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Greetings Everyone

Welcome to Headquarters-Infoline a twice-monthly bulletin of news from NZART Headquarters e-mailed directly to Branches and to others that subscribe through the NZART Website. This bulletin is also distributed on the amateur radio packet network.

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Official Broadcast this month is on SUNDAY 30-NOVEMBER-2008

Next Infoline is to be e-mailed on SUNDAY 23-NOVEMBER-2008

From The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM

Debby says...

Call Book... Silent Key listings in the call book... many silent keys whose details have been given to me to release from the Radio Spectrum database are still appearing. This is a problem with SMART, I can assure you that where notified I have released the call.

RSM are aware of this and are presently working on a solution....in the meantime the other areas regarding incorrect addresses listed is also under action by Council. Several options have been discussed at this time, however, whatever action is taken, Council want the next production to be as accurate as the database will allow.

At this stage Council is considering placing a PDF file direct from the RSM database on the NZART web page. If this option is approved, those who are unable to produce a copy may need to contact me and I will print it out for you.

There has been no final decision made in this regard so I ask that you please be patient.

Subscriptions 2009... This will be the last HQ Info-line before the end of November, so a final reminder to get your subs paid before the end of the month to take advantage of the \$10 rebate. I will be sending out reminder notices to those who have yet to pay.

Nomination Form... Finally, please contact me if you are requiring an election nomination form. Nominations must be addressed to the Returning Officer and received here at HQ before 31 December 2008.

Talk soon...Debby ZL2TDM

FMTAG Notes For October 2008

At its 4th November meeting, NZART Council approved publication of the following FMTAG notes.

APRS FREQUENCY CHANGE

Two of this month's applications request a change of frequency for APRS digipeaters, from the 144.575 MHz APRS frequency to the digipeater common frequency of 144.650 MHz. This means that, if the changes are approved, the APRS traffic will also be carried by the other stations on the digipeater common channel of 144.650 MHz. Please send your comments to FMTAG at: fmtag@nzart.org.nz

INTERIM RECOMMENDATIONS TO NZART COUNCIL

Published for the information of, and seeking comments from, NZART members.

Branch 05 Christchurch Amateur Radio Club has applied to modify its 144.575 MHz digipeater as follows: change the frequency to 144.650 MHz, increase the output power, and change the licensed location to NZ260 M36 804330. An engineering investigation confirms that there will be no interference to co-located and near-sited stations.

Branch 13 Hastings-Havelock North has applied for an APRS 465 digipeater, to be located at Taraponui, at map reference NZ260 V19 333234. The transmit and receive frequency will be 144.650 MHz. An engineering evaluation confirms that there will be no interference to co-located and near-sited stations. This application replaces the Interim Recommendation published in March/April 2008 Break-In and the Final Recommendation published in May/June 2008 Break-In.

Branch 22 Marlborough has applied to move its 465 Digipeater at Kaikoura to map reference NZ260 O31 673650. An engineering evaluation confirms that there will be no interference to other stations, and that the Digipeater can remain on 144.650 MHz.

Branch 39 Tauranga has applied to move its 4625 Digipeater to Mt Minden, located at map reference NZ260 U14 794833. An engineering evaluation confirms that there will be no interference to other stations, and that the Digipeater can remain on 144.625 MHz.

Branch 55 Waitomo has applied to move its 7225 Repeater to Puahue Road, located at map reference NZ260 S15 175509. An engineering evaluation confirms that there will be no interference to other stations, and that the repeater transmit frequency can remain on 147.225 MHz, with a receive frequency of 147.825 MHz.

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO NZART COUNCIL

Published as an Interim Recommendation in September/October 2008 Break-In. No objections have been received.

Branch 74 Wellington VHF has applied to relocate its 880 repeater to Colonial Knob, map reference NZ260 R27 613043. An engineering evaluation confirms that there will be no interference to other stations, and that the repeater transmit frequency can remain on 928.800 MHz with a receive frequency of 921.200 MHz.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Please send your comments and suggestions on the above matters and recommendations, and on any other FMTAG matters, by e-mail to fmtag@nzart.org.nz

Applications for repeaters, beacons, digipeaters, point-to-point links, and so on, should be made on the latest version of FMTAG Form 10. The latest versions of FMTAG Form 10, and the explanatory Form 10A, are available on the NZART web site:

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/nzart/fmtag.html>

Completed forms should be sent by e-mail to fmtag@nzart.org.nz

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Database Of Nets

Steven Muvay ZL2DAT is prepared to make up a list of amateur radio nets, for the interest and information of amateur radio operators in general. The list will be on the NZART website and available to all. If you would like your net to be part of this list please e-mail Steven on zl2dat@nzart.org.nz.

Jock White Field Day February 28 and 1st March 2009

Please note the change of date for 2009, the reasons for this are below.

This is a great event which can be as serious or as social as you like. It is an ideal activity to bring people in your branch/club together. Operating begins at 1500 local on the Saturday, runs through to 2400, restarts at 0600 on the Sunday finishing at 1500, on 80 and 40 metres. There are many sections to choose from (although only one can be entered by each station) the rules mentioned above have all the details, please consult them.

Change of Field Day date for 2009

The last full weekend in February 2009 (21st and 22nd) clashes with the ARRL international CW contest. After careful consideration John Powell and I have decided to shift Field Day back one week to the following weekend 28th and 1st March.

I realise that this change may cause inconvenience to some participants but we felt that the change was necessary for the following two reasons:

Firstly, if Field Day was on the same weekend there would be many DX stations ready to pounce on ZLs calling CQ. The bulk of these DX stations will be outside of VK and the South Pacific and are not eligible for scoring for Field Day. As many Field Day CW operators are only occasional contesters, trying to 'fend off' these stations could be a major inconvenience.

Second, there are a significant number of Field Day operators that routinely participate in the ARRL contest, the shift in date avoids a conflict here.

Addition to Field Day Rules

I have added a new rule concerning the operating standards of stations participating in Field day. If the Field Day manager receives reliable reports that a Field or Home was being operated in a way that interfered with other stations, the interfering station may be disqualified.

I have added this rule in response to multiple reports of severe QRM from stations causing splatter in recent years. The Field Day rules on the NZART web site will be changed shortly to include this rule.

It is essential that transceivers are operated correctly during Field Day. A common problem is a different microphone being used during the contest with a higher audio output. If the microphone gain is not turned down to allow for a higher output then splatter can occur due to the transmitter being overloaded. Please check the ALC readings prior to the start of the contest, consult the transceiver manual if necessary. Once the microphone gain has been set leave it alone. Remember that far more points are scored through good operating technique rather than trying to squeeze another 10 or 20 watts from your transmitter (which no one will notice anyway!).

Please direct any queries or comments to me at zl2tw@nzart.org.nz. I am only too happy to answer any questions prior to the event.

Stuart Watchman ZL2TW

Contest News

VHF-UHF Contest Notes

The Next Contest

Field Day Contest 2008

All bands 50 MHz and up.

Saturday 6-DECEMBER-2008, 1700 to 2300 NZ local time, and

Sunday 7-DECEMBER-2008, 0700 to 1300 NZ local time

The rules are available at:

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests/vhfcontestrules0606.html>

All contest logs should be sent, to arrive within two weeks, to:

zl2wa@clear.net.nz

or:

Contest Manager, Wellington VHF Group, P.O. Box 12-259, Thorndon, Wellington

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HF Contests From NZART Contests Manager

CONTESTS THIS WEEKEND - 8 & 9 NOVEMBER 2008

Details of the revised dates for the running of the 2009 jock White Field Day Contest, due to a date clash with the ARRL International CW Contest, it has been decided to put back one week the running of Field Day - details are briefly covered later in this bulletin and fuller coverage will be advised by the upcoming issue of Infoline and an update on the NZART Website. Next week's issue of Contests This Weekend will also cover this matter. At the same time an updated rule change will also be advised. My appreciation to those who identified the likely clash of contests.

By all accounts conditions were not too bad for the Straight Key Night Activity last Sunday evening. Not now having an antenna system at this QTH is proving somewhat limiting - I have about 50 feet of wire tracking through the drape supports in the lounge and feeding a R1000 receiver. Not the most efficient of antenna and attracts the neighbourhood QRM/N Plasma TV, etc.

2009 JOCK WHITE FIELD DAY CONTEST - REVISED DATES

28 FEBRUARY 2009 AND 1 MARCH 2009

Due to a once every twenty odd year chronological event the previously announced dates clash with the 2009 ARRL International CW Contest. Because of the likely problems with both events running at the same time it has been decided to put back a week the running of the Field Day contest. Fuller details, including rule changes will be covered in the upcoming NZART Infoline and also from the NZART Website,

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/contests>.

This information will also be included in next week's Contest This Weekend bulletin.

Many thanks to those who contacted me regarding the clash of date for these two contests

2008 CQ WORLD WIDE CONTEST CW

When: CW Contest, 0000Z, 29th November until 0000Z 30th November

Considered to be the premier global contesting activities and a particular test of skill and endurance for the international contesting community. Need to improve your new countries score - here is the opportunity to do just that.

A great source of working rare countries specially activated for these contests.

Contest Rules and Other Operating Information:-

<http://www.cqww.com/>

Results; 2007 CQ World Wide SSB Contest

Call	Band	Points	QSOs	Mults	Ctry	Place
ZL1ALZ	All HP	25360	135	33	47	1st ZL HP
ZL4JB	All LP	28035	132	34	35	1st ZL LP
ZL2MM	All LP	25098	115	41	53	2nd ZL LP
ZL2AWH	10M	1449	56	5	4	1st ZL 10M
ZL2RVW	20M	11285	83	25	36	1st ZL 20M
ZL1KMN	40M	26136	129	27	61	1st ZL 40M

Results; 2007 CQ World Wide CW Contest

Call	Band	Points	QSOs	Mults	Ctry	Place
ZL4LW	All HP	293760	790	33	102	1st ZL HP
ZL4JB	All LP	3864	54	20	22	1st ZL LP
ZL3TE	15M	62222	426	23	30	1st ZL 15
ZL1BHQ	40M HP	20888	169	19	43	1st ZL 40M 1st OC
ZM1K						
Op ZL1AIH	80M HP	70917	376	23	54	1st ZL 80M 2nd OC

OTHER FORTHCOMING CONTESTS

YO International PSK31 Contest	1600Z-2200Z, Nov 21
LZ DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 22 to 1200Z, Nov 23
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 29 to 2400Z, Nov 30
ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Dec 5 to 1600Z, Dec 7
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 13 to 2400Z, Dec 14
OK DX RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 20
Croatian CW Contest	1400Z, Dec 20 to 1400Z, Dec 21
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 27 to 1500Z, Dec 28
NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW	0530Z-0730Z, Jan 11

That is about it for this week and I trust that for those participating in either of the advertised contests that conditions will be to your liking.

73, John Powell. ZL1BHQ, NZART Contest Manager

Upcoming Events - 2009 is not Far Away

Wellington Region Expo - Saturday, 28-March-2009

See

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/events/index.html>

14th IARU R3 Conference - Christchurch 12 to 16 October 2009

See

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/events/iaru-conf.html> or

<http://www.christchurch.org.nz/> or

www.jarl.or.jp/iaru-r3/.

Break-In and Infoline Information

Break-In Closing Date Reminders

1. From the Editor Break-In, Official Journal of NZART Inc.

"Copy for the JANUARY/FEBRUARY issue of Break-In closes on 10-JANUARY-2009.

Early receipt of copy is much appreciated. Thanks, John ZL3IB, Editor"

2. Copy for the AREC Break-In Column

The close-of-copy date is the 03-JANUARY-2009 for articles for publication in the AREC COLUMN OF BREAK-IN. Photos, if available, to be on a separate floppy or CD (with captions), posted DIRECTLY TO US Call Book address. All other material can go to e-mail: z13qr@nzart.org.nz or z13ov@nzart.org.nz.

Regards, Geoff ZL3QR

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Dates for Official Broadcast (OB) and Head Quarter's Infoline

OB 2008 8pm Sunday: Nov-30 Dec-21

*** NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 30-NOVEMBER-2008 * and**

*** Next HQ-Info-Line e-mailed on Sunday 23-NOVEMBER-2008 ***

Infoline 2008 Sunday: Nov-09-23 Dec-07-21

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