
There is only one NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION of RADIO TRANSMITTERS. It serves you at local, national and international levels. It deserves our full support if we are to continue to have the frequencies and operating privileges we currently have. *The association is what you and I make it!*

NZART Infoline # 497

March 2025

From HQ...

Kia ora, team

Model Branch Constitution - The model branch constitution is now available on the NZART website at nzart.org.nz/info/model-branch-constitution/

Photo contest - In celebration of the websites launch, we will be running a photo contest for awesome HAM-related photo's to be used on the website! The competition will run from 1st April - 31st May 2025 and the winner will receive a complimentary year of membership. Further information can be found [here](#).

Conference Award Nominations - It is time for branches to submit nominations for conference awards! Please email your nominations to HQ at nzart@nzart.org.nz or admin@nzart.org.nz.

Info on the contests and their awards can be found on the [Conference Awards](#) page on the NZART website.

Conference Registration - The 2025 Conference is now live and registrations open at conference25.nzart.org.nz/. Visit the website to see accommodation information, the programme list and register!

RSM Fee Submission - The NZART Administration Liason Officer (ALO) will be preparing a submission to RSM on behalf of the Amateur community regarding their fee's review. If any HAM wishes to contribute, they can contact the ALO at alo@nzart.org.nz.

Jock White Field Day - After several queries regarding the Jock White Field Competition, the NZART historian has provided the following information on its history -

'REC Field Day began on March 1932 to exercise the new sections established the month before. REC sections had to establish field stations and transmit sealed messages to each other.

AREC Field days continued to be held every March.

The Field Day CONTEST was held in January 1952, organised by Jock White ZL2GX as a contest for BRANCHES to practice operating under emergency conditions. Jock expressly stated that this contest would be good AREC practice ([see attached excerpt from Break-In November 1951](#)).

In summary the AREC Field Day and the Jock White MEMORIAL Field Day Contest are separate activities and AREC involvement in the JWMFDC was encouraged from the outset.'

That's all for now. Take care and see you next issue.

Sara-Jayne

Admin



Voting Information

VOTING PERIOD CLOSES MARCH 20TH 2025

The window of opportunity to get your votes in for this election is quickly closing! Voting closes on the 20th March so make sure you follow the instructions on your ballot paper carefully and send in your vote ASAP.

Those who received their Jan/Feb issue of Break-In will have received their ballot

paper and returning officer envelope enclosed with the issue.
Family members have been sent ballot papers in the mail.

**PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BALLOT PAPER CAREFULLY.
OTHERWISE YOUR VOTE MAY BE INVALID.**

Singapore Amateur Transmitting Society (SARTS) QSL Bureau Closed

To All IARU Member Societies,

Please be advised that the Singapore Amateur Transmitting Society (SARTS) has closed its 9V QSL bureau effective February 14, 2025, and is no longer accepting cards.

73 Joel W5ZN

Secretary

International Amateur Radio Union



GB2RS NEWS - Feb 2025

New Scout, Cadet and Girlguiding Youth Champion

The RSGB is delighted to announce
that Samuel McCutcheon, M7UEL, will
be the RSGB's Scout, Cadet and
Girlguiding Youth Champion

[Read More >](#)

**Listen out for World Thinking Day on
the Air**

Stations are on the air this weekend and next weekend - listen out for them and encourage the young Girlguiding members

[Read More >](#)

New activities added for British Science Week

Two new worksheets have recently been added to inspire you to get involved and showcase amateur radio to new audiences

[Read More >](#)

Also in GB2RS this week...

RSGB Construction Competition deadline approaching; RSGB District Representative vacancies; Take care when operating on WRC-15 5MHz secondary amateur allocation; British ARDF Championships 2025

[Read More >](#)

AREC at Masterton Aerodrome Open Day



AREC at the Masterton Hood Aerodrome Open Day on Sunday 2nd March, featuring their banner and gazebo.

QRP Day and IARU HF Championship Contest

Dear IARU Region 3 colleagues,

I would like to announce the QRP Day and the IARU HF Championship Contest in this year, 2025.

Please kindly see the attached two PDF's below for more information on the events.

[QRP Day 2025.pdf](#) and [IARU HF World Championship Contest 2025.pdf](#)

I hope you will enjoy and have fun in these events.

73, Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP
Secretary, IARU Region 3
secretary@iaru-r3.org

IARU Region 3 ARDF Workshop

Dear colleagues in IARU Region 3,

I would like to invite you to the IARU Region 3 ARDF Workshop
To be held on 23rd March, 2025 at 06:00 UTC.

People wanting to participate should register on the following website -
<https://forms.gle/o6M5shMWiRVFNQph8>

You can find more information on Workshop in the attached document [HERE](#).

73, Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP

Secretary, IARU Region 3
secretary@iaru-r3.org

Contests

Each Tuesday evening in April sees the ZL2GVA Memorial Sprints on 80m. 30 minutes each of CW, SSB and FT4. Take part in any or all segments. Exchange is your outside temperature.

May 17/18 is the Sangster Shield. QRP CW on 80m, the results may surprise you, why not check out your dipole, wind back the rig to 5W and give it a go? Rules for both are on the NZART Contests website, linked from the contest calendar.

73 and good luck in the contest!

Geoff ZL3GA

Operation Manna 80th Anniversary

This year is the 80th anniversary of operation Manna, a humanitarian food drop into the Netherlands that took place in April 1945.

Amateurs in other parts of the world are putting on a special event to commemorate the event.

75 New Zealand squadron took part. Maybe amateurs in New Zealand would like to put on a special event to join in the other stations, mostly in the

northern hemisphere.

Look up Ph80man, gb80man and vk80man.

There should be info in what is taking place.

The dates are April 25/26 and 27th 2025.

If you need any more info the best place to go to are those in gb or the Netherlands as they are organising the event.

Keep safe.

Rob
Vice President vhf group wireless
hill Perth Western Australia

Parks On the Air

The Parks on the Air (POTA) awards program currently has five official events each year. The main purpose of these events is to get out in parks and have fun.

The dates for the next two official events are -

Spring Support Your Park. April 19-20, 2025
Summer Support Your Park. July 19-20, 2025

Happy POTAing

Philip ZL1PSH

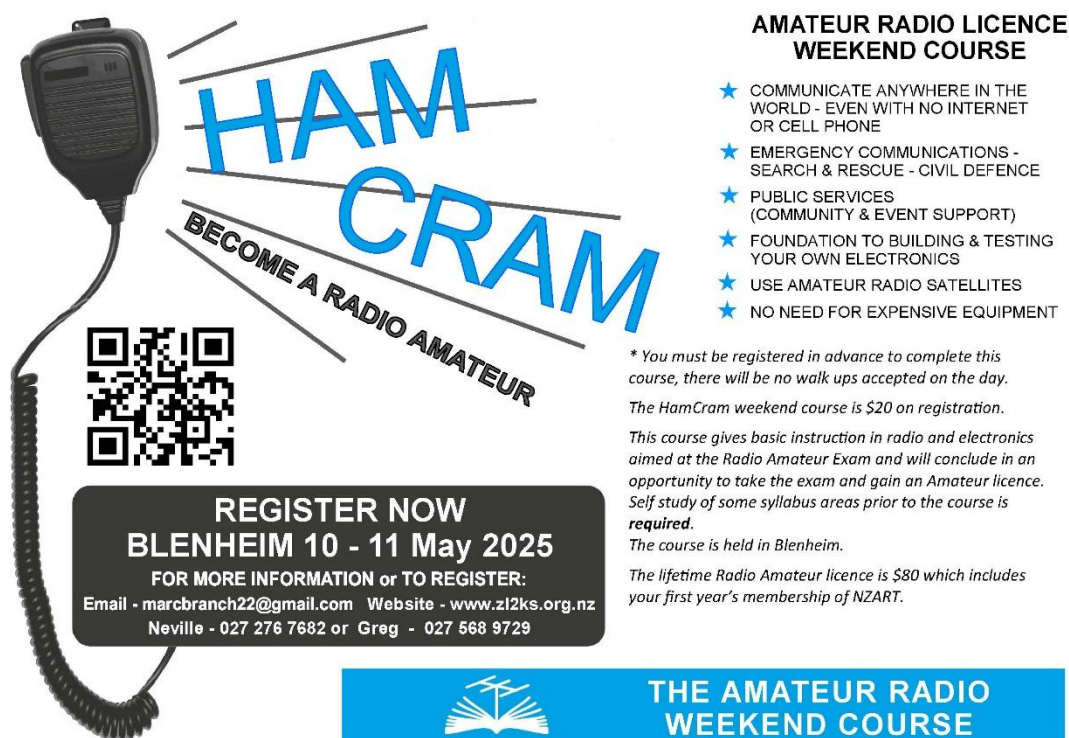
Around the branches

Marlborough Branch HamCram

Date: 10-11 May 2025

Email: marcbranch22@gmail.com

See the [flyer](#) below for more information.



The flyer features a black microphone on the left with a coiled cord. To its right, the words "HAM CRAM" are written in large, blue, stylized letters. Below this, the text "BECOME A RADIO AMATEUR" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. A QR code is positioned to the left of a black rectangular box containing white text. To the right of the QR code and box, there is a list of bullet points under the heading "AMATEUR RADIO LICENCE WEEKEND COURSE". Below the list, there are several lines of smaller text providing details about the course, including registration requirements, fees, and contact information. At the bottom right, there is a blue rectangular box with white text and a logo of a radio tower.

AMATEUR RADIO LICENCE WEEKEND COURSE

- ★ COMMUNICATE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD - EVEN WITH NO INTERNET OR CELL PHONE
- ★ EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS - SEARCH & RESCUE - CIVIL DEFENCE
- ★ PUBLIC SERVICES (COMMUNITY & EVENT SUPPORT)
- ★ FOUNDATION TO BUILDING & TESTING YOUR OWN ELECTRONICS
- ★ USE AMATEUR RADIO SATELLITES
- ★ NO NEED FOR EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT

** You must be registered in advance to complete this course, there will be no walk ups accepted on the day.*

The HamCram weekend course is \$20 on registration.


This course gives basic instruction in radio and electronics aimed at the Radio Amateur Exam and will conclude in an opportunity to take the exam and gain an Amateur licence. Self study of some syllabus areas prior to the course is required.

The course is held in Blenheim.

The lifetime Radio Amateur licence is \$80 which includes your first year's membership of NZART.

REGISTER NOW
BLenheim 10 - 11 May 2025

FOR MORE INFORMATION or TO REGISTER:
Email - marcbranch22@gmail.com Website - www.zl2ks.org.nz
Neville - 027 276 7682 or Greg - 027 668 9729

 **THE AMATEUR RADIO WEEKEND COURSE**

Update on Arowhana Repeater

After a few comments that 685 Arowhana has stopped working from some super sleuth hams, I thought I ought to make a public service announcement.

Arowhana radio site management reached out to me last week to say

that effective immediately, ALL repeaters on that site must have a coded squelch system in operation without exception.

On Tuesday this week, Colvins Communications urgently flew to Arowhana to make changes to the PBEC radio users association repeaters and we took the opportunity to completely replace 685 while we were there. Colvins has sponsored a new repeater, aerial and battery system in

a collocated hut and disestablished the old, decaying ham hut.

PLEASE NOTE 685

NOW FEATURES CTCSS 123.0Hz IN AND OUT.

A huge thanks to Colvins is in order, they have saved branch 11 an estimated \$10,000 exercise that we would have inevitably had to do to comply with the new site rules, not to mention the upgrades made. If anyone has any issues with accessing the repeater now that it has tones, please reach out to me and I will

assist you as I can with getting back on the air.

73

Cam Woods ZL1DKS

Branch Newsletters

[Napier & Hastings Branch February Newsletter](#)

[Northshore Branch March Newsletter](#)

[Wellington Branch March Newsletter](#)

[Marlborough Branch March Newsletter](#)

[Nelson Branch March Newsletter](#)
