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Radio Club Inc.**

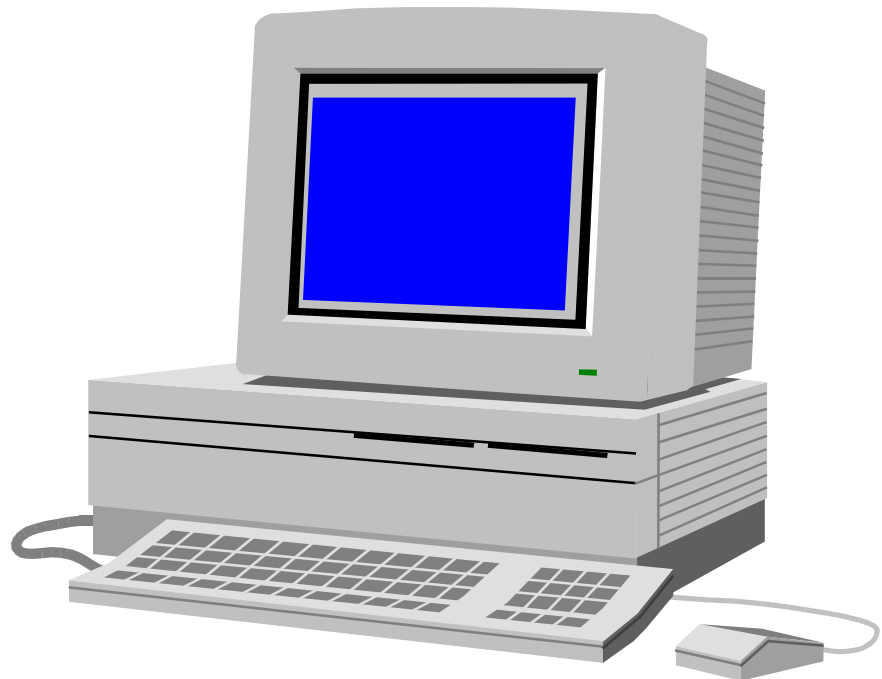


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Followed by

"Logging programs and other software used at ZL3 VV"

By Maurice McNab ZL3MEM

Visitors and guests most welcome

23rd March2010

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Christchurch West Amateur Radio Club Inc.

NZART Branch 56

Clubrooms; Auburn Park, Upper Riccarton,

P O Box 31 095, Ilam, Christchurch 8444.

Br 56 web page; <www.radioamateurs.org.nz

<i>Branch Officers</i>			
<i>President</i>	Keith Stanton	ZL3QH	358 4108
<i>Vice-President</i>	Maurice McNab	ZL3MEM	327 3710
<i>Immediate Past Pres</i>	Baden Melhuish	ZL3VI	384 1584
<i>Secretary*</i>	Doug Pratt	ZL2BCF	322 9961
<i>Treasurer</i>	Peter Tyerman	ZL3IA	332 4885
<i>Committee</i>	Brent Officer	ZL3TUI	385 2742
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	Mark Carshalton	ZL3BA	322 4518
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<i>Trustees</i>	Doug Pratt	ZL2BCF	322 9961
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<i>Auditor</i>	Marinel McNab		327 3710
<i>Branch Officials</i>			
<i>Archivist</i>	Position vacant		
<i>EMC Officer</i>	Position vacant		
<i>Free n'Easy Coordinator</i>	Position vacant		
<i>Librarian</i>	Ron Rowlands	ZL3AIV	348 2747
<i>Morse Admin</i>	Des Borgfeldt	ZL3ACS	980 9705
<i>Newsletter editor #</i>	John Walker	ZL3IB	348 9084
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<i>850 Repeater Mgr</i>	Doug Pratt	ZL2BCF	358 5004

***Please note change of Secretarial email address; <zl2bcf@nzart.org.nz>**
Newsletter editor <john.zl3ib@ihug.co.nz>

Annual subscription for 2010 is due NOW;

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

Treasurer's home address; 37A Penrith Ave, Chch 8002

Subs can be direct credited to our Westpac Account No. 030802 0590356 00

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

**Annual General Meeting of the Christchurch West Amateur Radio Club Inc
Tuesday 23rd February 2010**

Present: Baden ZL3VI (Chairman), Doug ZL2BCF (Secretary), Peter ZL3IA (Treasurer) and 13 members.
Visitors: John Hertzl ZL3ADF
Apologies: Lorne ZL3AHB, Alan ZL3GX, Roy ZL3AIB, Grahame ZL3SJ, Graeme ZL3JO
Minutes: Minutes of 2009 AGM were read and confirmed (ZLQH/ZL3BA)
Matters arising: Nil

President's report Appended.

A Vote of thanks to Baden for his leadership over the past year was moved and carried. (ZL3IA/ZL3VI)

Treasurer's report Appended.

Subscriptions for 2009; Because of the increasing club expenses and as foreshadowed in his 2009 report the Treasurer moved that the subs for 2010 be increased to \$40 (individual), \$45 (family) and \$20(junior) (ZL3IA/ZL3VI).

Auditor's report Appended.

A votes of Thanks for services to the Club to The Treasurer, the Secretary and Auditor. Carried by acclamation. (ZL3IA/ZL3IB)

Free n'Easy report

Our meetings throughout the year were well attended and attracted interest from the whole region representing most branches which again demonstrated the worth of this facet of branch activity. I have retired from coordinating these meetings due to health reasons, and would wish those that carry out this function during 2010 and beyond every success. (ZL3JO)

Election of officers

<i>President</i>	Keith Stanton ZL3QH	
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<i>Immediate Past-Pres</i>	Baden Melhuish ZL3VI	
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<i>Auditor</i>	Marinel McNab	

General Business

The President thanked Brent 3TUI and Maurice 3MEM for their efforts on opening the Club station ZL3VV every Tuesday evening.

Life Membership; Peter Tyerman ZL3IA moved that Roy Timms ZL3AIB be awarded Life Membership of the Branch. He noted that Roy has served as Committee member, as Secretary and for many years as auditor. (Seconded Doug ZL2BCF) Carried unanimously.

Meeting closed at 2010.

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**. Logging programs and other software used at ZL3 VV"
By Maurice McNab ZL3MEM**

**General Meeting of the Christchurch West Amateur Radio Club
Tuesday 23rd February 2010**

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Visitors: John Hertzl ZL3ADF.
Apologies: Lorne ZL3AHB, Alan ZL3GX, Roy ZL3AIB, Grahame ZL3SJ.
Minutes: Confirmation of minutes of January 2010 meeting.
Matters arising: Ron has measured for and will manufacture a metal cover for the kitchen waste pipe.

Correspondence

Inward: Ragchew, *Break In*.

Outward: The Free n'Easy is in the process of organising a new committee due to the resignation of Graeme Johnstone ZL3JO. Graemes work in this position was appreciated by those present.

Financial: Power, Newsletters and a reminder that subs are now due.

Free and Easy report: NIL.

Classes Report: NIL to report.

General Business:

- 1 The meeting was reminded that we have to amend our lease with the council to comply with the Resource Management Act. This involves surrendering our 21 year lease for an 11 year lease with two further rights of renewal. The committee sought permission from the meeting to spend the \$250 required to have the new lease drawn up. Proposed Mark, seconded Ken.
- 2 A request was made for members who attend the free and easy to assist with running the program due to the recent retirement of Graeme ZL3JO from the position.
- 3 John ZL3ADL addressed those present on the council face to face held in Wellington this past weekend and on some of the current issues facing NZART and amateur radio in New Zealand.

The formal part of the meeting closed at 2130.

Program

The club was given a very interesting presentation by Keith ZL3QH on his travels in some of the Canadian and USA national parks.

President's report, 2009/10

It has been another busy year for the Christchurch West Amateur Radio Club. I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their hard work and dedication. I myself have not been able to do much for the club other than to chair a few meetings. Without the work of the committee, the club would have ground to a halt.

In, National Field Day February 09 the club operated a station at Rimu Park. Thanks to all who attended, and put the club call and branch number on air.

Talks given to the club in the last 12 months include:-

- Aircraft Traffic Control systems.
- A show and tell session was held with an emphasis on the workshop, tools and tricks.
- A demonstration of several computer programs of potential interest to radio amateurs. These included VOIP, Skype and various forms of the Linux operating system.
- A presentation on the recent ARISS contact at Cotswold school
- Kit Building and Homebrew including useful tools and test equipment with a section on how to solder and handle surface mount devices.
- Tait Electronics, the company, its structure, history and recent developments in digital radio trunking systems.
- "*Hitler's Stealth Fighter*".

- The history of GMT; this included New Zealand's involvement and early adoption of the time standard.
- An update on AMSAT-DL's high orbit satellites
- A medical emergency in the Antarctic ---40 Squadron to the rescue!
- The design of Power and Audio Transformers

I would like to thank Graeme ZL3JO, Chairman of Free n'Easy for the past few years, for all his work. The Free n'Easy group has been a valuable extension of Branch 56 activities to support Amateur Radio to those in retirement, and those unable to attend the club at night.. The Committee supports the work of the Free n' Easy, but are unable to run it. The members must run it themselves.

I will not be standing for President for 2010, but will support the new President, and attend meetings as Immediate Past President.

Baden Melhuish, ZL3VI.

2009 Financial Report of the Christchurch West Amateur Radio Club Inc.

I have much pleasure in presenting the 53rd Annual Financial Report of the Ch. Ch. West Amateur Radio Club Inc.

We have finished the year with 60 members, but have had to remove 5 members due to non payment of subs. The newsletters costs have reduced by around \$100 which is due to more members receiving newsletters by email.

The major expenditure this year has been \$2100+ spent on repairs and maintenance on the building. The replacement of broken windows has been a large part of this, with \$500 in excess being paid out on the 2 claims. We appreciate the Grant from Eureka Trust that has helped us to upgrade the windows to stronger panes. The vandalism and repair of down pipes and waste pipes has also been an ongoing expense this year. We also re-laid a considerable area of the radio room floor, which had been in need of attention for a considerable time, a job well done.

The renewing of our lease is still under review, with the "new" lease being withdrawn, due to problems with the resource management act and the length of lease that can be granted. It would appear that we could be paying over \$200 yearly. This hopefully will be settled soon.

This year has seen a loss of \$1592, and I believe we should give some thought to increasing our income for the year. I gave notice last year that I expected subscriptions to rise for the 2010 year but also think we should look at increasing our reserves, and will be discussing this with the incoming committee. After all this, our club is still in good heart, and if we can maintain our membership I'm sure we will have another enjoyable year.

I would like to extend my personal thanks and I'm sure those of the members to Roy ZI3AIB, who has again audited the books. Roy has once again made sense of my figures, and put them into a balance sheet so we can all understand them. He has asked to step down as auditor after 20+ years, he also has been responsible for the posting out of the newsletters for many of these years, and was also secretary for a period of time. Thank you Roy for your assistance and contribution to both myself and the club over many years.

I would now move that the financial report be tabled, and Roy and I are happy to answer any questions

Peter Tyerman

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Free and Easy 2009 Report

I am at present in Southland and tender an apology to the meeting. Our meetings throughout the year were well attended and attracted interest from the whole region representing most branches which again demonstrated the worth of this facet of branch activity. I have retired from co-ordinating these meetings due to health reasons, and would wish those that carry out this function during 2010 and beyond every success

73s Graeme Johnstone ZL3JO

The next meeting of the Free n'Easy group will be held on Wednesday 10th March. A programme has yet to be finalised.

The retirement of Graeme ZL3JO as Chairman of Free n'Easy operations brings a challenge to put in place the means to continue this activity. It is now up to the members to organise a small committee to continue the operation of this group. It is also essential to have one person who will be responsible to the Branch Cttee for holding the keys to the Club rooms, arranging opening, etc.

Branch 56 Committee

ZL3 Buildathon dates for 2010

As discussed at the Christchurch Combined Branches meeting September 28th 2009, dates have been set for a series of ZL3 Buildathons to be held in 2010.

These events are possible because of the tremendous support received from Branch 56, which in turn has helped secure a worthwhile grant from the Christchurch City Council.

- Saturday April 18th, 2010 - 9am-12pm
- Weeks commencing 6th July and 12th July, 2010 - 9am-12pm - dates to be advised (School holidays).
- Saturday August 28th, 2010 - 9am -12pm

Some exciting and challenging kit sets have been created that most amateurs will have a lot of fun building. A small donation will be requested to offset the cost of a kit plus the legendary morning tea.

If you bring along someone who is not a ham aged 8 through 80, their kit set will be free. Here's your chance to help grow a new ham!

For regular progress reports on the ZL3 Buildathon Project please visit:
<<http://sites.google.com/site/zl3buildathon/>> .David W Searle ZL3DWS
<ZL3DWS@nzart.org.nz>. Ph 03 358 9776 or 021 039 1764

HAMADS

For Sale. Genius™ model SP-G06S computer audio system comprising two speakers with built-in amplifier; plugs into the "line-out" jack. \$8 o.n.o. Contact John ZL3IB ph 3489 084 or <john.zl3ib@ihug.co.nz>.

For Sale Home-brew linear amplifier; a part-built project. Includes steel case, meters, variable caps, coils, ceramic switches, computer grade electrolytics, 6 x PL519 (NOS) sweep tubes, etc. No reasonable offer refused. Contact John ZL3IB ph 3489 084 or <john.zl3ib@ihug.co.nz> for full details and pix.

Wanted. Cross-needle SWR meter/tuner. Ken Duffy ZL4KD, Ph 03 351 8115 or text 027 462 0610

HAMADS in QTC56 are a free service to members.
Send to John ZL3IB at <john.zl3ib@ihug.co.nz>.

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
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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:

10th March Programme to be announced.

General Meetings

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ZL3MEM

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

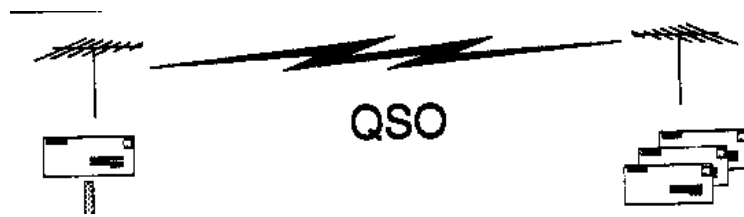
Interested in Old Radios?

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.

Next meeting; 2nd March.

Sale Day. At Merrin Primary School, Saturday 13th March, 9.00am – 12.00 noon.

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