



Committee

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Web page: www.qsl.net/zl1sa/

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

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 (controller ZL1UOM) and 9.30 am on the 146.900 MHz repeater (controller ZL1PZ). Other 2 metre frequencies are 145.775 MHz, 146.625 MHz, and 146.900 simplex if repeaters off air.

Newsletter: Editor Peter ZL1PJH pjh@teachlit.com
A copy is sent to members and clubs in the Auckland area. Sent free of obligation by e-mail to anyone interested.

Jock White Field Day

Thanks everyone for a successful and satisfying JWFD contest experience over the weekend of Feb 26 and 27. Tom ZL1TO, Steve ZL1TZP, Mike ZL1UOM and Peter ZL1PJH met at the Clubhouse at 10 am Saturday to sort equipment and load the trailer. At Gary's farm we struggled to untangle the coiled-up 80 and 40 metre dipoles. A 28 degree temperature, an almost cloud-free sky and dry air pushed us to get inside our porta cabin and start transmitting.

We don't have competition results yet but if you count enthusiasm and graft we deserve to win. Durlene ZL1ULK, Cliff ZL1RP and Gary ZL1WGL joined us to take shift after shift of phono contesting. Peter and Tom applied their recently acquired CW skills and worked their paddles. In between contest bouts, Tom immersed himself in the dark art of multipliers. He was pleased to discover we were one of only four clubs in the North Island who attempted both phone and CW on 80 and 40 metres.



Durlene ZL1ULK Tom ZL1TO



Steve ZL1TZP

Club Notice Board

Next General meeting: Tuesday 15 March

We meet at the clubhouse and on Zoom at 1930 hours. Visitors welcome. If attending face-to-face, please bring along a vax pass or card and a mask. Zoom details are the same for every meeting and are available from Peter.

We are pleased to have a Panuku representative coming to our general meeting on 15 March. Panuku manage the Auckland Council area surrounding our clubhouse. We will listen to the visitor talk about our written response of 1 November 2021.

Future Meetings

Maurie Ogden ZL1UTL has worked on model boat displays for a number of years and has agreed to give a chat to the club on his model boat building experience. We expect Maurie will join our meeting using Zoom and the SHARE SCREEN facility for either the April or May meeting.

Daily 2M Net

Hams from several Auckland groups meet on 146.900 MHz Bombay repeater (690) at 0830 Monday to Saturday. There is also a sizable listening community who TX at times when the subject matter prompts them to share their expertise. A third group - listen-only members - also participate in the net and make their views known to one or other TX members by email or phone call. Thank you all 690 members, for the interests and enthusiasms you bring with you to the net.

OTHER CLUB NEWSLETTER ITEMS...

Branch 3 Western Suburbs Radio Club – The March meeting on the 26th will be an Antenna Workshop lead by Tony, ZL1TLC, on the construction of a Flowerpot Antenna.

Branches 13/25 Napier/Hastings combined clubs newsletter article – See Eric's multi-voltage bench power supply using a recycled computer power supply.

Branch 65 Papakura Radio Club – Dave ZL1MR applies his sleuthing skills to fixing a complex modern Transceiver

More from Branch 65: Dave ZL1DK - Morse training continues at 1930 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri on the National System and - also heard on SSB mode at 3755 MHZ

Branch 66 – VHF Group – Link to Trading Table Stock

Branch 80: Hibiscus Coast Radio Society – Douglas forges ahead with final preparations for the KiwiSat Project.

Branch 89 - Radio Electronics Group - Used equipment sale Saturday 21 May, at 211 Peacocks Road, Glenview, Hamilton



**Minutes of
Franklin Amateur
Radio Club (Inc)
General Meeting
held at Clubhouse,
Stadium Drive
Pukekohe and by
Zoom conference
on 15 February
2022**

President Gary ZL1WGL opened the meeting at 1930 hours.
Attendance: In person ZL1WGL, ZL1TO, ZL1LL, ZL1TGP, ZL1RP. ZL1UOM By Zoom ZL1PJH, ZL1BQA, Jason.

Zoom login procedure had been circulated earlier on Tuesday. There were no check-ins on the 690 repeater.

Apologies: ZL1GAC, ZL1BBZ accepted ZL1TO/ZL1PJH Minutes of the December meeting, at the clubhouse.

The report in January 2022 QUA was approved. ZL1PJH / ZL1ULK

Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Inward - February newsletters from Branches 29, 65, 80
29 AGM by virtual meeting 9 February. To operate HF field days from a new address in Albany this year. 18 candidates passed the exam in 2021. Next hamcram 19-20 February (which has since been put back to a date in March). Obituary for Alan Wooller ZL1AUW. Te Puke market day 19 March.

65 HF field days organizer David ZL1DK. Alan ZL1AUW silent key. Fixing an Automatic Link Establishment (ALE) radio by David ZL1MR. US Coastguard to cease monitoring HF voice distress frequencies. Tower and rotator for sale. REG sale.

Next general meeting 18 February, AGM 9 March. Unlikely to enter HF field days. Report on BBQ 15 January. KiwiSAT update – need to tie plans to concrete action – synchronous beacon on 70 cm with 2 m may provide scientifically useful information on global warming. US Coastguard phasing out HF distress by SSB voice.

Email messages

Club rooms tagging - E-mail from Jason Kyle: Club rooms tagging

Rosemary ZL1RO offering back issues of QST magazine.

The correspondence report was received. ZL1TO / ZL1PJH

Finance:

Income: Subscriptions for 2022 have so far been paid by ZL1PJH, ZL1WGL, ZL1ULK, ZL1MFL, ZL1ABR, ZL1TGP, ZL1GAC, ZL1VEY, ZL1LL, ZL1TO

Interest from Deposit \$168.00 Donation to Branch 66 for repeater licences, \$200 has been paid.

Subscription rates for 2022 were set at December's AGM, Individual \$20, Family \$30 and are now payable. Payment can be made direct to our Pukekohe BNZ bank account: Franklin Amateur Radio Club Inc 02-0404-0157944-00

There may be bills associated with the vandalism and theft of copper water pipe and electrical wiring in the subfloor of the clubhouse. A report will be given later in the meeting. The report was received. ZL1PJH / ZL1TO

Reports:

AREC: The Auckland regional meeting set down for Thursday 17 February has been cancelled. Jason advised that he has been a coastguard volunteer, with radio operating experience, and has an interest in the AREC side of radio activity.

Vandalism: Graffiti on the front of the clubhouse was reported in an email from Jason ZL2UJK. The words had been erased (with solvent?) by someone unknown before 9 February 2022. The outside water tap was noticed to be missing 9 February. Further investigation by Gary ZL1WGL and Mike ZL1UOM found the remaining copper water pipes beneath the clubhouse have been removed. These two members have reconnected the water with polybutyl pipe. Mike noticed wire hanging below the floor and discovered all the power points in the main room are dead. Gary reported the burglary, online, to Police on the evening of Monday 13th. Tom has reported graffiti on the wall facing Carl's Junior to Police earlier today. There may have been a visit by a forensic investigator this afternoon.

General Business:

Remit. Bob spoke on a proposed Franklin Branch remit to NZART.

When a radio amateur becomes a silent key or moves overseas permanently and never intends to use the NZ call sign again, the branch committee (usually the secretary or president but not necessarily so) contacts the call sign holders next of kin and advises them of the procedure on how to have the call sign deleted.

Explanation: There are hundreds, possibly thousands, of call signs listed to deceased persons. This will enable the call book to be more up to date. The next of kin should be given page 32 (or a copy) of the 2019 call book.

Barry ZL1ABR reported that Barry ZL1AAA is a recent silent key. The current procedure provides that if family member wants the call then they can request RSM to hold the call for a period of a year or so.

Discussion ensued. The topic will be brought up again at our next meeting.

Jock White Field Days 26-27 February – We are more than welcome at the farm of Gary ZL1WGL. We hope that Ian ZL1PZ may be able to come out at some stage.

The meeting closed at 2025 hrs

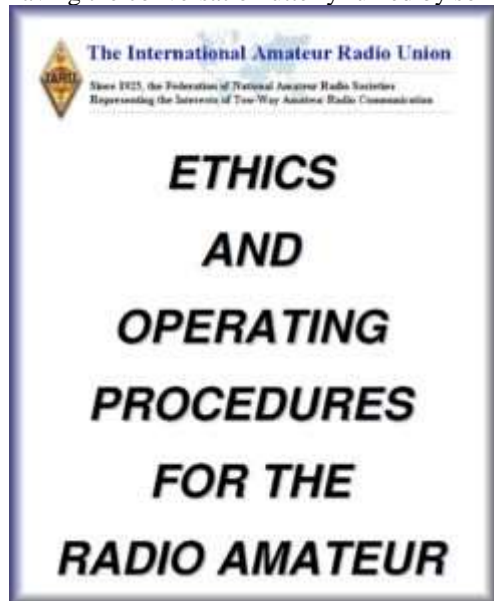
Operating procedures and etiquette

(Copied from Radio Society of Great Britain website. It never hurts to remind ourselves of the basics. Plus, there is an interesting idea in the tail of this piece - Ed)

When you are new to amateur radio there is a lot to learn and the more you listen, the more you will find out the correct way to proceed on the bands.

Perhaps one of the most important lessons to learn is listen first before talking. And better still, before calling CQ ask: "Is this frequency in use please?"

Often a frequency is in use, but you can't hear the other station. There is nothing more infuriating than being in a QSO with someone and having the conversation utterly ruined by someone calling CQ on top of you.



The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) has actually published a document called **Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur**.

You can download your own copy – it is worth reading.

It contains the radio amateur's code, which is...

The Radio Amateur is:

Considerate

They never knowingly operate in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

Loyal

They offer loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, the IARU Radio Society in their country, through which Amateur Radio in their country is represented nationally and internationally.

Progressive

They keep their station up to date. It is well-built and efficient. Their operating practice is above reproach.

Friendly

They operate slowly and patiently when requested; offer friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kind assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the marks of the amateur spirit.

Balanced

Radio is a hobby, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

Patriotic

Their station and skills are always ready for service to country and community.


The rest of the document is too long to reproduce here, but it is worth highlighting a few of the other guidelines:

- During your on-the-air contacts, use the Q-code correctly. Avoid using the Q-code all the time when using phone. Use standard expressions that everybody understands.
- Listen – a good radio amateur starts by listening a lot.
- Use your callsign correctly
- Always be courteous

Another way of being courteous is to try to contact other stations using their own language? You only need about 100 words and callsign phonetics in other languages.

Many foreign stations are reluctant to take calls in English because they speak it so poorly. Others will keep the QSO very short as they cannot understand what you are saying. Being able to give the other station their report, your name and QTH, and perhaps a greeting in their own language, can make a big difference.

Whatever you do, just remember that on the airwaves you are an ambassador for the hobby – and for your country. Please act accordingly.

	Minutes of Franklin Amateur Radio Club (Inc) Committee Meeting1 March 022	March 15. Correspondence report was received. ZL1TO / ZL1PJH Income: several subs received. Expenditure: Power bill to 19 Jan \$36.41 paid. Auckland VHF Group \$200 paid 2 Feb. Firewatch Counties \$69.00 paid 2 February. Contact Energy \$48.76 due for payment before 7 March, Watercare remains in credit Report was received, and Contact Energy bill is to be paid. ZL1BQA / ZL1PJH
Attendance in person: ZL1WGL, ZL1TO, ZL1ULK, ZL1UOM, Attendance on Zoom: ZL1PJH, ZL1BQA Minutes of the February Meeting: The report in February 2022 QUA was approved. ZL1TO/ZL1BQA Matters Arising: Nil Correspondence: Letter from Bob ZL1BBZ, with page of FARC policy, regarding election of Life Members at the AGM – to be dealt as General Business. Letter from Janet Kamau accepting invite to visit Club on		General Business: The proposed remit to NZART from Bob is on hold until Bob is able to attend a meeting. Life Membership was discussed and we agreed the rules that were registered in 2014 overrule any previous policy. Meeting with Panuku - It was agreed that with the Panuku representative coming to our general meeting on 15 March we are to listen to the visitor talk about our written response of 1 November 2021. The meeting closed at 2015 hrs.