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President's Report

Hi everyone, hopefully you are surviving the wet winter we are experiencing at present, and that the weather isn't getting you down.

As we are now passed the "shortest day" our minds are now looking towards the coming summer months, and with that Neil and I have been talking through a number of issues that need attending to up at Mount Climie.

On the whiteboard at the clubrooms a small list has appeared and is being added to. From the list it appears that some detailed planning and good weather will be needed. So if you feel like a day or two up the mount, then please consider assisting on one of the many days we will probably have up there at the repeater site. All of the jobs really need to be completed over the 2006/2007 summer period in order to keep the site, the hut and the equipment up to high standards we have set ourselves.

Last year only minimal maintenance was done – this year a heavier maintenance role is required. Remember when visiting Mount Climie that you'll need to take good clothing, to be prepared for anything, as well as drink and food to sustain you throughout the day.

Hopefully this hasn't put you off, but we really need to get these jobs done. Finally I hope to see you all at the movie/dinner night on the 5 August 2006.

Well that's all from the top - see you all at a Friday meeting, and good DX.

73's
Mark
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Fox Hunt



The **Great Upper Hutt Fox Hunt** held on 15 July was won by the **FOX** which was a Wellington Walkie on 146.460 running ½ watt.

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Club HF Net 3.630 MHz every Tuesday at 2100 NZST
listen for ZL2VH and join in.

A listening watch is also held on the first Friday of each month on the **439.625MHz** Repeater between 5pm and 7pm. Short QSO's are welcome. Branch 63 announcements may be made at these times.

"Break-In"'s Wanted

We are presently looking for the following copies of Break-In to complete the Branch 63 collection. Those marked with an * are damaged and need replacing.

1929 All 12 copies
1930 All 11 copies
1931 Jan April June Oct
1932 Nov*
1933 Feb* Sept*
1934 May* July* Sept* Dec*
1935 Feb Oct* Nov*
1936 Jan* Feb*
1937 Sept*
1939 Feb*
1940 All 12 copies
1941 Mar Apr May July* Nov* Dec*
1942 All 12 copies
1943 Jan Feb Mar*
1944 Jan March Oct
1956 May
1957 Feb
1966 Nov
1983 Jan/Feb
1997 Oct*

If any members can help please contact Morrie ZL2ADP

Brain teaser from John, ZL2FRG

Take two small coins and place them on a table so that they touch. You may touch one coin but not move it, and move the other but not touch it. How would you insert a book, lengthways, between them?

An answer will be provided next month.

(Deputy) Editor's Note

I would just like to offer my thanks to those of you who found the time to provide feedback on the new format of the QST 63 Newsletter. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, so it looks like this format is here to stay—at least until I get too busy to do the formatting!!

After last month's bumper issue of the newsletter, it should probably not be a surprise that there is a lot less content this month. But I would really like to encourage you to consider putting pen to paper and providing something for future editions of the newsletter. It doesn't take long, and would make a huge difference to the publication... and I am sure that Mark and Morrie wouldn't mind not being the only regular contributors.

Some ideas:

- If you have recently purchased a new transmitter/receiver/piece of test equipment, maybe you could write a few words on why you chose it and how you like it.
- Maybe you have a lot of good internet sites that you could recommend to the rest of us.
- Maybe you are using a new piece of software (digital modes/logging/etc) and could write a quick review of it.

At the end of the day, I guess we are all busy people, and the hobby is radio not writing, but please have a think about whether there is anything that you could contribute, and let me know.

73
Sean
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