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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 delayed emailing today of this issue of HQIL is regretted, but has enabled the inclusion of some just received material.

The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:

Subscription Payments. Many of you now have internet banking access, therefore you may wish to take the opportunity to pay your 2007 subscriptions directly into the NZART bank account.

Details are as follows: BNZ Upper Hutt 02 0772 0209760 00, please also include your membership number in the reference field and your call sign where able. If you have any queries regarding the amount etc, please contact me via e-mail.

My apologies... I have received a number of calls this week to make sure that I am still able to talk after hearing the Official Broadcast last weekend, rest assured that I have once again found all my vocal chords and am back to normal!

Talk soon ... **Debby ZL2TDM**

Repeater Fees: Latest Developments:

Most of you will be aware that the MED in implementing a free annual licence fee for radio amateurs had decided to recoup the costs of administering the amateur service by introducing a \$50 fee for each of our repeaters, beacons and links. Nearly all of these licences are under the name of NZART, the fee to NZART and its members would come to approximately \$16 000 p.a. As NZART members make up around 39% of N.Z. amateurs, the remaining 61% would be 'carried' as far as the cost of running the amateur service goes.

During our AGM in Christchurch NZART members passed the resolution unanimously not to pay any invoice when it arrives, see the latest *Break-In* for the exact details.

NZART has received the first of the repeater invoices for the 2006/2007 year. In accordance with the instructions from our membership we will advise the MED that the payment will not be made and we will dispute the same. We are also preparing an updated submission for the appropriate Parliamentarians.

Bruce Douglas ZL2WP will advise you of developments on his return from the IARU Region 3 Conference.

Stuart Watchman ZL2TW
Acting NZART President

Contests with John Powell ZL1BHQ - NZART Contest Manager:

Forthcoming NZART Contests

NZART Boat Anchor Sprint

When: 12 August 2006.

Refer NZART Website for Rules and other information – <http://www.nzart.org.nz/contests>

Doug Gorman Frequency Measuring Contest

When: Monday, 4 September 2006 – 2115 NZDT – 80m

Refer to NZART Callbook, page 5-6, or NZART Website, as above, for Rules and updated information.

2006 Oceania Contests

When: Phone: 7 & 8 October 2006 - 0800 UTC (7 Oct.) until 0800 UTC (8 Oct.)

CW: 14 & 15 October 2006 - 0800 UTC (14 Oct.) until 0800 UTC (15 Oct.).

Only 3 months to Oceania's premier HF DX Contest and now time to prepare for either, or both events. Recent years have seen a decline in ZL/VK participation to the extent that greater numbers of Overseas hams are participating in our own HF DX Contest. The Contest organizers welcome increased involvement from both ZL and VK operators, so how about giving it a go. Contest Rules and operating information is now available at the Contest Website – <http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com/rules.pdf>

Manawatu Branch Activity Contest - 16-22 September 2006

This is the 18th year of operation for this contest. In the past it was run locally between members of Branch's 06, 20, 23, 48 & 70. This year a separate 80M Only Section has been created for those outside the Branch's mentioned above. The contest will run from Saturday September 16th to Friday September 22nd inclusive. The hours of operation are 7 PM to 9 PM each night. For a brief history of the contest, rules and a downloadable check/log sheet please visit the contest page at: www.zl2ko.org.nz/contest

Making Hobby Accessible To Blind And Disabled People:

Amateur radio is full of possibilities for Blind and Disabled people. Allen Little ZL2GB / ZL2OHM is in contact with the "Handiham" organisation in the US and he is attempting to develop resources to encourage fellow Blind or Disabled persons to enjoy Ham Radio.

The Handiham programme www.handiham.org was set up in 1967 by the Courage Centre in Minnesota; the idea of Ned Carman, W0ZSW. Pat Tice, WA0TDA is the current programme manager.

Allen Little ZL2GB says there is much we can learn from the experienced coaches associated with the HandiHam project and he would like introductions to potential Blind or Disabled individuals interested in perusing the Amateur Radio hobby. Email Allen at zl2gb@nzart.org.nz

Dates To Remember:

- **Next HQ-Info-Line E-mailed on Sunday 6th August**
- **NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 27th August**

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