

August 2016

# INTERFACE

MONTHLY BULLETIN

MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC. P.O. BOX 432 BLENHEIM NZ

## Club Calendar

**General Meeting;** 11 Aug. EOC, 19.30hrs

**Social Group;** 18 Aug. 12.00hrs - The Vines

**Committee Meeting;** 25 Aug 07.30hrs - EOC



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## Branch 22 Notices

- 1. Show & Tell.....11Aug
- 2. Mid Winter Lunch, 1pm .....28 Aug
- 3. Constructors' Award.....8 Oct

**VHF Mondays** 1930 hrs  
146.950MHz, 145.600MHz,  
147.225MHz

**Net Controller;** Ken Hynds ZL2KHZ

**VHF - USB Net** Wednesdays 1930  
144.150MHz



Bill, ZL2AYZ's, "shack" at Lake Station (near St Arnaud) for the VK-Tasman Low Bands Contest on the 16<sup>th</sup> July.  
The antenna is a 160m off-centre fed dipole.  
The weather was quite kind although it was very muddy in the paddocks!

**MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB GENERAL MEETING  
EOC 14 July 2016 at 19.35 Hours**

**Present:** Grant Simpson ZL2BK, Don Laing ZL3DN, Gerard van Antwerpen ZL2GVA, Ken Hynds ZL2KHZ, Paul Rennie ZL2RE, Ron Harris ZL2BDD, Helen Harris ZL2HH, Nelson Bateman ZL3FM, Rob Carter ZL2IW, Wayne Parker ZL2AIE, Lana McIntyre, Kaye Hannagan ZL2KU, Graeme McKay ZL1BDS (Guest)

**Apologies:** Stuart Watchman, Bill Cousins, Ian Conway, Harry Stevens

**Correspondence:**       **Inward** – None                               **Outward** – Completed NZART April Branch Circular

**Finance:** Invoice sent to St Clair for Marathon Comms

**REPORTS:**

**Repeater:** Kaikoura – Repeater & filters have been repaired by Ken Menzies. Repeater relocation work on-going.

**SAR:** Combined SAR Picton exercise held 18 & 19 June successfully concluded. Comms truck useful as operations room was very congested

**Brayshaw Park:** Internet link to BPMVFM operational but still to resolve security issue. **Action - Grant**  
BPMVFM Service Agreement – Copy resent to John Neal and advised that they are happy with this and will proceed with signing **Action – Stuart**

**AREC:** Called out twice for a dementia lady who had gone missing.  
Nelson Section Leader visiting 30/07/16 at 10am and anyone interested is welcome.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- **Scout Jamboree**  
Scout Programme Director contact details advised. Director to be contacted for possible NZART activity. **Action Don**
- **Marlborough District Council Proposed Marlborough District Plan**  
Nothing specifically mentioned regarding radio masts, antennas & aerials.  
Major submission submitted previously for current plan concluded that these covered under 'Utilities' section.  
Generally considered best at present to refrain from raising or high-lighting the matter with MDC to keep the status quo. To advise the NZART concerned officer accordingly. **Action Don**
- **Health & Safety**  
Concerned raised about Club field activities.  
Usual field work is for Events by others which would be covered under the Event Organiser's safety procedures.  
For Club organised Field Days a draft Hazard Identification form to be drafted. **Action Don**

**Future Meeting Topics:**

Following proposed:     August               'Show & Tell'  
                                  September       Constructors' Awards

Proposed that a visit to the new Coast Guard boat be arranged. **Action – Paul ??**

Proposed that a winter lunch be organised on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August, 1pm, for up to 30 people  
Don to investigate Dodson Street Beer Garden Restaurant  
Paul to investigate Gramado's Restaurant & Bar

**Meeting closed 20:40**

**Presentation/Talk:**

Gerard showed a battery low voltage cut-off relay module recently purchased from eBay.

Also his recent WIA Competition Awards Certificate.

Well done Gerard!



**MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**28 July 2016 at 19:35 Hours**

**Present:** Grant Simpson, Ken Menzies, Paul Rennie, Don Laing, Ken Hynds, Stuart Watchman

**Apologies:** Rob Carter, Chris Grant

**Matters Arising:** Nil

**Correspondence:**

**Inward:** Bank Statement      **Outward:** Nil

**Finance:**

Subs paid by new member ZL1BDS  
\$700 payment received for St Clair marathon



Graeme McKay, ZL1BDS  
*BDS - birds - geddit?? Hope these are the only birdies you have on your radio.*

**Repeater Report:**

Ken Menzies delivered refurbished Kaikoura repeater filters

**SAR Report:**

The Nelson SAR Director is visiting 10am next Saturday 30/07/16 to inspect Blenheim facilities. Branch 22 members welcome to join.

**General Business:**

**Upcoming Events:** None noted



**Brayshaw Hut:**

Agreement with the Vintage & Farm Machinery Society awaiting their signature & return. Internet link terminal at Grant's end has been permanently installed and link to be tested shortly.

**Club Meeting Talks:**

- August – Show & Tell
- September – Constructor's display
- October – Stuart Watchman
- November - Don L to contact Paul Dixon, ZL3VY, re the Mini VNA Antenna analyser.

**MDC Proposed Environmental Plan:**

Agreed that Branch 22 to make a submission to specifically protect Amateur Radio interests. Don L to draft based on the NZART Opotiki District plan submission with assistance of NZART LGLO Douglas Birt. Don will also need some assistance especially regarding Branch 22 benefits to the Marlborough community.

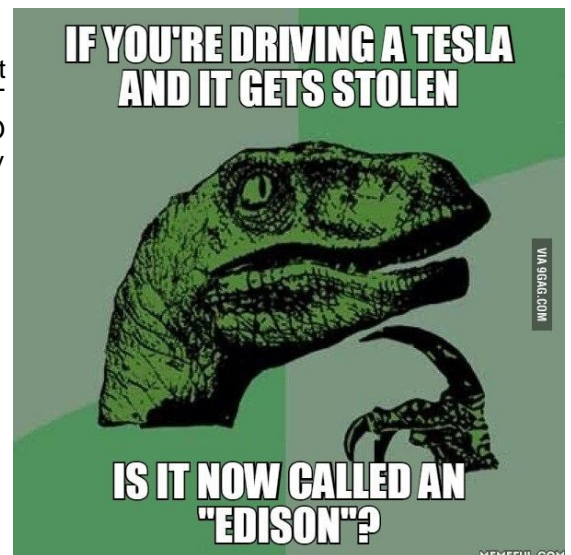
**Jamboree:**

Don L has no response to email sent to Steve Davis. He will contact the Programme Director, Neil.

**Winter Lunch (Sunday 28 August 1.00pm):**

Gamado's Restaurant closed on Sundays. Proposal to check out Marlborough Club

**Meeting Closed : 20:15**



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

See what's coming up in **your club**. Make sure **you** volunteer for something, if able, & mark it on your calendar!

**AUGUST**

- 11 ..... Show and Tell
- 28 ..... Mid Winter Lunch      Venue to be announced

**SEPTEMBER**

- 8 ..... Constructors' Award



# HOW ABOUT A WEEKEND AWAY IN THE COMPANY OF YOUR FELLOW HAM FAMILIES?

## Join Branch 26 NZART for the weekend!

Along the lines of last year's gathering at the Girl Guide campsite "PARETAI"  
at 129 Lee Valley Rd, Brightwater, Nelson

Anytime from lunchtime Friday 11th November to Monday 14th November 2016



Come in your motorhome, caravan, tent or what ever

Toilets, hot showers are available on site

Provide all your own meals etc



Bring a shared meal for Saturday evening as a pot luck

Camp fees \$10 per person per night

Can't campout? We could arrange inside accommodation for you

Good opportunity to try out that antenna in a relatively noise free area  
or sit back and relax and enjoy the fellowship of your Ham friends.

Any queries to, and preferably register your interest,

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**NB:** Pictures of campsite, aerals, toilet and shower may differ from the actual facilities provided at the camp 😊

