



NZART HQ INFOLINE ISSUE # 487

From HQ...

Things are heating up at the office as we get closer to our exciting annual conference! As previously mentioned, registration is now available on the conference website and through the physical form found in the latest issue of Break-In.

The AGM will NOT be broadcast via ZOOM this year.

Please make sure that payment for conference is going to the conference committee (not NZART)

We have numerous contests being promoted in this month's issue, which you'll find further down!

NZART are currently looking at purchasing some new banners. Please keep an eye for more detailed information in the branch circular.

We have recently done an address audit in our system. If you have not been receiving your bi-monthly issue of Break-In, it is important that you contact us so we can make sure you are getting your favorite mag!

See you next issue!

Sara-Jayne

Update from the NZART President

Hello everyone,

Just a couple of notes; the final version of the Draft Constitution to go with the remit printed in Callbook is on our website for Club members to download and read, as we have stated several times. NZART are updating our constitution to fall in line with the new Incorporated societies Act.

Conference is approaching with around six weeks to go, I look forward to seeing many of you down at Christchurch, Branch 05 has put together an awesome programme and the Tours look to be amazing.

WIA have invited me as President of NZART to their AGM during the first weekend of May this year, this is the first time a NZART President has attended post covid in person. The goal is to get back to having a representative bi-annually with NZART going one year, WIA coming the next, however I am pushing hard for WIA to come over for the Centenary in 2026.

There have been several Branches asking about re-registering to Incorporated Societies, don't panic there is plenty of time, Don Wallace, ZL2TLL has been asked by council to get out a step-by-step guide and he is working on that making sure all our ducks are in a row.

Daniel Vandenberg

ZL2DRV

President

Radio Electronics Group Inc Annual Sale

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NZART Branch - 89

Annual Equipment Sale

At Glenview Club Inc.

211 Peacocks Road Glenview

Note new road layout.

Hamilton

Saturday 18th May 2024

Vendors: 8-30am

Doors open 10am

Prebooked Tables \$20

On the Day \$25

Public \$2 Lucky Ticket Entry

Refreshments – Door prizes

Plenty of parking

Easy access

Motor Home Parking

For Vendor Registration Form

Contact Vern ZL1TKG

ZL1REGSALE@gmail.com

ZL6ANZAC - Wrights Hill Fortress ANZAC Activation



A group of Wellington amateurs will be activating the Wrights Hill Fortress in commemoration of our ANZACs on April 25. They'll be operating from the fortress itself which was built in Karori, Wellington during World War Two as a long range coastal battery to

Protect Wellington city and environs from possible enemy attacks and invasions from the Pacific. The fortress consists of a large network of underground tunnels, operation rooms, and three gun encampments, and is a fascinating piece of history.

The activation will be during the ANZAC Day Open Day for the Fortress, and the team will be showing and demonstrating to members of the public what ham radio is and the fun you can have with it!

Chase the ZL6ANZAC Special Callsign on 25-April from around 10am and grab yourself a special callsign contact and a Parks on the Air park chase! ZL1PPY is also activating so jump on the bands and make some great ANZAC Day contacts.

For more information on the Fortress, you can check out their website:

<https://wrightshillfortress.org.nz/>

Zane ZL1CZ

AREC – Winlink Weekly Check-In Net

A weekly AREC Winlink check-In net will be available to *all Amateur Radio Operators*

Winlink is the email operating software that is used throughout the world for emergency communication in the event of a natural disaster or emergency. Winlink is also used by many government agencies including military and humanitarian services on non-ham frequencies.

The very existence of Amateur radio is a result of providing emergency communications in a national emergency and it is prudent that all amateur operators that are capable of sending an email to learn how to operate this software as it may be your lifeline in a communication blackout.

See [here](#) for a revised document containing more information

ZLs are encouraged to seek out these Argentinian stations to cement the link between our countries.

On 22 May 1924 Ivan O’Meara 2AC in Gisborne made the first trans-Pacific contact with Carlos Braggio CB8 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, setting a world record distance of just over 10,000 km.

This contact took the scientific world by surprise because at that time it was thought that the HF frequency used was unsuitable for DX communications.

To commemorate this historic event the Radio Club Argentino is arranging for all Argentinian amateurs to be able to use a special prefix during May 2024. ZLs are encouraged to seek out these Argentinian stations to cement the link between our countries.

Locally the centenary will be commemorated by the Gisborne Branch who will establish a special event station in mid-May using the call sign ZL100AC. During the activation they hope to make contact with a special RCA station in Argentina on or near the actual anniversary date.

Craig Crawford ZL3TLB

A Special RandomGram Event For Oceania

Since RG (RandomGram) events began in October 2023, they have become popular among CW operators in other parts of the world, especially the US. The activity hinges on correctly exchanging one or more 5-letter groups. An operator's log showing the exchanged groups is checked against a master list and points awarded for both transmission and reception.

How has RG been received 'down under'? RG is pretty much still unknown. Most activity in Region 3 has been out of Japan, but typically-poor daytime HF propagation for the southern hemisphere has resulted in low point-scores for operators in Oceania. A table showing statistics for the 'World' compared with VK and ZL participation can be seen at <https://qsl.net/zl3tk/rg/rg.htm>

Could we be doing better?

RG was created by **Drew AF2Z**. He noticed and commented on the trend down under and agrees that, given the opportunity, we could be doing a lot better. Putting his money where his mouth is, he has generously offered to run a trial **2-hour RandomGram event** to suit our 'down under' conditions, likely during our early evening hours to optimize propagation across the region. The fact cannot be disputed that we need significantly more operators in southern Region 3 to make such an event worthwhile.

Setting up an RG event is time-consuming. Drew responds to every intending participant by providing a unique list of random, registered, 5-letter groups. To make it worthwhile, Drew has asked for a list of at least 20, preferably upwards of 40 operators, who are interested before he commits to run this proposal.

I've been tasked with collating that list. **Please email zl3tk@qsl.net with subject line 'Oceania RG' to indicate your interest.** The closing date for registrations is 1200Z on **Sunday 28 April 2024**. When the goal has been reached, instructions and a dat - tentatively mid-May -will be sent. Scores will be calculated and published after Drew has received your logs showing the

groups sent and received. Even non-transmitting folk may participate by logging groups heard.

Comprehensive information about RG can be found at <https://groups.io/g/RandomGram>

All non-WARC bands can be used, however, based upon the resounding success of the weekly VK CQ QRS events, and considering our tight geographical focus, RG will probably be served best by the 40 m band.

73 de Stan, ZL3TK

IARU World Amateur Radio Day - 5PØWARD Award

5PØWARD/xx SES's will be active 18 April 00-24 UTC

You can achieve a special Award for contacts on April the 18th 00-24 UTC with different 5PØWARD/xx stations (different extended suffix) and the rules are as follows:

Stations in EU

Gold: 8 QSO with different stations on at least 4 different bands.

Silver: 6 QSO with different stations on at least 3 different bands.

Bronze: 5 QSO with different stations on at least 2 different bands.

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Stations outside EU

Gold: 4 QSO with different stations on at least 3 different bands.

Silver: 3 QSO with different stations on at least 2 different bands.

Bronze: 2 QSO with different stations on at least 2 different bands.

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Print-yourself Award.

This award is for free. Send an e-mail to our award manager oz4cg@live.dk including your Call sign, your name and the contacts made for gaining the award. We make a log-check and will e-mail the free award to you, as an attached PDF-file.

Printed and Laminated award.

Price for the printed Award is 10 USD. Send your request and payment via

PayPal ha@hand.dk including your Call sign, your name and address and a list with the QSO's you made.

Before you make any award request, please check your contacts using this free service on ClubLog - [Logsearch/5P0WARD](#)

Deadline for award requests are *December 31th this year* - Any question regarding award to oz4cg@live.dk.

Remember the contacts MUST be within this year

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QSL information:

QSL cards, CLUBLOG and LoTW will be for the call sign 5P0WARD (without any /xx)

QSL manager is Allis OZ1ACB - oz1acb@wiland.dk

You are encouraged to order your QSL card via [Logsearch/5P0WARD](#)

Any question regarding award to oz4cg@live.dk

Any question regarding QSL cards to oz1acb@wiland.dk

Other questions, contact oz2i@edr.dk

73 de OZ1ACB, OZ4CG and OZ2I

#WorldAmateurRadioDay

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IARU HF World Championship

For more information on the contest, please see [HERE](#)

IARU QRP Day

For more information on QRP Day, please see [HERE](#)

The 2024 Florida QSO Party

The 2024 Florida QSO Party will be held **April 27 & 28**, and we sure hope you'll join us.

Two ten-hour operating periods, with a ten hour break:

Saturday, April 27 1600Z (Noon EDT) – April 28 0159Z (9:59 PM EDT)

Sunday, April 28 1200Z (8 AM EDT) - 2159Z (5:59 PM EDT)

Categories:

Single Op, Multi Op, Multi-Multi, Mobile, Expedition, Technician and School.

Three power levels: QRP, Low, and High Power.

Use CW, SSB or both.

Special Event Award- 2024 FQP Spelling Bee!

We will have a total of 12 special 1x1 stations whose suffixes spell KEYS. There will be three stations per suffix. Contact at least one station of each suffix letter spelling KEYS to earn this award. These stations will be on both modes and should be very accessible. QSL these 1x1 calls active in FQP via KU9C direct or via Logbook of The World (LoTW).

The call signs and hosts are TBA.

Prizes

Beautiful color Certificates for top participants

Plaques for top finishing entrants.

Detailed information on the Florida QSO Party can be found on the website <https://floridaqsoparty.org/>

73

Chris NX4N

ZL3NB Memorial Sprints

The ZL Sprints have been renamed the ZL3NB Memorial Sprints for April in honour of Bill Carney ZL3NB (SK) who was a good friend and regular participant in the sprints.

Held on Tuesday nights at 0800z (8pm) get prepared for 5 rounds of fun and frivolities (and some contesting).

The format is the same as in previous years, 30min of CW followed by 30min of SSB on 80m with an exchange of RST (always 599 or 5NN in CW) and your outside temperature. Work as many stations as you can in one or both periods, once on each mode.

This is a great chance to give CW a go as this is a laid back activity with a stylised exchange and speeds around 15 to 18wpm. Ops will slow down to your speed (hint hint).

The rules are [here](#).

73

Mark ZL3AB

Call Book:

As Editor I bear the responsibility here and sincerely apologize that Callbook is late. However, when you see the work I have done you will appreciate the hours I am putting into collating and ensuring accurate information is published.

If you have any concerns, please email me directly at zl2drv@gmail.com

Daniel Vandenberg ZL2DRV

President NZART

Callbook Editor

Around the Branches

Western Suburbs ANZAC Commemoration

Western Suburbs Branch 03 will be running a special station to commemorate ANZAC day. The station will run from 8am to 8pm on all bands. FT8 & SSB.

Grant ZL1GSM

Western Suburbs Radio Club

[Christchurch Branch April Newsletter](#)

[Wellington Branch April Newsletter](#)

[Marlborough Branch April Newsletter](#)

[Northshore Branch April Newsletter](#)

Next Issue of HQ InfoLine

The next InfoLine is due out Sunday 19th May 2024. If you would like to share any events or report on any upcoming activities, please send these to admin@nzart.org.nz.

The Next Official Broadcast will be held 28th April 2024

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