

**Christchurch West Amateur
Radio Club Inc.**



Official Newsletter

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What's on at the next meeting?"

**A talk by Ian Williamson from Arc Innovations Ltd.
"AMI - What it is? How it works? How it is installed?
Myths and Legends."**

Visitors and guests most welcome

25th November 2008

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Annual subscriptions;

Individual \$35.00, Family \$40.00, Junior \$17.50

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

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General Meeting of the Christchurch West Amateur Radio Club

November 25th 2008

Present: Mark ZL3BA (Chairman), John ZL3IB (Secretary), 21 members.

Visitors: Keith ZL3FU

Apologies: Doug ZL2BCF, Grahame ZL3SJ, Keith ZL3QH, Maurice ZL3MEM, Mike ZL3TMB

Minutes: Taken as read

Matters arising: Nil

Correspondence; Inward: Bank statement, Offer of concrete pole from Andrew Barron, Re ARISS project from Lorne ZL2AHB, National System Award, *Rag-Chew. Break-In & Call-Book 2008.*

Outward: Letter requesting renewal of lease to CCC.

Financial: 59 financial members. QTC56 Printing \$15. NZART sub + repeater licence fee \$130, Meridian Power \$150, Stamps \$50

Free and Easy report: November meeting; Nostalgia meeting with Brian Hutton and others.

Classes report; nil

General Business:

- 1 Andrew's offer of a concrete power pole declined because of unsuitability. John reported that a 9m 150mm od telephone poles were available for about \$165 from Goldpine.
- 2 Lorne outline a possible involvement of the Branch with the ARISS project. He has generously offered to donate the 6-element, 2m beam antenna that is required for participation in this event.
- 3 CCTV camera installation; on going.
- 4 Working Bees; Batts have been installed in radio room ceiling.
Books cleared from Radio Room in preparation for flooring replacement.
- 5 Buildathon. David ZL3DWS reported on a very successful event with 27 participants. A follow-up session is planned for Saturday 29th Nov.
- 6 QTC56 editor required; any volunteers ?. John ZL3IB advised that he will be relinquishing this task as from mid-Feb 2009.
- 7 Club's radio station ZL3VV will be open every Tuesday from 1700hr. All welcome. Contact Maurice ZL3MEM for more info.
- 8 2009 AGM. President Mark ZL3BA called for volunteers/nomination for Officers and Committee for 2009.

Meeting closed at 2000hr.

Program

Ian Williamson from ARC Innovations Ltd gave a most interesting and entertaining talk and PowerPoint presentation on the development and installation of Advanced Meter Infrastructure for remote power metering.

Future programs

January 2009 FBI Alarm systems a/p Bruce ??

February 2009 AGM and elections. Followed by "Air Traffic Control" by Doug ZL2BCF

Offers and suggestions for programmes welcomed.

EO&E

Free n'Easy Group

Our last formal meeting of the year is Wednesday the 12th of November and the theme is "Nostalgia". Members are requested to bring something from the shack which can be displayed and discussed in brief. Various items which are 100 years old have been promised; including an old receiver, a telegraph sounder and a xtal set . One member will also show a collection of old amateur radio identities which have been accumulated over many years.

If you are free that afternoon please come and join us, there will be items of interest for all. Everybody most welcome including visitors

73s Graeme ZL3JO

Wanted; Editor for QTC56

I have been editor of QTC56 for more years than I can remember and now intend to resign after the Feb 2009 AGM.

If anyone is interested and/or willing to take over this task would they please contact me, phone 348 9084 or email <john.zl3ib@ihug.co.nz>

HAMADS

HAMADS in QTC56 are a free service to members.

Send to John ZL3IB at <zl3ib@nzart.org.nz >.

Changing your details within the SMART Database.

It should be emphasised that it is the legal responsibility of each radio amateur to ensure that their details held by RSM are current. I have been asked to provide a procedure to describe how to have your details changed within the SMART database.

Those who are computer literate will be able to follow the procedure shown on page 27 of the November – December 2007 *Break-In*, and make changes there. Remember, you will require your client key, client password and client ID to be able to do this.

For those who are “not computer literate”, you may phone RSM on 0508 776 4636 and ask them to change your information or write to them at PO Box 2847, Wellington 6140. Please ask for verification that changes have been made.

Tony Case ZL1UD for NZART Council.

Calendar for 2009

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
	11	11	8	13	10	8	12	9	14	11	9

Committee Meeting - Third Tuesday at 1930 (7.30pm)

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

General Meeting - Fourth Tuesday at 1930 (7.30pm)

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

Free & Easy:

11th February .

General Meetings

27th January FBI Alarm systems (to be confirmed)

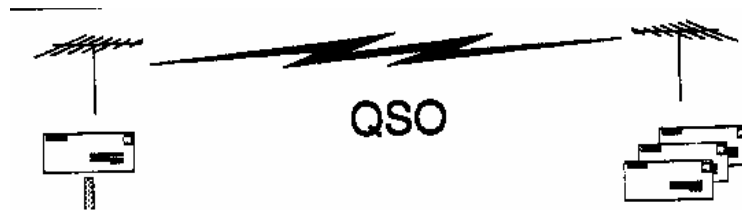
24th February AGM. Followed by Doug Pratt ZL2BCF talking about “Air Traffic Control”; a follow up on our Sept visit to Airways.

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.

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