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Greetings Everyone

Welcome to Headquarters-Info-Line a fortnightly bulletin of news from NZART Headquarters E-mailed directly to Branches and to others that subscribe through the NZART Web Site.

This issue was thought necessary because of the **Very Important Information for EXAMINATIONS**. Editor

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The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says



Very Important Information for EXAMINATIONS



With the implementation of SMART, the new Radio Spectrum Call Sign program, I have been honoured by being the one (and almost only) Qualified Amateur Radio Examiner number ARX 2086. Gavin Smith ZL2ACT is currently learning the procedures in case anything should happen to me and has also been approved as an ARX, however am unsure of his number at this time.

Now this new role means to all you Supervisors that NZART HQ or me, is the only place you send your successful candidates records.

I need to receive the Blue ERN (Examination Result Notification) form, the Candidates record form and a completed Radio 4A application form.

This is a new form that can be found on the RSM web page
<http://www.rsm.govt.nz/formsfees/radio4a.pdf>.

Only the Exam Supervisor should complete these forms and make sure they are clear and legible. Once this information is input into SMART I produce the new Certificate of Competency and laminate for the call sign holder, so it is important that all information is accurate. If the writing is not clear, I will have to send it back which will delay the processing of a new call sign.

Please also advise the candidate that they need to choose 3 call signs in order of preference as the system no longer assigns the next available call sign.

Fees will be charged for this service, as NZART needs to recover costs, however NZART Council is yet to determine the amounts so they are fair and equitable.

These fees will be introduced from 1 January 2007.

Another additional requirement will be proof of identity photo required on the certificate. At this time it is not essential, however again will be introduced on 1 January, can you please advise candidates to provide a passport photo with their application, which will be printed on their certificate.

Fees will also be introduced for current call sign holders if they wish me to make any amendments to their call signs or reproduce certificates. If you do not want to incur costs, all information is available to you regarding your call sign and details, by using your personal Client ID and password, that RSM sent you in November 2005. If you have lost or misplaced this, please contact them directly on 0506 776 463.

I will be sending all Supervisors more information by the 14th December, so please be on the look out. If you do not receive it, contact me as soon as **possible**.

Subscription rebates & reminders: For those of you who did not pay your subscriptions before the end of November the \$15 rebate is no longer applicable. I will be sending out statements next week to those who have yet to pay.

For payment of membership fees by bank direct debit: NZART account details are

BNZ 02 0772 0209760 00, please quote your membership number (where known) in the reference field, otherwise your call sign.

Talk to you all again soon... Debby **ZL2TDM**

Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR)

Public Protection generally involves sectors such as Fire Service, Police and Ambulance. Disaster Relief involves the provision of services such as communication during a Disaster.

The Amateur Radio Service has traditionally been involved in the provision of communications during civil defence emergencies starting with the Hawke Bay Earthquake of 1931, out of which AREC was founded. AREC has continued to grow to the present day.

Recently, Communications Minister David Cunliffe has announced Cabinet approval of a work programme to enhance radiocommunications systems used by emergency services.

Two working groups have been developed by the NZ Police and the Ministry of Economic Development to develop a frequency plan to establish common spectrum bands for emergency radiocommunications. They will both report back to Government in the short term.

A third working group will be formed under the oversight of the newly formed Emergency Telecommunications Steering Group, to consider a long-term strategy to rationalise and upgrade radiocommunications across the whole of government.

NZART is watching developments in this area closely and will keep you informed of developments as they occur.

Tony Case ZL1UD for NZART Council

Contest News

Congratulations to those who took part in last weekend's CQ World Wide CW Contest. Band conditions were generally better than expected with the lower bands, 80m and 40m providing some really surprising results. The pre-contest woes experienced by the ZL6QH team and their resolution of these before the contest start is deserving of merit. Likewise the results posted by them, in addition to those posted by ZL4BR, (40m), ZL2IBF (40m) and ZM1A are worthy of mention. Some really odd band openings, albeit short and spasmodic, did occur - I was Mult Op at ZM1A late Sunday evening and early Monday morning and experienced a "rogue" 15m Eu opening on 15m with signals arriving from an easterly beam heading. By all accounts southern latitudes appeared to miss the northern lats auroral activity problems.

CONTESTS THIS WEEKEND - 2 & 3 DECEMBER 2006

ARRL 160-Meter CW Contest 2200Z, Dec 1 to 1600Z, Dec 3
VHF Field Day Contest All bands Saturday the 2nd and Sunday the 3rd of 50 MHz and up December 2006.

FORTHCOMING NZART CONTESTS

2007 JOCK WHITE MEMORIAL FIELD DAY CONTEST: An early notification – the 2007 Field Day Contest will take place on 24 & 25 February 2007, Refer 2006/2007NZART Callbook for Contest rules and other operating information.

Now is the time for Branches to commence their planning for the 2007 event

OTHER FORTHCOMING CONTESTS

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| ARRL 10-Meter Contest | 0000Z, Dec 9 to 2400Z, Dec 10 |
| OK DX RTTY Contest | 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 16 |
| Croatian CW Contest | 1400Z, Dec 16 to 1400Z, Dec 17 |
| International Naval Contest | 1600Z, Dec 16 to 1559Z, Dec 17 |
| Stew Perry Topband Challenge | 1500Z, Dec 30 to 1500Z, Dec 31 |
| ARRL RTTY Roundup | 1800Z, Jan 6 to 2400Z, Jan 7 |
| LZ Open Contest | 0400Z-1200Z, Jan 20 |
| UK DX Contest, RTTY | 1200Z, Jan 20 to 1200Z, Jan 21 |
| Hungarian DX Contest | 1200Z, Jan 20 to 1200Z, Jan 21 |
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| North American QSO Party, SSB | 1800Z, Jan 20 to 0600Z, Jan 21 |
| REF Contest, CW | 0600Z, Jan 27 to 1800Z, Jan 28 |
| Jock White Memorial Field Day C'test | 1500NZST TO 1200NZST Feb 24, and 0600NZST to 1500NZST Feb 25 |
| RSBG Commonwealth Contest | 1000Z 10 March to 1000Z 11 March |

Revised Results Of The 2006 Doug Gorman Frequency Measurement Contest

The frequencies were:

3785.5443 khz 3851.3328 khz 3788.3453 khz

Norm Edwards Shield (Complex Equipment

| Call and Name | Branch | 1st diff | 2nd Diff. | 3rd Diff. | Average | Gear |
|------------------------|--------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------------------------|
| ZL2AFP Con Wassilieff | 50 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.00 | 0.13 | IC746 PC |
| ZL4OL Mike McAleve | 30 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 | IC-R75 & PC |
| ZL1BPU Murray Greenman | 65 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 | RA6790/GM Computer Analyser |
| ZL2AZ Peter Lake | 42 | 0.05 | -0.30 | -0.30 | 0.22 | FT1000 |
| ZL2AZ Peter Lake | 42 | -0.30 | 0.20 | -0.30 | 0.27 | FT847 |
| ZL4LV Peter Johnson | 30 | -0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30 | Home Brew Rig and Counter |

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| ZL1DK David Karrasch | 65 | 0.70 | 0.20 | -0.30 | 0.40 | TS 2000 |
| ZL1MR David Wilkins | 65 | 0.70 | 0.20 | 0.70 | 0.53 | Ts-50, TCXO Oscillator, PC |
| ZL1BOE Chris Muir | 21 | 0.50 | 0.90 | 0.80 | 0.73 | IC7000 PC |
| ZL2ADP Maurice Vile | 63 | -0.30 | 0.20 | -1.80 | 0.77 | FT847 |
| ZL1AKY Geoff Reed | 65 | 0.70 | 1.20 | 0.70 | 0.87 | R600, Counter, H/Brew VFO |
| ZL1WI Roy Milam | 03 | 1.70 | -0.80 | 1.70 | 1.40 | Yaesu 767 & PC |
| ZL2CD William Hamer | 50 | 2.70 | 4.20 | 2.70 | 3.20 | FT1000MP |
| ZL2BFY Robert Lambert | 46 | -3.30 | 9.20 | 3.70 | 5.40 | TS 690 & Osc |
| ZL2AYF Brian Amies | 42 | 9.70 | 9.20 | 7.70 | 8.87 | IC718 Frq 7 |
| ZL3AGS Jim Lovell | 68 | -26.30 | 602.20 | 12.70 | 213.73 | TS930 LM10 Counter |
| ZL1VD John Cutler | 42 | -989.30 | -3.80 | 1.70 | 331.60 | FT847 |
| ZL4RW Bill Bailey | 30 | 1031.70 | 282.20 | 12.70 | 442.20 | FT847 |
| John McKim Cup (Simple Equipment) | | | | | | |
| ZL2AUA Mike Burch | 42 | -14.30 | -12.80 | -10.30 | 12.47 | IC735 Ears |

That's all for this week.

73, John Powell. ZL1BHQ, NZART Contest Manager

Radio Amateurs to provide Emergency Comms. In Malaysian

Malaysian authorities in Kota Baru state have asked about 200 licensed radio amateurs to provide emergency communications in the event of a major flood in the region. Government officials believe that the coming monsoon season could cause severe flooding, and are worried about a repeat of floods in 2004 that knocked out almost all wired communications over a large area. To prevent a communications blackout in the future, state national security division director Rosle Mamat said that the authorities would recruit hams to provide back-up communications. He noted that the flow of information is crucial when handling evacuation and flood mitigation work.

Mamat was speaking at a media briefing on preparations for possible floods. He pointed out that amateur radio operators worldwide frequently provide assistance during emergencies. He said that ham radio would come in handy, especially in rural areas where basic communication tools such as fixed and cellular lines were limited.

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Dates To Remember

- **NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 17 December 2006**
- **Next HQ-Info-Line E-mailed on Sunday 17 December 2006**

Regards
 Jamie Pye ZL2NN
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