

**Christchurch West Amateur
Radio Club Inc.**

Official Newsletter



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(Originally scheduled for the August meeting)**

Visitors and guests most welcome

26th October 2010

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West Amateur Radio Club Inc.

NZART Branch 56

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Individual \$40.00, Family \$45.00, Junior \$20.00

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NB. Please ensure your name is against the bank payment.

If cheques are made "non transferable" or "account payee only" please ensure they are made out to "**Christchurch West Amateur Radio Club Inc.**"

The banks will not accept other names (e.g. Branch 56). Thank you

**General Meeting of the Christchurch West Amateur Radio Club
Tuesday 24th August 2010**

Present: Maurice ZL3MEM (Chairman), John ZL3IB (Acting-Secretary), 20 members and guests.

Visitors:

Apologies: Keith ZL3Qh, Doug ZL2BCF, Bruce ZL3TFM.

Minutes: Confirmation of minutes of July 2010 meeting. Maurice.

Matters arising: Public Liability Insurance; NZART HQ advised that we are not covered by their policies.

Correspondence; Inward; Copy of “*Keeping On*” (Age Concern) containing ZL3 Buildathon article..

Outward; nil

Financial: 53 financial members; 3 unfinancial. \$150 Power, \$126 CCC rent, \$47 QTC5printing.

Free and Easy report: Baden ZL3VI reported 19 people attended on meeting Wed 11th Aug. General chat plus DVD of “DXpedition to Midway Is” courtesy ZL3HAM.

Classes Report: Classes continue via email.

General Business:

Window shutters. Dennis ZL3DEN advised received quote of \$3399 for supply of galvanized steel shutters and fittings. These to be installed by Branch members.

Motion “ That the Branch apply to Chch Council for a Community Funding Grant to allow purchase of these security shutters.” Moved John ZL3IB, seconded Mark ZL3BA.

Passed unanimously.

Maurice ZL3MEM reported that the Club’s QRZ.com entry has been updated.

NZART Councilor Ann ZL3TNT gave an update of recent Council activities.

The formal part of the meeting closed at 2000.

Program

Denis Coulter ZL3DEN gave a most interesting talk on Ballistics as related to the properties of small arms ammunition, it’s properties and reloading.

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Free n’Easy

“NZ Connection to Bletchley Park Uncovered”; talk by David W Searle ZL3DWS
Over 1500 UK amateur radio operators worked secretly as Voluntary Interceptors (VI’s) during WW2 detecting spy and German military intelligence networks. In 1979 a BBC documentary told their story for the first time. A copy of that film has been found and exciting details of a NZ connection uncovered. Come along on October 13th (bring a friend or two) and be inspired but what hams can achieve with simple equipment and relentless determination.

73 Baden Melhuish ZL3VV, phone 384 1584

From the pen of your President

Since writing to you last month the ground has continued to rumble with 1894 after shocks in the last 5 weeks. Every aftershock does more damage and as a result our club rooms are now showing up some nasty cracks. Being a non-residential property we have had to lodge a claim with our insurance company. The assessor has inspected the building and we are awaiting his report. The building is currently safe to use, however, we want to make sure that it continues to be safe and to this end we need to see that the repairs enable us to enjoy using these premises for many years to come.

The City Council has shut down our vehicle access to Auburn Park after a neighbour reported that on the night of **25th September** vehicles did damage to the grassed areas of the park. We have asked Jill Gordon CCC Green space Manager at Sockburn to provide us more information. Can any club member provide any info that might help us get down to the bottom of this matter? It is going to be very difficult for the club to have to get a special permit each time we want to get vehicle access to club rooms. Can you help us here?

Another ZL3 BUILDATHON's has been completed successfully. This time it was held at Taits and the clients were a large group of Boys Brigade boys / girls from Leeston. A number of our members provided to support to David in his efforts to promote radio construction to the young and old alike.

Yes our members are spending a lot more time propagating the air waves and a great number of QSL' cards are being exchanged. How has your operating being going lately? Have you recently had any good DX or other interesting on air contacts? Do come along to our next meeting and share these with us or maybe share your latest construction project.

Don't forget our club operates a station at our club rooms every Tuesday night from 6.30pm come and join in, have fun and in doing so get some operational experience

As I write this the earth continues to roll and rumble – gee that was a big one –4.6 on the Richter scale - exciting times?

73

Keith ZL3QH

ZL3 Radio Buildathon No. 7 Report - 29th September, 2010

On behalf of the 14 young radio kit set builders who came along, we extend a big thank you to the radio amateur mentors and supporters who contributed so willingly on the 29th. You are right to be proud to see so many leave with a radio that worked, with their smiles of achievement. We are building into a great cooperative and spirited team that gets things done safely and successfully.

It was also great to have Nicky Wagner MP for Christchurch Central with us again. Nicky has a particular interest in youth related activities both here in Christchurch and further afield, hence her interest and attendance on Wednesday. We were very fortunate to be able to use excellent facilities at Tait Radio Communications and this helped to add up to a successful evening judging from the feedback received.

Thanks for helping to spark youthful interest in our hobby that has served us so well over many years. Well done all!

David W Searle <ZL3DWS@nzart.org.nz> ph 03 358 2424

<<http://sites.google.com/site/zl3buildathon/>>



The start of the Buildathon



Keith ZL3QH assists on of the participants

HAMADS

For Sale Yaesu Transceiver 901 DE with Yaesu speaker, user's & workshop manual, Desk & hand mike. Osker Block SWR meter, Mosley vertical antenna, Icom IC W32E handheld with all extras. All reasonable offers considered; ZL3ACS Phone 349 9705.

For Sale. Daiwa RS-40X Regulated DC Power Supply in near new condition and in original packaging. Output Voltage 1 – 15V DC variable voltage, 32A,. Dimensions 280mm(w) x 140mm (h) x 205mm (d), wt 9.7kg.; As near new condition. A great product at a reasonable price of only \$300.00. Contact ZL3QH Keith on 021 658 899 or 03 3584 108 or toll free on Skype via your phone 03 669 0600

For Sale; I have the following valve radios for sale on behalf of a deceased estate. All in good condition; Philips (Holland) B5X65A; MW + 3 SW bands (very similar to Pye "Messenger"), Murphy #6404 MW + 7SW bands, vertical slide rule type dial. Radio Corp NZ (Courtney), Model 90, EM speaker. No reasonable offers refused; I want to be rid of them. Maybe inspected at my home address. John Walker ZL3IB, ph 3489 084

Wanted. I am looking for a Triband HF Yagi beam antenna (10, 15 & 20m) and a suitable rotator. Any condition. Byron; I can be contacted on 3582 336 or email <12byron34@gmail.com>

HAMADs in QTC56 are a free service to members.

Send to John ZL3IB at <john.zl3ib@ihug.co.nz>.

New Zealand Amateur Radio Day

Purpose; The purpose of the New Zealand Amateur Radio Day is to promote our hobby to the public so that some may be encouraged to join the local club, take on classes and become amateur radio operators.

Time; From 1000-1200 hr local time, annually on the 3rd Saturday of January

Location Any prominent and public location where there is plenty of public foot traffic. The location will most likely require local council (or other landowner) approval. Make sure this is sought and obtained in plenty of time as councils often have minimum notification times.

Logs You are required to keep a log of all stations worked during the 2 hours. Logs must include the call-sign of the station worked, time, frequency, and any other information you may like to include.

Call-sign Use of club call-signs is encouraged, however individuals may also set up a station using his or her own call-sign.

Prior publicity For this exercise to be a success prior publicity is essential. Make every effort to publicise the event through local club magazines, local newspapers and other media outlets as much as possible.

Publicity on the day As the aim of this exercise is to promote our hobby to the public, have material to hand out on the day. A liaison person or persons should be nominated for this task. People with good communication skills are recommended to take on this role. This person should have a thorough understanding of the systems and modes being used on the day as they will be inundated with questions. Cards, pamphlets and other such giveaways, with club representative contact details are a must. Get copies of the latest amateur radio promotional brochure from Debby at NZART HQ. If you have a class coming up make sure the details are included on any handout material. Take down details of people who express an interest in the hobby and follow them up.

Contacts Contacts are to be made with other NZARD stations, or home stations willing to work NZARD stations. Interested public should be encouraged to have a go on the air under direct supervision.

Bands and Modes Operation on the day can be on any band and any mode. The national system, IRLP nodes, 80 and 40m would be recommended as a starting point for New Zealand based contacts. Digital modes and CW may also be used to attract interest.

Other rules While this is a field type operation, mains may be used if available. Make sure your equipment is working and presentable to the public before the event.

Afterwards Please write an activity report and submit it with your log to <warren@zl2aj.com>. There is no scoring of contacts made during the day. Activity reports will be submitted to *Break In*. It is imperative to follow up any names collected on the day. Invite them to a club night, or get them involved in activities. Encourage them to study and get a call-sign. All this will help boost club membership.

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Calendar for 2010

ZL3VV on air; Tuesday evenings, contact Maurice ZL3MEM.

Theory and CW classes, Workshop activities, etc. Wednesdays at 1930 hr when required.

CARDS meeting, 3rd Wednesday; All welcome.

Free & Easy - Second Wednesday at 1330 (1.30pm)

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
	10	10	14	12	9	14	11	8	13	10	8

Committee Meeting - Third Tuesday at 1930 (7.30pm)

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
19	16	16	20	18	15	20	17	21	19	16	

General Meeting - Fourth Tuesday at 1930 (7.30pm)

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
26	23	23	27	25	22	27	24	28	26	23	

Free & Easy:

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General Meetings

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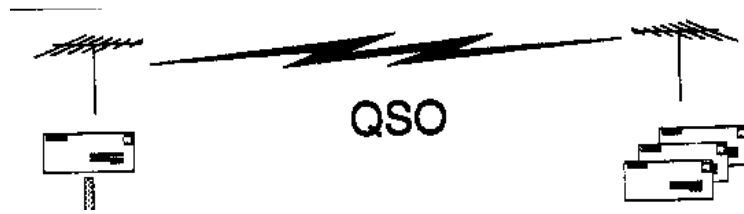
Your committee welcomes suggestions for topics and/or offers of talks for Branch meetings.

A reminder ; 2010 subs are due NOW

Interested in Vintage Radio?

The Christchurch section of the NZ Vintage Radio Society now meet in our club rooms. Meetings are normally held on alternate months on the first Tuesday of the month. If you are interested please contact Jim Lovell ZL3AGS (ph 342 7760) or David Chapple, email <canda@netaccess.co.nz> for more information.

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