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

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ZL2VH Newsletter – November 2020

President's Report

Not much to report this month, 6 meter repeater 395 is back on air and seems to be working well.....use it or lose it.

The weather for the Coast Road car races does not look good for those marshalling on Sunday, bring a good selection of water and wind proof clothing, a chair and some snacks and drinks to keep you going, early start 7.30 on site and hopefully a relatively early finish around 2 pm. We will be trialling a new site for the repeater this year so that should improve the radio coverage.

73, and Good DX

Mike ZL2NSA.

Branch 63 Repeater Update

Nothing received this month.

Received from Neil ZL1NZ:

Straight Key Night set for Sunday 6 December

It's time to dust off that old straight key and get ready for an hour of brass-pounding fun during Straight Key Night - Summer Edition.

This easy-going contest takes place from 9 to 10pm on Sunday 6 December on 80 metres.

There was an excellent turnout during the Winter edition in June, and operators enjoyed working with the new "QSY Rule" which kept everyone on the move. The QSY Rule will be back for the December event, along with the coveted "Solid Copy" certificate. Plus, there will be new awards for the youngest operator and the most "senior."

Rules and log sheets can be found at maritimeradio.org/skn

If you have questions, please email skn@maritimeradio.org



From Malcolm ZL2UDF:

Branch 50 Newsletter can be found at the end of this document (Ed.):

Branch 63 are welcome to publish about the Mag Loop.

Also there is a Sale at Kapiti Branch soon you may want to publish. When I have attended in the past there is usually a few Upper Hutt Hams attending along with other Wellington Region Hams.

I think Kapiti sale is 7 November.

*Malcolm also supplied October's Q-Bit, but it was too large to include in this issue.
(Ed.)*

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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Club Net: Sunday 9.30am local time, **7055 kHz LSB**.

Chair: Mike Woods ZL1AXG. Secretary-treasurer: Malcolm Wheeler ZL2UDF

November 2020



Last Branch Meeting

Held on Sunday 18 October 2020 at Waitohi Library.

Welcome to those present.

We held a moments silence for Don ZL2BL, who became a SK recently.

Three projects presented for the **Blackwood Cup** in the 90th year of the cup.

Members present voted John ZL2JPM for his QRP three unit combination.

Presentation by Ian ZL2HUT on Radio Spectrum Management. Ian explain how radio spectrum is managed, with the various legislation, policies, regulations and rules.

Bernard ZL2BD has sold most of the value items donated by Derek Taylor ZL2AKS. Thank you to Bernard for your many hours work in achieving this.

Social Group Meeting

Tuesday 27 October 2020

1:30 pm George ZL2AG QTH - 14 Vasanta Avenue, Ngaio

Contact: Mike Hoult ZL2VMH, 04-478-5437

Shed Workshop: The next Shed Workshop is being planned for 2021

November Branch Meeting

15 November 2020, 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Meeting room, lower level, Waitohi Library, Johnsonville

Peter Fisher ZL3HV presenting about Campbell Island and his Amateur experiments there a few years ago.

Trevor King ZL2AKW presenting his history with amateur radio.

Club will provide tea or coffee in the café upstairs after the meeting.

Social Group Meeting

Tuesday 24 November 2020

1:30 pm George ZL2AG QTH - 14 Vasanta Avenue, Ngaio

Contact: Mike Hoult ZL2VMH, 04-478-5437

December Branch Meeting

Monday 7 December 2020

Christmas Dinner - 6:00 pm

1841 Restaurant, Johnsonville

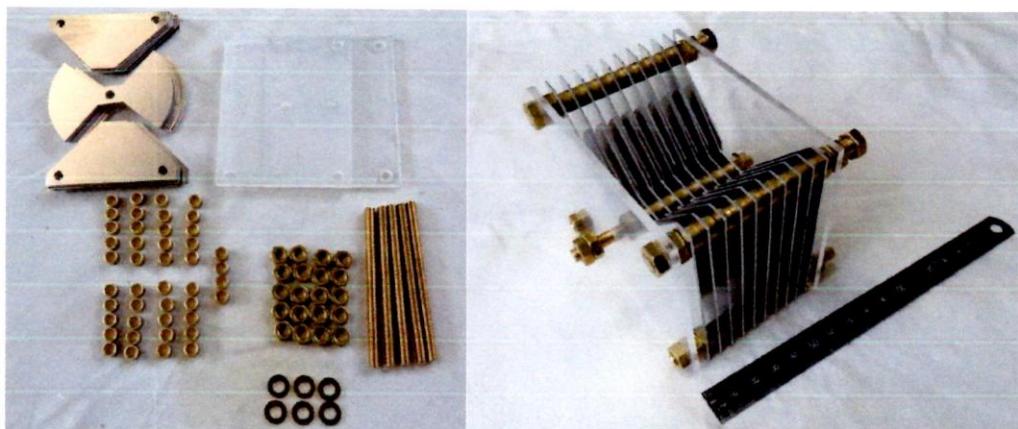
Trading Table

Please visit the trading table web page http://z12wb.com/wp/?page_id=4335

Available for purchase: The Mag Loop Capacitor Starter Kit

This is a very easy to build variable capacitor with widely spaced plates. The configuration is a butterfly design, so that there are no sliding contacts to either side of the capacitor electrodes.

This is the MK3 version starter kit with 9 rotor plates and 20 stator plates in the kit that when fully assembled will give a capacitance of about 8pF to 50pF. Being a kit of parts, it can be easily configured for a different range of capacitance values.



Member classified advertisements

Do you have New or Old stock of equipment / components / items etc for sale, free, or for swap that you have laying around your shack and surplus to your requirements but possible use to other members.??

Then let us list these on the Trading Table either on consignment and/or donation to the club.