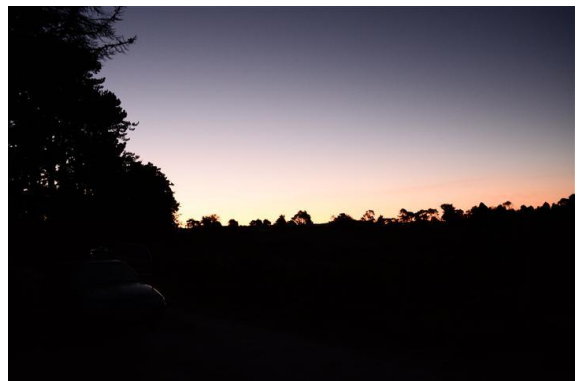
The 40-metre tent at night.



The 80-metre tent at night.



The full moon assisted night operations



Dusk looking west.



Plenty of shade during the hot part of the day.



I think the birds beat us to the grapes on this vine!