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From HQ...

The National System in the Gisborne/Whakapunake area is down due to repairs. The time frame for completion is uncertain, with it possibly being as late as early spring. Weather will play a big part in how quickly the repairs progress.

A reminder that if your branch is interested in an NZART banner to house on site, that an *expression-of-interest form* must be returned. Each branch will have received the form in the branch circular. The sooner we receive these back, the better.

A new call-sign application form is now available on the NZART website and a copy has been emailed to branch exam supervisors.

Lastly, if you have subscribed to receive HQ Infoline via email but are not seeing it in your inbox, make sure to check your junk box!

See you next issue!

Sara-Jayne

Christchurch Raffle 2024 - Kydera KD300

**NZART CONFERENCE 2024
RAFFLE #4**


200 tickets @ \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20

Tickets will be available at Branch 05 and Branch 68 meetings, otherwise email treasurer@chchamradio.org.nz for alternative arrangements
Winner to be drawn prior to the Auction at Branch 05, on 21st May 2024

1st Prize : Kydera KD300 dual band Transceiver



DC power extension cord
(2.5/5.5mm jack, 1ms, 20A)




GPS antenna



Full-keypad microphone




Bracket



Screws


1. 200,000+ contacts
2. 20,000 call groups
3. 250 text messages
4. 4000-channel (250CH/Zone, 16 zones)
5. Built-in GPS
6. True 2-time slot which allows for 2 talk paths one in frequency
7. Dual band, dual display and dual standby.
8. AMBE vocoder, Crystal sound quality
9. Super small size, power up to 20W, be convenient for installation on any devices
10. Defiable keys to ensure shortcut operation.



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2nd Prize : Choice of 2 books

3rd Prize : Choice of 1 book



Hello All,

Here is our latest propaganda...

Why not buy a Raffle ticket in the latest Conference Raffle? This time a 20W Kydera CDR-300UV Dual Band FM/DMR radio, fully programmed with common ZL DMR. Be sure to have your DMR ID ready to send to us for programming if you are the lucky winner.

Last raffle for a XIEGU X6100 worth NZ\$1200, went to a lucky Amateur in Timaru.

Cheers,

Blair ZL3TOY

Secretary

Christchurch Amateur Radio Club

Branch 05 NZART

From AREC

An article regarding AREC's future structure has been placed in the next Break-In. The article outlines some important matters and recommended changes for discussion and feedback.

Time has been set aside for discussion at the NZART Conference during the AREC Forum after the AGM on Saturday afternoon 1 June.

We invite your participation, discussion, and feedback on this significant matter. More information will be provided in the next Official Broadcast at the end of May."

Cheers

Don Robertson, ZL2TYR - AREC CEO

NZ Straight Key Night

New Zealand Straight Key Night (Winter Edition) will be held on Sunday 9 June from 8pm to 9pm NZT (0800 to 0900 UTC) on 80 metres.

SKN honours the original amateur radio mode in an easy-going style. Operators send signal report, name, location, type of key, type of transmitter and power output. Stations are limited to 100W output power.

SKN is not a contest - but the operator who gets the most votes for the quality of their sending will win the Bruce Scahill Best Fist Award. This certificate honours Bruce ZL1BWG (SK), who was a dedicated supporter of SKN. Please email your nomination to ZL1NZ within one week following the event.

An important note for first-time participants: SKN uses the QSY Rule. Any station that calls CQ must QSY after making a contact.

Full details about SKN are available at <https://zl1.nz/skn> or you can email neil@zl1.nz or call ZL1NZ during or after the NZ Net (Mon-Fri at 9pm on 3535 kHz).SKN is open to all straight key operators, regardless of skill level or speed.

73,

Neil ZL1NZ, SKN Manager

America's Cup Special Callsign

NZART has been asked to supply a special event call sign for the upcoming America's Cup to be held in Spain later this year.

The following are specific race days, however the call sign can be used from now until the 30th November 2024:

Preliminary Regatta: 22nd- 25th August

Louis Vuitton Cup Round Robins: 29th August- 8th September

Louis Vuitton Cup Semi Finals: 14th– 19th September

Louis Vuitton Cup Finals: 26th September- 5th October

Louis Vuitton 37th America's Cup Match: 12th October- 21st October

Reserve days are scheduled for the 22nd October through to 27th October if required.

ZL6AMCUP has been allocated to celebrate this event, with Phil Garside ZL2RO as the trustee of the callsign.

Please log all use of ZL6AMCUP and send to Phil: zl2ro@xtra.co.nz for him to keep a record.

Thanks

Phil ZL2RO

Special stations celebrate a special milestone

On 22 May 1924 Ivan O'Meara 2AC in Gisborne made the first radio contact across the Pacific Ocean. Messages were exchanged with Carlos Braggio CB8 in Bernal near Buenos Aires, Argentina - a world record distance of over 10,000 km. This contact took the scientific world by surprise because, at that time, it was thought that the shortwave frequencies used were unsuited for long distance radio communications.

Gisborne Branch of NZART will commemorate this historic milestone by hosting an open day at their radio room on Saturday 18th May. The branch will be using the special call sign ZL100AC to contact Argentinian stations during the week 18 to 24 May on SSB, CW and FT8. Local amateurs are welcome to contact ZL100AC when no DX is being worked.

The Radio Club Argentina's local club in Bernal is the Radio Club Quilmes, who will be operating a special station LQ4D on the 18th and 19th of May (Argentinian time). They will be using all modes on the 40 metre and 10 metre bands. ZLs who work LQ4D can obtain a commemorative QSL by following the instructions on the LQ4D page of QRZ.com.

Craig Crawford ZL3TLB

NZART Historian



-Wireless and Wool- Celebrating Historic 100 Year Trans World Radio Contact

Branch 30 and RSGB are now in deep in planning for the reenactment and DX celebration of the first and longest world QSO between New Zealand and Great Britain. ZI4aa will be on air on site following erection of three major antennae beginning 6th October thru 20th October Other frequencies are planned as well as streaming and zoom. The main planned contact is between Shag Valley sheep Station and Mill Hill School 18th October and other celebration events are planned for the following day or two. Branch 30 invites Amateurs to attend this event on site and take part. We are camping out accommodation wise but the shack will be the station wool shed.

For all New Zealand Amateurs not able to celebrate on site at Shag Valley an extended event for branches and dx groups will take place until around Christmas. At present this will be by way of weekly block allocation of call sign ZM100DX .

Branch 30 sincerely invites all amateurs to take part in this celebration and join in marking the 100th year since the original qso. For past event information please look up this branch 30 url. <https://www.zl4aa.org.nz/zl4aa/history/z4aa-transworld-contact>.

Details about registration and other information will be following this in the next few weeks. We can advise there is a commitment to complete this event including everyone who wants to participate.

Stephen

For ZI4aa

Let's Move It Up A Notch

How many clubs can do an online meeting? Can we move our club meeting up a notch?

One small benefit of the COVID insanity has been the growth in online technology that allows Zoom, Teams, and other software to link people together no matter

where. This has led Papakura to invest in some AV equipment that allows us to stream meetings, or have virtual speakers join us, from anywhere in the world. We have even had committee meetings over the system. And this raises an interesting question.

If we could have an international speaker join us on the system, is there a chance that other clubs could also link up and share in the experience?

So how many clubs have similar equipment? Or at least the ability to use Teams or ZOOM in the clubrooms? How many would be interested in pooling resources in this way?

If enough Clubs were interested, on Wednesday evenings, we can ask some quality local and/or overseas speakers to join us with their presentation via the internet.

These could also be other club presentations, i.e. local or overseas radio clubs.

It would be good to have well-known amateurs presenting on different subjects. Or perhaps local and overseas suppliers of Amateur Radio equipment promoting their stock.

Recordings of these presentations could be sent to your club for viewing at a time more suitable to you. It could make for some interesting presentations and the Internet now offers us the chance to move into this area... with a little bit of work but with little outlay.

To other Radio Clubs in New Zealand - ***what do you think about this idea?*** If you have any other suggestions and are interested in joining in, email zl1vk.club@gmail.com so we can include you and your ideas in this plan.

David Karrasch

IARU HF World Championship

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

IARU QRP Day

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Around the Branches

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Next Issue of HQ InfoLine

The next InfoLine is due out Sunday 16th June 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 26th May 2024

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