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ZL2VH Newsletter - February 2014

President's Report

Hi Everyone... yet another new year, 2014! I realise that the weather hasn't been as good as last but I hope you all made the best of what good weather was on offer over the Christmas/New Year period.

I always like to look back over the previous and year and reflect back on what the club has accomplished and we should celebrate these achievements (in no particular order):

1. Refurbishment of the 730 (north hut) Antennae
2. 6M Repeater – replacement antenna
3. Refurbishment of the 730 antennas (now on 5425)
4. Removal of the 10M Beacon (to allow a better 6M antenna to be installed on the same pole)
5. The great power outage at Mt Climie – five weeks of generated power!
6. New members and with new call signs

The list goes on... so well done everyone!

Details of the Jock White Field Day (22/23 February 2014) are detailed in the newsletter - so get involved in this event.

Don't forget that NZART Conference (30 May/2 June 2014) is on in Blenheim - book early to your accommodation and travel requirements, as the flights/ferries will book up quick for Queens Birthday. Please support Branch 22 as they did for our Conference in 2011.

Finally, I'm looking for reports of usage on the 6M Repeater - DX, local contacts, mobile reports and the like....

73's...
Mark ZL2UFI
President

Te Puke Amateur Radio Club Inc (Branch 53, NZART) Annual Junk Sale

Saturday 1 March 2014
Paengaroa Community Hall
Old Coach Road, Paengaroa

Venue open from 0630 hours, sale start time 1000 hours.

For Sale: 19" Cabinet

This cabinet has been removed from Mt Climie after many years of service. It is now available for purchase by any club member for a donation. See pictures for information, the sides were removed to photograph. First in, first served.

Contact Mark ZL2UFI.



Repeater Report

3 cm Beacon

A Form 10 is being sent ASAP

1292 23 cm Repeater

On air

860 D-Star

A low-power industrial PC is being prepared as a replacement gateway PC. A temporary IRCDBB gateway PC is currently operational

5425 D-Star

5425 was recommissioned last year and is currently running on the original four dipole stack.

730 2m FM Repeater

730 is currently running on a loan duplexer set. A new set of high-performance duplexers has arrived from ik-telecom and is to be installed in the next few weeks.

6m FM Repeater

On air

Simon ZL2BRG
Repeater Trustee

Jock White Field Day Saturday/Sunday 22/23 February 2014

As in previous years we will be operating from the Kaitoke Regional Park. The same location has been secured for our usage again, which is the area on the right, just after you enter the park with the entrance to the Ranger's office. The toilet next to the Ranger's office will be open this year.

For those interested we'll meet at the clubrooms at 11:00 am on Saturday, check out all the gear required, pack up the caravan and go to the site.

Once on site we'll sort ourselves out, and get ready for the start of the contest. The contest runs from Saturday 1500-2400 NZDT and Sunday 0600-1500 NZDT.

Is there anyone who wants to stay overnight to keep an eye on the equipment?

Remember the gates close about 9:00 pm, so if staying on the Saturday night, and you want to leave then you have to make sure your car is parked on at the beginning of the one lane bridge. You don't do this prior to 9:00 pm then you'll be staying the night!

Hope that many of you make the effort to support this event, even if you only have a few hours to assist with the operating of the station.

Mark ZL2UFI

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