

November 2014

INTERFACE

MONTHLY BULLETIN - MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.
P.O. BOX 432 BLENHEIM NEW ZEALAND



CLUB CALENDAR:

General Meeting; 20 Nov. EOC, 19.30hrs

Social Group; 20 Nov. 12.00hrs - The Vines

Committee Meeting; 27 Nov. 07.30hrs - EOC

Editor: Caryl Simpson
caryl@simtronics.co.nz

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

Net Controller; Ken Hynds ZL2KHZ

BRANCH 22 NOTICES

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

2. Christmas Parade.....6 December

3. BBQ Onamalutu.....18 January

HF Net Fridays 1930
3.575MHz

VHF - USB Net Wednesdays 1930
144.150MHz

NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FOR THE GENERAL MEETING!!!!

Due to Silver Fern Rally, the General Meeting has been moved a week to 20th November

SITUATION VACANCY DUE TO A LATE SCRATCHING!!

Operator to travel with Chief Marshals

Sunday 9th to Saturday 15th November 2014

Love car rallies, speed, and VHF UHF operating? Then read on...

- a Do you like high speed fun and excitement on remote South Island roads?
- a Up for some VHF/UHF operating challenges?
- a Accommodation and travel provided for 7 days of gruelling action.
- a Any counselling required upon return is your responsibility!

- a Are you sound of mind, nimble of body?
- a Competent VHF/UHF operator?
- a Able to think, and communicate clearly, under pressure?
- a Ok to be a back seat passenger at high speeds on gravel roads?



If this sounds like you, or you know someone that may be interested, contact Rob, or Kaye, for more details...

rob.z2iw@gmail.com

Rob 027 4434006
Kaye 027 4536015



MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Held at EOC on 9th October, 2014 @ 1940 hrs.

Present: 15 members

Apologies: Wayne Parker, Helen Harris, Paul Rennie, David Rothwell, Colleen Lawson, John Neal.

Correspondence:

In: Sept/Oct Break-In

Out: Nil

Reports:

Financial from Ken Hynds. License fee and insurance paid, so we are covered for Silver Fern.

Repeaters: Ned repeater problem getting worse but strong winds have prevented a visit to the site thus far.

Business Arising:

Remote HF Site: It is expected that the concrete plinth will be poured before Labour Weekend and the tower erected soon after that.

6m Beacon: The unit has been tested and functions satisfactorily.

Silver Fern Car Rally (November): A meeting was held prior to this General Meeting to review progress.

- The Selmes Rd installation should be completed by the weekend, with Bells Rd scheduled for the end of the month.
- The operator situation is tight but adequate as long as there is no further attrition. However, to date, more runners at Base are required.
- It seems that start/finish times will still be transmitted by the HF teams.
- APRS is expected to be available as far south as Timaru. Beyond that could be patchy.
- Permission is being sought to use the National System, if required.
- Fleetlink is available.
- Stage books have been ordered.

Events List: Now in Interface

General Business:

Coming Events:

8 - 15th November: Silver Fern Car Rally

20th November: Next General Meeting.

Speaker: Stuart Watchman:

29/30th November: CQWW CW Contest

See ARRL Contest Corral for detail summary.

6th December: Christmas Parade. 5pm.

Please advise Stuart of availability (577-5122)

NZART Matters:

Kaye emphasized several matters raised in the President's insert in the Sept/Oct Break-In.

(Recommended reading – P3)

One of these is that the 2015 Conference is to be held in Hamilton.

Yaesu 209 2m Handheld: Bernie Lankshear mentioned that he intended donating one of these units to the Club for loan to new amateurs to get them started. Thank you Bernie!

Closure:

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2005 hrs and followed by a DVD from the RSGB on Black Propaganda in WW2.



When nothing goes right - go left!

MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING
Held at EOC on 21st October, 2014 @ 19:30 hrs

Present: Ken Hynds, Ken Menzies, Grant Simpson, Paul Rennie, Robin Carter, Kaye Hannagan

Apologies: Chris Grant, Bill Cousins (Committee Meeting followed the Silver Fern meeting.)

Correspondence: Nil

REPORTS

Finance: No change from last meeting. Beginning to incur Silver Fern expenses. In past years the club has been paid an advance to cover outgoings. Kaye to send email to SF organisers to request and advance commensurate with 2010 event.

SAREX: Cold search event to be held 1,2,3 November with the use of NH90.

Geoff Sayer received an award for 50 years of AREC.

SAR are focussing on safety.

Repeaters: Intrepid explorers (Ken, Stuart, Ian and Max) visited the Ned and carried out basic maintenance. Another visit is required to complete as other issues were found with the infrastructure of the building and pole that need further upgrades. One of the poles needs a plate and bolts.

Ward and Picton failed over the weekend. Ward has been powered down and reset and Picton is still down as at today's date.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Remote HF site at Brayshaw Park: An unfortunate series of events meant that the tower was not raised as expected last week. This has been rescheduled for next week. Enquiries were made through contacts by Ken Menzies about containers, unfortunately these were not available and so the search continues. If anyone knows of a good condition 20 foot container please let Bill know.

Dunedin 90th Celebrations: Bill Cousins ZL2AYZ went to Otago for the 90th celebrations of the radio club. The Club appeared on television, however Bill managed to avoid appearing.

Meeting closed 20:30

EL PRESIDENTE SAYS....

Hi all,

Not a lot of news from me this month. We had a lovely week in Australia and have memories of the sun, sand and lovely food in Newcastle.

It's been an incredibly busy month for the Silver Fern rally organisers. I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the organising committee, the logistics are a huge task and the final plan has come together this week with all services in place.

Thank you to those volunteers for the base and mobile crews. I know you put your lives on hold for the critical week and want you to know it is much appreciated.

In the bustle of base and driving hours remember to smile and have some fun along the way. Bill advises that the concrete for the tower plinth should be done today, Wednesday, weather permitting. So the install is another week closer to finalisation.

I am hopeful that Branch 22 will generate enough in donations from this event to more than fund the remote HF tower installation and the container to hold the equipment. Which means that the HF project will be cost neutral to the club.

Kaye Hannagan



COMMUNICATION

sometimes people really should talk more

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING - **CHANGE OF DATE REMINDER**
THURS, 20th, 1930hrs at EOC.

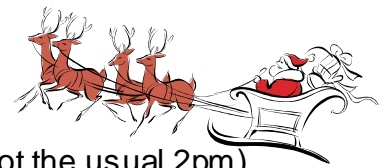
Guest speaker is Stuart Watchman and will probably include some post-rally observations.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This gives you the opportunity to see what events are coming up in your dub and make sure you volunteer for something, if you are able, and mark it on your calendar!

NOVEMBER 2014

8 - 15 Silver Fern Car Rally



DECEMBER 2014

6 Christmas Parade (**NB:** starting at 6pm this year, not the usual 2pm)

JANUARY 2015

18 BBQ combined Nelson/Marlborough - Onamalutu



FEBRUARY 2015

7 Half Ironman
14 Wine & Food Festival
28 Jock White Field Day



MARCH 2015

1 Cycle Race (2 hours in morning)
14 Carluke BBQ (**NOTE DATE & DAYCHANGE**)
28 Grape Ride



APRIL 2015

3 - 5 (Proposed) Easter weekend Horse Event

COM-CENTRE's COMMUNICATOR de Richard, ZL1BOK

Bargain Basement Spring Sale - Cleanout Session #3 Nov 2014

Dear Bill & Members NZART - ZL2AYZ/2KS,

Our Spring Cleanouts continued ! - At this time a Bonfire Fire Sale seems appropriate. Doreen is still making plenty of noise insisting I clear some of the clutter, so carefully peruse our "Guy Fawkes Giveaways." You may find the very item you've been hunting for - and here it is - priced better than at a "junk sale"

New - discontinued items:

Wideband Micro-Handheld Scanning Receiver - WELZ WS1000, .5-1300Mhz AM/FM \$195
TET-Emtron TE13 WARC bands (10.18.24Mhz) rotatable dipoles \$130
Uniden UH052 Heavy duty 40ch 5W PRS Hand-held - \$125
Telereader HDR471 HF SSB PSK modem - \$ 65
Telereader TNC241 All mode Node controller (FSK,PSK,JAS-1, RTTY, CW & WFax) - \$ 50
Yaesu YSK857 & YSK7800 remote mounting kits - \$ 45
MFJ294Y compact remote speaker/mic for Yaesu & Icom hand-helds - \$40
800-900Mhz 7 ele 14dBi Yagi beams - extended coverage for cellular phones etc - \$ 35
Yaesu 230v G400 & G500 Rotator controller units \$ 30 ea (bargain for meter alone !)
RCA 6146B PA final tubes (8298a) still boxed - \$30
MFJ105C 24Hour battery operated analogue world clock - \$ 25
Flexiwhips (BNC) - 20cm long wideband coverage for scanners or VHF Hand-helds etc - \$15
Merry DTMF dynamic hand mics - \$10
Com-Sender CSTK holes-free mobile mount - c/w tapered washers (fits SO239 socket) - \$8
Grandocell 4 cell alkaline battery recharger with Krypton Light pack or Shaver - \$2

New - Yaesu Filters, \$25 (Check your manual for compatibility)

XF8.9GA 6Khz AM and/or XF8.9HC CW Filter suit FT101ZD, 901/2, 980, 107,707
XF455.8 Narrow 300Hz CW filter for FT980
XF10.9 Narrow 2k SSB filter and/or XF10.9 500Hz CW for FT990 third IF
YF110SN Narrow 2k SSB filter and/or YF115C 500Hz CW mechanical filter.

New - Yaesu Options & Accessories (Check your manual for compatibility)

DVS1 Digital voice Memory - \$ 30, FVS1a Voice Synthesis - \$ 30 FTS27 Tone Squelch - \$ 15
FRC4 DTMF Pager Unit - \$5, CA10 Charger Adaptor FT50 - \$5 CA15 Charger Adaptor - \$5
MMB60 Quick release Mob Bracket - \$ 10 MMB62 Mobile Bracket - \$5 MMB80 Mobile Bracket - \$ 10
GX500 Rotator controller adaptor - \$ 100 FIF232c CAT Interface board - \$ 120
SOFTCASES- CSC19, 24, 25, 26, 35, 36, 46, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 66, 72, 73, 90 - yours for a \$1ea

Pre-owned odd & sods Specials:

Power Supply Heavy Duty South Midland 35 Amp 13.8V, full regulation/protection - \$ 295
Power Supply InnovEnergy IE25 Amp 13.8V, full regulation/protection - \$ 225
Power Supply Vane PS12200 5Amp switchable AC/DC 2,4,6,8,10 & 12V - \$ 185
BHi NES10-2 DSP extension speaker units - \$ 200
Bearcat Pro2004 300ch 25-1300Mhz mains powered scanning receiver \$ 200
JPS NIR-12 Professional Dual DSP Noise & Interference Eliminator - \$ 120
Tait T508 Mains power supply for RT - \$75
AEA HL60 Ham Link phone patch - telephone link \$ 60
Digitor 2510 25W 2M linear c/w pre-amp for Hand-helds - \$ 55
Daiwa CN101 HF/VHF SWR/Pwr Cross Needle meter - \$ 55
Daiwa CN410 compact HF/VHF SWR/Pwr Cross Needle meter - \$ 50
Tech TE5 Grid Dip Oscillator - all coils .44-280MHz - \$ 45
Shakespeare CS1 2way coaxial antenna switch - \$ 40
Power Supply TransWest 12v 6Amp - \$ 40
Bencher YA1 Low pass filter network (PL259) - \$ 35
Icom HM12 Hand Mic \$ 20
Kenwood MB9 quick release mobile mounting bracket \$ 20
Philips GM6000 HiVoltage professional Multi-Meter (no probes)- \$ 15
Assorted 6146B PA finals - perfect spares to have on hand - \$ 15
Icom 735 Mobile mounting bracket \$ 10
Icom MB5 Mobile mounting bracket \$5
Philips PM2411 Digital multi-meter - \$5

I do hope you've found that illusive item, and at a ridiculous price.

Oh - a reminder if you have some real money burning a hole in your pocket, we always have the latest and greatest from our long-standing preferred manufacturers - Yaesu transceivers et al, Diamond Antennas, AoR Receivers and MFJ accessories etc etc !! Give me a call and let's see what best suits your particular Amateur Radio Aspirations.

Happy Hamming and talk soon, 73

Richard - ZL1BOK for The Com-Centre Group

Email: comcent@radioinfo.co.nz Phone: (09)-627-0084 400 Hillsborough Road P O Box 163-086 Auckland