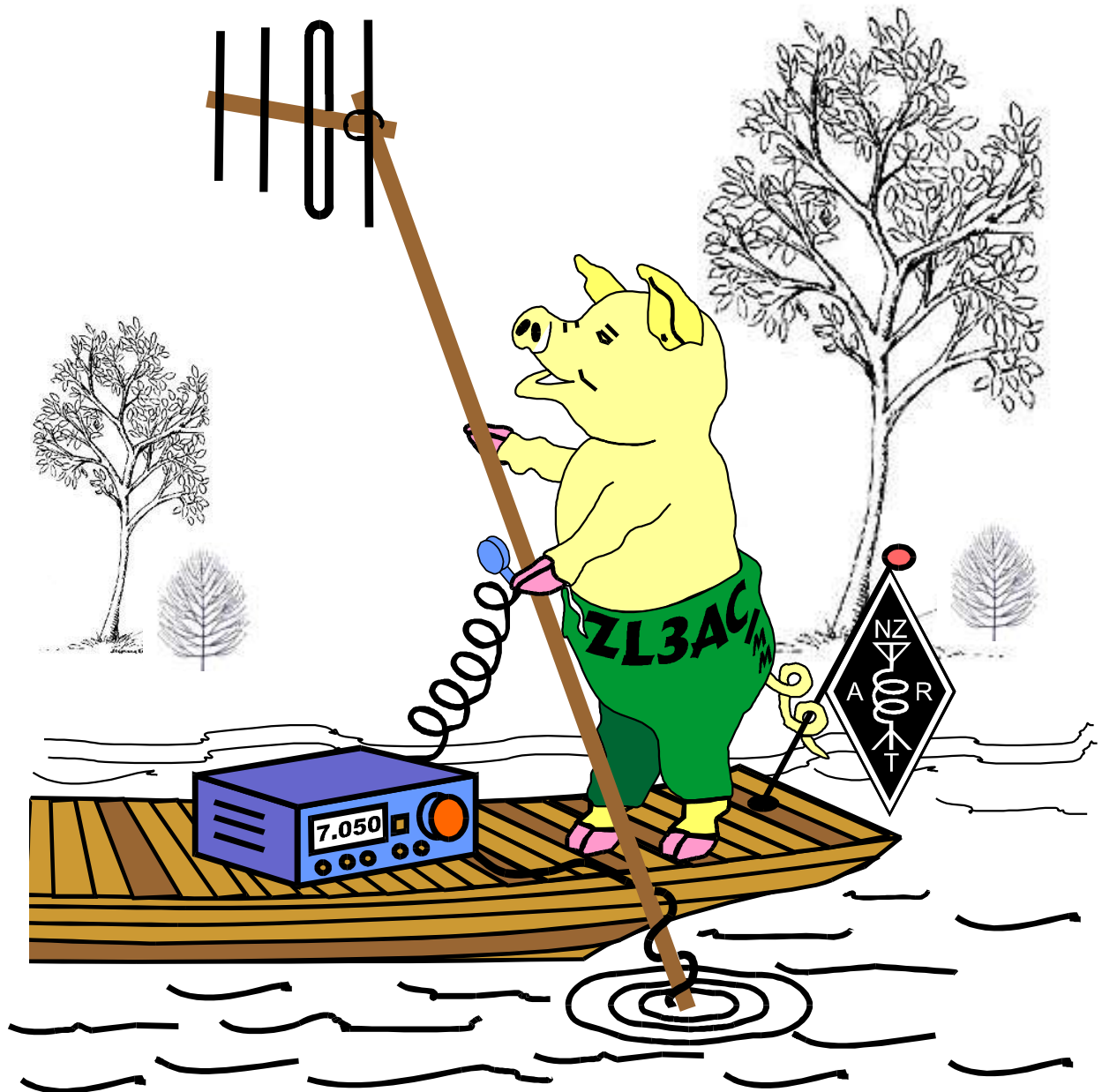


HAMLARKS

Christchurch Amateur Radio Club



June 2015

Branch 05 Club re-occurring events

MAIN BRANCH MEETING First Wednesday of the month 7.30pm, except January. *All visitors welcome.* At 5 Idris Road, Fendalton.
Branch 05 Website www.chchhamradio.org.nz

ACTIVITIES and STUDY NIGHT Every Tuesday 7:30pm at 5 Idris Road, Fendalton. *All visitors welcome.*

COMMITTEE MEETING 1st Monday after branch meeting 7.30pm
At 5 Idris Road, Fendalton

AREC MEETINGS Normally the 2nd Wednesday of the month 7.30pm. At 5 Idris Road, Fendalton

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 GROUP (Branch05)
Meet every Tuesday night at Branch05 clubrooms.

Programme for next branch meeting

Presentation from Lester ZL4PO
“How to survive a super-typhoon in the Philippines”
I guess it could apply to Canterbury too!

From the President – ZL3TAO

Unfortunately I missed the May meeting as we were shifting the next day.

The lease from the Council has finally been signed and is back with the Council for their signatures. Once we get our copy back we will buy the clubrooms from the Scout Association.

On 13th May Winton ZL3AO became a Silent Key – our condolences have been sent to Jean.

There were only three attendees at our daytime meeting on 16th May, but I will try another on a weekday in the next school holidays – see the July Hamlarks for further details.

We are going to have a working bee on Saturday 6th June commencing at 9am – hopefully a lot of the junk can be sorted for recycling or dumping.

Cheers,

Ian

Volunteer Required

Our Clubrooms are probably going to be let out to Community Groups. They will expect the facilities to be clean and the toilets ready for use. With the current usage we expect the cleaning required would be up to 2 hours once a month. If usage increases then the frequency of cleaning would also increase. All materials would be supplied and an allowance for petrol would be considered. Please send offers to the Hall Manager – ian@macpherson.gen.nz. If a volunteer cannot be found then a commercial cleaner may have to be employed.

\$\$ Hamads \$\$**For sale**

Genuine Anderson Powerpole cases with 30A connectors and protective Silicone boots.

\$5.00/pair. Blair ZL3TOY

[zl3toy@cacophony.co.nz]

Secretary Rory's Ramblings - ZL3HB

Well –we've finally gone done it. Signed the lease & committed us for another 10 – 30 years to the great clubrooms we now have.



Signing ceremony

Council have signed their copy & awaiting our final copy to turn up in the PO Box.

Well done to you all for supporting a strong & vibrant club that gave us all the confidence to proceed.

Now we have the garage resource consent to work on - just to keep us busy.

Another Radiotek today (Sunday). 12 booked in so it continues to happen. Frankton branch in Hamilton have also started a Radiotek venture using our

boards etc so hopefully it will continue to spread.

Remember to sign up for the celebration/mid winter dinner at the clubrooms on 27th June. We need to know numbers to get it all together so don't leave it until the last minute.

If you aren't at the next meeting ring Ian ZL3TAO & book in. I won't be at the next meeting as will still be in NI after Conference so enjoy the night all.

The rest of the club history lesson follows – or precedes depending on how Kelvin puts this together! See you at the dinner or July meeting

Rory ZL3HB

Auricle Sonic Arts

The Auricle has posted a new item, 'Analogue Electronics Workshop Series' at the Auricle Sonic Arts Gallery.

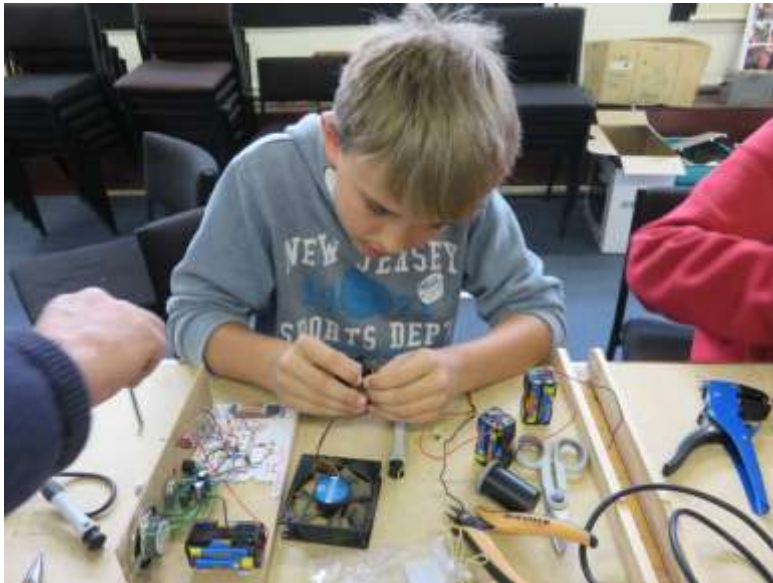
Wednesday the 27th of May, the 3rd of June, and the 10th of June
From 7:00pm.

Analogue electronics workshop - Introduction to making music with a soldering iron. The Auricle will be hosting a hands-on introduction to analogue electronics over three evenings, at 7pm on Wednesday the 27th of May, the 3rd of June, [...]

Gaby [gmontejo@gmail.com]

RadioTek May 2015 – ZL3KB

We had another successful RadioTek last weekend, with approx 11 students all making stuff in our clubrooms. The added attraction was the



Papanui High school electric vehicle currently stored in the main clubroom. As usual some students finished their projects early, and so progressed onto making things from our junk pile. We can only hope they take these traits home with them, and grow their interest in electronics.

Sometimes I wonder if we could just run RadioTek with a big pile of junk on the floor, and say “go to it”?

Thanks to the team Rory ZL3HB, Brian ZL2BAT, Graeme ZL3GSL, Graham ZL3NK, Rod ZL3NW, Aidan ZL3APB , John ZL3ADF and Kelvin ZL3KB.



Winton Bell ZL3AO SK

Winton was born in Warkworth and had the sea in his blood from an early age. When he was fifteen he persuaded a ship's captain to give him a job as a merchant seaman, so left his home that same day!

Eventually he settled in the UK with a job at General Electric, then moved back to New Zealand with a position at the power board in Oamaru. By this time he was involved with the amateur service as ZL4II. In the early 60's he sailed back to the UK, and after marrying his first wife Mollie in 1965, he returned to NZ to start a family.

In the late 70's he started as technical assistant in the University of Canterbury Psychology department, and during this time he hosted many Japanese students, eventually

becoming president of the New Zealand Japan Society. Other voluntary work included exemplary efforts with the Bayden Powell Guild, enabling scouts to regularly participate in JOTA radio events. In 1982 he met and married his present wife Jean.

Family camping holidays were always focused on finding good radio propagation sites, despite the "keep out" signs on paddocks! He was often heard on Jock White field days, operating mobile HF from his car, apparently radio on the front seat, and Jean in the back with the log book! His innovative HF mobile antenna designs were well known, and have been published in past issues of BreakIn. In 2003 Winton entered the hall of fame with a 80m QSO with G0DKM/m Weston-super-mare UK, both stations moving.

Winton will be sadly missed by his three children Stephen, Amanda, Karen, wife Jean and the Christchurch radio amateur community.



Mid Winter Dinner Saturday 27th June

To have a better chance of providing your preferred dish to bring and share email your choices from the list below to ian@macpherson.gen.nz

Alternate suggestions welcome.

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| Nibbles | Cheese & Crackers |
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| Nibbles | Nut Selection |
| Nibbles | Chips & Dips |
| Nibbles | Chips & Dips |
| Meat | Ham |
| Meat | Chicken |
| Meat | Lamb |
| Meat | Beef |
| Vegetables | Potatoes |
| Vegetables | Peas/Beans |
| Vegetables | Carrots |
| Vegetables | Pumpkin |
| Vegetables | Roast Vegetable Medley |
| Salads | Potato |
| Salads | Pasta |
| Salads | Bean |
| Salads | Coleslaw |
| Salads | Rice |
| Salads | Lettuce |
| Dessert | Pavlova |
| Dessert | Fruit Salad |
| Dessert | Icecream |
| Dessert | Steamed Pudding |
| Dessert | Trifle |

Note that these dishes are to feed about 40 people.

Also send me a trivia question about you, otherwise I will make something up 😊

Branch 05 history – ZL3HB & Harry Arnold PT 2.

The committee then turned its attention to the toilet & kitchen facilities and plans were drawn up for a concrete addition to the building as shown in the drawing. The estimated cost of these extensions was \$2000.00, allowing for painting. etc., to be done by members. An approach was made to the Golden Kiwi Trust and \$1100.00 was granted with the proviso that the amount would be paid on the completion of the job, for which time a limit of six months was set. The work of the concrete block extensions was given to a builder while separate quotations were obtained for plumbing and drain laying. A stainless steel bench, and toilet materials were bought separately by the Branch, while an electrician member of the Branch supplied all the electrical work free of charge.

In the midst of all this building activity the committee decided to renovate the main hall by covering the match lined walls and ceilings with pinex tiles and acoustic tiles, with a hardboard dado to protect the bottom part of the walls. All this work was carried out by members in the evenings and when all was completed, was painted in pastel shades. By this time the builder had finished his part of the contract and members set to work to paint the kitchen & toilets. All this work was done within the time limit set by the Golden Kiwi Trust, who, on receipt of the statement the work was finished, sent their cheque to the Treasurer. The Branch met for the annual meeting in December 1969 in its new renovated meeting room, using the new kitchen facilities for the first time.

Last year, 1970, was a time for consolidation. With the new building and new extensions fully paid for, the committee turned its mind to further improvements. Through the kind donation of a local Amateur who supplied all the heavy curtain materials and the work of some of the ladies who did the sewing, new drapes were hung over the windows in the main hall. As well as being decorative these drapes made the room much warmer in the winter months. The committee also planned to rough cast the outside of the building, to save maintenance work in future years. The estimated cost of these improvements was over \$500.00 and by arrangement with the General Secretary through Council it was proposed to borrow up to this amount for this work which was urgently needed.

About the middle of the year one of the members heard that an Electrical Warehouse that carried certain radio lines was giving up the radio side of the business. The club bought the entire stock of valves, potentiometers, transformers, resistors, etc., with the money advanced by a member, and set up business in the radio room which became, for a time, a busy shop. This venture was most successful; the whole stock was disposed of within three months, and from the profit made the rough casting of the outside of the building was completed, new lino laid in the kitchen and the toilet block and the driveway tar sealed.

The Branch is in a very strong financial position, as revealed by the treasurer in his report to the annual meeting last December. The building and extensions were

shown in the balance sheet at a book value of \$6800.00; the new AREC truck at \$3000.00; and with radio equipment, furniture and other items, the total assets were nearly \$11,000.00. And all this achieved in under three years!

The buildings are now being used to the full by the club. The main monthly meeting is on the first Wednesday of the month, the AREC on the second while a very active VHF group meets on the third Wednesday. A class in radio theory meets each Tuesday commencing on Feb 16th, and continuing until the September examination. As well as Branch activity, the local CB club has commenced renting the premises for its monthly meeting. With the radio room completely renovated and five operating booths installed it is hoped to make use of the different bands and modes of communication that are available. ZL3WS should be heard more often now. What of the future? Part of the long term planning is the extension of the main meeting hall by doing away with the sliding doors and building out the front as shown in the plan. Work will be done to the grounds with the planting of more trees and shrubs and the renewal of fences. The radio station ZL3WS will be brought up to date with more modern communications equipment, for there is now no limit to what might be done.

If you are ever in Christchurch and able to attend one of our Branch meetings, you will be most welcome. Or, if you are just passing through, arrangements could be made for you to visit the clubrooms, the dream of years, the "Promised Land" of the Christchurch Branch NZART.

Minutes of the Branch 05 meeting

Christchurch Amateur Radio Club meeting 6th May 2015

Apologies ZL3NW, ZL3TAO, ZL3APB, ZL3UE. David ZL2IC in the chair moved to accept. Carried

Minutes of April meeting moved to accept by Rory ZL3HB, seconded Mark ZL3BA. Carried.

Correspondence Q-bit, Ragchew, Lease documents, Amsat Jnl. Lawyer lease email.

Reports AREC University DMR site off. Looking at alternatives. My Grey or Gondola site. DMR repeater going to Dunedin in the meantime.

Repeaters All OK. Mt Grey intermod repaired.

QSL Bureau No cards in

Tuesday night Still busy with up to 12 attending. David ZL2IC moved "that the Tuesday night group, be commended for their work in setting up the workshop" seconded Mark ZL3BA. Carried.

Band report No-one mentioned anything special happening.

General Business Saturday 16th May will hold an afternoon meeting for those who cannot come at night.

Clubrooms cleaning – have not yet had any offers. Committee to consider options. Zip gone faulty again. Tuesday night group to look at it.

Club has had a donation from Vern ZL3WR's estate.

Emergency evacuation notices put up. Please read & take note.

Can we remove tones from National System local port. Rob ZL3RX to consider.

David ZL2IC moved "that the club commend Philip ZL2TZE for his efforts in monitoring HF in regard to Nepal emergency communications" seconded David ZL3DO. Carried.

Andrew ZL3CC brought up the subject of the new CCC town plan & the effect on towers etc.

Andrew ZL3CC, Richard ZL4FZ, Mark ZL3AB to be tasked with looking into the matter.

Have had price for grinding the floor concrete from Concut for \$1466.25 incl GST.

Rory ZL3HB moved " that the club seal be affixed to the Lease documents" seconded Richard ZL4FZ. Carried.

David ZL2IC & Rory ZL3HB then signed the Council Lease for the club to occupy the 5 Idris Rd site.

Remits for National Conference at Queen's Birthday were discussed & voted on.

There were 23 NZART financial members present.

Remit one - 22 for, 1 absteinten – remit passed.

Remit two – 23 for - remit passed.

Br 05 will offer to assist with either remit.

Remit three – 23 for – remit passed.

There were no comments on NZART reports as published in Break-in.

Rob ZL3RX moved " that Mike ZL3TMB and Rory ZL3HB be the BR 05 delegates at Conference" seconded David ZL2IC. Carried.

Trevor ZL3ADZ moved "that the delegates be given power off discretion" seconded Richard ZL4FZ. Carried.

Meeting closed at 8.48 PM.

Kelvin ZL3KB then produced an interesting quiz with close ups of everyday items that had to be identified. Not as easy as you might imagine!!

Daytime Meeting

Some of our older members are reluctant to come to Evening meetings. Therefore we are going to have a meeting on Saturday 16th May at 1pm. We will have a discussion on having similar meetings regularly. If you are interested in having meetings during the day come along and share your thoughts. After the meeting we will have a cup of tea and a biscuit.

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