

July 2017

INTERFACE



MONTHLY BULLETIN

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

CLUB CALENDAR

- General Meeting; 13 July, EOC, 19.30hrs
- Social Group; 20 July, 12.00hrs - The Vines
- Committee Meeting; 27 July, 07.30hrs - EOC



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BRANCH 22 NOTICES

1. Mid Winter Lunch, Wairau River Wines..... 16 July
2. NELSON's Mid Winter lunch22 July
3. CONSTRUCTORS AWARD 14 Sept

VHF Mondays 1930 hrs
146.950MHz, 145.600MHz,
147.225MHz
Net Controller; Ken Hynds ZL2KHZ

VHF - USB Net Wednesdays 1930
144.150MHz

MID WINTER

LUNCH

DATE: 16th July

TIME: 12 noon (earlier for chat or pre-lunch drink by the fire)

PLACE: Wairau River Wines Restaurant
11 Rapaura Rd (cnr Rapaura Rd & SH6).

Of 41 members, only 17
have RSVP'd
Total attending so far
(inc spouses & 2 from
Nelson) = 28

*Please can we have as
many as possible attend as
we have something special
planned so the more
members there on the day,
the better.*



RSVP to Simpsons
BEFORE MONDAY 10 July
grant@simtronics.co.nz or 578 9390
for catering purposes. Thank you.

MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB GENERAL MEETING EOC
08 June 2017 at 19:35 Hours

Present: Grant Simpson (Chair), Don Laing (Secretary), Ken Hynds (Treasurer), Bill Cousins, Paul Rennie, Wayne Parker, Kevin Berg, Ian Conway, Gerard Van Antwerpen, Ken Menzies, Lara McIntyre, Bernie Lankshear

Apologies: Ron & Helen Harris, Stuart Watchman

Previous Minutes: Taken as read as in Interface. Agreed by those present as a true and correct record
Re letter from David Clode.

Don visited David. He has an S9 noise level and practically can not use the HF set he has. Not surprising as property adjacent to HV power lines & transformer. Loaded Remote Hams software onto his PC so that he could use the Brayshaw park transmitter. David asked for a working party to dismantle HF antenna & poles just retaining the remote tuner & it's pole. He also requested a hand-held VHF for use when he is in a respite home. Don to discuss with Stuart and try to organise something. **DL**

Correspondence: Inward – None

Outward – NZART 2017 update

Finance: Payment received for Grape Ride

National Conference: Grant reported on the Remits as follows...

Remit No 1 : Accepted

Remit No 2 : Amended wording accepted

Remit No 3 : Not accepted

REPORTS:

Repeater; All operating OK.

Weld Cone; Paul & Ian visited site 07/06/17. More investigation is required to determine the best way to relocate.

SAR/AREC; Dip Flat SAR exercise successfully concluded. Article presented in latest Break-In. Paul read out Police and other reports that were very appreciative of AREC.

Brayshaw Park;

Link temporarily failed due to power failure at Kart Club. UPS to be installed

External earthing still to be connected to internal hut earth system

Rotor control system software now controllable through PC but still some issues to resolve.

Bill Cousins and others to propose operating procedures & policies to the Committee.

Bill Cousins retains access keys for gate & building. Full key set except for gate with Grant Simpson.

GS
PR
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BC

General Business:

Grant gave a verbal report on his attendance at the National Conference

Jock White Field Day – Tent replacement. Still to be considered by the Committee.

Meeting closed 20:40



**FOR
SALE
BY OWNER**
**HOME BREW
ROTATOR**

Made of a mobility scooter motor with 70/1 reduction box, the system is all 12 volt with remote system hand control and speed reducer.

Goes well but would suit someone with mast next to their ham shack as the range is not that big for the hand control.

Gavin Piercy, ZL4IY,
has a home brew
rotator for sale.

Contact:

gpiercy@ihug.co.nz

573 8090



MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING
22 June 2017 at 19:30 Hours

Present: Grant Simpson (Chair), Don Laing, Ken Hynds, Ken Menzies, Paul Rennie, Rob Carter, Stuart Watchman, Bill Cousins

Apologies: None

Correspondence:

Inward: Letter from MDC re submission (dated 25 May ?)

Outward: None

Finance: Payments received for Grape Ride and Mountain Bike Ride

Matters Arising: re David Clode – Ian Conway has visited and removed wire & a pole which were main concern. Agreed with David to return & complete sometime next summer. Clarified that the HF set with David is MARC property on loan for as long as required.

Repeater Report: Nothing to report

SAR Report: Monday night callout to the Sounds for a disorientated walker

General Business:

Brayshaw Hut; Rotator remote control now operational

Earthing and cabling tidy up still to be completed. Grant has an earth bar

GS/PR/ALL

Sub-committee Brayshaw Park station proposed operating policy & procedures received and discussed.

Agreed that the Brayshaw Park sub-committee could disband as project practically complete.

Secretary Absence; Secretary's last meeting will be next GM 13 July

Upcoming Events; Midwinter Dinner - midday, 16 July, Wairau River Wine Restaurant (corner SH6/Rapaura Rd)

Meeting Closed : 20:25



NELSON Amateur Radio Club Mid Winter Lunch

You are welcome to join Branch 26 for their mid winter lunch. A couple of them are attending ours too.

Date: Saturday 22 July

Where: Tong Tara Thai Restaurant (fully licenced, BYO)

142 Hardy St. Nelson.

Menu online tongthai.co.nz

Time: 12 noon

RSVP; to Jim Meachen, jim.meachen@xtra.co.nz

03 545 0354 if you think you'd like to join them.



Our daughter has taken up power lifting!



PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

Have you tried operating the Brayshaw Park remote HF station? Any club member can have full access to use this excellent club facility. You just need to install the Remote Hams software, log in and away you go. You can now receive on any mode and frequency the radio can handle, so have a play.

To transmit on SSB you will need a microphone on your computer.

Soon you will be able to transmit CW but at present the needed hardware has not been installed on the equipment in the Brayshaw Park hut. The software has the facility to type your Morse text and send it that way but it does not decode the received Morse so you

still need to use your brain. You will get better results that way anyway!

It should be possible to add extra software to allow the use of various digital modes. If you have the chance to experiment with that then let us know how you get on so the information can be passed on to others.

I hope to get the time to try as well but time seems to be a bit short at present.

The receiver is a bit noisy on 40 and 80 metres where a dipole is used. An experimental low noise (hopefully) will be tried when the hardware arrives. The Kenwood radio has a separate receive antenna port that this receive only antenna will be connected to. This should give useable performance on the VLF bands that are being used for experimenting around the world.

The radio can also operate on 6 metres so have a listen there too. No dedicated antenna though but the beam does match through the radio's built in tuner.

If you are not sure how to get the software running, just ask someone in the club to give you a hand.

Some club members who are keen DX and contest chasers would like to reserve time when they would like to operate. A booking system will be set up, probably using Google Docs and/or Google Sheet. These on line free programmes can be shared by all users to see if some operating time has been booked. If it has, you can still connect to the remote radio but only to listen.

There's bound to be some teething problems so please let us know what you would like changed or added if possible.

As mentioned on the front page, something special is happening at the Mid Winter Lunch so please be there if you can. We would like as many members as possible to attend so do contact me on 5789390, or email grant@simtronics.co.nz as soon as possible. There are 24 members who are yet to respond.

It's winter and you should all be getting that special project ready for the Constructors Award at the September meeting. It doesn't matter what the project is or even if it's not finished, just bring it along.



Remote HF Equipment
at Brayshaw Park



A previous lunch at the
old Argosy Restaurant

- Grant, ZL2BK



Some previous
construction entries

