

May 2016

# INTERFACE

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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

## Club Calendar

- General Meeting; 12 May. EOC, 19.30hrs
- Social Group; 19 May. 12.00hrs - The Vines
- Committee Meeting; 26 May 07.30hrs - EOC



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## Branch 22 Notices

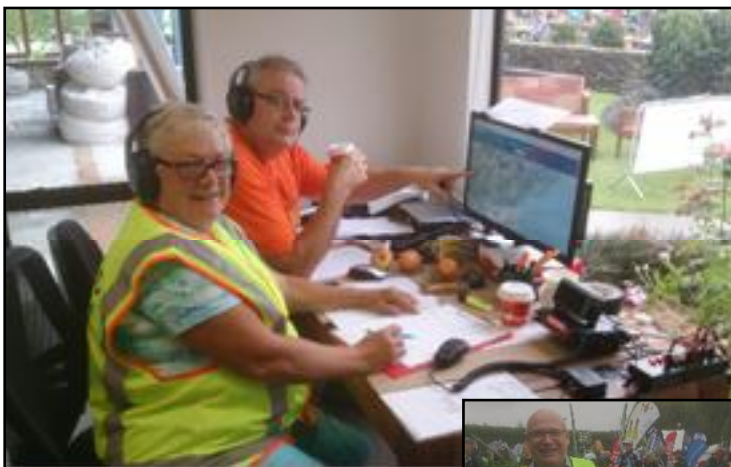
- 1. St Clare Half Marathon..... 14 May
- 2. Mountain bike event..... ? May
- 3. NZART AGM..... 3-5 June

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

Net Controller; Ken Hynds ZL2KHZ

VHF - USB Net Wednesdays 1930  
144.150MHz

Thanks to Wayne Parker for these pics from the Grape Ride



# MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Held at EOC on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 @ 1945 hrs.

**Apologies:** Don Laing, Helen Harris, Derek Harding, Wayne Parker, Tony Whitaker, Lara McIntyre

**Correspondence:** Deed of Agreement regarding Building Occupation at the Ned Repeater Site.

## Reports:

Ken Menzies gave a brief summary of activity during recent visit to the Ned. (See March Comm Meeting minutes)  
Stuart Watchman reported that the Grapeide operation went well. There were less injuries despite the weather conditions. The STSP linking system may need reviewing.

## Business Arising:

**Brayshaw Park Site:** Security work is ongoing.

The site proved it's worth during recent rare DX activity.

There was some discussion regarding a suitable rig for the site. The committee will discuss this further.

John Neal advised the club that there is likely to be some upcoming activity at the site that could potentially cause interference but that Farm Machinery will ensure that remedial action will be sought or researched.

## General Business:

**NZART Annual Conference:** Queen's Birthday Weekend.

The one remit submitted will be discussed and Branch 22's response determined at the May General meeting.  
This remit was published in the latest Break-In.

## Branch Website:

Gerard Van Antwerpen outlined features that are to be found on the website currently or shortly. These included:

- List of Branch library books
- Equipment adverts
- Repeater information
- Club history
- AREC page

He also outlined the minimal costs incurred by the site and gave some interesting information on the number of hits and durations.

Thanks were expressed to Gerard for all the work he has put in to re-establish an up-to-date site.

## Future Events:

Rob Carter mentioned two up-coming events:

Car Club Event in the Pukaka Valley on 24<sup>th</sup> April

Sangster Shield (QRP CW) Contest (21/22<sup>nd</sup> May)

New rules for this contest were published in the latest Break-In. They include the establishment of a new trophy to encourage Branch activity, requiring at least three Branch participants.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2016 hrs and followed by a talk by Bernie Lankshear on his early life and career, including club activities.



## CONTEMPLATING A NEW ANTENNA?

If so, you may find the following useful.

Egg-type porcelain insulators  
450 ohm ladder line (slotted)

Available at mates (like, negotiable) rates.

See Bill, ZL2AYZ

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**MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**28 April 2016 at 19:30 Hours**

**Present;** Grant Simpson, Ken Menzies, Paul Rennie, Stuart Watchman, Chris Grant  
Rob Carter from 7.55pm

**Apologies;** Don Laing, Ken Hynds

**Correspondence;** None tabled.

**Finance;** Copies of the accounts were tabled in Ken H's absence.

**Matters Arising from last meeting:**

**Deed of Agreement;** Stuart and Chris met with John Neal from the Marlborough Vintage and Farm Machinery Incorporated Society and a Deed of Agreement concerning Brayshaw Park was developed (tabled). After discussion it was moved by Stuart, seconded Chris, that we accept the agreement.

A copy of the agreement is included with the official Minutes.

Chris to follow up with John on progress on the signing of the agreement.

**Speaker for next General Meeting;** Grant to email Paul Dixon to see if he is available.

**General Business:**

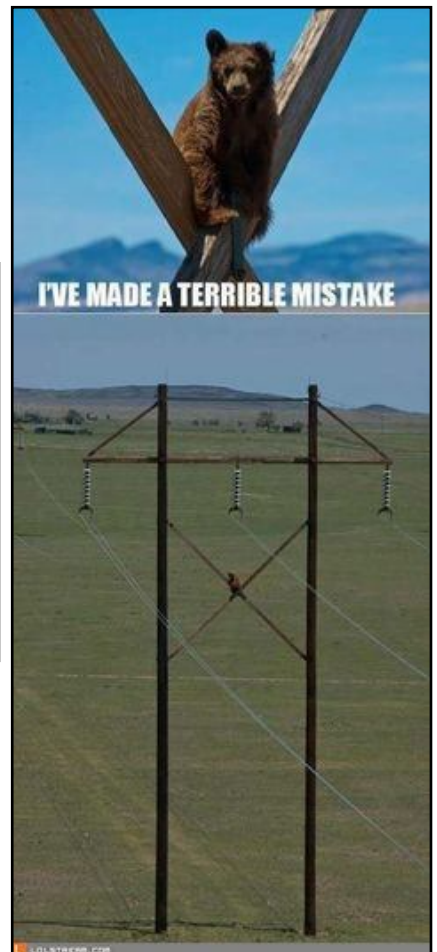
Rob thanked those who had helped with the Car Club Sprint

Paul has fitted the earth loop around the hut at Brayshaw Park

**Meeting closed at 8.13pm**



Since the president keeps falling asleep as he tries to think of something to put in his report, I have given up waiting and filled the space with these jokes instead plus a couple of photos of him with his grandson.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**MAY**

14.....Saint Clare Half Marathon (Base only)



**JUNE**

3 - 5.....NZART Conference, Christchurch

