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MEETINGS: The club meets on the third Tuesday each month, in the clubrooms, Stadium Drive Pukekohe, 7.30 pm.

The committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month (excepting January) at 7.30 pm in the clubrooms.
 Subscriptions \$20.00, family \$30.00.
 Nets every Sunday at 9.00 am on 3.700 MHz and 9.30 am on the 146.900 MHz repeater. 2 metre frequencies are 145.775 MHz, then 146.625 MHz, and 146.900 simplex if repeaters off air.
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Franklin Junk Sale

The 2019 sale is now behind us. Thanks to the vendors and buyers who have once again supported this annual event on the third Tuesday of July.

Sales Conductor Ted was in fine form, and kept at his task for more than three hours. A public address system helped Ted to keep his voice, along with a regular supply of water. All attending were ready for supper by 10.30 pm so the plug was pulled before all lots had reached the hammer. There is already the nucleus of an offering for next year's sale.

The club share of the evening amounted to over \$600, which will go a long way toward the insurance bill for the year.

Below: Facing the camera in the distance are some of the key club members whose job it was to keep proceedings flowing as smoothly as possible. Left to right: Ian ZL1PZ, Ted ZL1BQA, Gary ZL1WGL and Mike ZL1UOM



Club Notice Board

General meeting, Tuesday 20 August

After formal business we will have a talk and presentation by our member Peter ZL1PJH. The topic is network cards and draws on Peter's experience in maintaining computer networks in schools.

Day-Night car rally, Saturday 24 August

Franklin is supplying two stations for safety communications.

Hamilton Market Day, Saturday 31 August

The sale is at Gordonton Hall and runs from 10am. See advertisement on Page 3.

AREC news

Auckland LandSAR – There will be a significant Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) in September. The scenario will have a maritime basis with multiple casualties after a simulated boat rollover on the Manukau Bar. Control will start off manually then introduce the computer system SARTrack. Marine Rescue Centre will be the headquarters, with Operations based at Onehunga Wharf. Multiple repeaters will be used with a mix of channels and locations including temporary sites.

As always, if as amateurs, members hear traffic for the exercise on amateur channels then the AREC personnel would appreciate being given priority. And with other organizations in the wings the reputation of amateurs for courteous operating practices is encouraged.

Bombay Repeater site – Two separate companies have duties; one for maintenance work at the site, and the other has health and safety responsibility. The issue at the repeater is likely to be the antenna cable lighting arrestor. Other items will be checked. It could be months till all the ducks are lined up.



There was no general meeting in July.

The junk sale was conducted in its place.
Below is a view of proceedings.



Minutes of Franklin Amateur Radio Club (Inc) Committee Meeting held in the Clubrooms Stadium Drive Pukekohe on 6 August 2019

Chairman Mike ZL1UOM opened the meeting at 1933 hours.

Attendance: ZL1UOM, ZL1TO, ZL1WGL, ZL1PJH, ZL1ULK, ZL1BQA

Minutes: The minutes of the July meeting were approved as a true record. ZL1BQA / ZL1WGL

Correspondence:

Newsletters from branches 29, 65

IRD. Reminder to get annual return in.

Report on correspondence received ZL1TO / ZL1BQA

Finance.

Received: \$1040.70 (Net proceeds junk sale and raffle on the night)

\$20.00 Subscription

Payments: Contact Energy \$57.82 (paid 1 August)

Watercare \$7.70

To pay: Watercare \$4.62 (An overestimate but recommended we pay to keep in credit – by sending \$10)

Estate 1 (junk sale) \$92.00 Estate 2 (junk sale) \$262.00

Vendor (junk sale) \$18.00

We need to check that goods sold on behalf have no errors.

Bills to be paid (3 of junk sale) and watercare (\$10)

ZL1TO / ZL1WGL

The finance report was received.

ZL1TO / ZL1UOM

Bob Holt had questioned why the amplifier and loudspeaker he had on offer with a \$100 reserve was not in the clubhouse when he checked some days later. The sales book shows it went for \$40 and Bob had accepted payment on the night. ZL1BQA will take the top copy of the sales docket to Bob.

Reports:

AREC: Day night rally Saturday 24 August, will involve ZL1PJH with ZL1BBZ second operator, and ZL1TO.

Reminder of Franklin Positive Ageing Expo. 18 October. Helpers will include ZL1PJH, ZL1ULK, ZL1TO, ZL1LL and ZL1WGL will be nearby.

Peter Dingley of Auckland Council has delivered a key to the new padlock. We have just one key. It is kept on the key hook with the others. The key can not be removed until the padlock is engaged again.

The Pukekohe Performing Arts has had an incidence of graffiti with *CREEPZ* appearing on the back wall. The same tag has been on one of the benches backing our back yard.

Topics at next club nights:

August: Network cards by ZL1PJH. Web site maker recommended is shown at the bottom of www.qsl.net/zl1sa Some members asked if Peter could extend his talk to giving guidance on setting up a web site.

The meeting closed at 2108 hours.

03: Topic for 24 August – video comparing G5RV and ZS6BKW antennas; introduction to FT8. Successful bring and show evening illustrated with good photographs. Article on WSPR. Welcome to Robbie ZL1NZR. Sale 2 November.

12: Preparing for Market Day. Solar weather report. South African Radio League (SARL) requests for clarification of French proposal for 2m band. High energy electrons from Earth's "bow wave".

29: Speaker, 8 August, Jim Hefkey of AU Centre for Space Research. International Lighthouse weekend 17-18 August at Tiritiri Matangi. JOTA 20-21 October at Camp Maynard. Four exam passes in June. Report on fox hunt in Austria. Report on sale 20 July. Amateur radio cartoon by Neville Lodge. Advertisement for Hamilton Market Day 31 August.

65: Warren ZL2AJ (new NZART Vice President) to speak about SOTA 7 August. Hamilton sale 31 August. Lighthouse weekend 17 August. Ham exam classes. Perseid meteor show around 14 August. Article on battery chargers for lead acid batteries. Intentional interference on ham bands. NZART response to French 2m proposal.

A Banking scam?

When one looks through the committee minutes, admitted they are dull reading. However the committee does sort out problems with the world as well. Your Editor mentioned to the group a peculiar survey that arrived at our home address a couple of days back.

The covering letter, with Reserve Bank Logo and signed by their Banking Manager encouraged recipients to answer a 12 page survey. The questions became more personal, finally asking how much cash we had in our wallet at the moment.

All the committee reckoned this was a scam.

The next day I checked the given return Post Office Box and the telephone number. These did not match the data from the Reserve Bank's web site, so I thought, that being a public spirited chap, I would warn the Banking Manager that they were supposedly behind a scam. On the phone the Banking Manager knew nothing of the letter that he had signed.

A few minutes later a member of the bank's "team" phoned back to say that the survey was for real, and would we please fill it in.

It turns out that people selected at random from the electoral rolls have been approached to provide views on the "future of cash". How odd. The people most likely to be in favour of keeping cash were deliberately left out of the survey. How many children are on the electoral roll? And the homeless?

What do you bet that the survey was really on just how gullible are Kiwis when presented with a banking scam?

[Editor]

66: Cover photo - presentation on Software Defined Radio. Next meeting to hear Warren ZL2AJ on Summits on the Air. Hamilton Market Day 31 August. Coastguard nowcasting removed from Klondyke. Result of VHF-UHF-SHF-EHF contest. World wide repeater book at <https://repeaterbook.com/> NZART response to French proposal for 2m band allocation.

80: Net proposed 3685 kHz 8 pm Mondays. Mid-winter diner 17 August. Earth station project. Kiwisat plans.

86: Cataloguing 500 different types of valve at the station. The DStar G-3 system. Intentional interference. QSL Bureau call for envelopes. Photos of 80 m operating desk.

Wanted

Parts wanted for an ARB receiver as used in US Navy aircraft. Phone 021 07 57315 if you can help.

The Jumbo Challenge.

The next date for this activity is 2 October.

All branches are invited to send teams to take part in this activity. It is an indoor bowling competition, in association with the Albany Indoor Bowling club. The trophy, presently held by Branch 80, is a wooden plinth with 2 elephant figures on it. And a 3-element beam.

Location: King George V Coronation Hall,
Library Lane, Albany, North Shore.

Start time: 7.30 p.m. Supper will be provided.



Hamilton Amateur Radio Club

MARKET DAY

When: Saturday, 31 August 2019
Selling commences at 10.00am

Where: Gordonton Hall
1024 Gordonton Rd
Gordonton

Entry: Free

Food and refreshments will be available

On sale will be -

Second hand Amateur Radio equipment

Second hand radio & electronic components

Second hand computer equipment

