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Greetings Everyone

Welcome to Headquarters-Info-Line a twice-monthly bulletin of news from NZART Headquarters e-mailed directly to Branches and to others that subscribe through the NZART Web Site. This bulletin is also distributed on the amateur radio packet network.

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OFFICIAL BROADCAST STARTS THIS MONTH ON SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2008

NEXT HQIL IS TO BE E-MAILED ON SUNDAY 9 MARCH 2008

From The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM

Debby says...

Silent Keys...last year NZART ran a membership promotion. Letters were sent to all persons on the MED database that were not currently on the NZART database.

Regrettably this also meant that the partners of silent keys received letters.

Unfortunately, as quite often happens in time of sorrow all affairs are not quite in order and I daresay that advising the Ministry that their loved one's call sign is no longer required is probably way down in the priority list.

If you know of anyone who has recently passed away and their partner may not wish to keep their call sign, can you please give them a copy of the letter attached to this Info-line and have them sign as relinquishing the call sign.

Silent Key letter is shown below.

Call Signs...I am unable to remove any call sign by law from the MED database, unless I have instruction in writing to do so.

I still need to be advised also in order to maintain the NZART database, however there may be good reason should a member become a silent key through the current year, that the partner wishes to continue receiving Break In until the membership lapses at year end. If this is the case, please let me know.

Being outspoken...I would like to apologise to anyone to whom I may have offended in my last HQ Info-line, as I understand it, my role is to keep the Association ticking over financially, and long may that continue. But, yes there is always one! Time and again I receive e-mails letters, phone calls etc requesting information that is of a contentious nature - when this occurs I am duty bound to forward on to NZART Council, as I may or may not be forwarding accurate information. Please do not be offended if this need arises, I am merely trying to fulfil my role.

That's it for me this week....Debby ZL2TDM

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Silent Key Letter

<header consisting of NZART diamond, NZART Name and Address>

Tuesday 8 January 2008

"Title" "First_Name" "Last_Name"

"Address_Line_1"

"Address_Line_2"

"City"

"Country"

Thank you for your letter to the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters Incorporated (NZART) in reply to our membership drive advising of the passing of "SK_Name". We are sorry to learn of your loss.

The database used in the membership drive is provided by the Radio Spectrum Management. We compare the public records within this database with our own database, to produce a distribution list for the membership drive. This is then outsourced for printing and posting.

NZART has a policy of attempting to keep the Radio Spectrum Management callsign database up to date. A recent check of the database on the Government website has shown that the callsign "Callsign" is still allocated to "SK_Name".

NZART wishes to assist you in removing or re-assigning the callsign to another person. Please select one of the two options below:

1. Send NZART a formal request to remove the details from the database stating that the reason for this request is because "SK_Name" has passed away; in this case, the callsign will not be reallocated for a period of 12 months. There is no fee for this.
2. Send NZART a formal request to reallocate the callsign to another person. This person must be the holder of a certificate of competency as a Radio Amateur. An application from the other person and the fee for the issuance of a callsign must accompany this application. The fees are listed on the NZART website at <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/Exam/formsfees.html> or by contacting The General Secretary at the address below, or by phone at (04) 939-2189.

We apologise for making this request, but legally we cannot act on this matter unless we receive a specific instruction from you to do so.

We invite you to respond to this letter using the freepost envelope provided (no stamp required).

Freepost 3565
The General Secretary
NZART
PO Box 40-525
Upper Hutt

On behalf of NZART

Tony Case - ZL1UD.

New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (Inc)

PO Box 40-525
Upper Hutt

Correspondence: Councillor Tony Case - ZL1UD - Northern Region
<address and telephone number for Councillor Tony Case>

Database Callsign Removal Form

Introduction

NZART Council has approved the adoption of the attached form for removing callsigns from the MED Database.

This process will only be effective if Radio Amateurs and Branches get behind this initiative.

If you know of a person listed in the latest Callbook, could you please check to see if the Callsign is still allocated on the MED Website, and make available to the next of kin the attached form.

The MED database is located at
http://www.rsm.med.govt.nz/pls/web/DBSSITEN.main?p_option=SMARTSR

Thank-you.

I will place it on the Amateur Radio Reflector shortly.

Cheers

Tony Case - ZL1UD - Northern Region
<address and telephone number for Councillor Tony Case>

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Text Version Of Database Callsign Removal Form

The New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters Incorporated
PO Box 40-525 Upper Hutt
<A NZART Diamond is part of the heading>

Application to remove a Client Record from the Radio Spectrum Management Register.

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Please fill in as much of this form as is known and return to NZART at the above address.

I, the undersigned, instruct NZART to action the following callsign(s) and information in the MED database:

Name:

Address:

City:

Date of Birth:

Callsign(s):

Reason for Application:

Options: (Please cross out the option that does not apply)

1. I instruct NZART/MED to remove the callsign(s) _____ from the MED Register. I understand that the callsign(s) will not be reallocated for a period of 12 months unless I make a direct request for the callsign(s) to be reallocated to a specific person within this period.

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Callsign _____ Person/Organisation _____

NZART Membership: Please remove the above person from NZART Membership:

NZART Membership Number _____ (If Known)

1. Now: (Break-In delivery will cease ASAP)
2. At the end paid subscription: (Break-In will continue until the subscription expires)
(Please cross out option that does not apply.)

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Relationship to client: Next of Kin / Power of attorney / Executor in Estate / Solicitor acting for Executor

Text Version of STSP Policy Statement

Policy Statement – Short Term Special Purpose Repeaters -MED Licence 209732 February 2008

The MED has granted NZART a single license for all STSP's in New Zealand. This policy statement sets out the terms and conditions of this license.

MED Licence Conditions:

1. Short-Term Special-Purpose (STSP) repeaters must not cause interference to other licensed services.
2. Only STSP repeaters are permitted under this licence.
3. The maximum permitted operating duration is 14 days.
4. The minimum inter-antenna spacing, between the antenna of the STSP and the antenna of any other communication service, is 50 metres.
5. Maximum permitted e.i.r.p. +17 dBW.
6. Five specified transmit frequencies in the 2 metre band:
146.675 MHz, 146.725 MHz, 146.825 MHz, 146.875 MHz, 146.925 MHz
7. Five specified transmit frequencies in the 70 cm band:
438.625 MHz, 438.675 MHz, 438.725 MHz, 438.750 MHz, 438.775 MHz

NZART Operating Conditions:

8. The operating frequency of a STSP should be selected in consultation with neighbouring branches/AREC sections.
9. Two trustees are required for each STSP; these trustees must be NZART members.
10. A STSP operating under Licence 209732 may only be established by NZART members.

NOTES:

Licence 209732 may be viewed on the MED web site:

<http://spectrumonline.med.govt.nz/licence-search.html>

Insert licence number 209732 in the top box. Press the ENTER key.

When the next page appears, click on the blue underlined licence number 209732 in the left-hand column.

The next page is the licence. This page shows Conditions 5, 6 and 7. A copy can be printed.

The MED Licence Conditions may be viewed by clicking on the blue underlined "View Licence Conditions" towards the bottom of the licence. This page shows Conditions 1, 2, 3 & 4. A copy can be printed.

ZL1UD and ZL2TAR – 31.1.08

WELLINGTON REGIONAL EXPO-08

The Combined Wellington Amateur Radio Expo 2008 Committee invite you to attend the annual Wellington Radio EXPO-08 to be held Saturday 15 March 2008. This will be the fourth Wellington Region trading of radio equipment. There will be the usual trade displays, trade sales of new amateur equipment and trading tables of used equipment. Refreshments, coffee, sodas, buns & cakes will be available in the hall. Throughout the show there will be spot prizes and raffles.

For 2008, the Wellington EXPO Committee have secured the attendance of Chip Margelli K7JA, and his wife Janet KL7MF. Both are well known to New Zealand amateurs, Chip as the new Vice-President of Heil Sound Amateur Radio (ex-Yaesu Sales and Marketing) and Janet, the Manager of the HRO (Ham Radio Outlet) store in Anaheim, California. Chip will be undertaking presentations on Heil Sound products, while Janet will be on the Andrews Communications stand. Chip was successful in beating a young texter in the US by sending the same sentence in Morse code!

This year the function will be held at:-
KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HALL
574 High St, Lower Hutt

10am on 15 March 2008

The hall is about 2 km south of the old NaeNae College venue. There will be plenty of parking. Entrance fee (buyers) is a \$4.00 door charge. Note that this includes one raffle ticket and a FREE drink. Vendors entry is covered by their table space purchase, \$20 for a 2 metre table (\$25 on the day).

Call ZL4FUN on Climie 730 for driving instructions, or any other information.

More information from - zl2hv@nzart.org.nz, or phone (04) 566 5829

Jock White Field Day 23rd and 24th February 2008

It is time to get your team together for Field day. This is a great event with something for everyone, your team can be as competitive or social as you like, a great way to bring everyone together.

Operating commences 1500 local on Saturday through to 2400 and resumes at 0600 on Sunday concluding at 1500.

Shelters for field stations can be moved on to the site on the weekend of the event, antenna erection can only take place after 1200 on the Saturday. Operation is on 40m and 80m, see the rules for the sections that can be entered. Please note that only one section can be entered, have a look through past years results on the NZART contest web page to get a feel for what has been done before if your team is new to the event.

The full rules are available on the NZART web page:

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/Contests/Rules.html>

Please make sure a member of the team has checked through the rules and brings a copy along for the event.

If you have any queries about the rules it is best to sort things prior to the event, please contact me at zl2tw@nzart.org.nz

Don't forget to send in your logs and summary sheets if you enter a team, it makes scoring a lot easier. Please use the sheets printable off the rules page. Have a great Field Day weekend!

Stuart Watchman, ZL2TW

Contest News

VHF Contests

THE NEXT CONTEST

The next contest is the Low Band Contest, 50 MHz to 440 MHz, on Saturday the 5th and Sunday the 6th of April 2008. The operating times are: Saturday 1700 to 2300 NZT and Sunday 0700 to 1300 NZT.

The rules are available at:

www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests/vhfcontestrules0606.html

All contest logs should be sent, to arrive within two weeks, to:

Contest Manager, Wellington VHF Group, P.O. Box 12-259, Thorndon, Wellington

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HF Contests

Only one major contest this weekend, the ARRL International CW DX Contest, a 48 hour affair commencing 0000 UTC on Saturday, 16 February and concluding 2400 UTC, 17 February. (1300 NZDT Saturday Monday). Good luck to those taking part. Otherwise there is a somewhat restricted contest this weekend. However, next weekend is the NZART sponsored Jock White Memorial Field Day Contest, the ultimate in Branch challenges. Have you organised your Branch to take part, or have you joined up with your Branch Team. Time is running out to take part in the 2008 event.

Submit logs by: March 17, 2008

2008 ARRL INTERNATIONAL CW CONTEST

When : 16 and 17 February 2008

Times : 0000 UTC, Saturday, 16 February to 0000 UTC, Sunday, 17 February

All Bands

Contest Rules and other operating information refer to the ARRL Website :-

<http://www.arrl.org/contests>

2008 RSGB COMMONWEALTH CONTEST – CW ONLY

When : 8 and 9 March 2008

Times: 1000 UTC, Saturday, 8 March to 1000 UTC, Sunday, 9 March

All Bands

Contest Rules and other operating information will be advised in the weekly Contests This Weekend bulletin when to hand, although the rules are generally the same from year to year.

As with the 2007 event a Commonwealth Countries Team section will again be run – the ZL Team were the winners in last year's event so a good level of support would be welcome to assist with the retention of the trophy. Frank, ZL2BR is the Team Captain and co-ordinator and is keen to hear from all who participated in 2007, plus new intending members. Contact Frank at zl2br@ihug.co.nz, or his Callbook address to register our interest.

Competition will be hot, especially from the Canadioans, Australians and the UK teams.

2008 ARRL INTERNATIONAL SSB CONTEST

When : 1 and 2 March 2008

Times : 0000UTC, Saturday, 1 March to 0000 UTC, 2 March

All Bands

Contest Rules and other operating information refer the ARRL Website ;-

<http://www.arrl.org/contests>

2008 VK/ZL/PACIFIC DIGITAL WEEKEND

When ; 9 February to 10 February 2008

Times ; 0600 UTC (9th) to 1900 UTC (10th)

Freqs. ; 10.138 khz to 10.145 khz

Modes ; PSK31, RTTY, or other digital modes of your choice

This is not a contest as such, purely a digital modes activity. Further information from Bill, ZL3NB – zl3nb@ihug.co.nz

OTHER FORTHCOMING CONTESTS

Russian PSK WW Contest

CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB

REF Contest, SSB

UBA DX Contest, CW

ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB

Open Ukraine RTTY Championship

2100Z Feb 21 to 2100Z, Feb 24

0000Z, Feb 23 to 2359Z, Feb 24

0600Z, Feb 23 to 1800Z, Feb 24

1300Z, Feb 23 to 1300Z, Feb 24

0000Z, Mar 1 to 2400Z, Mar 2

2200Z-2359Z, Mar 1 (Low Band) and

0000Z-0159Z, Mar 2 (Low Band) and

0800Z-1159Z, Mar 2 (High Band)

1000Z, Mar 8 to 1000Z, Mar 9

1600Z, Mar 8 to 1600Z, Mar 9

0700Z-1100Z, Mar 9

1200Z, Mar 15 to 1200Z, Mar 16

0200Z, Mar 22 to 0200Z, Mar 24

0000Z, Mar 29 to 2359Z, Mar 30

RSGB Commonwealth Contest

EA PSK31 Contest

UBA Spring Contest, C

Russian DX Contest

BARTG Spring RTTY Contest

CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB

FORTHCOMING 2008 NZART CONTESTS

Jock White Memorial Field Day Contest

23 February 2008, commencing 1500 until 2400 NZDT, starting again 0600 24 February 2008 and concluding at 1500 NZDT the same day. Please refer to NZART 2006 Callbook Page 5-2, or NZART Website;-

<http://www.nzart.org.nz>

for Contest Rules and updated operating information.

Thelma Souper Memorial WARO Contest

5 & 6 April 2008, 2000 NZDT to 2200 NZDT/NZST each evening. Please refer NZART Website;-

<http://www.nzart.org.nz>, or

Jan/Feb 2008 Break In column for Contest details. 80m SSB and CW.

Sangster Shield QRP CW Contest

17 & 18 May 2008, 2000 NZST until 2300 NZST each evening. 80m CW. Please refer to NZART Website;-

<http://www.nzart.org.nz>, or

NZART 2006 Callbook, Page 5-4 for updated Contest information.

73 and CU next week, John Powell ZL1BHQ, NZART Contest Manager

Break-In/HQIL Information

Break-In Closing Date Reminder

From the Editor Break-In, Official Journal of NZART Inc.

"Copy for the MARCH/APRIL issue of Break-In closes on 10th MARCH 2008.

Early receipt of copy is much appreciated. Thanks. John ZL3IB, Editor"

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