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From HQ

Debby says....

Silent Key removals from the RSM Register

I have received the official word from RSM regarding notification of Silent Key, and the requirement to remove their call sign from the RSM Database...as follows:

Unfortunately, we can no longer release the callsigns unless we have proof of death. We now need to have one of the following:

- ***confirmation from the family of the deceased***
- ***a copy of the death certificate***
- ***a copy of the obituary***

• ***a reference to a newspaper notification***

So, there it goes, I'm afraid, please do not forward an e-mail to me when you hear of a silent key, especially as call book is due out soon, there will still be a number of silent keys listed in there.

We have a silent Key removal form (attached to this HQ Info-line), that must be used, but also as you can see needs to be accompanied by one of the above.

Subscriptions 2019

Last weekend I spent a good number of hours folding enveloping over 930 statements for the 2019 subscription year, which for those who have yet to pay, should have received them or will imminently.

Just a reminder, the rebate is deducted from the invoice total, for Transmitting/Non-Transmitting \$99, or Family Transmitting/Family Non-Transmitting \$129.

Nominations for President and Council

Attached to this newsletter is the nomination form required to be completed, by the nominee and seconder and returned to the 'Returning Officer' by 31 December 2018.

Headquarters Closed

The office will be closed next week from Tuesday 20 – Tuesday 27th November as I will be attending the ARCIA conference in Australia for RFUANZ.

Talk soon...Debby ZL2DL

Straight Key Night



Straight Key Night - 2 December

New Zealand Straight Key Night - normally held on the first Sunday in November - will be held this year on the first Sunday in December, from 9pm to 10pm on 80 metres.

SKN honours the roots of amateur radio: Morse Code sent with a straight key (no bugs, sideswipers, keyers or keyboards).

All levels of CW skill are welcome in this event. There are certificates for the three stations working the most QSOs, and all participants are invited to nominate an operator for the Best Fist Award.

SKN has a unique exchange that includes not just RST, but also type of key, type of transmitter and power output. There are special log sheets available so that it's easy to keep track of this information.

Get all the details at <http://maritimeradio.org/skn>

NZART Portable Activity Day

NZART Portable Activity Day - New Years Day

The Christmas/New Year holiday period is a great chance to get on the air. Accordingly, NZART is promoting New Years Day, 1 January 2019, as a portable activity day. This is an opportunity to get outdoors and operate knowing there will be others doing the same. As an activity day this is not a contest, so it is up to you where, when and how you operate. There will be a lot of Summits on the Air (“SOTA”) activity on this day (ZL and VK) owing to them being able to claim double activation points by operating either side of 0000z 1 January UTC (1pm NZDST). You could therefore activate a SOTA summit, or if that is a bit much, participate in the NZART awards programme by activating a lake, lighthouse or National Park (make sure you know the rules before you start) [1]. Alternatively, you could just park up at your favourite spot and make a few QSOs. Apart from SOTA which stresses portable activity without your station being connected to a motor vehicle, you are free to use any method of portable operation you like.

This could be a chance to take the family on a picnic, a branch activity, or you could get together with a bunch of mates, head to different places and meet up in the pub afterwards to swap “the DX that got away” stories. It is entirely up to you. It is also a great chance to test your portable emergency capability.

There is no fixed operating period, although as a rule of thumb SOTA activators will generally be operating between 12pm and 2pm NZDST, and you can operate as long as you like.

Based on SOTA activity we suggest the following frequencies. SSB: 5353 kHz (as long as you have a permit), 7080-7115 kHz, 14300-14330 kHz (great to VK); CW: 5362 kHz (with permit), 7030-7040 kHz, 14060-14070 kHz (for VK). FM: 146.500 simplex. Note: repeater contacts are generally not acceptable for awards but can be used to organise simplex operation. If you are not award chasing, then repeater contacts are fine.

Can't get away? Then just fire up the rig at home and work as many stations as you can. Who knows, by the end of it you may be able to claim an award.

If you are going to go portable, post your intentions on the NZART members email reflector [2], or email cqdx@nzart.org.nz. Nearer the day we will look to publish a comprehensive list of activity on the major email reflectors, Infoline and Facebook groups so people know who to listen out for and where they will be.

Good luck and we hope to hear you on the air!

[1] <http://www.nzart.org.nz/activities/awards/>

[2] go to <http://www.nzart.org.nz/join/e-mail-lists/join-nzart-members-list/> if you want to [join](#)

Conference 2019

NZART Conference 2019 is to be held in New Plymouth on Queens Birthday Weekend, Saturday June 1st and 2nd 2019 at the Quality Plymouth Hotel.

***Note: The Plymouth has asked that Campervans do not park for the duration of the weekend in their parking.**

Accommodation available at the venue, at extremely good rates details can be found on the conference website: <https://conference.zl2ab.com/>

The closest campervan site is Belt Road officially however there is a campervan site in Bell Block that members of the NZMCA should know about as they get discounted rates on is the next best option also information can be found at this url:

<http://www.newplymouthnz.com/Residents/Attractions-and-Recreation/Camping>

Official Broadcast

The Official Broadcast is made on the last Sunday of each month except:

- December when the Broadcast is made on the Sunday before Christmas.
- January when there is no broadcast

The broadcast is made on 3900 kHz, and on the National System and local VHF repeaters.

The broadcast is made at 2000 hours (8:00 pm), with a repeat at 2100 hours (9:00 pm).

Members and Branches are welcome to submit material for inclusion in the Broadcast to the e-mail or postal address shown below.

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