

2007 Jock White Field Day Report

Thank you to all branch team members along with home stations for making the effort to participate in this great NZART event. This year all valid field stations submitted logs, including one branch that has not done so for years. Hamilton even submitted their logs printed and spiral bound! A big thank you to everyone for making this effort.

47 logs in total were received along with some home station check logs. It is nice to read the comments submitted with the entries, it makes the task of log checking a lot more interesting! One single operator field station sent in photos of his set-up.

Propagation seemed similar to last year with the usual 40m poor performance first thing on the Sunday. The weather seemed to be pretty good over the whole country with the possible exception of Whangarei who seemed to have their own overnight private weather bomb.

Chris, VK2LCD, a regular participant in VK-ZL contests submitted a log in the overseas section. Despite heavy QRN Chris appreciated the efforts of ZLs to make contacts with him (and we appreciate the effort he made in return). This section has potential for more VKs to get involved and compete among themselves!

Jakey, G3JKY (ZL2JKY) who is usually a member of the Motueka team was an SWL this year while in the UK. He logged the following branches on 40 CW: 01 02 03 22 28 51 61 65 between 1800 and 2200 NZT on Saturday. "The branches I did not hear can claim they were not wasting power on low angle radiation. Hi!"

Unfortunately there were no valid field stations in Christchurch. There were two /05 stations that did not make enough contacts to gain branch point status. On that subject, when a station comes on for a short period and gives out a branch number but makes insufficient contacts (50 phone and/or 25 CW per band) I have to re-adjust all entries that claimed that station as a branch point. It gets worse for me if that station(s) does not submit a log (as occurred this year) I have to manually count contacts made with that station by checking other stations logs. This is a time consuming process.

There was plenty of antenna experimentation: full wave loops both vertical and horizontal, verticals (including one suspended from a weather balloon!) and a vertical ZL special.

Electronic logging

Some teams have enquired about the availability of contesting software for field day. Writelog is a commercial product and comes highly recommended; it included a modification for NZART Jock White field day rules.

See: www.writelog.com

Due to some quite rude comments (no “hi Stuart” etc, just straight into a tirade) on the subject of electronic logging let me make my position re electronic logging quite clear:

For the foreseeable future the JWFD will remain a ‘paper’ contest i.e. entries submitted to me must be on paper and include the logs and summary sheets available off the contest page on the NZART web site. About 2/3 of submitted logs are hand written, for this reason there is no possibility of electronic cross-checking of entries, it has to be done manually. The standard summary sheets are necessary because most entries claim several non valid branch points (multipliers), and given there are around 100 valid ones; the sheets allow me to quickly check them off.

I do not believe it is that too much of a hassle to print the logs off and write out or print the summary sheets if you use e-logging. I will not accept e-mailed logs, as I have said above; this is a paper exercise for the reasons given, for me to check partly on a PC and partly on paper is not an option.

I realize that we are in the 21st century and that this might seem old-fashioned but until the bulk of FD teams are ready to take on e-logging I have no choice. It must be realized that FD sees a mixture of teams competing from the experienced contesters through to the largely social/relaxed who would be reluctant to use lap-tops. An insistence on e-logging at this stage would probably spell the end of the Jock White field day.

Splatter

There were the usual complaints of one or two stations splattering on SSB. When operating in FD we are often using unfamiliar gear +/- headset microphones that often have higher audio outputs than the usual hand mic for the set in use.

It is essential that a person familiar with that set adjusts the microphone gain correctly before the event starts, then leaves a rottweiler near the set to bite anyone who thinks cranking up the microphone gain will improve things!

Statistics

The statistics are virtually identical to 2006:

- about 250 personnel in the field among the;
- 41 field stations, same as 2006;
- there was more CW activity on 80m at the expense of CW on 40m this year, and;
- activity levels similar overall.

Unsolicited Team Comments:

- propagation not too bad.
- 40 and 80 down.
- sight impaired op had a ball with another amateur doing the logging.
- Rotorua came have come out of hibernation after many years.
- helicopter QRM @ZL2CC, spraying paddocks adjacent to the FD site.
- our strongest CW team for many years.
- hard work being a single operator station.
- my Grandfather persuaded me to operate as a single op field station, instead of from home, it was much better operating from a caravan than indoors.
- behaviour of the operators was the best I have heard, and I've been in most since 1961.
- we had a large team and may be able to field two stations next year (Branch 20).
- two SAR callouts overnight removed two operators at ZL1AM then 35mm rain fell overnight.
- a case of Delhi belly meant I had to keep my single operator station near a toilet!
- at ZL2KS we not only had a BBQ but also had a gas operated fridge to keep the beer cold and the ice cream sort of frozen.

Valid Branch Points (Multipliers)

There were a total of 97 branch points available for field stations, 101 for home stations (field stations cannot work themselves, hence the difference).

80 Phone: (38) 01 02 03 08 10 11 12 13 15 16 18 20 21 22 23 25 27 28 29 30 33 34 40 42 43 47 48 51 53 55 61 63 65 69 79 83 86 87

80 CW: (20) 01 02 03 10 12 16 22 23 25 27 28 29 30 33 42 51 61 65 69 87

40 Phone: (30) 01 02 03 08 10 11 12 13 15 18 20 21 22 23 25 27 28 30 33 34 40 43 48 51 55 61 63 65 83 87

40 CW: (14) 01 02 03 12 22 25 27 28 30 33 51 61 65 87

Check log received from ZL2MS.

Stuart Watchman
ZL2TW

2007 JOCK WHITE MEMORIAL FIELD DAY CONTEST RESULTS

Montgomery Cup - Northern Region

	CALL	80 metres					40 metres					Tot Mult	Total Score	Pwr Out	BRANCH
		QSOs			Branches		QSOs			Branches					
		Ph	CW	DX	Ph	CW	Ph	CW	DX	Ph	CW				
1	ZL1VK	531	270	2	36	19	384	189	18	29	13	97	508280	100	65 Papakura
2	ZL1AA	480	257	3	37	19	391	165	29	28	13	97	489171	100	02 Auckland
3	ZL1AM	465	245	1	37	19	295	145	12	27	13	96	418560	100	28 Whangarei
4	ZL1WK	394	219		36	14	242	104	5	30	13	93	332289	100	51 Eastern Bay of Plenty
5	ZL1UX	362	156	2	37	16	185	113	4	26	13	92	280232	100	12 Hamilton
6	ZL1SA	382	63	1	35	16	292		9	29		80	194960	100	10 Franklin
7	ZL1ROT	305	70	0	32	16	98	86	2	28	13	89	178801	100	33 Rotorua
8	ZL1AB	202	121	0	27	15						42	50862	100	29 North Shore

Patea Trophy - Central Region

1	ZL2GT	528	270	6	37	19	303	152	10	28	13	97	462011	150	25 Napier
2	ZL2QF	522	219	2	37	19	263	119	5	29	13	98	403270	150	87 South Taranaki
3	ZL2AB	394	187		37	19	245	82	12	29	13	98	331436	100	27 New Plymouth
4	ZL2AMS	567	90	2	37	16	257		5	28		81	242352	100	23 Marton
5	ZL2KB	187	69		36	11						47	42582	100	69 Kapiti
6	ZL2HV	67		2	24		130			28		52	31772	100	18 Hutt Valley

ZL3/4 Trophy - Midland Region

1	ZL2KS	382	199		37	19	267	140	4	28	13	97	357154	80	22 Marlborough
2	ZL3AKM	289	52	1	35	17	287	126	4	29	13	94	250792	100	01 Ashburton

"4" Trophy - Southern Region

1	ZL4AA	209	120		34	18	242	115	7	28	13	93	241614	100	30 Otago
2	ZL4OO	213	77		32	17	247	72	12	28	12	89	199805	100	61 Central Otago
3	ZL4AL	178		1	31		335		16	29		60	102540	100	08 Eastern Southland

W M Hall Memorial - QRP

1	ZL3UR	206		1	35		287		30		65	96785	5	34 South Canterbury
2	ZL4TCA	110			31		206		30		61	57828	5	34 South Canterbury

Single Operator

1	ZL2DTM	486			37		65		25		62	102486	50	40 TeAwamutu
2	ZL1TB	531		5	37						37	60791	100	79 Howick
3	ZL1AC	153		2	35		115		28		63	51912	100	03 Western Suburbs
4	ZL1LC	367		1	33						33	36663	100	02 Auckland
5	ZL2JU	123	76		30	16					46	34454	25	16 Horowhenua

CW Only

1	ZL1WI		239			19		160	5		13	32	65440	100	03 Western Suburbs
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80 Metres Only

1	ZL2AFV	446	234	2	37	19					56	141568	100	42 Titahi Bay
4	ZL2LE	590			37						37	65490	100	13 Hastings/Havelock N.
2	ZL1IB	553		4	37						37	62863	100	53 Te Puke
3	ZL2TO	529		2	36						36	57852	100	47 Waitara
5	ZL1ZLD	404		4	36						36	45072	100	86 Suburban

Hastings Trophy - Phone Only

1	ZL1IZ	615		2	37		322		17	27		64	192064	100	55 Waitomo
2	ZL2AS	510		3	37		333		6	30		67	175473	100	13 Hastings/Havelock N.
3	ZL2CC	467		4	36		357		13	28		64	169088	100	11 Gisborne
4	ZL1FF	420		2	37		351		21	28		65	165295	100	15 Central Hawkes Bay
5	ZL1REG	459		4	34		332		13	29		63	160209	70	83 Raglan
6	ZL2JA	459		4	37		251		16	29		66	153780	100	48 Wanganui
7	ZL1QB	405		1	34		264		19	29		63	139041	100	21 Manukau
8	ZL2KO	419		1	36		296		7	25		61	135725	100	20 Manawatu
9	ZL1QW	357			35		84			21		56	74088	100	43 Waihi
10	ZL2VH	153			33		53			23		56	34608	100	63 Upper Hutt

Overseas Section

	VK2LCD	39			20		53			23		43	11868		
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Home Stations

1	ZL1AKY	323	37	1	36	15	159	28	1	29	7	87	155817	100	Overall Winner
2	ZL2AWH	163			32		71			25		57	40014	100	Phone Only
3	ZL2AVL		123			18		52			14	32	28000	5	CW Only
4	ZL3TPN	267			34							34	27234	50	
5	ZL3CK	64			23		52			23		46	16008	5	QRP
6	ZL1TPH						61			22		22	4026	100	
7	ZL2JSW	51			19							19	2907	100	

Check logs: Field: Home:

* = certificate winners.