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Happy New Year 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:**

Happy New Year to you all - I have been busy with subscription payments, election nominations and of course preparation for the annual audit! Add to this the Examination Coordinators procedures, with which I am gradually coming to grips, and it gives me plenty to keep myself out of trouble. So to the latest news...

#### **Subscription Reminder Notices**

Reminders will be sent out next week to who have yet to pay their 2003 subscription. If you do not receive your Jan/Feb issue of Break In, perhaps it is because you have not paid. Drop me a line either via e-mail or post and I can confirm if this is the case. For some, regular automatic payments can be a less painful way of paying your subscription, therefore if you wish to take this opportunity to pay in this manner, please contact me and I can work out the frequency and amount best suited to you and the Association.

#### **Fred ZL2AMJ to go to Tokyo meeting**

Council has approved travel for Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ to attend the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity Preparatory Group meeting (APG2003-5) in Tokyo on 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> February. The important issue is the re-alignment of the bands at 7MHz that will be discussed again at the World Radiocommunications Conference WRC2003 in June in Geneva. The objective is to gain wider support from Region 3 administrations for the re-alignment of the broadcast and amateur bands at 7 MHz.

Although Fred is a member of the NZ Delegation, the Ministry of Economic Development cannot, unfortunately, provide financial support. To those of you who feel they are unable to continue your membership with the Association, I would urge you to reconsider. Fred among many is an Officer of the Association who gives voluntarily of his time and in many cases funds in order that you are well represented in these vital issues.

### **Council Meet in February**

Council will be holding a face to face meeting over the 15/16 February in Upper Hutt. This is a good opportunity if you have concerns for Council to discuss and resolve them where possible. If you do wish to contribute to the meeting, please send me your concerns/ideas by 31 January, in order for me to include it in the agenda.

### **Elections**

I am pleased to report that there will be an election in the Northern Region, i.e. from Central North Island to the North Cape. Four nominees have been accepted as eligible for Council election, therefore Evan Sayer and myself will prepare all voting papers and envelopes here at HQ and post them to those members in this area. This will save the Association time and money, as a full election is not required.

### **Finally.... The prize draw results**

Thank you to all those people who not only took advantage of paying their subscriptions early in order to be included in the prize draw, but also for assisting in the funding of representation to WRC-03.

*1<sup>st</sup> Prize winner of the Yaesu FT1500 Transceiver is:*

Mr J Robinson ZL2JON of Bulls

*2<sup>nd</sup> Prize winner 2 years free membership to NZART*

Stan White ZL2ST of Napier.

*3<sup>rd</sup> Prize winner of 1 year free membership to NZART*

Selwyn (Charlie) Vial ZL1BAV, of Glenfield Auckland

Congratulations to all winners.

'til next time

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### **CONTESTS with Stan ZL2ST:**

Are you preparing for Field Day? There are only six weeks to go now.

The results of the Straight Key Night and also of VHF/UHF Field day held on 7 & 8th December 2002 are attached to this issue of Info Line as files.

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## DID YOU KNOW:

That Branch newsletter editors make good use of the 'Did you Know' entries from Info-Line? Specially for editors, attached to this issue of Info-line is an Omnibus Edition of 'Did You Know'? It contains all of the last year's 'Did you Knows' in one file. These items could be useful to fill that last spare gap in your Branch Newsletter. The Omnibus Edition for the previous year has been lightly revised and is also attached to provide an additional resource for you.

These things don't just happen. 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>

But perhaps the following is relevant too (as in *issue #24, 3 Feb 2002*):

Did you know ... that, being the start of a new year, this is the time to advertise the Amateur Radio classes being run by your Branch during this year?

An extensive collection of pamphlets, advertisements, brochures, and other publicity and Amateur Radio promotional material is at the NZART website for you to freely use to promote your classes. More support material than ever is now available for Branch Instructors. The Study Guide and the Tutorial Notes on the NZART web site can be used as a source for Branch Notes for distribution to your examination candidates. NZART Headquarters has booklets with the Regulatory information needed by candidates and the full Examination Question-Bank. All has been revised and updated to meet the new Radiocommunications Regulations. A CD is available from NZART Headquarters for \$10 - with all that anyone needs to know to become a radio amateur.

The Amateur Radio examination and the Morse Tests are available by appointment for candidates when they are ready. Trial Test papers are in the Study Guide. So ... it's all GO this year ... and the time to start is now.

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The advertisement features a cartoon character pointing to a CD case. On the left, a yellow arrow points right with the text 'BECOME A RADIO AMATEUR'. The CD case is labeled 'All you need to know now on CD!' and 'TUTORIAL NOTES on CD with STUDY GUIDE and much, much more ... \$10 gift-wrapped and post-paid ... from NZART Headquarters! VISA and MasterCard accepted.' To the right, a CD is shown with the text 'Become a RADIO AMATEUR!' and a smaller version of the CD case.

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## BRANCH SPOT:

AMSAT ZL with a key objective as the promotion and development of space satellites for amateur radio communication and associated experimental, scientific or educational work is an organisation deserving of your support and enthusiasm. Point your browser to <http://www.amsat-zl.org.nz/> and learn of the activities of AMSAT in New Zealand and of amateur radio communication by satellite.

## **Dates To Remember:**

- **Next NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January**
- **Next HQ-Info-Line e-mailed on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**
- **Jock White Memorial Field-Day Contest February 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**
- **NZART Conference 2003 Solway Park, Masterton over Queen's Birthday weekend**

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*Jim Meachen ZL2BHF*

**Editor**