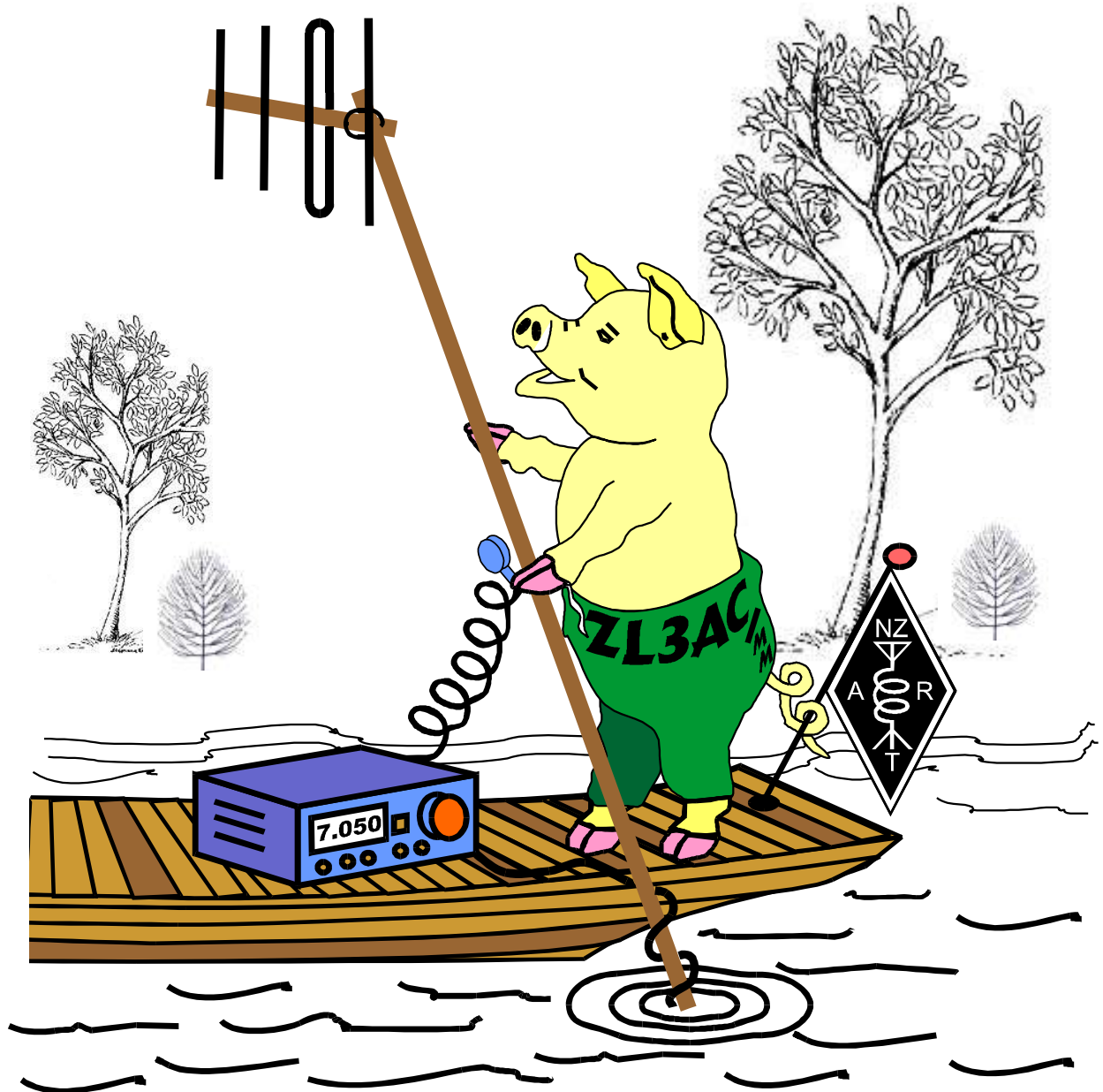


# HAMLARKS

Christchurch Amateur Radio Club



March 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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

John ZL4JY will tell us about the proposed DMR repeater for Christchurch.

See <http://arec.info/arec-dmr-network/>

**From the Hamlarks editor – ZL3KB**

I have been wondering about building a simple mains timer, for giving small appliances a fixed ON time, hence avoiding a waste of power when I forget to turn them off. I have been working on a transformer-less, relay-less design using triacs, so this involves quite a bit of messing with live mains on the bench! My caregiver probably thinks this has a high probability of a) killing me and b) burning house down – so if anyone out there has a Variac I could borrow, I would be very appreciative. See you next month (I hope).

**\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Hamads \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$**

**For Sale** Hank Jacomatti has some old (over 60 years old) radio receivers that have travelled around the world with him. One Philips. Anyone interested to take them, could give him a call on 329 4888.

**Wanted** Pete Robinson ZL3TJH requires some 100mm copper pipe for ATV repeater aerial.

## RadioTek

Next RadioTek day will be Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please come along to help the new generation of Hams, no experience necessary!

See <http://www.chchhamradio.org.nz/radiotek/index.html>



**Radiotek November 2014**

**Secretary Rory's Ramblings - ZL3HB**

Nearly March already!! Soon be Conference time in Hamilton!  
Your club progresses apace. We had 17 Tuesday nighters last night which is excellent. Plenty of talk & radio. Come on down & enjoy your space.

Shelving going up in the workshop. Need to do the whiteboard next. Lease moves along as we now have the lease documents to read through. Committee will digest them & run past our lawyer I guess ready for signing then we're in officially. Whoopee!!! Party time? Will no doubt have to put in front of a full meeting for approval so will probably be April.

We are getting interest from other groups wanting to use the rooms but all on hold until it is all signed. We need to be careful that we don't overdo the use as don't want any local problems.

Starting to talk to Council re garaging so see where that goes.

Looking at fibre broadband around March if Enable gets it together. Can then make use of all the blue cabling around the clubrooms.

Speaker last meeting was very interesting so come along to some meetings to be enlightened.

See you there.

Rory ZL3HB

**ANZAC 100 Years - NZART**

NZART proposal for ANZAC centenary celebrations – a call to judge interest and call for volunteers to assist

25th April 2015 is the centenary of the Gallipoli landings in Turkey by ANZAC forces. NZART has received permission to use 'ANZAC' from the government for the purpose of celebrating this centenary.

NZART proposes that amateurs in New Zealand celebrate this centenary with a one month of activity period starting on 25th April using the special call-signs ZL100ANZAC and ZL1ANZAC, ZL2ANZAC, ZL3ANZAC and ZL4ANZAC. We believe that QSOs with these call-signs will be in demand by amateurs both here in New Zealand and overseas.

WIA also propose to operate similar stations with call-signs VK100ANZAC, VK1ANZAC etc. The period of operation proposed by WIA is greater but NZART feel that most operators would prefer a shorter period of operation as this makes it easier to focus the effort required. In association with the use of these call-signs NZART proposes to sponsor a special 'ANZAC' award.



**Marconi trench set WW1**

Before committing to this program NZART would like to judge the level of support for this activity.

Brief details are as follows. If there is sufficient interest then full details will be posted.

Any licensed amateur in New Zealand would be able to use one of these calls. The ZL1, 2 etc calls will be available to amateurs in the appropriate region. It is proposed that an on-line calendar would



enable an amateur to book a 2 hour slot on a band using either CW, Phone or Data. Given the number of bands and modes available it is not envisaged that there would be a problem booking suitable slots throughout the activity period. The ZL100ANZAC call will be most sought after and will be available to branches to book for a short time before the booking system goes live to all. However it is envisaged that other operators will also get a fair chance to use this call-sign if they wish.



**Marconi portable wireless WW1**

Since QSL cards will be much in demand it would be a necessity that all logs produced using these call-signs be emailed to a central log manager in ADIF

format (produced by all electronic

logging programs) in a timely manner so that QSL requests can be managed.

The proposal for the award is based on points for working the special call-signs and lesser points for working other ZLs during the activity month.

NZART will only proceed with this proposal if there is sufficient support from amateurs. We will also be asking for volunteers for some of the work in making this happen, such as QSL management, log management and operation of the booking system. Offers from both branches and individuals are welcome.

If you would like to take part, whether it is using one of the special call-signs, or just making a special effort to hand out QSOs to other amateurs looking for ZL during this time, or to assist in the running of the event please indicate by email to either Stuart Watchman ZL2TW [clareandstuart@xtra.co.nz](mailto:clareandstuart@xtra.co.nz) or Phil Holliday ZL3PAH at [phil@cliftonbay.co.nz](mailto:phil@cliftonbay.co.nz) as soon as possible.

There is not a lot of time to organize and publicise this.

# Payment Due. Special for 2015

## Chch Branch 05 Subscription for 2015

Call \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Single Membership

\$10 if paid by 30<sup>th</sup> April

\$20 if paid after 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Family Membership

\$15 if paid by 30<sup>th</sup> April

\$30 if paid after 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Junior Membership if still at school \$ free.

***Our Club Bank Account number is: 030826 0145249 00***

If you pay by internet banking, please make sure that you use your ***Call Sign*** as the transaction ***reference number*** so that our treasurer can identify you.

If you are posting your Subscription, please send to:

**Christchurch Amateur Radio Club**

**P.O.Box 1733,**

**Christchurch.**

Please pay either direct to bank or chq to PO Box. Note if depositing over the counter at a bank you may not be able to put your call sign beside the deposit so please remember to let Richard ZL3UE know you have made the deposit; every year we get a few unknown deposits in the bank.



**Branch 05 Jock White Field Day activity**

Come along for some fun in a Field.

All welcome. Starting with aerial erection 12PM Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February, radio fun starts at 3PM, the team will be running through to midnight. It all starts again on Sunday at 6AM and runs through to 3PM Sunday. Morse and Phone operators all needed. Call up on 705 repeater if you have trouble getting into the site.



**Minutes of the Branch 05 meeting****Christchurch Amateur Radio Club meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015**

**Apologies** ZL3GIG, ZL4FZ, ZL3OY, Moved to accept by Ian ZL3TAO.  
Carried.

**Visitors** Mark ZL3TKI

**Minutes** of Dec meeting moved to accept by Rory ZL3HB, seconded Mike ZL3MJS. Carried.

**Correspondence** Remits to HQ, Co. office letter to fill out.

**Reports** **AREC** Not doing Coast to Coast this year.  
Klassic Kayak went well in December

**Repeaters** All going OK

Looking for a site for a DMR repeater.

**QSL Cards** 6 lots of cards in. Now get them every 3 months.

**Tuesday night** No Xmas break – good numbers

**Band report** Average. 6m contacts with JA & Korea today.  
Nevassa Island DXpedition on.

**General Business** Richard ZL4FZ was awarded Amateur of the Year in Absentia.

Council – all on track towards lease.

Subs – due. Pay online if possible.

Pete ZL3TJH requires some 100mm copper pipe for ATV repeater aerial.

**Meeting closed at 9PM**

Mark Empson ZL3TKI gave a very interesting talk on interference from motor controllers in a part of the spectrum that has slipped through the cracks Viz. 20kHz to 150kHz.

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