

**Christchurch West Amateur
Radio Club Inc.**

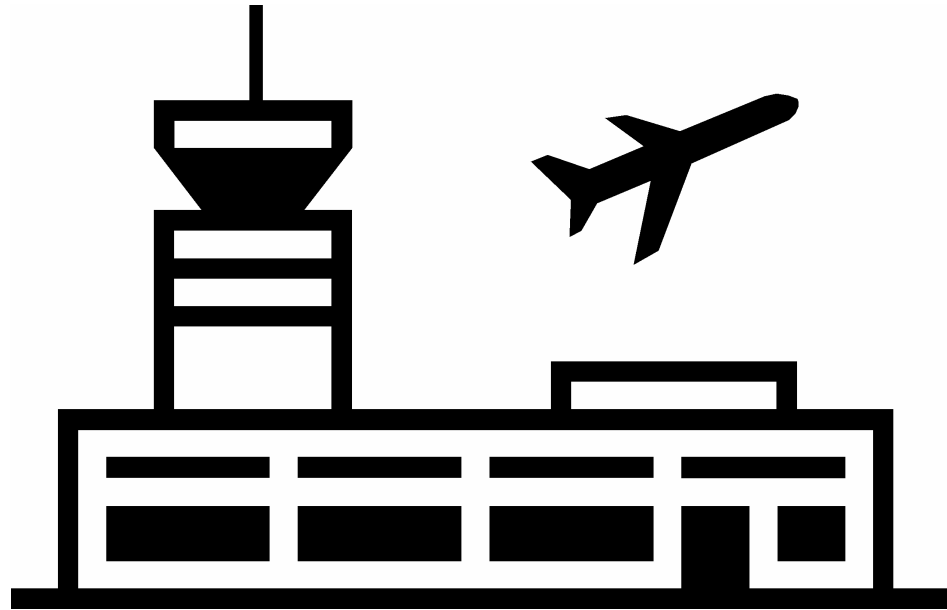
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What's on at the next meeting?"

Annual General Meeting 2009

Followed by

"Air Traffic Control" a talk by Doug ZL2BCF

Visitors and guests most welcome

46th February 2009

Visit the NZART website <http://www.nzart.org.nz>

Christchurch West Amateur Radio Club Inc.
NZART Branch 56
Clubrooms; Auburn Park, Upper Riccarton,
P O Box 31 095, Ilam, Christchurch.

<i>Branch Officers</i>			
<i>President</i>	Doug Pratt	ZL2BCF	322 9961
<i>Vice-President</i>	Mark Carshalton	ZL3BA	322 4518
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<i>Secretary*</i>	John Walker	ZL3IB	348 9084
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	Maurice McNab	ZL3MEM	354 1958
	Bruce Smith	ZL3TFM	343 2432
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	Baden Melhuish	ZL3VI	384 1584
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<i>Morse Admin</i>	Des Borgfeldt	ZL3ACS	980 9705
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<i>ZL3VV Station Mgr</i>	Maurice McNab	ZL3MEM	354 1958
<i>850 Repeater Mgr</i>	Doug Pratt	ZL2BCF	358 5004

*Please note change of Email address; <zl3ib@nzart.org.nz>

Annual subscriptions;

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

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

General Meeting of the Christchurch West Amateur Radio Club

Tuesday 17th January 2009

Present: Mark ZL3BA (Chairman), John ZL3IB (Secretary), 18 members.

Visitors: Simon GM4PLM, Craig Williams

Apologies: Grahame ZL3SJ, Keith ZL3QH, Maurice ZL3MEM, Baden ZL3VI

Minutes: Taken as read

Matters arising: Nil

Correspondence; Inward: Letter from Mr John Allen, Chch City Council re installation of antenna pole and renewal of lease. Invitation to AGM and social function from Br68 Bank statement..*Break-In, Hamlarks.*

Outward: Letter requesting renewal of lease to Chch City Council.

Financial: 60 financial members. \$252 for materials for replacement of radio room floor.

Free and Easy report: December meeting; Xmas social function.

Next meeting on 11th Feb; Snr Constable Price will talk on "Fingerprinting and DNA"

Classes report; nil

General Business:

- 1 National Field Day. 29th Feb at Rimu Park. Doug requested volunteer participants to contacts him ASAP. Need a guaranteed minimum number of operators.
- 2 Working Bees. New flooring installed in radio room. President Mark thanked volunteer workers.
- 3 QTC56 editor required; any volunteers ?. John ZL3IB advised that he will be relinquishing this task as from mid-Feb 2009.
- 4 2009 AGM will take place before General Meeting on 24th Feb. President Mark ZL3BA called for volunteers/nominations for Officers and Committee for 2009.
- 5 Club's radio station ZL3VV will be open every Tuesday from 1700hr. All welcome. Contact Maurice ZL3MEM for more info.

Meeting closed at 2000hr.

Program

Craig Williams, Director of FBI Security Systems Ltd, gave a most stimulating, and entertaining talk on the problems and solutions of home security systems and industrial camera security installations. In conclusion he gave a brief outline of the design of home theatre installations.

Future programs

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

Offers and suggestions for programmes welcomed.

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Christchurch West Amateur Radio Club Inc

Annual General Meeting 2009

The Annual General Meeting of the Christchurch West Amateur Radio Club Inc
will take place at the Auburn Park Clubrooms
on Tuesday 24th February 2009 at 7.30pm.

Agenda

Apologies

Minutes of 2008 AGM

Matters arising

President's report

Treasurer's report and Auditor's report

Free n'Easy Group report

Election of Officers;

President

Secretary

Committee

Trustees

Committee members

Vice-President

Treasurer

Editor QTC 56

Auditor

General business

Hon Sec; John Walker ZL3IB

Free n'Easy Group

Our guest for the first meeting of the year on Wednesday 11th February is S/Constable Price from Christchurch Police who will give a P/Point presentation on finger printing and "DNA". It will be an eye opener to many as this science has progressed remarkably over the years. This should be both interesting and informative as it has not been presented before. If you are free on that afternoon please join us at the clubrooms in Auburn Reserve commencing at 1330hr. Everybody most welcome

73s Graeme ZL3JO

North Canterbury Amateur Radio Club Branch 68

Branch 68 cordially invites the members of Branch 56 and their partners to join us for our 40th Anniversary celebrations. Thursday 12th February 2009 at our Clubrooms in the Woodend Lions Youth Centre

There will be our Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm followed by a sumptuous supper and cuppa.

For catering purposes please advise our club secretary of numbers attending <colingr@xtra.co.nz 03 313 2303>

Repeater news; Cass Peak and Tekapo 680 now linked

If you hear any strange southern call signs appearing on the 145.625 repeater, please welcome them; Tekapo 680 has now been linked to our CARDS 2m repeater.

Big thanks to all involved getting the gear in, especially Eion ZL3AG for his work configuring the equipment at both ends and the install at Cass.

73, Mike ZL3TMB

Cass Peak 438.500 repeater and CTCSS

The Cass Peak 438.500 repeater now requires a 88.5Hz CTCSS tone on your transmitter to respond !

Similarly, other repeaters in Canterbury use a 123Hz CTCSS tone on the input, to help eliminate interference. These repeaters are using the latest Tait TB-8000 series equipment and have a dual-gate setting, so those that don't have CTCSS won't be able to access the repeater if they have a weak signal, compared to the same weak signal with the 123Hz tone.

438.875 - National System local port

147.050 - Marleys Hill

147.250 - Mt Herbert

All the above repeaters use this method, so if your handheld won't access these repeaters add a 123Hz tone to your handheld. You should then be able to access the repeater. like magic :

438.400 - Marley's Hill Echolink repeater has a 88.5 Hz tone on the transmitter only.

53.850 - Cass Peak; planned to have 88.5 Hz tone on the transmitter only.

By knowing the tones used on our repeaters, and with a modern amateur transceiver you can use the principles discussed above, on your mobile rig. Enabling CTCSS decoding on your rig means you can drive through central city without your radio making any unwanted noises.

73 Mike ZL3TMB

HAMADS

For Sale. Tektronix type 191 Constant Amplitude RF signal generator 50 kHz-100 MHz, as new condition \$50. 1% ¼W resistors, complete range, minimum of 50 of each value in 115 small Philips component boxes in 23 trays of 5 each; approximately 5750 resistor \$100. 5 computer keyboards; USB and mini-DIN plug types, Mouse x 4, Mouse pads x 2 @ \$5 the lot. Office chair, gas-operated, adjustable back, great for computer or ham operating desk, as new \$30. 3 x NiCd and NiMH battery chargers \$10 the lot. Video Sender new, transmit a low power TV or DVD signal to watch on a TV in another room \$20. Piano heater, small 15W tubular heater to hang inside the back of your piano to stop moisture or condensation which can cause the keys to stick etc, \$10 (about \$60 dollars to buy new). TH6-DXX antenna, 6-element, tri-band Yagi by HyGain, 24 ft boom, all stainless hardware, excellent condition \$300. Malcolm Gordon ZL3UU, ph 322-4784, email: <Malcolm@darkstar.co.nz>

Freebies. Two 'junked' DVD players. Any use to anyone? Contact John ZL3IB Phone 03-3489 084, email <zl3ib@nzart.org.nz> .

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 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
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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 . Senior Constable Price will talk on “Fingerprinting and DNA”

General Meetings

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

Combined Branches Meeting

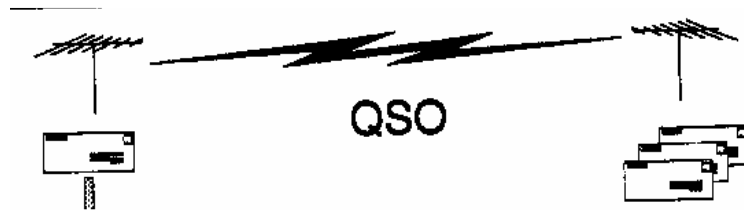
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Your committee welcomes suggestions for topics and/or offers of talks for Branch meetings.

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. Next meeting; Tuesday 3rd March. 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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