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INTERFACE

MONTHLY BULLETIN - MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.
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CLUB CALENDAR:

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General Meeting; 12 Sept, EOC, 19.30hrs

Social Group; 19 Sept, 12.00hrs - The Vines

Committee Meeting; 26 Sept, 07.30hrs - EOC

VHF Mondays 1930 hrs

146.950MHz, 145.600MHz,

147.225MHz

Net Controller; Ken Hynds ZL2KHZ

BRANCH 22 NOTICES

HF Net Fridays 1930

3.575MHz

1. Lighthouse Weekend CANCELLED 17/18 Aug

2. Constructors' Night..... 19 Sept

3. Club Lunch, Argosy..... 22 Sept

4. Visit Air Traffic Control Tower?..... 10 Oct

VHF - USB Net Wednesdays 1930

144.150MHz

GUESS WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE NEXT MEETING!

(Have you been constructing?? I hope so!)



MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB GENERAL MEETING
Held at EOC on 8^h August, 2013 @ 1935 hrs.

Present: 15 members

Guests: Jim Meachen (ZL2BHF), David Scott (ZL2BCA)

Apologies: Ron & Helen Harris, Willie Wilhelmus, Colleen Lawson.

Correspondence:

In: July/Aug Break-In

Insurance Renewal Advice

Insurance Statement

Bank Statement

Resource Management Plan - hearing of Submissions and Recommendations

Out: Nil.

Reports:

Financial report from Ken Hynds (Treasurer)

Paul Rennie (AREC) reported on:

Mini-SAREX, with Harry Stephens & Ken Menzies

Police exercise later in year.

SAREX at St Arnaud in November. Details later.



Business Arising:

Lighthouse Weekend:

17/18th August. Unfortunately we have been advised that our booking of the Cape Campbell facilities has had to be cancelled due to earthquake damage to the access road and accommodation, as well as continuing after-shocks.

A booking has been made for next year. Third-time lucky?

Remote HF Site at Selmes Road:

This site has unfortunately become unavailable.

Members were asked to consider possible alternative sites and advise the Secretary accordingly. Meantime, the antenna and tower are temporarily stored at Selmes Road.

General Business:

Coming Events: Next month (September 12th): **Constructors Night.**

Resource Management Review:

The District Council have advised that the hearing of the submissions will be held on Wednesday, 14th August.

The NZART Local Government Liaison Officer, Mike Newman, will be attending. Committee are meeting beforehand to consider our approach and procedure.

Closure:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1955 hrs and was followed by an illustrated talk by Jim Meachen (ZL2BHF), the NZART Official Broadcastee on "Jim's Audio World".



HAPPY BIRTHDAY GRANT! (63 on Sept 27th)

MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING
Held at EOC on 22nd August, 2013 @ 19:35 hrs

PRESENT: Kaye Hannagan (President), Rob Carter (V/Pres), Bill Cousins (Sec), Ken Hynds (Treasurer), Stuart Watchman, John Neal, Grant Simpson, Paul Rennie

CORRESPONDENCE: **Inward;** Nil **Outward;** Nil

REPORTS:

Financial report from Ken Hynds

SAR report from Paul Rennie. Stuart & Paul investigated the site of an up-coming police exercise.

Repeaters: Grant mentioned that all three local repeaters seemed to have survived the recent earthquakes & are still functional. Batteries have also held up well despite the period of rainy, cloudy weather.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Inventory of Club Equipment: Ongoing.

District Plan "Minor" Ammendments: The hearing of submissions was held at the Council chambers on the 14th August. Presentations were made by Mike Newman ZL1BNB, NZART Local Government Liaison officer, Kaye Hannagan representing MARC & supported by several members & Paul Rennie for AREC. Other presentations were also made.

Key Register: John Neal tabled a list of key holders.

Kaikoura Repeater: Ongoing. Stuart has been in contact with Airways personnel with respect to the use of the Airways hut. Information has been requested & sent so we are awaiting a reply. An alternative shelter is also being considered.

Lighthouse Weekend: This event had to be cancelled due to earthquake damage to both road & accommodation. A booking at Cape Campbell has been made for 2014.

HF Tower: With the Selmes Road site becoming unavailable, alternative sites are being considered. All suggestions gratefully received. A site at Bells Road was promising but has tenure problems. John Neal suggested Brayshaw Park & is to sound out the vintage tractor people on the subject, prior to further inspection of the area. John is also to have a chat to Dean Heiford of the District Council as a first step to enquiries regarding accommodation on Council land.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Coming Events: The feature at the next General Meeting (12th September) will be the annual Contractors' Night.

A visit to the Air Traffic Control Tower is being organized by John Neal for October. Due to limited accommodation in the tower this will be run in two shifts, probably 1930 & 2000 hrs. A roster will be compiled prior to the event.

Insurance: Stuart raised the question as to whether we could save on local branch insurance costs in light of a national cover taken out by NZART HQ. He pointed out how some branches in fact rely wholly on this cover. Kaye is to pose a list of questions for clarification of the cover to Debby Morgan, NZART Business Manager, before any action is taken on this.

Spring Club Dinner: Kaye is to look at a possible booking of the Argosy restaurant in mid-September.

Horse Equine Event: MARC has been asked to provide communications for another equine event in late November. Committee have agreed to cooperate in this.

Silver Fern Car Rally: Advice has been received that the rally is to be held in the South Island in November, 2014. The rally will begin in Picton & conclude in Queenstown. The event & our likely involvement was discussed.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 26th September, 2013.

CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2100 hrs.



Spring lunch



Where: The Argosy, Woodbourne

When: 22 September

Time: Starting with a get together at 12.30pm

RSVP to Robin at Rob.c@slingshot.co.nz

or phone 5727056.



Kaye says...

There is a lot of information from the last committee meeting in this issue of Interface. There has been a suggestion that the NZART AGM and Amateur Annual Meeting should be in Marlborough in 2014 as well as the Silver Fern rally later in the year. This would make it a busy year for the Club, so I would like members to start thinking about their involvement and support for these two high profile events. These two events are in addition to the normal Club activities throughout the year.

NEXT MEETING: Update on the HF remote antenna progress by Stuart.



Christchurch West Amateur Radio Club Inc



Sale of Used Radio & Electronic Equipment

St Stephens Methodist Church Hall

376 Yaldhurst Rd Christchurch —city side of Johns Rd & Yaldhurst Rd Cnr

Saturday 5th October 2013 — 9.30am to 3pm

Clearance Auction approx 2.00pm

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Equipment, Scanners etc

Morning , Afternoon Tea & BBQ Lunch Available

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Bill asked for a plug for Constructors' Night. He did not specify what sort so here is a selection. Please choose whichever you prefer. Perhaps you could incorporate one into your competition entry!

