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INTERFACE

MONTHLY BULLETIN - MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.
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CLUB CALENDAR:

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General Meeting; 14 Aug. EOC, 19.30hrs

Social Group; 21 Aug. 12.00hrs - The Vines

Committee Meeting; 28 Aug. 07.30hrs - EOC

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

Net Controller; Ken Hynds ZL2KHZ

BRANCH 22 NOTICES

HF Net Fridays 1930
3.575MHz

1.Lighthouse Weekend.....16/17 August

2.Westfest.....6/7 September

3.Silver Fern Rally.....8 - 15 November

VHF - USB Net Wednesdays 1930
144.150MHz

CONSTRUCTORS' AWARD - SEPTEMBER



Our next meeting (14th August) features John Neal, who will speak of his bush pilot experiences in Labrador.



MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB GENERAL MEETING
Held at EOC on 10th July, 2014 @ 1935 hrs.

Present: 10 members

Apologies: Ken Hynds, Wayne Parker.

Correspondence:

In: Email from ZL2TB

Email from Bill East, MDC

Out: Thank you letters to ICOM, Wayne Stronach and Pete Halligan.

Cards to Helen Harris, Claire Watchman, Christine Conway & Caryl Simpson.

Reply to FMTAG regarding Callbook data.

Reports:

AREC report from Paul Rennie.

Business Arising:

Repeaters: Wet weather has delayed the scheduled work at Ward.

Remote HF Site: Following the drawing up of a site plan by engineer Stephen Sheat and submission to MDC, an email has been received from Bill East indicating that a Building Consent is not necessary and that we can go ahead and install the tower.

General Business:

Coming Events:

➤ August 10th: Mid-winter Lunch at the Argosy.

➤ 14th August: Next General Meeting.

Guest speaker: John Neal "The Life of a Labrador Bush Pilot".

➤ August 16th/17th: Lighthouse Weekend

Due to rebuilding work on the main quarters, we will be restricted to 2 outbuildings and 6 people.

6m Beacon: We have been offered the Mt. Climie beacon as a replacement for our ageing unit.

Silver Fern Car Rally (November): Arrangements progressing. There appears to be no shortage of operator volunteers. It is not known at this stage what impact the use of Rallysafe will have on our operations.

Closure: There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1955 hrs and followed by an illustrated talk by Bill Cousins on visits to several Radio Museums.



Congratulations to Ron and Helen Harris on finally getting moved into town.

They won't have so far to go when participating in all the fun amateur radio events we have!

Our thanks to Ken Menzies for kindly consenting to fill the committee position left vacant by Stuart's resignation. It is much appreciated Ken!



MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING
Held at EOC on 24th July, 2014 @ 19:50 hrs

PRESENT: Kaye Hannagan (President), Grant Simpson (Vice-President), Bill Cousins (Sec), Ken Hynds (Treasurer), Paul Rennie, Rob Carter

APOLOGIES: Chris Grant

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward: QSL Cards

Outward: Request to Burleigh Engineering for quote for the tower plinth at Brayshaw Park.

REPORTS:

Finance: Ken Hynds reported that the club has \$24,920 in the bank.

Repeaters:

Grant reported that access to the Ned to tackle the noise problem is not possible at this stage. Weld Cone will have to wait until after lambing, but the batteries are holding up well.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Inventory of Club Equipment: Ongoing.

Committee Vacancy: No volunteers have offered for this position. Bill is to approach a club member suggested by the committee.

HF Tower: Now that the go-ahead has been received from the MDC, Burleigh Engineering have been asked to quote for the plinth on which the tower will stand. Paul suggested that we should include the digging of the required hole in the quote. Ken is to try and secure a price for the local container on offer.

Livingston Trust Grant: At the last General Meeting, John Neal suggested there are other organizations who could be approached in regard to possible grants. This will be followed up in due time.

6m Beacon: Rob reported that his concerns regarding the beacon have been largely satisfied and that we go ahead on this proposal. Bill is to pick up the unit in Wellington early in August.

Coming Events: A "Mid-winter" lunch is to be held at the Argosy Restaurant on Sunday, 10th August at 12 noon.

There were no suggestions as to suitable speakers for future general meetings. Bill continues to live in hope that he may yet hear from someone on this topic!

Lighthouse Weekend: 16th/17th AUGUST, 2014

(At the time of going to print, we already have 6 wanting to go so no room for more)

Cape Campbell Lighthouse. Accommodation available in the outbuildings of the lighthouse. Accommodation available for 6 only, this year. The ZL6CC callsign is to be applied for, as we have a supply of QSL cards for this call.

Further discussion revolved around transport, transceivers (probably a 718), antennas (Rob's Windom and Bill's 20m vertical), power supplies (Paul) and the food requirements.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Correspondence from ZL2TB: This was discussed and it was decided to make it available to members who may wish to read it at the next general meeting.

Examinee: Harrison Jones sat and passed the amateur radio exam recently.

Mountain bike Event, 1st March 2015: Paul provided some further information that has come to hand regarding this event. 5 operators will be required.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 28th August, 2014, following the Silver Fern Meeting.

CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2045 hrs.

WESTFEST 2014

For those who haven't been to Westfest, it is an informal weekend with plenty of discussion of radio and ample time to socialise.

DATES: 6 - 7 September

WHEN: 10am Saturday - 12 noon Sunday

WHERE: Murchison Bowling Club, Waller St, Murchison.

There will be talks and demonstrations of "hands on" ham radio, a feature will be a demonstration of a Tesla coil on Saturday evening.

We need speakers and if you have a project of interest to your fellow hams we want to hear from you. Contact me zl3ty@nzart.org.nz if you can contribute. Hope to see you there!

Bob ZL3TY

MID WINTER LUNCH @ THE ARGOSY CAFE



21 members enjoyed lunch at The Argosy today. Very hard to take photos in that room due to the light streaming through the windows!

