



Western Suburbs Radio Club Inc.

May 2014 Newsletter

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

Club Calendar

Tuesday	20 th	May	AREC Section Meeting 7:30 pm at WSRC Clubroom
Saturday	24 th	May	Committee Meeting 9:00 am
Saturday	24 th	May	Club Meeting 10:00 am Phil, ZL1KAT, Talk on Radio Controlled Model Aircraft.
Friday	30 th	May	NZART Convention
Saturday	31 st	May	NZART Convention
Sunday	1 st	June	NZART Convention
Wednesday	18 th	June	Mid-Winter Dinner at the New Lynn RSA
Saturday	28 th	June	Committee Meeting 9:00 am
Saturday	28 th	June	Club Meeting 10:00 am – Programme to be announced
Saturday	26 th	July	Committee Meeting 9:00 am
Saturday	26 th	July	Club Meeting 10:00 am – Programme to be announced
Saturday	23 rd	August	Committee Meeting 9:00 am
Saturday	23 rd	August	Club Meeting 10:00 am – Programme to be announced
Saturday	27 th	September	Committee Meeting 9:00 am
Saturday	27 th	September	Club Meeting 10:00 am – Programme to be announced
Saturday	25 th	October	Committee Meeting 9:00 am
Saturday	25 th	October	Club Meeting 10:00 am – Programme to be announced
Saturday	1 st	November	WSRC Used Equipment Sale – Date to be confirmed
Wednesday	17 th	December	Christmas Dinner at the New Lynn RSA – Date to be confirmed

May Meeting

The May meeting will be a talk by Phil, ZL1KAT, on model aircraft and the radio control of model aircraft. This promises to be a fascinating talk as the model aircraft have become very sophisticated in recent years.

April Meeting – AGM

The April meeting on the 26th was the Annual General meeting. Reports were received from the President, Treasurer, and the AREC Section Leader. The election of officers resulted in one change to the committee. Brian Huggard, ZL1MW, has stepped down and Phil, ZL1KAT, has joined. We thank Brian for his many years of loyal service and welcome Phil to the committee.

The club fees were set at the meeting and there is no change from the previous year. Fees are now due and should be paid to the treasurer as soon as you can please. There is a payment slip included at the end of this news letter to assist in this process.

Presidents Report

It has been a year of steady progress for the Branch. The success of the Saturday morning meetings, preceded by the committee meetings continues. Membership is steady. The Treasurer can report on that. Highlight for us is the successful negotiations with Auckland Council Parks and Reserves. We are approved now for a 10-year lease with a 10-year right of renewal. Our cost has been getting the public liability insurance for \$2m at a cost of \$500.00 per year. We have our driveway and parking area metalled, also the grass is cut regularly. The chain across the entrance keeps the parking and driveway area in much better condition. A working bee has successfully repainted the clubrooms. We have a good used equipment sale at a stable and suitable site and it will be repeated. It is a valuable part of our funding for each year. After a request, the AREC branch mobilised and provided communications over very difficult terrain for the Hillary ultra-distance running event. An 80km run

through the Waitakere bush and up the west coast, starting at Arataki and ending at Muriwai. This was accomplished using only the resources of Branch 03. Field Day was entered into from our usual site. 80m and 40m were operated. Results are not yet known.

*Ian ZLIRCA
President WSRC*

AREC Report

I have taken over as Section Leader during the year. It has been a busy time with the Hillary Challenge run communications. The Hillary Challenge gave the group the opportunity to demonstrate our capabilities. Good team spirit eventuated from this activity. We regularly attend the Auckland Region AREC Section Leaders meetings and attend the on-air monthly meetings when possible. The group has a good amount of radio and accessory equipment. This is regularly checked so that it is ready for use should the need arise. I would like to thank all members for their assistance and support and special thanks to Merv Thomas, ZLISK, for his support and administration of the group. I would also like to thank Grant, ZLIGSM and Ian ZLIRCA for assistance in carrying out the Radio checks at Elcoat Civil Defence Head Quarters. Unfortunately this centre has been closed and this service is no longer required.

*John Neill ZLINE/ZK1EK
AREC Section Leader*

Club Grounds and Parking

The committee requests that members do not drive or park on the grassed areas. This particularly important as the wet weather approaches. Auckland Council maintains the grassed areas for us and deep wheel ruts that will result when the ground gets soft will make this task more difficult for them. Please only drive and park on the metaled areas. This may mean that some people will need to park on the roads nearby.

Mid-Winter Dinner

This is to be held at the New Lynn RSA on Wednesday 18 June 2014 at around 6:30 pm. A table has been reserved for the club. Partners are most welcome. Do come along and enjoy the meal and the company of other club members and their partners.

Junk Sale

The junk sale will be on the 1 November 2014 (date to be confirmed). This is advance notice as we need to collect saleable items for the club table. Go through the ham shack and the workshop and see what is collecting dust. If it is covered in dust, then you may not need it any longer. Maybe you could donate it to the club to assist in raising funds for the club.

Assistance Required For ZL1IA Antenna Installation

The antenna installation at Ivan's place unfortunately had to be postponed due to insufficient people being available to assist on the chosen date. We will discuss a new time at the next club meeting. The project is to install a new antenna on an existing mast. This will involve lowering the tower, installing the new antenna and then raising the tower again. The trees that were in the way have been trimmed and the tower can now be lowered. The antenna is a hexagonal beam. Details of this antenna can be found on <http://k4kio.com/home.html>. The antenna takes around 1 hour to assemble. There are three coaxial cables going up the mast. The VHF/UHF antenna up there now will have to be relocated, maybe onto the pole which has the, now not used, TV antenna. Some tools will be required. There is room for 6 cars on site. If you are able to assist please let Grant or Phil know at the next club meeting.

Grant ZLIGSM

NZART CONFERENCE 2014

Queen's Birthday Weekend May 30 – 1 June

The Marlborough Convention Centre and adjacent Old Marlborough Club 42 Alfred St. Blenheim.
The Marlborough branch of NZART would love to see you for a great weekend but please note that a \$40 penalty for late registrations will be enforced after May 16.

Please see the NZART web page <http://www.nzart.org.nz/> for more information and the registration form

STOP PRESS: Icom New Zealand have very kindly donated an Icom IC-5100D for us to raffle at conference. Icom NZ will also be bringing Theo Kalkandis VK3AP, Icom Australia's amateur radio products manager, who will be giving a presentation and demonstration of D STAR during the Sunday forums.

Stuart Watchman
ZL2TW

Where is Your Data Going?

Eric ZL1EIR has found this website to assist in managing your broadband and smartphone data usage. Give it a try. I haven't tried it myself but see how you go.

<http://netusage.iau5.com/>

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.

The HF Net roster is opposite. The full HF Net roster can be found on:

<http://www.qsl.net/zl1ac/wsrc-hf-roster.pdf>

23-May-14	ZL1NE	John
30-May-14	ZL1RCA	Ian
6-Jun-14	ZL1MW	Brian
13-Jun-14	ZL1WI	Roy
20-Jun-14	ZL1NE	John
27-Jun-14	ZL1RCA	Ian
4-Jul-14	ZL1MW	Brian
11-Jul-14	ZL1WI	Roy
18-Jul-14	ZL1NE	John
25-Jul-14	ZL1RCA	Ian

If you have not checked in on either of these two nets, please do so. It is a great way to build friendships, keep abreast of events happening at the club and gives practical hands on operating practice.

Newsletter By Email

Most club members receive the newsletter by email and there are just a few paper copies mailed out each month. If you are able to receive the newsletters by email and are not doing so, could you please consider receiving it this way? By doing this you will be saving club funds allowing the funds to be spent elsewhere, reduce the time taken printing and mailing the copies, and ensure that delays in delivery through the postal system do not affect you. Of course, if you don't have email the club is more than happy to continue sending paper copies.

Club Fees

Club Fees are Now Due. Please send your payment to:

Western Suburbs Radio Club
3000 Great North Road
PO Box 15-122
New Lynn
WAITAKERE 0640

Or pay the Secretary at the next meeting.

NAME _____

Callsign _____

Please Tick	Standard Membership	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$30.00
	Family Membership	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$35.00
	Rural Membership	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00
	Total Paid		_____

Alternatively you may wish to transfer your payment directly to the club by means of electronic banking.

The clubs bank account number is 000451 0201841 0030318 00. Please add your "Call Sign" and the words "Club Fees" as a reference.