

BRANCH 37 NZART



BRANCH MEETING WILL BE HELD AT
249 ETRICK STREET INVERCARGILL
ON TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2011.
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NEWSLETTER

Branch Meeting 13 September 2011

This months meeting will be a talk by Danual ZL4DE about an irlp repeater unit

LAST MONTHS MEETING

was a DVD of the record-breaking drive around Australia in a 1962 Austin Freeway .

BRANCH 37 NET

Every Sunday night at 20:00hrs on 145.775/146.800Khz is the branch 37 weekly net. All hams are welcome to come on to the net, even if its just to say hi.

NZART BROADCAST

Last Sunday of the month 20:00 repeated 21:00 3900Khz

**Please have all copy for the
Newsletter to Tom ZL4HD**

by 5pm Monday,

27 September 2011.

126 Barrow street Bluff

Phone: 2128390 or 0226221863

Email: tomrh@extra.co.nz

AREC:

Training Night on first Tuesday of the month at the club rooms.

BRANCH MEETINGS:

Remember our meeting night on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7.30 pm.

HAM RADIO CLASSES

The classes have finished for the year with good results. Please contact Neville ZL4OX to enter names for next years Classes."

COMMITTEE MEETING:

Committee Members remember that your meeting will be held at 7.00 pm, on the second Tuesday of the month, before the Branch Meeting.

Radio Class exam

Radio Class exam held on 16th August resulted in Sam Fitches passing with a good result and we can look forward to him coming on the air sometime in the future.

Silent Keys,

It is with regret that we record the passing of 3 local Amateur Radio Operators.

Jock Caldwell ZL4BI of Edendale, known as the potatoes man, early member of Branch 37 Beginners Class and member of Branch 08.

Roy Stewart ZL4JL of Gore, owner of Stewart Radio and TV of Gore, member of Branch 08.

Jim Robertson ZL4DC, former Director of Radio NZ Invercargill prior to early 1960s and member of Branch 37. Jim moved to Porirua where he died.

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BRANCH SUBS

Single	\$40.00
Family	\$45.00
Junior	\$15.00
Associate	\$20.00



Subs remain the same for this year.

Fund raiser

One way to raise funds for the club is to hire out the clubrooms. If you know of any club/group that might be interested let someone on the committee know.

SUB PAYMENTS

For those people that will pay their subs online please make sure that they put the call sign as ID. If there is no ID it is impossible to know who has paid the sub.

Branch 37 Sunday net roster

September 04	Owen Baird	ZL4OB
September 11	Neville Checketts	ZL4OX
September 18	Tom Hardwick	ZL4HD
September 25	Owen Baird	ZL4OB
October 02	Neville Checketts	ZL4OX
October 09	Tom Hardwick	ZL4HD
October 16	Owen Baird	ZL4OB
October 23	Neville Checketts	ZL4OX
October 30	Tom Hardwick	ZL4HD
November 06	Owen Baird	ZL4OB
November 13	Neville Checketts	ZL4OX
November 20	Tom Hardwick	ZL4HD
November 27	Owen Baird	ZL4OB
December 04	Neville Checketts	ZL4OX
December 11	Tom Hardwick	ZL4HD

If anyone feels as if they would like to have a go at being a net controller please let Tom ZL4HD or know. It would only be about once very 4 or 5 weeks.

CALLSIGNS ON THIS MONTHS NETS

Is your call sign here? Hope to see you on the net. Every Sunday night 20:00 hrs

ZL4HD ZL4OX ZL4OB ZL4DE ZL4PA
ZL4FM ZL4OM ZL4KJ

Intruder Watch Story

Well an interesting time has been had by all in the past week. A Radio Amateur in Northern California, inadvertently pushed a keyboard up to his keyer, which produced a stream of dots at 25 WPM for well over a week. An international effort from Region 3 bringing in Region 1 via the Intruderwatch and various posts to DX Clusters and Yahoo groups eventually resulted in the Radio Amateur being contacted via the ARRL in the USA.

Signal reports were received from Europe, USA, Africa and Australia and New Zealand (who heard it first and raised the alarm).

The resultant HF DF hunt resulted in a solid triangulation on the USA states from Radio Amateurs from all over the world.

Finally, we can only imagine a slightly embarrassed Radio Amateur within the US was contacted and the stream nicknamed "Dotty" ceased yesterday.

Excellent collaboration throughout the Intruderwatch organisations across Europe, USA and New Zealand, which could only have occurred with the support of the Radio Amateurs who participated in the hunt, providing signal and reports. For a week the 18085.5 signal was an excellent HF beacon for propagation.

Another exciting tale from the NZART Monitoring Service - who says monitoring is boring?
John ZL1GWE

Dead Band? Try Calling CQ!

The sun spot activity that was promised may not materialize for years down the road. The bands have been noisy. Finding a QSO has been very difficult at times. Like all good hams I do a lot of listening.

Just recently it dawned on me that if everyone is listening the bands will continue to be dead!

I was on 80 meter cw a few nights ago running 5 watts with my trusty K2. The band was stone dead. Out of boredom I called a few CQ's. A ZL returned my call and we had a great QSO. 80 meters with summer time conditions!

Early this morning I was on 20 meters. The band was really dead with not a signal to be heard. I fired up my big rig (75 watts) and called CQ. Probably a waste of time but if I don't call CQ, who will? An HL returned my call giving me a nice report. I then jumped to 30 meters which also sounded really dead. Again, no one home! What the heck!

Another CQ and a ZS responds providing we with a 599 signal report. Of course I am running high power (75 watts) to my 105ft center fed Zepp at 40 feet or so. A minimalist station at best.

If we can all call CQ on a dead band the band will no longer be dead. Sounds reasonable doesn't it?

Listening is fine when band conditions are good and there is lots of activity. Crummy conditions require desperate measures. Call CQ, be patient, and you might be surprised as to who responds to your CQ. Ham radio is a lot like fishing. If you never put a line in the water you are guaranteed to never catch

Alan vega (WA6MOW)
eham.net

ZL6RWC Special Event callsign.

Earlier this year, NZART officers discussed the issuing of special callsigns to celebrate the Rugby World Cup during September and October 2011.

A request has been made and granted by Council for the special call ZL6RWC be issued to Papakura Radio Club inc. for NZ amateur radio operators use from 1st September through to and including 31st October 2011.

John Balsillie, ZL1ALZ will manage the special ZL6RWC callsign. John will run a spread sheet to record operator details and the band / modes used during their allocated time.

If you would like to operate with this special callsign, contact John at gibit@xtra.co.nz and give John the date/dates, bands and modes you would like allocated for your use.

All operators who use this special call will be required to supply an electronic log to John via email. For anyone who does not have email or a way to generate and supply an electronic log, it will be their responsibility to have someone complete this for them as 'paper' logs will not be accepted and John will not be converting any hand written logs received. This will not exclude anyone, just requires them to take an extra step to ensure that their contacts get recorded in the master log. John will normally upload logs daily to the master log.

We suggest that QSL confirmation is via Club Log and LOTW... printed QSL cards will also be exchanged via the bureau.

HAM RADIO ON THE WEB: QRZ.COM CREATES NEW FORUM FOR HOME-BREW GEAR SELLERS

The QRZ dot com ham radio website has announced the creation of a new Swap-meet Forum called Ham Made Gear dedicated specifically to the sale of home made ham radio equipment. According to site owner Fred Lloyd, AA7BQ, creation of this new area on QRZ is in keeping with the spirit of helping to foster small businesses started by fellow hams.

This forum is designed for hams who build gear themselves to sell to other hams. As explained by AA7BQ, previously, QRZ disallowed such postings as being "commercial" in nature. Cut says Lloyd this new forum solves that problem allowing semi-commercial, part-time, or hobbyist types of sellers to publicize, promote and sell their products on QRZ. There is no charge for this service, and any ham can participate so long as they are engaged in building gear themselves.

Lloyd stipulates that QRZ will not allow resellers of any kind in this area. All products offered must be manufactured by the seller, who must be a ham listed in the QRZ.com callsign database. (AA7BQ)

Wanted
1 x Morse code key in good order to connect to an icom746.
1 x tripod to mount an arrow 2 antenna on in good order.
Contact Tom z14hd see front cover for contact details.

Branch 37 in cyberspace

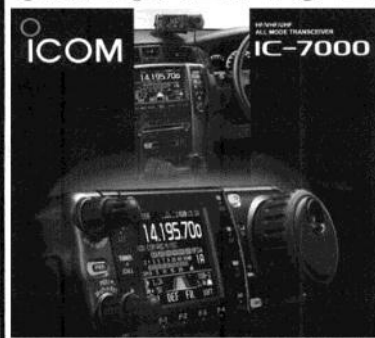
The club website is back up and running again. You can find it at www.z14gq.com

If any member would like to add to the website, they can do so by email Ken@webfactor.co.nz



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