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From HQ

Debby says.... My apologies everyone, for the typo that appeared on your 2019 invoice, sent out with your August Break In. The message should have read;

“\$10 early payment discount is applicable only to Transmitting \$99 and Family \$129 membership and must be paid by 30/11/2018”

On this topic, if paying by direct deposit to our BNZ account, can you please make sure you include your call sign and membership number. In this modern age where YL's, XYL's and OM's have a different surname, and they look after all the household financials, it makes it a bit hard for me to credit the right member.

I have just sent out, to all examination supervisors, the latest Exam generating software. Version 17f release date 16 August 2018, is the only acceptable software to be used. There are some subtle changes to forms and how you download the material, so please delete all existing examination generating programmes you have on your computer and download the latest version from here: <http://nzart.org.nz/exam/download-examination-files/>.

Many thanks for your patience with these changes.

Talk soon...Debby ZL2DL

Andrew White Memorial SOTA Activity Day 15th September.

Hi all. Sadly, we lost Andrew ZL3CC unexpectedly earlier this year. To remember him, and his contributions to SOTA, AREC and amateur radio in general, the Saturday following his birthday is to be the Andrew White memorial SOTA Activity day. The aim is to encourage portable operation from a summit, and to encourage new and experienced hams to give SOTA a go.

For those that are not aware of the fun that SOTA can hold, the rules are simple. Select a summit from one of the 5000 or so available in New Zealand. Ensure you have the necessary permission (if private land) to access the summit. Set up a portable station from the summit (or within 25 vertical metres from the summit spot height). To be a true portable station it cannot be connected in any way to a vehicle. Power must be from a battery or solar source. Fossil fuel sources or the grid are not allowed.

To select a summit go to www.sotamaps.org select your desired association (country) and region, and have a look around the map for one you would like to activate. If you are unsure send me an email and I can give you some suggestions depending on where you are warren@zl2aj.com. Once you have chosen your summit post an alert up on www.sotawatch.org under alerts. You will need to login to do this. Most of the activity will happen between 0000 and 0200 UTC but if this timeframe doesn't suit select the timeframe that best suits you. Feel free to join us on the **ZL-SOTA Facebook** group to let others know what you are planning or if you need any advice about a summit or operating technique.

On the day.

40 and 20 metres are good places to gather contacts. As is 5.353 if you have permission to operate there (contact Debbie to arrange this). On 40 we usually operate 7.090 but for largfer events like this we will spread out a bit each way. On 20 the usual frequency is 14.310 =/- spread. Any valid contact (not through a terrestrial repeater) on any band and any mode qualifies. Exchange signal report and callsign. If you are working summit to summit it is good practice to also exchange summit identifiers. 4 contacts with different hams gathers you the points for the summit. To boost your chances post a spot on www.sotawatch.org or use sotaspotter app (for android) or sotagoat (Apple) to do this for you.

Please let others know your plans for the day, take all the usual safety precautions, and don't underestimate the summit or the weather on the day. Have fun, take time to enjoy the views, and be safe. Once you are back home please let me know how your day went by sending me a short report to warren@zl2aj.com and I will include it in the next Break In column.

Thanks

Warren ZL2AJ (SOTA Association manager for ZL)

Stolen Items

Items stolen from North Shore Amateur Radio Club:

1. VHF Transceiver model Kenwood TM421A. Serial Number 60901261
2. UHF Transceiver model Kenwood TM-441A. Serial number 60600215
3. Kenwood Antenna Tuner model AT-120. Serial number 20852.

Anyone finding these items please contact Dennis Thornton ZL1TAY
email: zululima1tay@gmail.com

TARANAKI AWARD

1. The Award will run from
Saturday 22nd September till Wednesday 26th September 2018 Inclusive
It is available to all Amateurs and short-wave Listeners.

2. Contacts may be made on any band, any mode. Each station may be worked ONCE ONLY for each separate application for the Award.

Compulsory contact with Special Station ZL6RFA **5 points**
(We are retaining our call sign from our previous Rhododendron Festival award)

Contact with Taranaki Club Stations

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|---|----------------|-----------|--------|-----------------|
| • | New Plymouth | Branch 27 | ZL2AB | 3 points |
| • | Waitara | Branch 47 | ZL2TO | 3 points |
| • | South Taranaki | Branch 87 | ZL2QF | 3 points |
| • | Inglewood | Branch 19 | ZL2PT | 3 points |
| • | Hawera | Branch 14 | ZL2HWA | 3 points |
| • | Opunake | Branch 32 | ZL2ANN | 3 points |

Each additional Taranaki station (A Station whose base is in Taranaki) **1 point**
Copy of log and fee of \$5.00 to arrive before the 20th October
Total Points needed for award 25 points

Paper logs and electronic logs both welcome. Electronic can be sent to: choward@xtra.co.nz or ngairej66@gmail.com
and paper logs to:

The Award Custodian
New Plymouth amateur radio club
c/O TEMO
45 Robe Street
New Plymouth 4310

- Logs must be signed and include full name, call sign, address of operator, and show final score (points claimed) The senders email address in the message header will count as a signature.
- Logs must be legible. No logs will be returned.
- Electronic logs may be in cabrillo, spreadsheet (.xls, numeric .ods), document (.odt .doc .docx) or ADIF
- Decision of the contest manager will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Log to include:

DATE TIME BAND MODE CALL SIGN Sig report (HF) Name QTH Points

A summary page should be prepared showing:

Name, Call sign, Points claimed for each certificate if multi band or multi-mode and payment value stated

Payments can be made to TSB account: 153942 0001086 00

Please add your Call sign & T Award as a reference

Please make cheques out to New Plymouth Amateur Radio Club

Fee including return Postage

Certificate \$5.00 each

Overseas station requires only 6 points and DO NOT HAVE TO MAKE the COMPULSORY CONTACT.

Overseas award application Fee US \$6.00 or fair equivalent NO IRC or STAMPS PLEASE

The Award Certificate will be a Print of painting of Mt Taranaki/ Egmont
(New Print each year)

Taranaki stations will be available each day on National System and local repeaters and will try and come up when possible. Good time around 7pm

Taranaki Award Net – 3.660 MHZ +/- 8 pm each evening

The ZL Awards Net - 3.677 MHz from 9 pm each evening

In Conjunction with the Taranaki Award
we will be running the Dan Wilkinson Memorial Contest

DAN WILKINSON MEMORIAL CONTEST

1. Certificates will be awarded in two categories for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. The categories are:
 - a. Taranaki stations
 - b. Those outside the region.
2. The Wooden Trophy to be awarded to the outside the Taranaki region station who has the most contacts with Taranaki stations. The Taranaki station contacted can only be used for scoring once, regardless of what bands they are contacted on. The Trophy is to be held by winner for 12 months.
3. The Dan Wilkinson Memorial Stone Trophy will be engraved with the Taranaki station with the most points. However, because of the size and weight of the Trophy it will remain in the club rooms of Branch 27

Dan Wilkinson was the original holder of the call ZL2AB

Hamilton Market Day

The Hamilton Market Day will be on the 15th of September at the Waikato Table Tennis Stadium in Edgecumbe Street, Hamilton.

(Street map on the Hamilton Club web site.)(zl1ux.org.nz/market_day.html).

Details are the same as last year.

Sellers have access from 8 am and buyers can enter at 10 am.

Table space will be \$20 per space if booked in advance but will cost \$25 per space on the day.

As always there is free entry for buyers and there will be food available for purchase at the cafeteria.

More details on the Hamilton Club web site at zl1ux.org.nz/market_day.html including a sellers registration form.

Manawatu - Wanganui Ham Cram

A Ham Cram weekend is being run in Palmerston North with members of Branch 20 and 48 participating as tutors and examiners.

It will be running it on the 13th and 14th of October 2018. We have set up an email (newhan@zl2ko.org.nz) as a contact email address or the folk below.

- Peter Moore ZL2AUB (06) 354 7861
- Warren Crawley ZL2JML (027) 249 8252
- Laurie Winton ZL2TC (027) 878 9286
- Mike Newman ZL1BNB (06) 344 6830

For any further information contact one of the above

New Plymouth Junk Sale 2018

Date: Saturday September 1st 2018

Hall opens at 8:00 am for Vendors

Selling Start Time: 10:00 am

Venue: Mangorei Memorial Hall

Corner Kent Rd and State Highway 3, New Plymouth

Food and refreshments will be available onsite

Please contact the Secretary to reserve table or more information on Secretary@zl2ab.com

Cost per table \$20.00

Please see www.zl2ab.com for more information

NZART Conference 2019

NZART Conference 2019 is to be held in New Plymouth on Queens Birthday Weekend, Saturday June 1st and 2nd 2019 at the Quality Plymouth Hotel.

Accommodation available at the venue, details can be found on the conference website: conference.zl2ab.com

60m DX Update

For the current update go to:

<http://www.60metersonline.com/>

Official Broadcast

The Official Broadcast is made on the last Sunday of each month except:

- December when the Broadcast is made on the Sunday before Christmas.
- January when there is no broadcast

The broadcast is made on 3900 kHz, and on the National System and local VHF repeaters.

The broadcast is made at 2000 hours (8:00 pm), with a repeat at 2100 hours (9:00 pm).

Members and Branches are welcome to submit material for inclusion in the Broadcast to the e-mail or postal address shown below.

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73, Jim ZL2BHF

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