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Greetings Everyone,

Welcome to **Headquarters-Info-Line** a fortnightly bulletin of news from NZART Headquarters E-mailed directly to Branches.

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**NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:**

**Remits** - Please remember to have your Branch Remits into me by the 31 December 2001. For procedures regarding remit writing, refer to Clause 22 of the NZART Constitution. Confirmation upon receipt of your remit will be posted back to your Branch Secretary.

**The New Licensing Arrangements** - Earlier editions of HQ-Info-Line and the November/December issue of "Break-In" mention that the new examinations software containing the revised Examination Question-Bank and the revised Study Guide will be available from the NZART web site. All this material is all ready to go but there is now a delay until a new document about the pass-standard measurement method for the 5 word-per-minute Morse test is received from the Ministry. The information from this new document will then be blended into various explanatory files in the material to go on the web site. The document is expected to be received "next week".

**Business Management Committee meeting summary**

**Advertising** - The committee agreed that a revamp of the existing "Television may bring the world into your living room.... Amateur Radio lets you talk to it!" brochure is required.

**Repeater/Beacon information from Branches** - The closing date for this information to be forwarded to NZART HQ has now passed. All those received will now be collated and discussed with our Insurance Brokers. This item is on the agenda for Council's face to face meeting in February.

**Computer Virus** - Due to a significant number of very harmful computer virus', the Committee asks that any e-mail information requests from members and Branches, please quote a membership number where known, in the subject line. This will reduce the risks of me opening e-mails from unknown people.

**Examination Applicants** - The recent amendment to the Radio Regulations may bring an upsurge of examination applicants, especially for Morse Code testing. On completion of a successful exam, Branches are requested to seek approval from examination applicants, to forward their address details to NZART Headquarters, for further details regarding the Association to be posted to them.

Until next time .....

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### **The Branch Spot:**

A colourful web site is that of the Wanganui Amateur Radio Society Inc.  
Point your browser to <http://www.qsl.net/zl2ja/>

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### **Did you know?**

That this is the 21<sup>st</sup> issue of the Headquarters-Info-Line! We're 21 today! This electronic newsletter was introduced 42 weeks ago to bring you the latest about things happening in amateur radio in New Zealand.

NZART works in the interests of all radio amateurs in New Zealand and needs the support of your continuing membership. Suggest to others that they join NZART too.  
See: <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/join/join.html>

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## **Contests with Stan White ZL2ST:**

The National Field Day, which is a memorial to Jock White ZL2GX is only 3 months away now. It is time to plan your activity for this event as the Christmas break generally causes a break in Branch activity. The 2002 event will be the 50th consecutive Field Day. Will you be active in a team or at your own Field Day station? More Branch numbers in use adds to the interest in this activity so plan now to put a station in the field. A minimum of 25 CW or 50 phone contacts is required. Abbreviated rules are in the November/December Break In and full rules are on the contests page of the NZART website at [www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests](http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests)

Upcoming contests this month are:-

December 1/2 1800-0200 (Sa/Su) UTC TARA RTTY Sprint

December 7/9 2200-1600 (Fr/Su) UTC ARRL 160 Metre Contest

December 15/16 0000-2400 (Sa/Su) UTC ARRL 10 Metre Contest

December 15/16 1400-1400 (Sa/Su) UTC Croation CW Contest

December 15 0000-2400 (Sat) UTC OK (Czech) RTTY DX Contest

December 16/17 1600-1600 (Sa/Su) UTC International Naval CW/SSB Contest

## **VHF/UHF/SHF/EHF CONTESTS**

**Cliff Betson Memorial Contest** 50 MHz and up. Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> January 1600-2200 and Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 0800-1400.

The rules were published in September/October 2000 Break-In. All contest logs should be sent, to arrive within TWO WEEKS, to: **Contest Manager, Wellington VHF Group, PO Box 12-259, Thorndon, WELLINGTON**

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## **W1AW schedules Transatlantic, OSCAR celebrations in December:**

The ARRL Maxim Memorial Station W1AW has scheduled two Special Event operations during December.

W1AW will be on the air December 3-7 to honor the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1921 Transatlantic tests. Listen for W1AW/80 on many HF and VHF bands (including satellites).

W1AW also will celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Amateur Radio satellite—OSCAR I—launched into orbit on December 12, 1961. W1AW will be on the air as W1AW/40 December 10-14 on as many of the active satellites as possible.

A special QSL card will be available for contacts or listener reports on both events. QSL requests for W1AW/80 and W1AW/40 go to W1AW, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or the appropriate number of IRCs with each request.

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## Dates To Remember:

- HQ-Info-Line, will be E-mailed next on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December
- Final NZART Official Broadcast for 2001 Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December
- Branch Remits to NZART Headquarters by 31 December 2001
- Closing date for copy for the next issue of Break-In, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2002
- NZART Conference 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2002 *Nelson - live the day*

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