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Greetings Everyone!

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The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:

Daylight Saving Time - By now you will have all figured out that your night lights will start later and you are an hour behind everyone who remembered to turn the clock back last night. Well for those of you who like to catch a glimpse of Council and the Business of NZART, remember to listen on the first Tuesday of most months on 3820kHz at **8pm not 7:30pm** as is the case throughout the Winter months. There is usually an opportunity to talk with Councillors after the meeting, so keep tuned and call in.

Subscriptions 2006 - Subs for 2006 are continuing to come in, however I have heard a few moans regarding the promotion to encourage non-members to join and how much that subscription is compared to what members are paying. Please don't upset yourselves, the more people YOU can encourage to join, the more likely subscriptions are likely to remain static, or even better, if we get another 500 members from the 2738 letters I sent out, then subs just may reduce. It's all up to you; please do your best to encourage those whom you know do not belong to the Association to join at this time.

MED and change of addresses - while we are not paying an annual license fee, please remember to advise the Radio Spectrum office of any change of your address. This is very important to ensure accuracy is maintained not only for their records, but also the Call Book. Our information for Call Book comes directly from the Ministry, therefore if your details are not correct we cannot change them. The Privacy Act restricts us from amending any data we receive from the Ministry, so it is up to you to make sure its correct.

On the subject of the Ministry – the following web address will take you directly to their database should you want to search through for specific call signs:

<http://spectrumline.med.govt.nz/other-reports>

Scroll down to the bottom of that page. Click on the `operator' or `repeaters and beacons' link.

Ignore what appears on the next page you see, but look for small `XLS" and 'PDF' icons that will appear in the grey bar near the top right of that page. Click on one of these icons and download the complete file. (The `operator' xls file with the full detailed ZL consign listing is about 650 kB.)

(Be sure to add today's current date and the word `operator' or `repeaters' to the filename before downloading – otherwise any of your earlier downloads will be overwritten.)

Open the downloaded spreadsheet and use your spreadsheet skills to sort and to electronically search this information. The search feature makes it more useful than the printed Call Book Surnames and street and town names can be readily searched and it is up-to-date.

Talk soon... Debby ZL2TDM

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

Statistics					
Amateur Radio Licensing Statistics					
Category	<u>Sept.22.04</u>	<u>Jul.21.05</u>	<u>Aug.29.05</u>	<u>Sept.21.05</u>	
Grade					
General Grade	4735	4685	4739	4756	
Limited Grade					
Novice Grade	12	9	9	9	
Total Amateur Licenses Issued	4747	4694	4748	4765	
Beacons	42	45	43	44	
Digi-peaters	29	27	27	27	
Fixed	2	1	1	1	
Repeaters	239	262	260	261	
TV Repeaters	41	40	40	40	
Total Beacons Repeaters and Links	353	375	371	373	
Total Licenses	5100	5069	5119	5138	

Contests with Stan White ZL2ST:

The Oceania contests, New Zealand's prime and only international contests are almost here. Give it a go and have some contacts to help make ZL available to the world.

CW: 0800 UTC Saturday 8 October to 0800 UTC Sunday 9 October

Bands: 160 m - 10 m (no WARC bands).

Exchange: RS(T) report plus a three or four digit number starting at 001 and incrementing by one for each contact.

Entry Categories:

Single-Op - Single Operator, All Bands or Single Band.

Multi-One - Multiple Operator, Single Transmitter, All Bands.

Multi-Multi - Multiple Operator, Multiple Transmitter, All Bands.

SWL - Short Wave Listener (Receive Only) All Bands.

Multiplier: The number of different prefixes worked. The same prefix may be counted once on each band for multiplier credit.

Contact Points: 20 points per contact on 160 m; 10 on 80 m; 5 on 40 m; 1 on 20 m; 2 on 15 m; and 3 on 10 m. Final score is the sum of the contact points from all bands multiplied by the multiplier.

Deadline: Logs in Cabrillo format must be emailed or postmarked NO LATER than 7 November 2005. Further information on the contest is available from the Oceania DX Contest web site at www.oceaniadxcontest.com and full rules are in the 2004/5 callbook.

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VK Special Callsign for Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games:

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) approve use of the AX prefix for the Melbourne commonwealth games.

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) have approved a WIA request for the use of the AX prefix to celebrate the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne. The AX prefix may be used by all Australian Radio Amateurs for the period 1 - 31 March 2006. *(from WIA News)*

IARU News: IARU Administrative Council Plans for WRC-07 and Beyond

The Administrative Council of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) held its annual meeting on 17-18 September 2005 in Zurich, Switzerland, following the IARU Region 1 Conference held in Davos.

Attending the Zurich meeting were IARU President Larry Price, W4RA; Vice President Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA; Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ; regional representatives Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, Don Beattie, G3BJ, Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, Rod Stafford, W6ROD, Dario Jurado, HP1DJ, Y. S. Park, HL1IFM, Chandru Ramchandra, VU2RCR, and Yoshi Sekido, JJ1OEY; and recording secretary Paul Rinaldo, W4RI.

The Council took the following actions:

- 1.** A discussion paper was received from the officers describing the anticipated future environment and a vision of the long-term future role and structure of the IARU. To continue this work, the President announced the appointment of an ad hoc committee chaired by Vice President Ellam and comprised of Secretary Sumner and the presidents/chairmen of the three regional organisations. The committee will work primarily by correspondence including electronic means and is to provide a preliminary report next year.
- 2.** Prompted mainly by concerns about interference from broadband power line communications (PLC/BPL), the International Secretariat, in conjunction with the EMC Adviser, was requested to undertake a study to improve coordination of amateur radio representation on electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) matters at national, regional and global forums, to be completed by the end of 2005. The objective is to put in place such measures as may be agreed by the Council to improve such coordination and maintain a favourable EMC environment for radio services.
- 3.** Continuing the strategic planning initiative begun in 2003, progress on a three-year plan for the development of support for amateur radio frequency allocations was reviewed. The plan includes maintaining and increasing contact with regional telecommunications organisations by the IARU through its regional organisations.
- 4.** The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) meetings at which IARU representation will be required for the coming year were identified, and plans for representation were reviewed. The principal focus is on preparations for the 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-07). IARU positions on agenda items for WRC-07 were affirmed.
- 5.** A small working group was established to develop an international emergency communications handbook for radio amateurs based on existing texts. The International Secretariat was requested to produce a brochure on amateur radio response to emergencies.
- 6.** It was agreed to establish a suitable Web site honouring radio amateurs who have died while providing humanitarian service. IARU regional executive committees may propose those to be included in the memorial.

7. The Council heard a report from IARU Region 2 on planned participation on behalf of the IARU in an ITU regional telecommunications exhibition, Telecom Americas 2005, to be held in Salvador da Bahia, Brazil, 3-6 October. Region 2 President Rod Stafford, W6ROD, has been invited to participate in a panel discussion on "The Changing Face of Spectrum Management" at the Forum held in conjunction with Telecom Americas 2005.

8. The budget for 2006-2008 was approved as presented by the International Secretariat (ARRL). The budget includes provision for financial contributions from the three regional organisations to defray a portion of the expenses, in accordance with previously adopted policy.

9. Themes were adopted for the next two World Amateur Radio Days, an annual event observed on April 18, the anniversary of the founding of the IARU in 1925. The themes are (2006) "Amateur Radio: A gateway to information and communications technologies (ICT) for today's youth" and (2007) "Amateur Radio: Allowing youth to connect the world."

10. The Council thanked Bob Knowles, ZL1BAD, for his more than 20 years of volunteer service as IARU Monitoring System International Coordinator on the occasion of his stepping down from the position that he has occupied since its inception. The International Secretariat (ARRL) was asked to designate an appropriate staff member to fulfil, as a temporary measure, the responsibilities of the position until a qualified volunteer replacement can be found.

11. Reports of the IARU international coordinators and advisers were received. In addition to Mr. Knowles they are International Beacon Project Coordinator Peter Jennings, AB6WM/VE3SUN; Satellite Adviser Hans van de Groenendaal, ZS6AKV; EMC Adviser ChristianVerholt, OZ8CY; and International Coordinator for Emergency Communications Hans Zimmermann, F5VKP/HB9AQS.

12. A working document describing the requirements for radio spectrum allocations to the amateur and amateur-satellite services was reviewed and updated. The next scheduled meeting of the Council will be held in or near Bangalore, India immediately after the IARU Region 3 Conference to be held there in August 2006.

Dates To Remember:

- **Next HQ-Info-Line Sunday E-mailed Sunday 16th October.**
- **NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 30th October.**

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