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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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The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:

Subscriptions 2006...Some of you may have recently received a reminder to pay your 2006 subscriptions. Please pay before the end of November 2005 to be eligible for the rebate.

If you have paid within the last week our letters will probably have crossed paths, therefore please disregard the notice.

Membership promotion...the latest membership promotion has encouraged 140 new and reactivated members to the Association. The break down comprises of 85 NEW members and 55 reactivated members. A great effort by all, thank you. Although the offer appears to have closed as at 31 October, it is still open until the end of the year, so please pass this on to all your friends to join now and take advantage of the discounted rates.

Change of Address...Recently you will have received a mail-out from the Radio Spectrum Group explaining their new SMART system. If you didn't receive it, did you advise the MED of your change of address?

The details you read in the latest Call book are details held by MED for your call sign. The Call signs in Call Book come directly from the Ministry's database. NZART is not allowed to alter amend or delete any records as presented by the Ministry, this is a requirement of the Privacy Commissioner when we were allowed to print another organizations data. Please check Call Book and if your details are incorrect, contact the Radio Spectrum Group Customer Centre on 0508 773 463.

Please **DO NOT** send your amendments to me if your Break In label details are correct. I have the right address but the Ministry may not.

“Empire of the Air” DVD in the HQ Library – The Nelson Branch has kindly donated this DVD to the HQ Library. It tells the story of three men who shared primarily the responsibility for Radio dominated airwaves. It includes many historical photos, newsreels of the period and interviews with well known radio personalities. Run time 120 minutes.

Cost of hire \$6.00

Please contact me if your branch wishes to hire it.

That’s it for this fortnight....Debby ZL2TDM

NZART Contests and ACTIVITIES with John Powell ZL1BHQ:

Future Events -

Nov. 6 - 2000 NZDT to 2300 NZDT **Straight Key Night** - Refer 2004 Call book Page 5-8 or [see details later in this issue of HQIL](#).

Dec.8 - 1930 NZDT to 2130 NZDT **H-Night Activity** Refer Sept/Oct Break In Page 37 for rules

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Feb.25/26 - **Jock White Memorial Field Day Contest** - Refer 2004 Call book Pages 5-2 to 5-4 for rules and Nov/Dec Break In for updated rule changes and other information.

NZART Radio Class DVD Project:

Earlier this year the Eastern Southland branch made the suggestion to council that some sort of recording of teaching material for the licence examination would be useful.

Council has taken this suggestion on board and the project is proceeding well with Stuart ZL2TW recording a current series of radio classes on to DVD.

The material could have several uses:

1. To help show potential instructors how to get started
2. For candidates that might be isolated e.g. geographically or due to disability.
3. For branches that are just unable to find an instructor.

The classes should all be ‘in the can’ by December, there will be some editing involved, the finished product should be available to branches by January/February 2006. VHS video tape could be made available if needed.

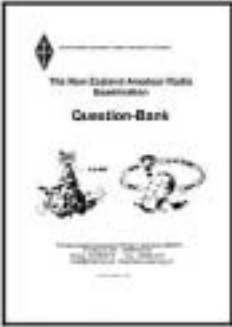
There may be some practical demonstrations included e.g. terminating a coaxial cable, tuning a transmatch/ATU, tuning an older set (FT101 etc) and some basic radio operating. Feedback to ZL2TW would be welcome.

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

Statistics					
Amateur Radio Licensing Statistics					
Category					
	<u>Oct. 23, 03</u>	<u>Oct.21.04</u>	<u>Aug.29.05</u>	<u>Sept.21.05</u>	<u>Oct.25.05</u>
Grade					
General Grade	3198	4725	4739	4756	4771
Limited Grade	1546				
Novice Grade	12	12	9	9	9
Total Amateur Licenses Issued	4756	4737	4748	4765	4780
Beacons	42	42	43	44	44
Digi-peaters	28	29	27	27	27
Fixed	2	2	1	1	1
Repeaters	211	239	260	261	261
TV Repeaters	19	42	40	40	40
Total Beacons Repeaters and Links	302	354	371	373	373
Total Licenses	5058	5091	5119	5138	5153


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Survey of the Recruitment and Training of New Amateurs.

Stuart Watchman ZL2TW surveyed branches via infoline recently on the subject of recruitment and training of new amateurs. A number of replies were received but there remain many more branches yet to reply. Please take the time to complete the survey form attached to this issue of HQIL, it will give NZART council useful information in this vital area. Results will be fed back via Break-In.

A Night To Remember – TONIGHT – From Barry ZL1DD

Enjoy some old time radio fun. Not so much a contest as an activity night getting back to basic Amateur Radio.

NZART Straight Key Night, Tonight, Sunday 06 November, 2000-2300 NZDT.

80m, CW sent with straight key, no form of automatic dots, dashes or spaces allowed.

Exchange: RST/QTH/ operator name [one word]/key used [eg ZC1, Himound etc.]/ tx type [eg ZC1, Ft1000, homemade]/ tx power in watts. Save for DX station [out of NZ mainland] QSOs when only RST, QTH and operator names need be exchanged.

Four Divisions : Vintage QRP, Vintage QRO, Open QRP, open QRO.

QRP= five watts or less output, vintage = rx and tx or transceiver using only valves in the signal line.

Score: One point per QSO, CW to CW only, Stations may be worked once only. All stations submitting logs must use a straight key throughout, but straight key stations may QSO stations using bugs, keyers, keyboards for a valid QSO.

Multipliers: Vintage QRP multiply total points x2, Open QRP x1.5, Vintage QRO x 1.2, Open x1.

Logs: Each entry to show: date, time [NZST or Z times OK], callsign worked, RST, QTH, name, key type, tx type, tx power [of station worked]. Calculate total score with appropriate multiplier to give total score. Include data sheet giving name, call, address, name, age [optional], full description of equipment used, comments. Send logs by email, fax, mail to Barry Kirkwood ZL1DD, 66 Cory Road, Palm Beach, Waiheke Island 1240, Tel/fax 64-9-372-5161, email: bjk@ihug.co.nz.

Have a go! it looks like there will be some interesting stations on, including Norfolk Island, and Peter ZL2JJ using his single tube TNT rig with TRF regen rx. - See you there!

Dates To Remember:

- **Next HQ-Info-Line Sunday E-mailed Sunday 20th November**
- **NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 27th November**

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Jim Meachen ZL2BHF
Editor

NZART Branch Recruitment & Training Survey

NZART council are looking at ways to assist branches to recruit new people into amateur radio. A new idea that council is looking at is to have classes for the examination available on DVD/video. This material would be available to be used by those branches that may have difficulty finding suitable persons to run classes, or to use as a resource to help get things started locally.

Council would like to get an idea of how useful this resource would be, hence the following survey.

Radio classes are closely associated with the wider issue of recruitment, so we have decided to include a few questions on this matter, your answers will help us feed back to branches information that may help in this area.

We appreciate your efforts replying to this survey.

How many new amateurs have joined amateur radio in your club in the last year?

How were these people attracted?

(E.g. Friends/family workmates, Newspaper advertisement, Promotion, Schools)

Does your club run classes for the examination?

If No, What is the reason that you do not (e.g. No suitable teacher, unable to find candidates for classes, no perceived need)

Would a DVD/Video as outlined above be useful for your branch?

Are you aware of the existing material on the NZART website to assist in studying for the examination (study guide and question bank)?

(If yes, have you used it?)

Are you aware of the promotional pamphlet material on the website?

(If yes, have you used it?)

Any final comments or suggestions?

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