

RADIO WAVES

NEWLETTER of THE MANAWATU AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY BRANCH 20 NZART



News from The Editors Desk ZL2SKY May/june 2020

Greetings one and all from my QTH to yours. As your Newsletter editor I apologise for the delays between issues which has seen me only able to produce an issue every couple of months. This has been because of ongoing health issues I have which I won't bore you with, but I have advised some of the Committee as to what I'm going through at the moment. Rest assured I still would like to remain as the Newsletter Editor and if you will have me after the Branch A.G.M. in August I would be glad to continue with this role.

Speaking of health issues I would just like to say that we all are glad to see that Len ZL2LI is on the road to recovery after suffering some heart issues a week or so ago and it is testament to how our health system has progressed over the years when you see how quickly things are done such as in Lens case where he was taken to PN hospital, then transferred down to Wellington to have surgery and was back home and on the Branch Committee's Zoom meeting last Wednesday night. All this in the matter of a few days. On behalf of all the members I wish Len all the best in his ongoing recovery and we all look forward to seeing him at the clubrooms in the not too distant future.

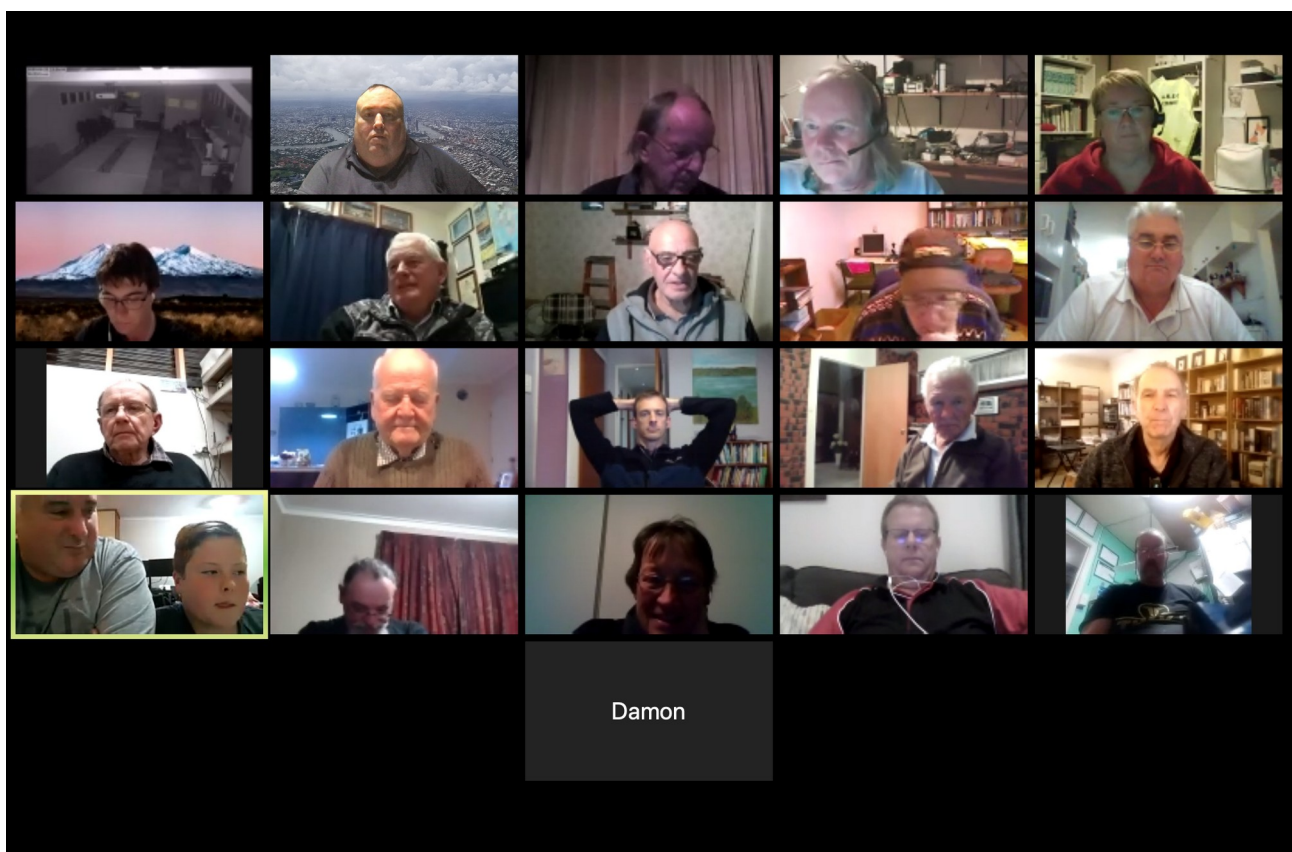
Now that we are now down to Level-1 with the Covid19 Virus we can look forward to being able to get back to some sort of normality with regards to club meetings and the continued maintenance and upgrades to our clubrooms and repeater hut. During the lock-down there has been a lot of work done in the background that members may not be aware of which will become obvious when you next visit the clubrooms. There is still quite a bit that needs doing but we are getting there.

The meetings that we have had online using the Zoom app have been well attended and for those who are unaware we had a combined meeting for the June general meeting which at that time allowed 10 members to get together at the clubrooms and was shared from there on to the Zoom meeting so that those who were unable to use Zoom could participate. The meeting went well and it is something else that we have in our arsenal to use in the future where, and when we need it.

Another example of this use of the Zoom app is for when we have future Committee meetings. The Committee meetings run at the clubrooms can be televised on Zoom to any Committee member who is unable to be present at the meeting, but are able to partake from their QTH, or even a holiday destination. Also it means less travelling for those on the Committee who live further away such as myself and John ZL2JEL. I am planning on going away sometime soon either to the Coromandel or the South Island so the Zoom service will be something that will come in handy where club meetings are involved.

If you have not yet got Zoom installed and you would like to know more about it you can set it up on to your PC or laptop from <https://zoom.us/> there are versions available for both Microsoft Windows and Linux or you can even set it up on your mobile phone, just search for it in the Playstore. If you have any problems getting it set up and operating there are plenty of Branch members who would be willing to come and help you out. If you need help just send an email to the committee at committee@zl2ko.org.nz and we will get you sorted. Below is a screenshot of one of our recent Zoom meetings.

73 de Allan ZL2SKY



NOTICE OF COMING EVENTS

It was decided sometime ago that when we were to meet as a group once we got down to a permissible level under the Covid19 regulations that we would do something special for the first general meeting following this. There is also to be another club fundraising sale along with a car boot sale at the clubrooms. Both of these events are in July and the full details are in the Presidents column below.



FROM THE PRESIDENT
WARREN CRAWLEY
ZL2FE/ZL2JML

CLUB MEETING
Wednesday 1st July 1930 hours NZDT

Hi Folk's. Back at Level One we can all get together again! As we discussed in one of the previous club Zoom Meetings we would like to make this a social evening. As such the club will be providing a Pizza supper - feel free to bring along your own preferred beverage.

Other Topics:

1. AGM Update.
2. HamCram
3. Club Rooms / Grounds Maintenance
4. Second Hand Equipment Sale / Fund Raiser

Car Boot Sale and Mini Junk Sale
Saturday 11 July 0900 – 1300 hours NZST

Although a little later than planned due to our Covid -19 lock down we have set the date for our Car Boot Sale and Mini Junk Sale.

Mini-Junk Sale

We are accepting donations of equipment for sale at the Mini Junk Sale with all proceeds going to the Club in support of the upgrade of the Repeater Hut exterior cladding and the Club Rooms. Please contact **Bill (ZL2BILL)** and **Pete (ZL2AUB)** for donations of goods.

Car Boot Sale

If you are wanting to sell your own equipment we are offering a car boot sale option. It will cost you \$10 per "car boot" payable on the day to the Treasurer.

The Sale area will be in the Car Park beside the club rooms.

Warren Crawley

ZL2FE/ZL2JML

President Branch 20 NZART

Remember the Rules – don't come if any of the following apply to you:

1. If you are unwell with a cough, fever, or other respiratory symptoms.
2. If you have been in close contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 until they have completed the prescribed quarantine period, even if they are completely symptom free.
3. If you have returned from any overseas country until they have completed the self-quarantine period for 14 days, even if they are symptom free
4. If you are undergoing COVID-19 testing, until they have received negative results and are symptom free
5. If you have been advised to stay at home by a health professional.

Guideline from Ministry of Health

LINKS OF INTEREST

Below are some internet links that some of you may find of use or just something to read or watch.

- <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/06/world/europe/bletchley-park-footage.html> This is a news article from the NY Times which includes a small video clip from Bletchley Park during WW-2.
 - https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-52442553#_=_ This item comes from the BBC and is about Amateur Radio during the Covid lock-down.
 - <https://www.qsl.net/w5www/famous.html> A list of famous people who are/were ham radio operators includes Marlon Brando, Priscilla Presley and other notable people.
 - <https://www.wikihow.com/Build-Several-Easy-Antennas-for-Amateur-Radio> This site gives a quite practical look at antennas and has some good info contained in it.
 - <https://eham.net/> One of the better sites which is loaded with information including product reviews related to amateur radio equipment as well as a database of reviews reported on by experiences that some hams have had with transceivers along with a star rating.
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2020 NZART MEMORIAL CONTEST

The NZ Memorial Contest will be held over the first weekend in July that being Saturday the 4th & Sunday the 5th between the hours of 0800 – 1100 UTC (8pm to 11pm) each night..

I'm not sure what year the contest was first held, but I do know that it's purpose was to commemorate those NZ radio hams who lost their lives during WW2.

So this year being 2020 it is worth remembering that this will be the 75th anniversary of the end of WW2 in 1945, plus over recent weeks all of us have been involved with another very big world-wide problem which some may feel has been like being in a sort of war.

So why not commemorate and let's celebrate by spending some time on the air operating in an easy fun contest with each other.

The rules and the summary sheet files for the contest are available on the new NZART website at <https://www.nzart.org.nz/activities/contests/memorial-contest> .

73,
Frank, ZL2BR
Contest Manager

Upcoming DX of Interest

Start Date	<u>End Date</u>	<u>DXCC Entity</u>	<u>Call</u>	QSL via	Reported by	Info
2020						
May						
2020 May04	2020 Jun30	Nicaragua	YN7ZTR [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20200529	By YN7ZTR fm Gaunacastillo; 50w; end-fed wire; QSL via eQSL or to: 40 Webb Creek Cir., Bangor, California 95914, USA; operation to continue for 2 years

2020 Jun15	2020 Jul15	Guantanamo Bay	KG4MA [spots]	TBA	TDDX 20200508	By W1SRR; HF; SSB FT8, perhaps CW; exact start date not clear; to continue for 12 months
July						
<u>RSGB IOTA Contest</u> (Jul 25-26, 2020) Check here for pericontest activity too.						
2020	2020	Uganda	5X1RI	LoTW	TDDX	By M0KRI; HF; CW SSB FT8

Jul29	Aug15				20200224	SSB; 100w; vertical, hexbeam; QSL OK via M0KRI or Club Log OQRS; dates tentative
August						
2020 Aug02	2020 Aug07	Aruba	P4	LoTW	DXNews 20200604	By KM4VI as P4/KM4VI fm IOTA SA-036; HF; SSB; QSL also via KM4VI direct and eQSL
2020 Aug02	2020 Aug08	Aruba	P4	LoTW	TDDX 20200106	By NY4P as P4/NY4P fm Noord; 80-20m; SSB; 5w; magnetic loop; QSL also OK via Club Log OQRS
2020 Aug10	2020 Aug17	St Pierre & Miquelon	TO5T	LoTW	VO1CH 20200201	By VO1IDX WB2REM VO1CH W0VTT WW1WW W4SJT fm Ile aux Marins (IOTA NA-032); 160-6m; CW SSB + digital (incl. FT8 f/h); QSL also OK via Club Log and WB2REM direct
2020 Aug22	2020 Sep05	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	LoTW	W5JON 20200527	By W5JON fm Calypso Bay; 160-6m, incl 60m; SSB FT8; yagi, verticals; QSL also OK via W5JON direct
2020 Aug27	2020 Sep07	Easter I	XR0YHM	LoTW	TDDX 20200415	By DK2HM; 80-10m; SSB + digital; holiday style operation; QSL OK via Club Log OQRS, eQSL, DK2HM (B/d)

September						
2020 Sep04	2020 Sep08	Maldives	8Q7QR	JJ1DQR	DXW.Net 20200412	By JJ1DQR; HF; SSB FT8; QRV for All Asian DX Contest; QSL OK B/d
2020 Sep06	2020 Sep17	Albania	ZA	OE6TQG	TDDX 20200218	By OE6TQG as ZA/OE6TQG fm Lake Shkodral; all bands; all modes; 100w; dipole; QSL OK B/d or eQSL
2020 Sep11	2020 Sep18	Alaska	KL7RRC	N7RO	DXNews 20200518	By N3QQ N7QT OK8AU UA9OBA fm Adak I (IOTA NA-039); HF; CW SSB FT8
2020 Sep15	2020 Sep23	Faroe Is	OY	LoTW	TDDX 2019123	By DL2AQI as OY/DL2AQI and DL4APJ as OY/DL4APJ; 80-10m; SSB + digital; QSL also OK via DL4APJ (B/d)
2020 Sep15	2020 Sep30	Easter I	XR0YSP	LoTW	SP6EQZ 20200314	By SP3CYY SP3GEM SP6EQZ SP6IXF SP9FOW SP9RCL; 160-10m; CW SSB FT8; QSL via SP6IXF Buro

2020 Sep22	2020 Oct06	St Pierre & Miquelon	FP	LoTW	DXW.Net 20191126	By KV1J as FP/KV1J fm Miquelon I (IOTA NA-032, DIFO FP-002, WLOTA 1417); 160-6m; mainly SSB RTTY FT8/4, some CW; QRV for CQWW RTTY ContestCQWW RTTY Contest; see Web for QSL details
2020 Sep23	2020 Oct06	Swains I	W8S	PG5M	PA3EWP 20190922	By international team fm Swain I (IOTA OC-200); HF; CW SSB FT8 RTTY; 4 stations, 2 camps
CQ WW DX Contest, RTTY (Sep 26-27, 2020) Check here for pericontest activity too.						
2020 Sep28	2020 Oct17	Niue	E6AM	LoTW	DXW.Net 20200403	By LZ1GC LZ1PM; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY FT8; QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, Buro, or direct
2020 Sep29	2020 Oct12	Chad	TT8RR	Web OQRS	I2YSB 20191210	By I2YSB + team fm Ndjamena; HF; CW SSB RTTY (TT8XX on FT8)

Thanks to NG3K for the DX information above. (www.ng3k.com)

ZOOM & NET INFORMATION

Whilst we have been in lock-down during the Covert19 epidemic we had up until a couple of weeks ago been unable to have our regular Branch General, Committee & Afternoon meetings. We have gotten around this by other means. This is just a reminder that even though we are now currently at level-1 and are able to resume meeting at the clubrooms please don't forget our continuation with meetings on Zoom & the 7125 repeater on Wednesdays.

The Wednesday Afternoon meetings on the 7125 repeater takes place at **1400 UTC (2 pm)** with a general chat and different Net Master each week. This is an opportunity for those who are unable to make it to meetings, or who are at a loose end to still have an involvement in the club. Likewise the Wednesday night Zoom meetings serve the same purpose and an invitation to join in is sent out via email by our President Warren ZL2FE/ZL2JML. The time for these meetings is **1930 UTC (7.30 pm)** each Wednesday night. If you haven't got an invitation for the meeting or have accidentally deleted it, or can't locate it, a quick call on the 7125 repeater will see one of the participants who has the invitation able to forward it on to you.

Please make use of these meetings to not only keep things active within the Branch but also as another way to be kept up to date with what is going on within the club. Also don't forget that we have our usual weekly nets on the 7125 repeater at 2000 UTC (8 pm) Thursday nights and our Sunday morning HF net on 3570 Khz at 9 am. The latest roster for the Net Control stations for the 80M net can be found below.

SUNDAY MORNING NET ROSTER

JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
21 st ZL2LI	5 th ZL2BILL	2 nd ZL2BEQ
28 th ZL2TH	12 th ZL2IAN	9 th ZL2BJA
	19 th ZL2BPX	16 th ZL2FE
	26 th ZL2AUB	23 rd ZL2GX
		30 th ZL2LI

If you are unable to take the net on your designated date please arrange with one of the other operators to fill in for you or to swap net dates.

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