



### **News from The Editors Desk ZL2SKY Aug/Sept 2020**

Greetings one and all from my QTH to yours.

Well here we are about to go into spring and I have know idea where this year has gone. We have had another successful Ham-Cram which was undertaken in unusual circumstances due to the Covid19 epidemic. Well done to all those who put in the time on zoom meetings and in person at the clubrooms to help those who were studying up for the exam, and a big well done and welcome to those who passed the examination, may you get great enjoyment from this varied and interesting hobby of ours. Those who passed the exam and who now have their callsigns are:

- **Travers ZL2MLQ**
- **Jason ZL2JLA**
- **Gerry ZL1GMA**
- **Hui ZL2HUI**
- **Francis ZL2PPS**

Congratulations to you all. Travers was the successful recipient of the donated 2M transceiver which was drawn by NZART President Mark Gooding ZL2UFI who was present on the day of the examinations. Also in passing it was noted that one of the candidates obtained a 100% pass in the exam thus making it the first time that we have had a 100% pass under the Ham-Cram format.

Once again its that time of the year for the annual Activity Contest. As Lachie ZL2XD was the winner last year therefore he is the organiser of it this year. The dates and details for the contest are as follows:

- **Friday September 18<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday September 22<sup>nd</sup> inclusive**
- **7.30 pm to 8.30 pm each night in 2 half hour periods**
- **Frequencies to use are the 7125 Manawatu Repeater, 665 Whariti Repeater & 3570 Khz on the 80M band**

For a complete list of the rules and check sheets to download visit the 2KO website at <http://www.zl2ko.org.nz/>

I am also hoping that the rules and check sheets can be included along with this newsletter at time of distribution.

As we have our Table Sale at Longburn coming up on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October we will once again be selling raffles. Ada has already got one raffle prize organised and as it was such a success last year we are asking you the members to donate non perishable items for the grocery raffles. These can be dropped off with either Pete ZL2AUB, dropped off at the Clubrooms or brought along to the sale on the day.

A good 1/3 of our income from last years sale came from the sale of raffle tickets so the more we can have the better the club will be.

73 de Allan ZL2SKY (Ed)

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## **NOTICE OF COMING EVENTS**

**September 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Branch 20 Activity Contest**

**SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup> AFTERNOON MEETING AT CLUBROOMS**

**OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup> BRANCH 20 TABLE SALE at LONGBURN HALL**

**OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup> MONTHLY G.M.**

**OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup> AFTERNOON MEETING AT CLUBROOMS**

**NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> KAPITI Br 69 TABLE SALE ( SEE ADDITIONAL PDF FILE FOR DETAILS)**

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**WARREN CRAWLEY**  
**ZL2FE/ZL2JML**

### From the Presidents Desk

As I sit here at the kitchen table penning this article prior to heading out to activate ZL1/MW-137 as part of the ZL3CC Memorial Day I reflect back over one of the most challenging years of my life at least. I have seen through the Covid-19 restrictions resurgence in Amateur radio activity in our area – and no doubt other areas of the country. Amateur Radio is vastly different from when I was first involved back in the mid-1970's at school, the breadth of activities and technology means there is something for everyone. I am mindful of the need as ambassadors of the Amateurs Radio, of the need to embrace the future while maintaining and treasuring the technologies and folks who have gone before us – both are equally as important.

During Covid-19 restrictions I have seen our club members pull closer together – the weekly Zoom get together is continuing by popular demand and our activity calendar is filling again. Despite the restrictions this year we are on track to seeing an increase in membership of approximately 20% - partly due to another successful Ham-Cram and the remainder in returning or new members who have moved here from out of town.

Next weekend is our annual Activity Contest run by ZL2XD, Lachie who won the contest last year. Lachie was one of our successful Ham-Cram recipients last year and is reflective of the engagement of our new folk in the life of the club. It's great to see the increasing numbers of younger members joining the club – a great indicator for the future. Our calendar for the next month is fairly packed, at the time of writing Darren ZL2DAZ is running a SAR training day at the club rooms and we are taking a group of new hams (and some older members also) up to a SOTA summit to get some experience in operating HF QRP, setting up a portable station and learning about SOTA. Over the next month we have our normal meetings (within the Covid restrictions) together with our annual Table Sale with Pete (ZL2AUB) being at the front of the organising team. We have something for the ladies or anyone interested in card making as we approach the festive season organised by Marie (John ZL2JEL's xyl) and Ada ZL2ADA. There will be a practical antenna session one Saturday during October for those who want to learn more about antennas and feedlines run by Giovanni ZL2GX. Our next club meeting will be either via Zoom or in person at the club rooms depending on the Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time. Richard (ZL2FY) will be speaking about digital radio and the way ahead – something we

need to take on board as digital technology develops worldwide and to see where we as a club fit in with that.

Have a great month everyone. Warren ZL2FE – President ZL2KO.

## Upcoming Contests & DX of Interest

For those of you who are interested in contesting or who would like to get their country count up for DXCC there are a couple contests coming up over the coming months that just may help you get that rare DX Entity. Two that are of interest are the WW RTTY Contest at the end of this month and the WW SSB Contest towards the end of October. Check below in the DX table for more details

| Start Date | End Date | DXCC Entity | Call | QSL via | Reported by | Info |  |
|------------|----------|-------------|------|---------|-------------|------|--|
| 2020       |          |             |      |         |             |      |  |

| September  |            |               |                        |           |                                  |   |
|------------|------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|---|
| 2020 Sep04 | 2020 Sep18 | Malta         | 9H3TI                  | DL2AAZ    | <a href="#">TDDX</a><br>20200713 | By DL2AAZ fm San Lawrence (JM75cb); 40-6m; SSB CW; holiday style operation; QSL B/d                 |
| 2020 Sep06 | 2020 Sep17 | Albania       | ZA                     | OE6TQG    | <a href="#">TDDX</a><br>20200218 | By OE6TQG as ZA/OE6TQG fm Lake Shkodral; all bands; all modes; 100w; dipole; QSL OK B/d or eQSL     |
| 2020 Sep08 | 2020 Oct02 | Liechtenstein | HB0                    | Home Call | <a href="#">TDDX</a><br>20200713 | By DL5YM as HB0/DL5YM, DL5YL likewise fm Masescha; 160-6m; CW, some SSB RTTY                        |
| 2020 Sep15 | 2020 Sep23 | Faroe Is      | OY                     | LoTW      | <a href="#">TDDX</a><br>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      | <a href="#">XR0YSP</a> | LoTW      | SP6EQZ<br>20200314               | By SP3CYY SP3GEM SP6EQZ SP6IXF SP9FOW SP9RCL; 160-10m; CW SSB FT8; QSL                              |

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|   |               |                         |                       |                  |                                     | via SP6IXF Buro   |
| 2020<br>Sep22   | 2020<br>Oct06 | St Pierre &<br>Miquelon | <a href="#">FP</a>    | LoTW             | <a href="#">DXW.Net</a><br>20191126 | By KV1J as FP/KV1J fm<br>Miquelon I (IOTA NA-032,<br>DIFO FP-002, WLOTA 1417);<br>160-6m; mainly SSB RTTY<br>FT8/4, some CW; QRV for<br>CQWW RTTY ContestCQWW<br>RTTY Contest; see Web for<br>QSL details |
| 2020<br>Sep24   | 2020<br>Sep27 | Svalbard                | JW                    | LoTW             | <a href="#">DXNews</a><br>20200710  | By LB1QI as JW/LB1QI fm<br>IOTA-EU026; 160-6m; CW<br>SSB; @JW5E; QSL via LB1QI,<br>Club Log OQRS  |
| <b><u>CQ WW DX Contest, RTTY</u> (Sep 26-27, 2020) Check here for pericontest activity too.</b> |               |                         |                       |                  |                                     |   |
| 2020<br>Sep28   | 2020<br>Oct17 | Niue                    | E6AM                  | LoTW             | <a href="#">DXW.Net</a><br>20200403 | By LZ1GC LZ1PM; 160-10m;<br>CW SSB RTTY FT8; QSL via<br>LZ1GC OQRS, Buro, or direct   |
| 2020<br>Sep29   | 2020<br>Oct12 | Chad                    | <a href="#">TT8RR</a> | Web<br>OQRS      | I2YSB<br>20191210                   | By I2YSB + team fm<br>Ndjamena; HF; CW SSB RTTY<br>(TT8XX on FT8)   |
| <b>October</b>  |               |                         |                       |                  |                                     |   |
| 2020<br>Oct07   | 2020<br>Oct15 | Palau                   | T88UW                 | LoTW             | <a href="#">DXNews</a><br>20200214  | By JH7IPR fm Koror I (IOTA<br>OC-009); 160-6m; CW SSB<br>RTTY FT8 JT9 JT65 AM; QSL<br>also OK via Club Log OQRS<br>and JH7IOR   |
| 2020<br>Oct14   | 2020<br>Oct27 | St Kitts &<br>Nevis     | <a href="#">V47JA</a> | LoTW             | W5JON<br>20200527                   | By W5JON fm Calypso Bay;<br>160-6m, incl 60m; SSB FT8;<br>yagi, verticals; QSL also OK<br>via W5JON direct  |
| 2020<br>Oct19   | 2020<br>Oct28 | Kosovo                  | <a href="#">Z66DX</a> | LoTW             | DL2AWG<br>20191213                  | By DM2AUJ DL2AWG + 4<br>others; 160-10m (no 60m);<br>CW SSB RTTY FT8; 2 stns,<br>24/7; 14 days during this<br>period  |
| 2020<br>Oct19   | 2020<br>Oct28 | Sable I                 | <a href="#">CY0</a>   | Club Log<br>OQRS | WA4DAN<br>20190513                  | By WA4DAN N2IEN K5DHY<br>K5YY K4UEE WW2DX<br>AA4NC N8AA N2TU W4DKS<br>K4ZLE as TBA; 160-6m; CW<br>SSB FT8 + EME, satellite;<br>QSL also OK via WA4DAN   |



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| 2020<br>Oct19   | 2020<br>Nov02 | Tonga      | A35GC                 | LoTW              | <a href="#">DXW.Net</a><br>20200403 | By LZ1GC LZ1PM; 160-10m;<br>CW SSB RTTY FT8; QSL via<br>LZ1GC OQRS, Buro, or direct      |
| <b><a href="#">CQ WW DX Contest, SSB</a> (Oct 24-25, 2020) Check here for pericontest activity too.</b> |               |            |                       |                   |                                     |  |
| <b>November</b>   |               |            |                       |                   |                                     |  |
| 2020<br>Nov1<br>1   | 2020<br>Nov25 | Surinam    | PZ5GE                 | LoTW              | <a href="#">DXW.Net</a><br>20200705 | By DJ4EL fm Houttuyn<br>(GJ15kr; 40-10m SSB; QSL<br>OK via DJ4EL                         |
| 2020<br>Nov1<br>6   | 2020<br>Nov19 | Surinam    | PZ5W                  | LoTW              | <a href="#">DXW.Net</a><br>20200705 | By DJ4EL fm Papegaaen I<br>(IOTA SA-092, GJ15kv); 80-<br>10m CW SSB; QSL OK via<br>DJ4EL |
| 2020<br>Nov2<br>3   | 2020<br>Dec01 | St Vincent | <a href="#">J88PI</a> | GW4DV<br>B Direct | <a href="#">TDDX</a><br>20200803    | By GW4DVB fm Palm I<br>(IOTA NA-0025, FK92ho);<br>40-6m; SSB FT8, maybe CW               |
| <b><a href="#">CQ WW DX Contest, CW</a> (Nov 28-29, 2020) Check here for pericontest activity too.</b>  |               |            |                       |                   |                                     |  |

Many thanks to NG3K.com for the DX & Contest news

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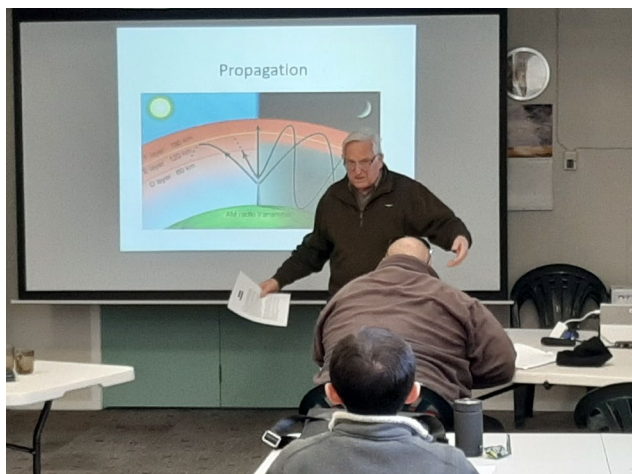
## RECENT ACTIVITY PHOTOS

Below are photos taken at the recent Ham-Cram Exam.



**Above left:** The successful candidates who passed the exam, (Left – Right) Francis ZL2PPS, Travers ZL2MLQ, Gerry ZL1GMA, Jason ZL2JLA & Hui ZL2HUI.

**Above right:** The Candidates along with those who helped with taking care of them over the weekend including some of the tutors and NZART President Mark Gooding ZL2UFI.



**Above left:** Mike ZL1BNB takes the class through the propagation section of the syllabus.

**Above right:** Branch 20 President Warren ZL2FE presents Travers ZL2MLQ with a 2M mobile rig as the recipient of the lucky draw from those who passed the exam. Many thanks to the anonymous donor for the radio which I am sure Travers will get many happy hours of use from.



**Above left:** Warren ZL2FE watched on by Branch 20 Examiner Ian ZL2IAN to the right as he is introducing NZART President Mark Gooding ZL2UFI to those about to sit the Amateur Exam. **Above right:** The Koru Lounge was a hive of activity for those who were tutoring the candidates, supporters of the candidates and club members who came along to check in and see how things were going.

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**Websites of Interest**

This month I have just the one website that may be of interest to some of you. This website was sent through to me by Giovanni ZL2GX and will be of interest to those who want to know more about the Raspberry Pi and what applications can be used with it and some detailed PDF files which you can download to help the user out with it. Thanks Giovanni for sending this through for inclusion in the newsletter.

<https://hamprojects.wordpress.com/2020/09/06/raspberry-pi-for-ham-radio/>

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### **SUNDAY MORNING NET ROSTER**

| <b>SEPTEMBER</b>        | <b>OCTOBER</b>          | <b>NOVEMBER</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 20 <sup>th</sup> ZL2IAN | 4 <sup>th</sup> ZL2AUB  |                 |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> ZL2BPX | 11 <sup>th</sup> ZL2BEQ |                 |
|                         | 18 <sup>th</sup> ZL2BJA |                 |
|                         | 25 <sup>th</sup> ZL2FE  |                 |
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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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