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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:

Call Book 2003/2004 - You will all now have received your annual Call Book. As you can see by the UPPER CASE details, that this is different from other years. The reason being is that we have been finally given approval to publish the Ministry's database, however NZART is NOT permitted to amend or alter it in any way.

I have had a number of queries from people concerning their details being changed this year. If what you see is incorrect, then in the first instance please contact the following: Radio Spectrum Information, P O Box 2847, Wellington. Ph: 0508 RSM INFO or 0508 776 463. Alternatively log on to the following web site where a form can be completed and returned to the Ministry.

<http://www.med.govt.nz/rsm/formsfees/radio13.pdf>

The Radio Spectrum Office can be contacted direct on rsm@med.govt.nz
Just in case you think you are alone, please look up my call sign ZL2TDM....

Address changes - If notifying me of an address change, please also make sure you advise the Ministry as again the above details in Call Book will be incorrect. Also advise all other call signs who reside at the same address.

Call Book on CD Rom - Thank you to all who have sent their order forms back for Call Book on CD Rom, with payment of the 2004 subscription. Just a reminder, this offer is in ADDITION TO, not instead of the hard copy version of Call Book. It is free to all financial members for 2004. However if I do not receive this coupon with your name and address details before 31st January 2004, you will not receive a CD Rom.

Short Story - An English gentleman who had previously resided in the Northern part of NZ and had the call sign ZL1***, had just returned from the UK to take up residence in Canterbury. On requesting the same call sign from the Ministry, he was told that he must change to ZL3***. After a few phone calls in the right places and explaining to Radio Spectrum Management that in the rules for amateur call signs, it clearly states that this principle no longer exists, I am happy to advise that our man now in Canterbury has had his licence reissued as before, i.e. **ZL1DJS**

CUL - ZL2TDM

From the NZART Administration Liaison Officer:

A full report on the recent World Radiocommunications Conference 2003 will appear in a future issue of "Break-In". The implementation of the many outcomes will take time.

The IARU policy was to seek many changes. These include the simplification of the regulations affecting the amateur services by removal of regulations that were no longer necessary; the removal of provisions that were redundant because the subject matter was covered elsewhere in the Radio Regulations; the updating of provisions to reflect today's attitudes and activities; the identification of some standards for the qualification of amateurs; the addition of provisions that encouraged amateurs to be given the ability to provide emergency communications; and to encourage the wide international recognition of amateur licences. A re-alignment of the bands at 7 MHz to remove the amateur sharing with broadcasting was another priority issue. More flexibility in the formation of amateur call signs is now possible. The outcomes from the conference are particularly pleasing for the amateur services.

Negotiations have already begun to advance the appropriate implementation of these topics for New Zealand's radio amateurs. You will be advised as further information is available.

The following statement appears on the MED's web site at:

<http://www.med.govt.nz/rsm/int/wrc/wrc-2003-outcomes/index.html> It is copied here in full for easy further distribution. Please note that a firm date for regulatory change cannot yet be given and that you are invited to provide input if you wish but no closing date for such input is given:

WRC2003 Outcomes

Removal of Amateur Service Morse Requirement in the HF Bands

15 August 2003

The recent ITU World Radio Conference in Geneva (9 June to 4 July 2003) reviewed Article 25 of the International Radio Regulations relating to the Amateur Service. The Conference decided that the ability to send and receive morse code is no longer a requirement for amateurs to use the HF bands below 30 MHz.

Administrations now have a choice as to whether morse code should continue to be a requirement for amateur operation in the HF bands.

The ITU decision aligns with New Zealand's position on this issue. Consequently, the Ministry intends to remove morse operating competency from the syllabus for the New Zealand General Amateur Operator's certificate. The Ministry is also considering related matters such as the ongoing requirement for a limited amateur operator's certificate, reciprocal licensing arrangements, and other consequential changes to the examination syllabus.

The changes will be implemented as part of the next round of updates to the New Zealand Radiocommunications Regulations 2001, which is expected to occur later in 2003. Details of the final arrangements will be published on this web site and communicated by letter to all licensed amateurs.

Until the necessary changes to the regulations are made, however, holders of Limited Amateur Operator's certificates are not entitled to operate on bands below 30 MHz. In the meantime the Ministry will be consulting with the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters Inc. and other parties who are interested in having an input to the development of policy on the changes. Anyone who is interested in providing such input should write to The Manager, Radio Spectrum Planning, Ministry of Economic Development, PO Box 1473, Wellington, or email info@rsm.govt.nz.

Break-In News with John Walker ZL3IB:

New Advertising Manager for Break-In - I am pleased to advise that Lorne Douglas ZL2AHB has taken over as our new Advertising Manager from Anne McMaster ZL3VR who has resigned for personal reasons. Thank you Anne for your past endeavours on behalf of Break-In.

Some readers may remember that Lorne was an Assistant Editor of Break-In from 1993-96. Lorne's contact details are: **Phone;** (03) 341-2616, **Fax;** (03) 341-2619, **E-mail;** zl2ahb@nzart.org.nz

HAMADs etc should still be sent to PO Box 1733, Christchurch.

Contests with Stan White ZL2ST:

The Doug Gorman Memorial Frequency Measuring Contest is on Monday September 1st Listen to ZL6A at 9.15 pm (0915 UTC) on approximately 3900 kHz for instructions on the three frequencies that will be used. Read each of the three frequencies as accurately as possible and post your results within seven days. See the callbook or NZART website for full details or Break In for abbreviated rules.

Dates To Remember:

- Next NZART Official Broadcast 8pm & 9pm on **Sunday 31st August**
- Doug Gorman Memorial Frequency Measuring Contest **September 1st**
- Next HQ-Info-Line e-mailed on **Sunday 7th September**
- Nostalgia Night Contest 2003 **Saturday 13th September**

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Jim Meachen ZL2BHF

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