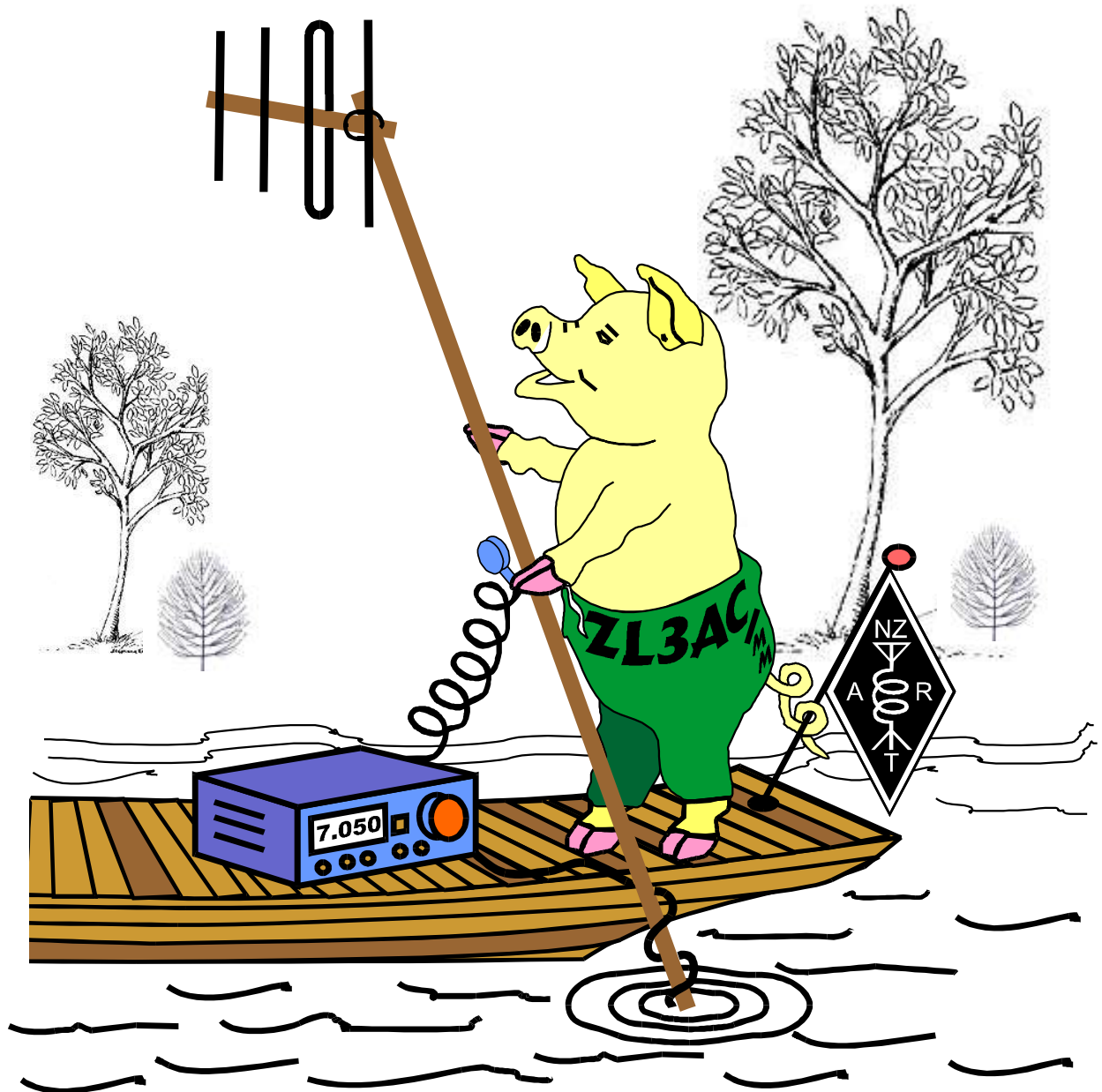


HAMLARKS

Christchurch Amateur Radio Club



April 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

Aidan ZL3APB will be presenting a talk on eVelocity, an electric car competition for high schools. Pictures from last year's finals at Ruapuna raceway: "Forget Henry Ford, this is the future!"



From the Hamlarks editor – ZL3KB

Greeting to all the members, wherever you are. I get reports from readers saying they like to read Hamlarks whilst on the toilet, and maybe that's why they still like printed editions! When we email out the eHamlarks version, we always get a bunch of "bounced" no delivery replies, so if one of these is you, or you know why one of these is bouncing, please let me kb.ew@xtra.co.nz or Steve Davis steve@zl2ucx.gen.nz know.

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We will probably delete these from the database as we believe they are not working.

Also - **Galbraith Avenue SK**: Have a look at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZtZqtLzcRRY> Not much sign of the clubrooms, but the car park is still leaking!



Secretary Rory's Ramblings - ZL3HB

Tuesday nights & meetings abuzz!!

The club is in strong heart I reckon. Up to 15 or more on some Tuesday nights. Counted 38 at last main meeting. Where do you all come from? Great to see.

Odd jobs getting done around the place but still plenty to do. Workshop getting sorted with benches & shelves in place & shelves sealed. Can now start sorting out some of the stuff we have accumulated. Keep an eye on the trading table.

Plugs wired & a master pull switch on projector so it can be turned off. Due to the layout of the main 3 phase switchboard it is not easy to fit a master switch to whole building as we had at Galbraith Ave.

So those locking up have to take extra care to see all things switched off. Committee has dissected the lease & gone back to Council with a range of questions. Is a pretty standard lease document but a few things need clarifying to suit. Then to lawyer to check over before we put it in front of you all to agree on. Might need to call a special meeting to get it done quickly. We'll see what Council come back with.

Off to visit the Council tomorrow to start the Resource Consent/Design process for the garage. Might be long & protracted going by stories we hear & read. Hope not! Council says we should start the process even though the lease not signed yet so I guess they, like us, are assuming all will work out!

So see you next meeting – or a Tuesday night.

Cheers

Rory ZL3HB

Branch 05 Jock White Field Day Report

End of February is that time of year when we gather in a paddock near the estuary, put up aerials and try to communicate with our fellow



Figure 1 Andy ZL3KKW enjoying the day

paddock dwellers. The place was the same as previous years, but we broke from tradition in a couple of ways: We tried operating from tents, or awnings, and we had the logs entered into a computer logging system in (almost) real time. We had some strange effects with the VSWR on one antenna, this time it was the 40m dipole, but the same side of the paddock as we always have trouble. This is ripe for a conspiracy theory!

Personally I really enjoyed getting back into the morse again, as did all the CW ops I think. Thanks to the team for supporting the Branch05 effort, it was great fun. Now we have to mend all the coax cables.



Figure 2 Richard and Geoff working hard



Figure 3 Operating "tent" for 80m station



Figure 4 ZL2BAT and ZL3APB on 40m



Figure 5 The problem site for 40m antenna



Figure 6 40m on left, Logging tent centre, 80m on right

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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 We have been approached by someone looking for gear to restore the Hudson bomber. Looking for IFF gear – BC966 receiver (also called SCR965) plus the detonation buttons for it – BC765.

Please contact Rory Deans
[rory1@xtra.co.nz]



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Minutes of the Branch 05 meeting**Christchurch Amateur Radio Club meeting 4th march 2015**

Apologies ZL3BOB, ZL3DO, ZL4FZ, ZL2IC. Moved by Ian ZL3TAO.
Carried.

Visitors John ZL4JY, Jim ZL3ND.

Minutes of Feb meeting moved to accept by Rory ZL3HB, seconded Rob ZL3RX. Carried.

Correspondence Q-bit, Amsat Jnl, OT News, CCC lease, Co's office.

Reports AREC No Coast to Coast this year

No searches recently

AREC running Field Day at the Estuary

Repeaters All OK

Marleys Pole testing – have a price from Opus.

Rob ZL3RX site testing for DMR at University

QSL Bureau Another big lot of cards in.

Tuesday night Up to 12 attendees & growing

Kevin Milner passed exam

Band report 10m still variable – plus 80 & 40m

Geoff ZL3PX still active on 2m

General Business Combined Branches next Monday night in Ashburton. Probably cannot attend as committee considering lease that night.

Lease – have the documents & committee to go over in detail next meeting to iron out any issues. Will put final result to a full meeting.

Field Day – Phone & CW good results. Used 80m crossed dipole that worked well. 400+ contacts. A lot of home stations this year.

ATV repeater – copper has been found & on the way from Timaru.

Mike ZL3TMB asked if club wants to make a donation to ATV project.

Show of hands shown nearly all in favour. Committee to consider amount.

Look at holding a club dinner in April/May to celebrate lease.

Jim, ZL3ND, mentioned Don ZL3DMC is our new Midlands councillor.

Meeting closed at 8 pm

John Yaldwin ZL4JY then gave a talk on the DMR repeater system being implemented around NZ with a repeater coming to Chch through AREC.

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