

# 2KO TIMES

Editorial

Greetings to you all.

Have you visited our newly updated website lately? No excuses for not knowing the web address because here it is: <http://www.zl2ko.org.nz> Copy and paste this into your web browser.

If you have looked at the website you will see that ten Christchurch AREC members are helping out with emergency communications in the aftermath of the Tuesday 22 earthquake via their two mobile broadcast vans. Here's the address (you will need to copy and paste):

[http://www.zl2ko.org.nz/video/chch\\_arec.mp3](http://www.zl2ko.org.nz/video/chch_arec.mp3)

You will also see that you can obtain an informal callsign through MARS for use on the local PRS Repeater (Channel 8) and the PRS simplex bands. Our idea is that when disciplined operators (i.e. Branch 20 members) on this repeater channel use correct radio procedures, other less disciplined users will change their ways. Ultimately, it is our hope that some of the "CB'ers" will join us, up-skill, and become responsible branch members with an amateur callsign. Incidentally, if you are curious about the 477 MHz PRS band, like I was, visit the Radio Spectrum Management website at <http://www.rsm.govt.nz/cms/pdf-library/resource-library/publications> and click on PIB 20. All the repeater channels with their offsets are there along with the 22 simplex channels. You could buy a couple of cheap handhelds from Dick Smith and teach your friends/children/grandchildren to use correct radio procedure.

There's plenty of other stuff on the M.A.R.S. website as well – notices, upcoming events, AREC matters etc etc. Thanks to Stuart ZL2SGA for his valuable work on the website, ably assisted by Ritchie ZL2KP.

Don't forget that you can contact me via the club e-mail for notices, articles etc. Refer to page 5 for club contacts.

Regards

Hugh ZL2BFB

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## Report: Jock White Field Day 2011

The Jock White Field Day was held last weekend at Kopane School. It was a great day so thanks to all members who assisted with erection of aerials, tents etc and with packing up afterwards. There was a very good muster of club members and their wives and partners at various times during the weekend. Thanks too to all operators, particularly those on early and late shifts (especially our too few CW operators). Special thanks to Mike ZL2UKW who organised the very tasty barbeque and to Mark who organised the truck to carry out all the big stuff.

Pete ZL2AUB reports that we seem to have done reasonably well as our unconfirmed results are for 80 m: 567 contacts (403 phone and 164 CW).and for 40 m: 416 contacts (293 phone and 123 CW. The total score depends on number of branch stations worked

## Website Upgrade

The website creators have been busy with updates and articles etc. Ritchie (ZL2KP) and I have been continually discussing and adding content to the website and there is ongoing up-to-date information about upcoming events, and links to relevant information have been added. I have continued working on the *Members Zone* where branch members can obtain special information, eg: SAR contact list, members list, or add an upcoming event etc. Refer to website for latest additions.

Be reminded that we have a facility where you can have your own e-mail address, in the form of [yourcall-sign@zl2ko.org.nz](mailto:yourcall-sign@zl2ko.org.nz) E-mail so addressed will go directly to your normal home e-mail address. You won't need to do anything and you will receive email as normal via this route.

If you would like an email address via ZL2KO please let me know. My e-mail address is [webmaster@zl2ko.org.nz](mailto:webmaster@zl2ko.org.nz)

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If there is anything you would like to see on our website that you think might be useful please contact me at [webmaster@zl2ko.org.nz](mailto:webmaster@zl2ko.org.nz)

Cheers

Stuart - ZL2SGA

## ZL2KO Roster

MAR	6	ZL2BEQ	MAY	1	ZL2LI
MAR	13	ZL2AUB	MAY	8	ZL2BJA
MAR	20	ZL2IAN	MAY	15	ZL2ADN
MAR	27	ZL2BPX	MAY	29	ZL2IAN
APR	3	ZL2LI	JUNE	5	ZL2BPX
APR	10	ZL2ADN	JUNE	12	ZL2RMH
APR	17	ZL2FE			
APR	24	ZL2RMH			

## Next Club Night: Wednesday March 2

This will take the form of a 'Show & Tell', of any ham radio device you have built recently. You will have two minutes to talk about your creation but can follow up later in more detail with interested members. 'Cheque Book Modellers' can feel free to show off their latest appliance. Don't forget that we award a Constructor's trophy at the end of the year so don't be shy. Bring along your latest home-constructed pride and joy.

### Wanted to buy:

Morse key, either Army type or older brass variety. If you have a key you no longer require then either contact Mike ZL2UKW who intends to use it, or the Editor.

## 2011 KDMG's VK/ZL RTTY CONTESTS (80 m & 40 m)

There are only two months to go until the 2011 KDMG's VK/ZL RTTY Contests.

This year Allan ZL2SKY (the Contest Organiser) has made a couple of changes to the format and points system to try and even things up a bit and make it a bit more interesting.

Allan has updated the rules on the website for this years contest and they can be downloaded in either a MSWord format or PDF format from the link: [http://qsl.net/zl2sky/new\\_page\\_1.htm](http://qsl.net/zl2sky/new_page_1.htm) Just click on the "Contest News button" to go to the appropriate page.

He has also included a copy of each certificate that has been used for the various contests so far and these can now be viewed at the top of each contest results table.

If last years contest is anything to go by this years one should be just as successful and enjoyable.

Thanks, Allan for the info and for organising this very enjoyable contest (Ed.).

Please don't forget:

**Digital Modes Net.....**Every Thursday on 3635 KHz from 8.30 pm NZT

To join the Kiwi Digital Modes Group visit: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kdmg>

**ZLDXC Group Net....**Every Tuesday on 3777 KHz 8.00 pm NZT

To join the ZLDXC Group visit: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/zldxc>

**ZLHAMS News Group.....**To join the ZLHAMS Group visit: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/zlhams>

Information from Allan ZL2SKY

If you don't already receive this information but would like to, then join ZLHams on Yahoo Groups and you will be included in Allan's postings (Ed.).

## President's Corner

Sorry folks but there is no article from President Ritchie this month because he is again busy working in Australia. Ritchie even had to miss the Jock White Field Day and there would need to be good reason for this. However, so that Ritchie won't be forgotten by any of you I have decided to include a picture of Ritchie in full swing, expounding on the merits of our supporting informal callsigns on the PRS Repeater Channel 8 to encourage good radio procedure. We hope that by next month Ritchie won't be so busy and we look forward to hearing from him about some of the ideas that are being put forward at committee meetings. (Ed.).



## DX Hall of Fame

Those of you who attended the February club meeting and those who visit our website and read *Break-In* will see that Bryan ZL2AFT has joined the ranks of the NZ DX Hall of Fame. His plaque was awarded by Lee ZL2AL at our February meeting. Bryan's citation follows:

"The election of Bryan Anderson as the 8th inductee to the NZ DX Hall of Fame recognises his superb DXing skills and outstanding contribution to the sport of radio DXing.

Licensed in 1954, Bryan has a long history of working DX with his own homebuilt equipment and had over 200 countries confirmed by 1975. In 2009 he achieved DXCC #1 Honour Roll with 354 confirmed, mostly with antique Drake equipment and a homebuilt Quad antenna. Bryan has given outstanding service to his local radio club and assisted many ZLs to achieve DX in the pile-ups. He has always tried to keep the hobby in perspective and not let it interfere with the more important things in life, such as his family and his work as a Polytech lecturer in Palmerston North.

We wish Bryan well in the future and hope that he will enjoy having the award plaque on his wall".

The New Zealand DX Hall of Fame was established in 2009 to honour those outstanding ZL DXers and contesters who have excelled in our radio sport hobby over many years. The current panel of judges includes Ken McCormack ZL1AIH, Duncan McMahon ZL3JT and Bill Carney ZL3NB.

Previous winners have included, Roy ZL4BO, Ron ZL1AMO and Jock ZL2GX (SK) in 2009. Winners in 2010 were Dave ZL1AMN, Aola ZL1ALE and Dave ZL1HY (SK).

This year, after much deliberation the judges were unanimous in their selection and have elected the next three ZL radio amateurs to the New Zealand DX Hall of Fame for 2011. Alongside Bryan are John ZL1BYX and Peter ZL3GQ (SK).

Acknowledgement: *Break-In* and Lee Jennings ZL2AL, the New Zealand DX Hall of Fame Panel Convenor.



Lee ZL2AL presents Bryan ZL2AFT with his NZ DX Hall of Fame plaque.

**Afternoon meeting 23 March:** John ZL2ADN will talk about National Awards. All Welcome!

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### Upcoming Meetings

2nd March 2011 - General Meeting  
16th March 2011 - Committee Meeting  
23rd March 2011 - Afternoon Meeting

Sunday morning net is at 9am on 3.570 kHz LSB

### Netmasters

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