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Newsletter of The New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters, Upper Hutt Branch 63, Inc.

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ZL2VH Newsletter – August 2016

President's Report

Greetings All,

Not much report this month with only one visit to the Repeater site this month to remove the weather station (for modifications) and to take the large ladder up ready for ZL2TWS and party to carry out checks on the 6M system.

Our problems with mice in the South Hut seem to have abated with no signs of further infestation, also our earlier work on the exterior of the hut also seems to have paid off.

We still have had no word on any changes to the Repeater Licence fees so money remains on close hold until we know more.

Friday 5 Aug NZART President Stuart Watchman will be visiting the club.

We are intending to have the caravan and a display in Upper Hutt for the Upper Hutt Big Bash in October, (more on that later.....)

Upcoming events are the International Lighthouse weekend in August and the Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) in October.

<http://illw.net/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Lighthouse_and_Lightship_Weekend

<https://www.facebook.com/ILLWeekend/>

<http://jotajoti.info/>

<http://www.arrl.org/jamboree-on-the-air-jota>

Remember we meet every Friday evening at 7.30, the more the merrier.

73's and good DX.

Mike ZL2NSA

Branch 63 Repeater Update – June 2016

Unusually, nothing to report this month.

Obituary

Two sad events this last month with the passing of Bob Badrick ZL2MUI and Neil ZL2TNG's wife Marion.

Bob ZL2MUI was a member of Branch 63 and in recent years, due to ill health, hadn't been to the club.

Bob was a great CW man and also a keen member on Jock White Field Days. Sad to hear of his passing, but now he's in a better place, probably telling St Peter the value of CW!

Marion was a great person and I had many a chat with her over the years, especially about families and not the usual 'what's going on in ham radio'!

It was good to see a turnout of members to support Neil at the remembrance service, namely Gavin ZL2ACT, John ZL2TDK, Morrie ZL2ADP, and myself. (Apologies for not being able to get away from work – Eric ZL2SET).

Mark ZL2UFI

Branch 82 – Southern Wairarapa

Branch 82 is once again active. The following details have been supplied by Morrie ZL2ADP.

The complete list of Officers for the newly reformed Branch 82 is not available at present.

There were 16 persons present at a meeting held on June 28th at the Municipal building in Greymouth. The newly elected officers were:

President: Elaine Byrne ZL2ELA

Secretary: Michelle (Shelley) Waddell ZL2HFP

Treasurer: Ted Byrne ZL2JTD

Meeting night 4th Tuesday in the month at Greymouth.

No Dayton next year?

This from Neill ZL1TAJ:

FYI - it is sad I must pass this on, it will not be well received...

<http://wdtn.com/2016/07/29/hara-arena-to-shut-down/>

<http://hamvention.org/dayton-hamvention-2017-venue-announcement/>

I nearly booked accommodation for attending yesterday, so it was lucky I didn't.

Neill ZL1TAJ.

The following items from Malcolm ZL2UDF:

Cables, connectors, insulators and more:

UH Branch members maybe interested in this source for items,
<http://qsl.net/zl1boi/itemslist1.html> , it is a branch up north.

WESTFEST 2016

This year Westfest is on for the weekend 10-11 September 2016

Saturday 10 Sept 1030 - 1730

Sunday 11 Sept 0900 - 1230

Venue: Murchison Bowling Clubrooms, Waller St, Murchison

For those who haven't yet been to Westfest it is an informal gathering of hams and interested other folk. We have talks on radio topics where speakers describe activities they are involved in. Come along and give a talk - this is an opportunity to show and tell your ham radio activities to other hams.

Please feel free to promulgate this message widely, via your branch or club newsletters or magazine publications, including Face Book group pages along with friends. And you're more than welcome to edit, abridge or add to this message.

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West Mountain Radio

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- * Clean Up Your Act! Proper digital mode level adjustment in Windows 10
- * Project Lead The Way: Technology & Education in Our World, Now for Kids
- * A Visit to CN2016 Conference
- * Upcoming Events

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Hamilton Amateur Radio Club

MARKET DAY Saturday August 13th, 2016

Waikato Table Tennis Stadium

Edgecumbe Street

Vendors from 8.00 am

Buyers from 10.00 am

Table space at \$20 per metre pre-paid

\$25 per metre on the day

All enquiries to:

Market Day,
Hamilton Amateur Radio Club,
PO Box 606, Hamilton
E-mail: harcmday@nzart.org.nz

Web: http://zl1ux.org.nz/market_day.html

There is a street map on the Hamilton Club web site which will help you find the sale site.
(zl1ux.org.nz/market_day.html)

As always there is free entry for buyers and there will be food available at the cafeteria.

More details on the Hamilton Club web site at zl1ux.org.nz/market_day.html including a sellers registration form. I have also attached a copy of the registration form to this message.

I hope to see you there.

Phil King ZL1PK

Secretary

The following from John ZL2TWS:

The following item was published by Jerry Wanger KK6LFS who is the importer and distributor of the CSI systems DMR radios. Refers to radios imported to USA in \$US.

Most of the AREC DMR network users are operating CSI or other Chinese manufactured radios.

The group promoting the DMR network claimed from the beginning that they wanted a DV system that was more affordable with radio choices not available with D-Star and Yaesu fusion.

D-Star currently has many manufacture options but only two major manufacturers being ICOM and Kenwood.

Yaesu Fusion has one manufacturer.

The message below is "you get what you pay for"

Personal experience with two cheap Chinese DMR radios is that the quality and longevity of the hardware is not expected compared to a D-Star or Fusion radio.

Read below and make you own mind up before purchasing a Chinese radio.

QUOTE:

We think different than the Chinese when it comes to customer service. They often allocate a 2 to 3 percent of the sales price as money to be used for repairs. That means if you buy 100 radios to sell, they will only honour the warranty for the first three customers. After that those customers are out of luck. See how that attitude goes in this Country.

For those companies that want to resell Chinese Products, you have to buy extra products just so you can service your customers in case there are any issues or you can have the technical expertise to fix these products. They will supply you parts to fix the radio. However as a reseller, plan on spending a few thousand dollars on the top of the line de-soldering and soldering equipment with a microscope so you can see the parts, Then also plan on spending about \$38,000 for a service monitor to actually test the radios.

As an individual, they will sell you radios direct but they will not service the radios or give you any technical help unless you can speak Mandarin Chinese.

Some of you have bought the products from Hong Kong distributors and that is a big mistake. While they can ship a radio here for about \$12, it would cost you between \$70-\$120 to ship it back to have it repaired even if they agree to fix it. If you ship lots of radios back at the same time, it will cost about \$10 to China and about \$5 to get it back. Lots means shipping at least 100 radios, and possibly much more. Then when it gets there we have found they normally take months to repair and get it returned. For all practical purposes you might as well junk the radios or repair them yourself.

Jerry Wanger KK6LFS

We are always looking for articles to fill the pages of newsletter. Please forward anything no matter how large or small to the editor - Eric ZL2SET – ericwilby@gmail.com.

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