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Greetings Everyone!

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## **The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:**

**Branch Survey Examination Programme...**Just a reminder to you all that the survey that was sent out a fortnight ago with the last HQ Info-line can be completed in it's present form. However I will be sending another one with the Branch Circular next week.

**A thought for you to pass on....**Some of you may be aware that I have undertaken the National Administrator role with the Ulysses Club of NZ Inc. I am not office sharing, but time sharing, as in I work until 8:30am - 1:30pm for NZART return home and commence the Ulysses Club work load as a self employed person.

This has been approved by Council and will in no way conflict with any time I am required to spend on NZART duties. I believe it could have benefits for both hobbies.

I was attending a meeting of their Club last Saturday and much like NZART, they have Branches throughout New Zealand. Within their Branches they have a Coordinator who liaises between the National Executive and the local Branch. This position is totally separate from their Branch level committee and appears to work very well for communication and training purposes.

While Ulysses has only 28 Branches nationwide and NZART has some 74 working Branches, it may be worthy to think, how such a representative could serve your branch by regular liaison with Council. I appreciate that many of you are very busy, but as you can appreciate Council members are also and sometimes they need assistance to fulfil the roles you have elected them to.

Sorry I am not trying to rewrite the workings of the Association, merely passing on what you may like to try in your Branch.

If you think this or any other idea that is discussed at Branch level has some merit please let your Council know so they can consider it.

Talk soon.....Debby ZL2TDM

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## Contests with Stan White ZL2ST:

### Upcoming events:

**Doug Gorman Frequency Measuring Contest** - Monday September 5  
at 0915 UTC listen on 3900 kHz for instructions.

**NZART Nostalgia Night** - Saturday September 10 0700-1000 UTC

### Results of VK trans Tasman 160 metre SSB Contest: - (call/score/QSOs)

1=VK3IO	2203 213
1=VK7CHT	2232 219
2 VK3BF	1369 147
3 VK3FRC	1308 161
4 ZL2AS	1152 170
6 ZL2AGD	1032 149
7 ZL2MS	946 142
8 ZL2AKM/3	906 121
9 ZL2AMS	906 121
10 ZL4AA	891 111
11 ZL1CAX	774 121
12 ZL1ALZ	752 111
13 ZL2RC	725 91
14 ZL2BH/qrp	644 84
16 ZL2GR	544 77
17 ZL1UE	491 80
19 ZL1DK	433 83
23 ZL1GBB/qrp	358 55
25 ZL4JAD/qrp	316 36
26 ZL4AL	301 47
30 ZL2TIS	187 32

(21 out of 36 logs were ZLs! including a number of multi-operator Branch callsigns)

### QRP

1 ZL2BH/qrp	644 84
2 ZL1GBB/qrp	358 55
3 ZL4JAD/qrp	316 36

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## International News:

**Next ISS "Space Tourist" Gets Amateur Radio Ticket** – Newington CT, Aug 18, 2005. The next "space tourist" to visit the International Space Station is, once again, an Amateur Radio licensee. The FCC issued the call sign KC2ONX to Greg Olsen of Princeton, New Jersey, on August 16. See <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2005/08/18/3/?nc=1> (**ARRL Web Page**)

**Auction Of A Gold Bird** - Bird Electronic Corporation is celebrating the milestone of the manufacture of its 300,000th Model 43 Thruline Wattmeter. To commemorate this milestone, this specific unit produced with a special gold-plated finish, is being auctioned with the proceeds from this sale to be donated to a charity of the Winning Bidder's choice. Bird began production of the Model 43 in 1952 and it quickly became a cornerstone of the two-way radio industry. Bird Electronic Corporation is a division of the Bird Technologies Group. The auction ends on Wednesday, August 31st. More information on the auction is on-line at <http://www.bird-electronic.com> and click on the auction graphic. (**VHF Reflector, WB5ITT**)

**ISS commander sets new space endurance record** (Aug 17, 2005)-International Space Station (ISS) Expedition 11 Commander Sergei Krikalev, U5MIR, this week set a new record for the most days a human being has spent in space. As of August 16, Krikalev had logged a total of nearly 748 days--more than two years--living in space. He'll exceed that figure before he's back on Earth: Krikalev, 46, and crewmate and NASA ISS Science Officer John Phillips, KE5DRY, are scheduled to remain aboard the ISS until October. ISS Mission Control Houston called Krikalev to congratulate him. "Fly on, Sergei," spacecraft communicator Ken Ham said. Mission Control Moscow also saluted the achievement, and Krikalev joked, "You'll have to congratulate me every day from now on." The previous space endurance record, held by fellow cosmonaut Sergei Avdeyev, was 747 days, 14 hours, 14 minutes, and 11 seconds. Krikalev made his first trip into space in 1988. During the span of his 20-year career as a cosmonaut, he has done two duty tours on the ISS (he was a member of the first ISS crew) and spent time living aboard the now-defunct Russian Mir space station. He was the first Russian to fly on a US shuttle. He's also been into space aboard Russian Soyuz transporters. On August 18, Krikalev and Phillips will venture outside the ISS to remove, replace and photograph experiments and relocate equipment. The spacewalk will be the eighth for Krikalev and the first for Phillips. - (**Some information from NASA and ARRL**)

**Broadband Takes To The Sky** - Boeing has joined the ranks of companies offering planes equipped with Wi-Fi service with the introduction of its new high-speed Internet service called Connexion. Wi-Fi service is already available on about 70 aircraft operated by NA,China Airlines, Japan Airlines, Lufthansa, SAS, and Singapore Airlines, though not on domestic U.S. flights. (**Boeing, PC world**)

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## Dates To Remember:

- **NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August**
- **Next HQ-Info-Line Sunday e-mailed 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2005**

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