

December 2016

INTERFACE



MONTHLY BULLETIN
MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC. P.O. BOX 432 BLENHEIM NZ

Club Calendar

- General Meeting; 8 Dec. EOC, 19.30hrs
- Social Group; 15 Dec. 12.00hrs - The Vines
- Committee Meeting; 24 Nov. 07.30hrs - EOC



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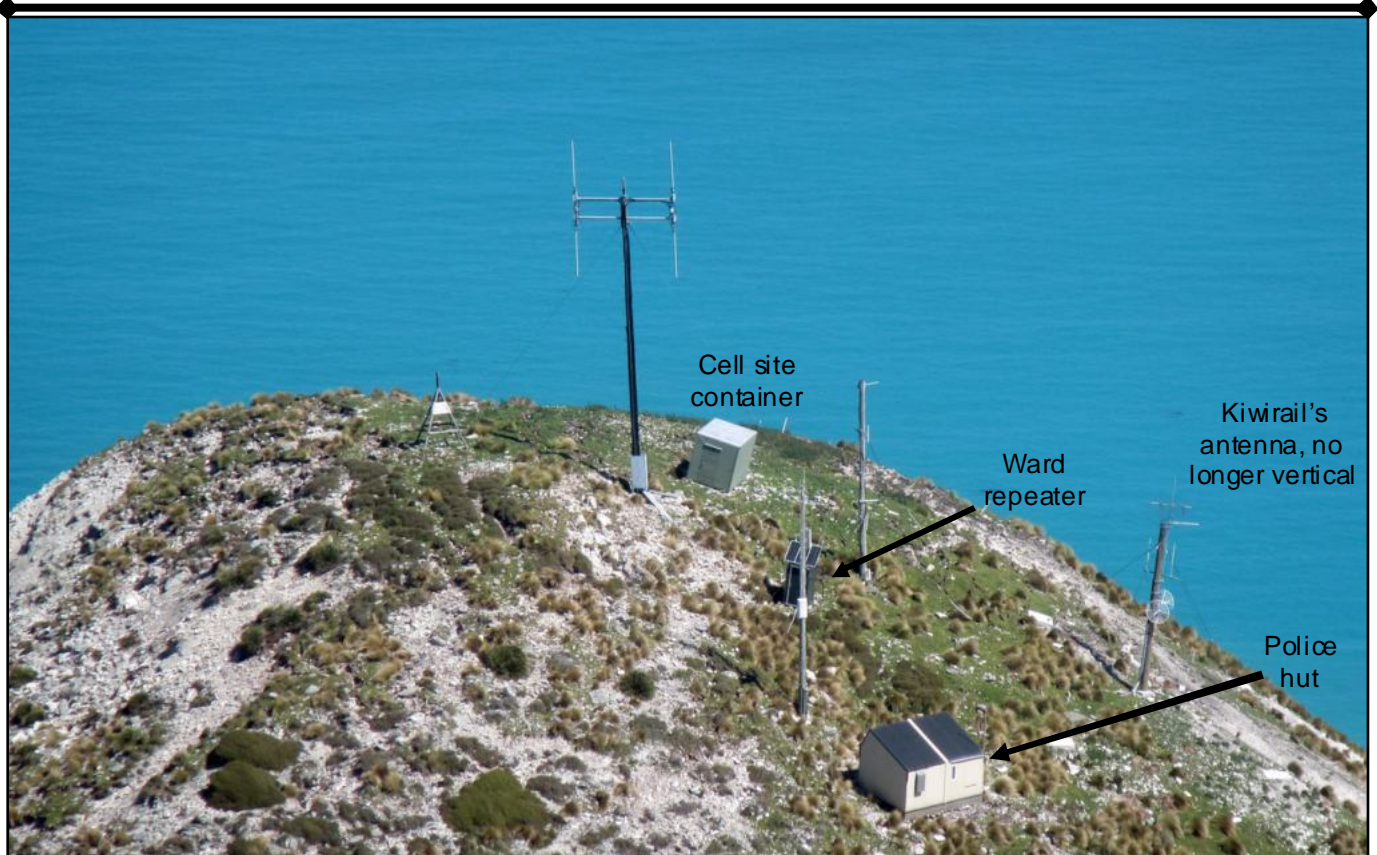
Branch 22 Notices

1. Christmas Parade 3 Dec
2. "H" Night 80m AM Contest..... 8 Dec
3. Club New Year BBQ, Onamalutu..... 14 Jan
4. Wine & Food Festival 11 Feb



VHF Mondays 1930 hrs
146.950MHz, 145.600MHz,
147.225MHz
Net Controller; Ken Hynds ZL2KHZ

VHF - USB Net Wednesdays 1930
144.150MHz



This is Weld Cone after the earthquake. The whole top of Weld Cone is sliding off, as you can see from the angle of the cell site container at the top. Our repeater hut has a similar problem but not quite as bad. Note the pole to the right of our hut, with our antenna on it, is still vertical. You can see on the left side where quite a bit of ground has slipped away. The whole top of Weld Cone is now fractured in many directions and could break up and slide into the sea. The only access is by helicopter because of damage to the track. Before the quake, this was covered in tussock and grass. The left (north) side shows the top of a large slip.

MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB GENERAL MEETING EOC
10 November 2016 at 19.45 Hours

Present: Grant Simpson ZL2BK (Chair), Don Laing ZL3DN Ken Menzies ZL2BJV, Ken Hynds ZL2KHZ, Ian Conway ZL2BGL, Graeme McKay ZL1BDS, Bill Cousins ZL2AYZ, Chris Grant ZL2CHG, Don Jamieson ZL2BJS, Paul Rennie ZL2RE, Gerard Van-Antwerpen ZL2GVA, Lara McIntyre, John Neal (ZL2LI), Stuart Watchman (ZL2TW), Tony Whitaker (ZL2RKL)

Apologies: Robin Carter ZL2IW, Kaye Hannagan ZL2KU, Nelson Bateman (ZL3FN), Ron ZL2BDD & Helen ZL2HH Harris

Correspondence: Inward – emails re Jamboree

Outward – emails re Jamboree

Finance: Report given

REPORTS:

Repeaters: All seem to be operating OK

SAR / AREC: SAR exercise this weekend but AREC not invited

Brayshaw Park: No Report



GENERAL BUSINESS:

Scout Jamboree: Calendar roster circulated for Volunteers. Police vetting forms to be progressed. Scouts requested provision of HF transceivers & generator. Agreed that MARC transceivers could be loaned subject to responsibility & liability documentation. Several offers to provide generators. Proposed site layout to be requested from Scouts to check against 11kV OHL on site and antenna setup. Also to suggest to Scouts that they arrange 80m HF reception elsewhere in NZ as usually band is very quiet. Action Don

Marlborough Wine & Food Festival 2017: Members agreed that they would support Action Stuart

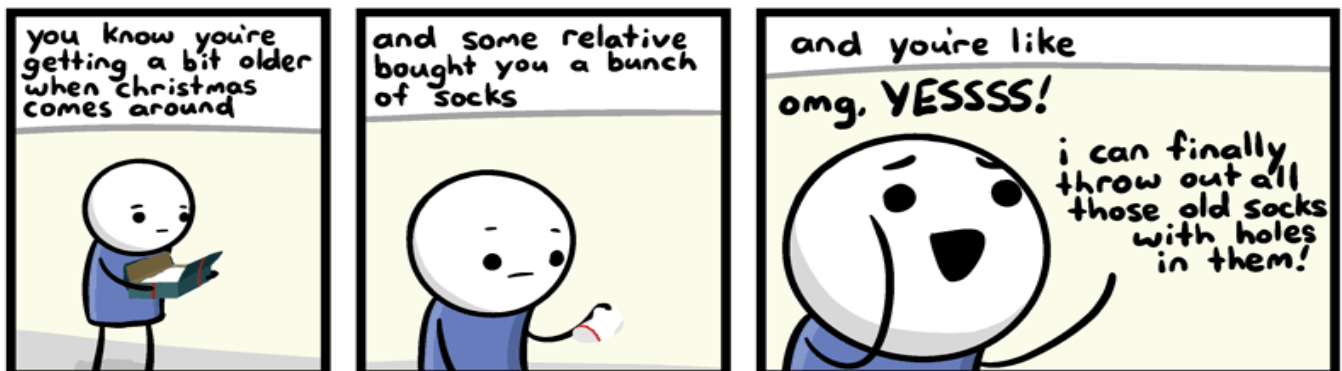
Christmas Parade: (Sat 03/12/16) Volunteer list circulated.

Action Chris

MARC Site Hazard Form: Draft form prepared by Don tabled

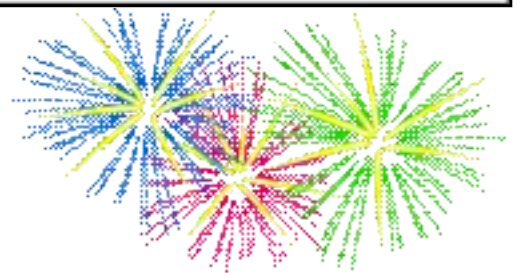
Meeting closed: 20:10

Stuart presented an interesting & informative slide show on his recent trip to Washington, USA followed by supper



Early birthday greetings
Ken Menzies.

His birthday is New Year's Eve!



MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING
24 November 2016 at 19:35 Hours

Present: Grant Simpson (Chair), Ken Menzies, Don Laing, Ken Hynds, Chris Grant, Rob Carter, Stuart Watchman, Paul Rennie

Correspondence:

Inward: emails to Marie Smolniki re Scout Jamboree

Auditor's form to complete

Outward: emails to Marie Smolniki re Scout Jamboree

Finance: Report presented



Repeater Report:

All are operational after quake. However Weld Cone has ground movement & subsidence issues and access track munted with only helicopter access. The Ward repeater on Weld Cone seems to be the least affected but will have to be relocated eventually once an alternative location is determined. Kaikoura repeater equipment at Blenheim for servicing so its reestablishment to be determined

GS / RC

SAR Report: No request from EOC for assistance.



GENERAL BUSINESS:

Brayshaw Hut:

Link is being lost during wet weather due to wet tree leaves. Need to find alternative path away from trees or maybe 900MHz link frequency. Also link to VFMS switched off which needs to be checked out. Possibly due to interference with HF system.

GS

Club Meeting Talks:

- December – Grant on his recent Asia trip.
- Year end BYO Supper after



MDC Proposed Environmental Plan

Await call for MDC submissions (June 2017 ?)

DL

Jamboree

More emails to/from Scout representative, Paul & Don visited site. Photos & location suggestion sent to Scouts. Completed Police Vet forms forwarded for Gerard Van Antwerpen, Paul Rennie & Bill Cousins. Stuart Watchman requested form for completion. Paul & Bill have indicated that available for operating days. Paul & maybe Ian Conway will setup. Paul advises that EOC agree to use of their caravan but it needs checking out. Chris Byrant has offered to operate remote home station.

Post Meeting Note – Rob Carter has offered to coordinate at the time as Don will be recovering from surgery. Rob advises that Phil Conza has also offered to assist with remote calling stations.

DL

Upcoming Events.

Christmas Parade - 03 Dec 16.

Chris Grant will email those who have volunteered once info is available.

CG

'H' Night - 08 Dec 16.

80m (3850MHz) AM contest. Celebrates return of Amateur Radio privileges after WWII

RC

Jan 2017 BBQ – Sat 14 Jan 2017,

Onamalutu Campsite, Mt Richmond Forest Park.

Wine & Food Festival – 11 Feb 2017.

Assistance confirmed at General Meeting 10/11/16

SW

Grape Ride – 04 March 2017.

MARC assistance to be confirmed with the organisers.

SW

Nelson / MARC joint gathering – to be arranged

Field Day – Dillons Point Rd site has new owners. Ian Conway negotiating access.

Alternative site could be Wratts Rd

IC / RC

Silver Fern Rally – no further news to date.

RC

Meeting Closed : 20:25



3rd DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARADE

Those helping at the Santa Parade, you must be at the Blenheim School by 2.30pm for radio checks etc. Parade starts 3.30pm. Thank you for volunteering.

8th DECEMBER - LAST GENERAL MEETING FOR THE YEAR

A reminder to all to bring a little something for a Christmas supper after the meeting. Grant will be giving a Powerpoint presentation on the recent trip he and Caryl took with Mac, ZL2IDM, Ron, ZL2BDD and Helen ZL2HH.

14th JANUARY CLUB BBQ ONAMALUTU

Mark this date on your calendar. It will be the usual lunch with the dub supplying meat and bread and you bringing salads and whatever else to share, along with chairs, condiments and whatever else you need. Details will be in the brief newsletter that goes out in January.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See what's coming up in **your** dub. Make sure **you** volunteer for something, if able, & mark it on your calendar!

DECEMBER

- 03Christmas Parade
- 08“H” Night 80m (3850MHz) AM contest

JANUARY

- 14Club BBQ lunch at Onamalutu

FEBRUARY

- 11Wine & Food Festival
- 25/26.....Jock White Field Day

MARCH

- 04Grape Ride

