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Greetings Everyone!

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The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:

Well now a few more interesting things have happened since we last talked.

Ulysses Club.... another matter that has seen some discussion over the reflectors.

I am pleased (from my point of view) to advise that I am officially contracted to the Ulysses Motorcycle Club for approximately 10 hours per week. This work will be performed well outside of my NZART working hours and also at my home address.

Regrettably NZART and Ulysses were unable to reach agreement on a mutual employment contract, therefore what was initially to have been an office/expenses share opportunity has not come to fruition.

The Association does need to continually review its budget and as HQ is the second biggest expense, it was felt that we would be proactive and seek opportunities to assist the finances before a crisis occurs.

If you need any further information on this – please approach me directly, as information on these reflectors can sometimes serve only to confuse issues even further.

Council Minute Secretary... Council has asked that I advertise the position of Council 'On Air' minutes Secretary. This position is presently filled by a newly elected Councilor, however it is difficult for him to add value to discussion when he is busy with minutes.

If you feel that you could donate approximately 4 hours per month to this position, please contact me as soon as possible.

Business Management Sub-Committee... met for the first time last Tuesday evening. The new committee comprises John Andrews ZL2HD Businessman, Stuart Watchman ZL2TW Council Representative, myself ZL2TDM Convener and Evan Sayer Treasurer. Bruce Douglas is of course an Ex Officio member.

A summary of business discussed is as follows:

- Public liability Insurance cover has been arranged for ZL2TAR and ZL2AMJ as Certified Radio Engineers for Radio Spectrum Management.
- Break In will continue to be sold in bookstores for another 3 issues, throughout New Zealand until such time as we can analyze the customer demand and in which specific area. For further information on what bookstores are selling Break In please contact Debby
- Break In advertising seriously needs to be considered, as it should not be left up to the same few retailers.

Another meeting will be held early this month, however Stuart attends the meeting via speakerphone. This appears to work well.

That's all from me..Debby ZL2TDM

Amateur Licence Statistics from the Ministry of Economic Development's web site with Tony Case ZL1UD:

Category	<u>Jun.25.04</u>	<u>Mar.29.05</u>	<u>Apr.22.05</u>	<u>May.19.05</u>	<u>June.21.05</u>
Grade					
General Grade	4725	4687	4672	4675	4662
Limited Grade					
Novice Grade	12	11	9	9	9
Total Amateur Licenses Issued	4737	4698	4681	4684	4671
Beacons	42	42	42	42	42
Digi-peaters	29	29	29	29	29
Fixed	2	2	2	1	1
Repeaters	219	249	249	292	277
TV Repeaters	22	42	42	42	41
Total Beacons Repeaters and Links		364	364	406	390
Total Licenses	5051	5062	5045	5090	5061

Contests with Stan White ZL2ST:

Contests this month are: -

Saturday July 9 (Phone) and 23 (CW) 0800-1400 VK/Trans-Tasman 160 Metre Contest

Sat/Sun July 9/10 1200-1200 IARU HF Multimode Championship

Saturday July 30 1000-1100 Waitakere SSB Sprint

Sat/Sun July 30/31 1200-1200 RSGB IOTA HF SSB Contest

See the callbook for Waitakere contest details, Break In or the website for the Trans Tasman events.

Branch Spot:

International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend 0001 UTC 20th TO 2359 UTC 21st August 2005.

A reminder for New Zealand amateur's that this annual activity is fast approaching. Not too much time to arrange things and **get approval** for operation near your chosen lighthouse. David ZL1DK from Papakura Branch 65 advises that ZL6LH will be operational this year from the 'Portland Island' Lighthouse Museum, which is in Wairoa, Hawkes Bay. The team will be driving down on the Friday morning and hope to be set up by late afternoon on that day. They will be operational with a Tri-band for 20/15/10 and a dipole for 40/80. They will have a somewhat smaller team this year with one member not able to participate but they know that they will enjoy themselves as they have on the seven earlier trips.

National System Update With Vaughan Henderson ZL1TGC:

Following the successful upgrade of the National System it was frustrating to find that the Klondyke to Egmont path has suffered a degradation in performance over the past week. Tests by Colin ZL1ACM in Auckland and Steve ZL2KG indicate that there are two problems - the receiver at Egmont appears to have lost sensitivity and the transmit path from the Auckland end (Klondyke) has become obstructed. Work is underway to try and remedy both problems.

At the Egmont end, ZL2KG is planning some more tests to try and better understand the cause of the failure. He plans to try and alter the receiver sensitivity settings in the control microprocessor while on the Stratford Plateau for the mid-winter "Brass Monkey" contest. Regrettably, access to the repeater site is restricted during winter months due to snow.

At the Klondyke end, plans are underway to relocate the Yagi antenna on the transmit link towards Egmont. Moving the Yagi to the top of the Klondyke tower will lift it well above the pine trees which are thought to be causing an obstruction to the path and severely reducing signal strength in the direction of Mt. Taranaki. Weather conditions permitting, this work will be completed in the next 3 to 4 weeks.

Dates To Remember:

- **Closing Date for copy for July/August Break-In 10th July**
- **Next HQ-Info-Line Sunday e-mailed 17th July**
- **NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 31st July**

73

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