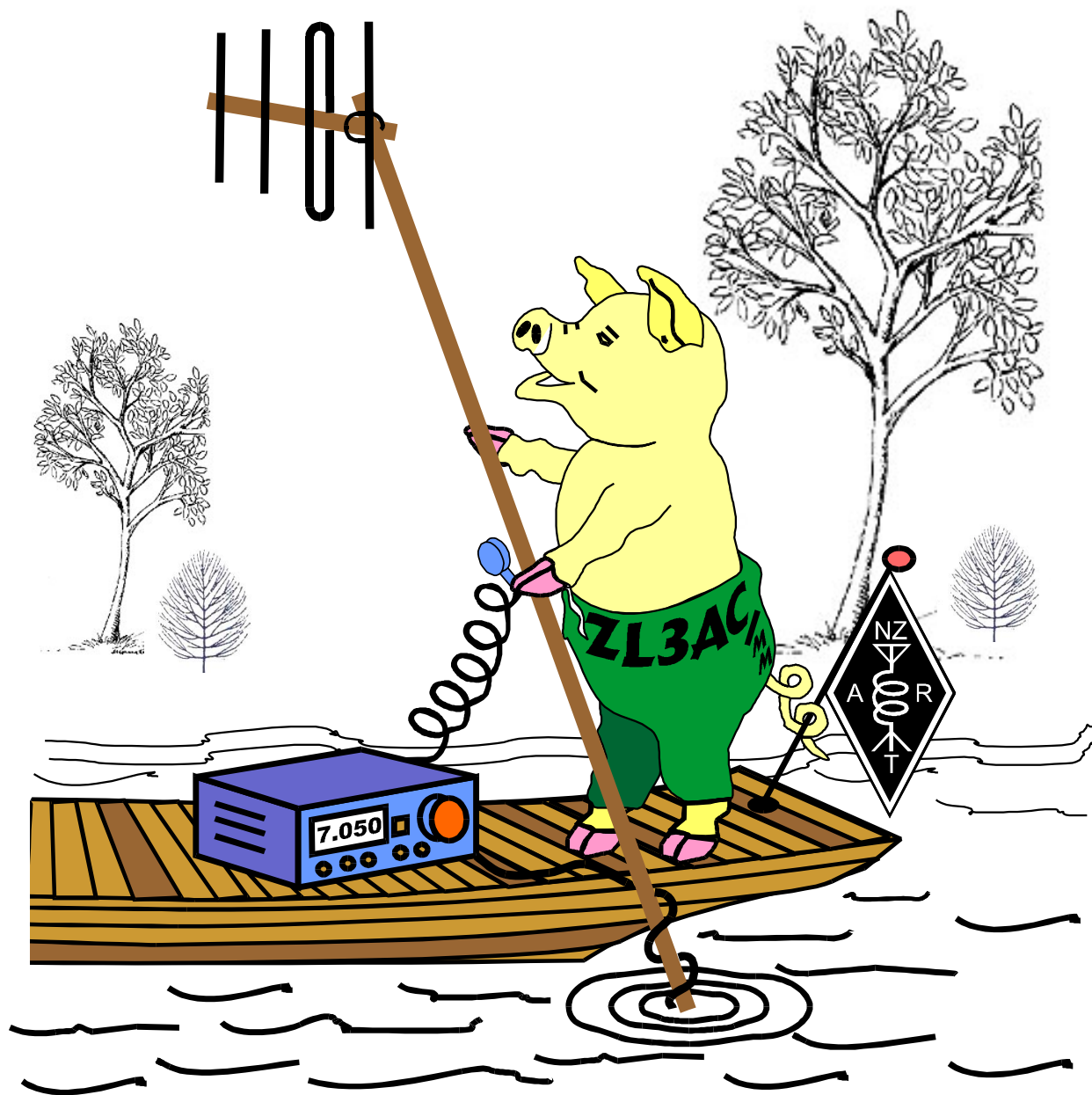


HAMLARKS

Christchurch Amateur Radio Club



Final *Galbraith Avenue* edition

August 2013

Branch 05 Club re-occurring events

MAIN BRANCH MEETING First Wednesday of the month 7.30pm, except January. *All visitors welcome*. See “How to find the next meeting” section below.

ACTIVITIES and STUDY NIGHT Every Tuesday 7:30pm at the clubrooms. *All visitors welcome*.

COMMITTEE MEETING 1st Monday after branch meeting 7.30pm

AREC MEETINGS Normally the 2nd Wednesday of the month 7.30pm. See “How to find the next meeting” section below.

DEADLINE FOR HAMLARKS COPY 11 days before the main branch meeting.

WEEKLY CLUB VHF NET Every Sunday 8:00 PM on 145.625MHz repeater if available, otherwise 147.050MHz repeater.

OFFICIAL NZART BROADCAST Last Sunday of the month 8:00 PM on 147.050MHz repeater.

NEW ZEALAND YOUNG AMATEURS CLUB NET (Branch05)

Meet every Tuesday night at Branch05.

Branch 05 Website www.chchhamradio.org.nz

Presentation for next branch meeting

K Barnsdale ZL3KB will give an overview of a project completed at University Canterbury this year. Title “Low Power Wireless monitoring of animal traps”. See “How to find the next meeting” below.

Hamlarks editor on the key - ZL3KB

Boy, do we live in a cold country! I have just returned from Fiji, where the locals were all rugged up in 25degC temperatures, but it was OK by me. We had a great time, on a boat cruising around the Yasawa islands.

So this is the final edition of Hamlarks from Galbraith Avenue, truly an end of an era. Now we have to put some serious thought into our future!

Presidents report ZL2IC

This month has seen the job to empty out the branch clubrooms and distribute all the gear around the town.

The Daihatsu is out with Customs at the Airport, the Civilian has arrived at my work (Global Science) and all sorts of gear has gone to the container that we have purchased.



Figure 1 The last trip from the club. Richard ZL4FZ as co-pilot with Geoff ZL3PX at the wheel.

The RadioTek gear with the brown chairs is stored at my work as it is easier to get to than the container.



Figure 2 The “How to remove the White Board” Committee.

Lots of people have helped out over the past weeks and have done a remarkable job. I won't single out folk as I might miss someone and that would not do. So thanks to you all!

July Meeting: Gareth gave us a great show at the last meeting. Lots of history. Thanks Gareth.

Lots is going on in the background, there are lots of meetings that committee members are going to. No decision on club rooms or even an area has been made. So with that in mind, if you know of Land or buildings that might be Ok for us to use. Please let myself or a committee member know. We have had some leads from Members already.

As I write my bit this month, it looks like Marlborough and Wellington are getting a bit shaken up. Just hope it doesn't get to much bigger.

73 David ZL2IC

Branch 05 President

Rory's ramblings - ZL3HB

We're out! Clubrooms vacated & all gear safely stowed. It's been a marathon effort by all involved. We have bought a container which is parked in a paddock out behind Rolleston. Sparky installed power & we are running a dehumidifier to keep all nice & dry. It is working a treat at the moment.

Daihatsu has gone to NZ Customs at airport & Civilian at Global Science in Moorhouse Ave. Mast & light tower to Rob ZL3RX's block at West Melton. So we are scattered far & wide & now need to concentrate on getting somewhere to go permanently. Next few meetings will be at Catholic Cathedral College opposite 77 Ferry Rd Pawn brokers.

Next Radiotek at same place in a science lab.

The only good thing is a nice fat cheque going into bank account.

Some are suggesting we don't buy/build clubrooms but just use working mens clubs etc. There is some merit in that in that we won't be lumbered with overheads etc like we will if we go back to owning property. We need to be mindful of any running cost with not a very large membership. But we do need some permanence in a shack & vehicle storage so clubrooms are still best option for that. There are properties out there within our budget but they would need work to either convert to clubrooms or go down resource consent lines which we would like to avoid if possible. Are we up to lots of working bees?? Need to think about that a bit.

Maybe we need to have a special clubrooms meeting to thrash out some options?

We are still ringing people as we hear about possibilities so always hopeful.

See you at next meeting.

Rory

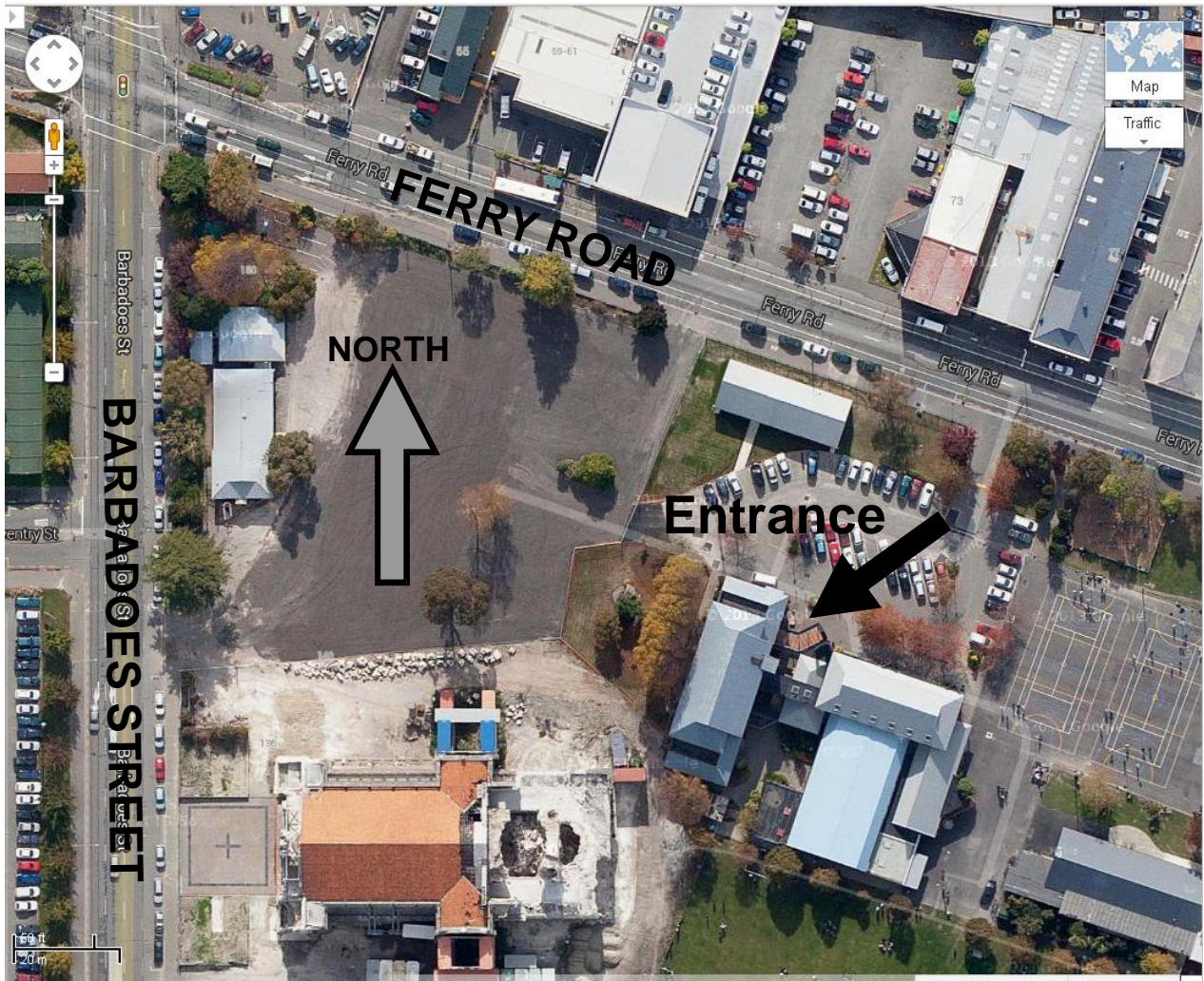
How to find the next club meeting

This column will probably be a regular feature from now on!

The next meeting of Christchurch Amateur Radio Club will be 7.30PM on 7th August at Catholic Cathedral College, 62 Ferry Road, Christchurch.

The AREC meeting will use the same venue.

Guidance to the meeting room will be posted on the entrance door.



\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Hamads \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Wanted Any Denco coils for transistor radios, these are the brightly coloured coils on B9A plug bases, mostly Blue, Yellow or Red, with a slug adjuster at the top. Call Kelvin ZL3KB 323 8377 kb.ew@xtra.co.nz

Hamlarks printing

Hamlarks - currently we get CPIT to print them & they do a minimum run of 100 & we send out only around 35. This is wasteful of resources & \$\$ so we are considering home printing if we can get the number posted out down to around 10 or so. So those of you who currently get posted Hamlarks will be contacted shortly to change over to email version. A few members we still don't have contact phone numbers for so if your Hamlarks stops please ring me & let me know on 3446292. We are aware some don't have email so that is why there will be a few printed & posted by us.

Any concerns please ring me. Thanks Rory

Moving the Clubrooms July 2013

Some pictures of the clearance from 27 Galbraith Avenue clubrooms.



Figure 3 Branch05 junk lovingly stored away



Figure 4 One desirable residence available, quiet location, with garage, overlooking marina.



Figure 5 The human guided torpedo gives some trouble



Figure 6 Access to the Branch 05 container



Figure 7 Look at the mud on my carpet!

TEST - Could YOU pass the amateur radio exam?**Answers**

The figure in a receiver's specifications which indicates its sensitivity is the: a. signal plus noise to noise ratio.

Our member Greg 3IX has sent the comment:

(The) true answer is none of those in isolation, although I guess the question is looking for a). In truth you need to know a) AND b)(IF Bandwidth), AND the level of RF signal used for the S/N ratio measurement. None of these in isolation tells you what the sensitivity is.

As a New Zealand amateur radio operator you: c. may train for and support disaster relief activities

New questions

A rare DX station calling CQ on CW and repeating "up 2" at the end of the call means the station:

- a. will be listening for replies 2 kHz higher in frequency
- b. will reply only to stations sending at greater than 2 wpm
- c. is about to shift his calling frequency 2 kHz higher
- d. will be moving his station to the second floor

A noise blanker on a receiver is most effective to reduce:

- a. 50 Hz power supply hum
- b. noise originating from the mixer stage of the receiver
- c. electric fence noise
- d. noise originating from the RF stage of the receiver.

Answers next month.

Minutes of previous club meeting**Christchurch Radio Club meeting 3rd July 2013**
The Last at clubrooms at 27 Galbraith Ave.

Apologies ZL3DO, ZL3BMW, Moved to accept by David ZL2IC. Carried.

Visitors ZL3OV, ZL3QR, ZL3DRC, ZL3TOY, ZL3THQ, ZL3FJ, ZL3OJ, ZL3WO ZL3THP, ZL3ND, ZL3DMC, ZL4QS. Maddie Leach

Minutes of June meeting moved to accept by Rory ZL3HB, seconded Mike ZL3TMB. Carried.

Correspondence CERA x 2, Br-56. ZL3ISS application.

Reports **AREC** 1.5 callouts! On CD standby for wet weather callout. Nth Canty Br callout for snow raking comms Lees Valley. Local CD system died so used local farm comms.

Repeaters Still some pulsing on National System. 705 OK. Beacons off the air for relocation.

QSL Bureau No cards in.

Tuesday night Sorting out gear for packing.

Band report Geoff ZL3PX reported rather dead except some 2m openings.

General Business Maddie Leach gave a rundown on the SCAPE project we have been asked to assist with in October. Transmitting tones to ISS and possible contact. Assistance from members will be asked for nearer the time.

Rory ZL3HB moved 'that we put power on the container' David ZL2IC seconded. Carried.

What do we do with old QST's? – suggested we offer them to Br 56.

Mike ZL3TMB will take the 'Scharnhorst' in CP room.

Suggested we contact Menz sheds as possible clubrooms partner.

Meeting closed at 8.27PM

Gareth ZL3VP gave a presentation of times past of the club with early photos from Don McKay up to earthquake pics. Fascinating looking at how we were. Real Nostalgia!

Meeting concluded with drinks & food.

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