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Greetings Everyone

Welcome to Headquarters-Info-Line a twice-monthly bulletin of news from NZART Headquarters e-mailed directly to Branches and to others that subscribe through the NZART Web Site. This bulletin is also distributed on the amateur radio packet network.

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From The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM

Debby says....

Subscription reminders...the period for rebated subscription is drawing to a close at the end of November. Get your subs to me before this date to take advantage of the rebate.

Remember that you can now pay your subscriptions by direct credit to our bank account BNZ 02 0772 0209760 00. Please include your call sign or membership number as a reference.

Licensing...Over this month most Branches will receive an e-mail from Doug Ingham regarding re-licensing of your repeaters beacons and fixed links. This will include an invoice to the branch on the total number each branch is required to financially maintain. NZART will not be sending out invoices for this round of re-licensing, however Branches are asked where possible to please reimburse the Association for those that are required and paid for by Doug. All reimbursements are to come to NZART HQ. Talk soon...Debby ZL2TDM

Allocation and Use of Single Letter Call Signs: Call for Input

The NZART President draws to attention that Don Wallace our new ALO, is having a look at the current policy regarding the allocation and use of 1 letter call signs by contesters, DX'ers, etc.

If you have any ideas about this please feel free to contact Don by email at alo@nzart.org.nz or by mail at 149 Orangi Kaupapa Rd, Wellington 6012.

ANNUAL RENEWAL OF REPEATER & BEACON LICENCES

292 Licences are due for renewal on, or before, 30 November 2007.

FMTAG has notified all of the affected branches by email, advising them of NZART Council's policy, published in HQ Info Line #145, also available at: <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/policies/>

As at the time of writing, Friday 16th November, 157 licences have been renewed.

With only 14 days to go, the following Branches have not yet advised FMTAG of their decision on which licences they want renewed or cancelled:

11 Gisborne
20 Manawatu
23 Marton
28 Whangarei
33 Rotorua
34 South Canterbury
35 South Otago
37 Southland
38 Taumarunui
39 Tauranga
51 Eastern Bay of Plenty
55 Waitomo
61 Central Otago
62 Reefton-Buller
66 Auckland VHF
67 Kawerau
78 Far North
81 Waikato VHF
86 Suburban
87 South Taranaki
CARDS

The SMART system will automatically cancel any licence not renewed by midnight on the 30th of November.

Re-instatement of a cancelled licence is expensive. The MED currently charges an engineering certification fee of \$300, to create a replacement licence, plus the annual fee of \$50 for the subsequent 12 months. Please contact FMTAG for a re-send of the licence renewal email sent to the Branch, or for more information on licence renewal: fmtag@nzart.org.nz

Please contact your local NZART Councillor, listed on page 1-2 of Call Book, for more information on NZART Council's repeater and beacon licensing policy.

Please don't leave renewal until the last minute; last year the MED fee payment website, which is shared with other parts of the MED such as the Companies Office, Patent Office, etc., was inaccessible for several hours on the last day, while the MED's other customers were paying their fees, also at the last moment.

Renewals take place in the order in which they are received, and we would like to see our families for, at least, a few minutes on the last few days of the month.

World Radiocommunication Conference 2007 (WRC-07) (edited)

Report No. 3 to NZART, Week Ending Friday 9 November 2007

Review of HF Allocations 4 - 10 MHz: Work continued with lengthy discussions and the stand off of "No Change" to deny any HF Broadcasting expansion, versus Europe (the CEPT) supporting the HF Broadcasters. They sought 350 kHz more spectrum (now reduced to 200 kHz or less). This part of the agenda is not related to our amateur requests, but is the defining road block issue.

LF secondary allocation to amateurs at 135.7 - 137.8 kHz: This has made steady progress. Those "Arab Group" countries opposing any amateur allocation (i.e. "No Change"), have been given the chance to sign up to a Footnote that allowed them to be named and to opt out of allowing access by their amateurs. The final version has now been approved by the committee and been passed on to the Plenary for approval.

Report No. 4 to NZART, Week Ending Friday 16 November 2007

In the short term we did not achieve our HF goals. However, some opportunities may arise at a future conference to resurrect these issues, disassociated from HFBC expansion. It seems likely that given more time, various other methods of delivery for broadcasting will grow (more Internet, satellite, local AM and FM stations etc.). One Resolution adopted urges the HF broadcasters to make the transition to digital transmission using the DRM standards and technology. These options should reduce their demand for HF spectrum.

LF secondary allocation to amateurs at 135.7 - 137.8 kHz: This has made steady progress and is now through the process, ready for final approval.

Summary of Outcomes

Resulting from the WRC-07 agenda items, we will now have a world wide LF secondary allocation for amateurs at 135.7 - 137.8 kHz. Our requests for secondary access at 5 MHz, and the final stage of world wide expansion in Regions 1 and 3 at 7.2 - 7.3 MHz were not successful. They were blocked by a "No change" decision for 4 - 10 MHz that stopped any expansion of HF broadcasting. In the long term this may turn out to be positive for amateur radio.

At the next WRC-11 we have achieved an agenda item to consider a secondary allocation around 500 kHz, against stiff opposition from some groups. Region 1 failed to get their request for an allocation at 50 - 54 MHz, or for access to a secondary allocation at 5 MHz. Another new agenda item to consider new bands from 275 - 3000 GHz is also of interest to us. An Arab group proposal to consider the use of 430 - 440 MHz for "mobile" services in Region 1 was successfully blocked from getting onto the final agenda. The constant pressure for future mobile spectrum also seems to have been retreated from considering our UHF bands.
73, Peter Lake, ZL2AZ

ITU World Radiocommunication Conference concludes

Geneva, 16 November 2007-The World Radiocommunication Conference 2007 (WRC-07) concluded its deliberations with the adoption of an international treaty to meet the global demand for radio-frequency spectrum.

Over 2800 delegates representing 164 Member States and 104 Observers attended the four-week Conference, marked by intense negotiations on the future of wireless communications.

Rapid technological developments and growth in the information and communication technology (ICT) sector have fuelled the demand for spectrum.

For full text see: http://www.itu.int/newsroom/press_releases/2007/36.html

Contest News

VHF Contests

Prepare for VHF Field Day coming up on Saturday December 2, 2007 and Sunday December 3, 2007.

HF Contests

CONTESTS THIS WEEKEND - 17 & 18 NOVEMBER 2007

The CQWW CW DX Contest is on next weekend and no doubt all those intending participating have been "beefing" up on the contest rules and getting in a bit of practice, including checking out the gear and antennae.

For those seeking a new country, or two, this contest affords a great opportunity to achieve this. There are a number of planned DXpeditions to exotic and rare locations seeking contacts with all and sundry, so here is your opportunity to increase your countries worked totals. Generally these stations are good QSL'ers.

Hopefully band conditions will reflect a much needed improvement by next weekend.

2008 JOCK WHITE MEMORIAL FIELD DAY CONTEST - ADVANCE NOTICE

When: 23 & 24 February 2008.

Updated Contest will be posted to the NZART Website and published in Break In nearer to the event - probably late 2007 and the Nov/Dec Break In Contest column.

2008 RSGB HF COMMONWEALTH CONTEST – ALL BANDS

When: - 8 March 2008 (1000 UTC) until 9 March 2008 (1000 UTC)

The individual Teams Event, as run during the 2007 event, in which the NZART Team under the captaincy of Frank, ZL2BR was winner, will again be a feature of the 2008 BERU.

Those interested in competing as a NZART Team member please contact Frank, either by email zl2br@ihug.co.nz, or by "snail mail" to Frank's Callbook address.

2008 ARRL INTERNATIONAL CONTESTS – 1.8 MHz to 30.0 MHz

15 & 16 February 2008 – CW Contest - 0000 UTC 15 Feb until 0000 UTC 16 Feb.

1 March & 2 March 2008 – SSB Contest – 0000 UTC 1 March until 0000 UTC 2 March

2007 MEMORIAL CONTEST AWARD CERTIFICATES

My apologies for overlooking the despatch of the certificates to those individual winners and place getters in this year's Memorial Contest. I had thought these had been sent prior to the visit of 3 grandsons, but had overlooked that I had placed these in a safe place, pending completion of the enveloping, etc.

Horror of horrors - I discovered the certificates and partly completed envelopes carefully hidden away - sure in a collection of documentation regarding the North Shore City Council District Plan matters.

Old age making its present felt again.

FORTHCOMING OTHER CONTESTS

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 24 to 2400Z, Nov 25
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Nov 24 to 2359Z, Nov 25
ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Nov 30 to 1600Z, Dec 2
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 8 to 2400Z, Dec 9
OK DX RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 15
Croatian CW Contest	1400Z, Dec 15 to 1400Z, Dec 16

73, John Powell, ZL1BHQ, NZART Contest Manager

Scouting and Guiding in NZ: Canterbury Jamboree or 'CJAM'

The Canterbury Jamboree or 'CJAM' is on at the end of the year over the Christmas break CJAM is happening 28 Dec to 5 Jan for campers. Set up 27 December and take down 6 January 2008.

It will be a *international* scouting event. Over 4000 scouts and 1000 visitors are expected. This will be Amateur Radio in Canterbury's last chance for the next 20 years to demonstrate amateur radio to a large range of people.

Volunteers are required to make the camp a success. Before you can attend you must undergo a Scout check. Unfortunately this is mandatory and can not be waived. Without a scout warrant you will not be permitted onsite.

The more people we have to volunteer the less everyone will have to do. Let's show everyone what amateur radio is all about while we have the chance. Remember this is a once in 20 year event! Even if you can only volunteer to help set up then it's better than nothing at all. Remember it's for the kids, let's not let them down.

Please contact me paul@layt.net ph 03 9810961

Break-In Closing Date Reminder

From the Editor Break-In, Official Journal of NZART Inc.

"Copy for the JANUARY/FEBRUARY issue of Break-In closes on 10th JANUARY 2007.

Early receipt of copy is much appreciated. Thanks. John ZL3IB, Editor"

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Dates for Official Broadcast (OB) and Head Quarter's Info-Line (HQIL)

2007 OB at 8pm Sunday: Nov 25, Dec 23

* **NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 25 NOVEMBER 2007 and**

* **Next HQ-Info-Line e-mailed on Sunday 9 DECEMBER 2007**

2007 HQIL on Sunday: Dec 9-23

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