



News from The Editors Desk ZL2SKY December 2019

Greetings one and all and welcome to the last newsletter for the year. The next issue will be a combined January/February edition which I hope to put out in late January just in time for the February 2020 General Meeting.

The Christmas Season has gotten off to an extra early start this year, I noticed that some of the retailers were stocking their shelves up with Christmas goodies before they had even had Halloween over and done with. Quite ridiculous really. Anyway I hope that this issue finds you all in good health and prepared for the arrival of the jolly old man in the red suit and black boots to come and see if he can get down your chimney, although I'm not quite sure how he manages to do it with these new fan-dangled wood burners with an 8 inch flue on them. So however Santa gets to access your location, as some of you may already be away from home come Christmas Eve (try <https://dxcluster.ha8tks.hu/hamgeocoding/>) on behalf of the Committee of Branch 20 Manawatu Amateur Radio Society I would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and hoping you all have a prosperous New Year in 2020.

73 & 88 de Allan ZL2SKY

PROFILE ZL2KH ROGER MURRAY

I must be one of the oldest people to qualify as a Ham Radio Operator, being 75 yrs old when I sat my exam.

I have just completed 12 months of being a "Hamster" as my family calls me, and finding it all very interesting.

I first became interested in radio when I did my 3 months in the Army and was appointed a radio operator for the officer of our platoon, along with playing around with ZC1's. I have been most impressed with all the

Branch 20 folk who have put me on the right track when I needed to be doing radio the right way with rigs, antennas etc.

Being a "Hamster" has kept me busy building antennas, involved with Peanut, in-fact all forms of communication has been a real joy.

I am looking forward to being involved in P.O.T.A. (Parks On the Air). So, to date I have completed a dummy run trying out P.O.T.A.

I took off on an overcast day in my 4x4 Jimny for Whariti peak, loaded up with a 12v 5amp battery along with a 430, G5RV plus lots of other stuff too much to mention.

I received very well getting 11QSO's on 80m. My transmission was as expected not that flash only just being picked up by 3 or 4 people. The weather was just too windy and cold so I headed for home, after feeling yes, I did okay, and with a new 25amp battery I will do the P.O.T.A. thing for sure.

One thing I did find out was that you can only use Simplex on 2metres. I only have one regret -- I should have done this "Hamster" thing 40 years ago.

73's ZL2KH .. {Rog Murray}

Many Thanks Roger for the profile, and also the photos below of your day up on Whariti. (Ed)



From the profile that Roger sent me you can see that it doesn't take a lot of effort to do a profile on oneself. Roger has done a great job on his and I ask those of you to consider doing one on yourself so we can get to know more about each other and what our interests are in this fabulous hobby of ours. Just email me your profile and any images you would like to include to newsletter@zl2ko.org.nz or Newsletter Editor P O Box 1718 Palmerston North.





**FROM THE PRESIDENT
WARREN CRAWLEY
ZL2FE/ZL2JML**

Hi Everyone

Once again we find ourselves just days away from Christmas wondering where the year has gone. Looking back through the year we have seen the continuation of the upgrade of the club rooms and the running of another successful Manawatu – Whanganui Ham-Cram. It has been great to see the growing relationship between both the Manawatu and Whanganui clubs with a good number of folks being members of both clubs.

I had the honour this year to take over the reins of Presidency from Cheryl Wheatly (ZL2VCC). I would like to thank Cheryl for her guidance of the club over the last 5 years and will continue to value her contribution to the management committee and club. There are many others, both within and without of the committee who have contributed to the life of the club this year to whom I am incredibly grateful.

We have already started to plan next year's activities and advertising our Ham-Cram which will be in the middle of next year and will be starting with an informal gathering in January before the Regional Waitangi Day BBQ hosted by Branch 20 at the Ashhurst Domain in February.

On behalf of the committee and myself I want to wish all members and supporters of the club a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Kind Regards

Warren Crawley

ZL2FE

President Branch 20

BRANCH 20 ACTIVITIES

This year has been an active one for Branch 20 with various activities taking place at the clubrooms on both weekends and some week nights. Activities have included a link up to the UK while Pete ZL2AUB was visiting over there. Other events have included a talk on antennas, basics of learning and using Linux, digital radios, uBITX HF radio kitset and the unveiling of the ZL2AFT Bryan Anderson Plaque with representatives from Bryan's family including Bryan's wife Jill being present at the unveiling. All in all a busy year for everyone. Here are some of the images that have been captured in 2019. Many thanks to those who submitted photos for inclusion in the newsletter.



(Left) Jill XYL of Bryan ZL2AFT at the unveiling of the ZL2AFT Memorial Plaque.



(Right) Jill & Family members standing in front of the Plaque dedicated to Bryan's DX Achievements.



(Left) Laurie ZL2TC gave a presentation on antenna theory and antenna design.



(Right) Hayden ZL2WD with one of his Digital Radio workshops.



(Above) A good number showed up for an impromptu mini sale at the clubrooms partway through the year.



A Pixie 40M kitset CW transceiver was among some of the equipment that was on display at the CW workshop one Saturday morning.

BREAKING NEWS It is with regret that I have to advise you all that Hayden ZL2WD will be leaving us and moving to Brisbane. On behalf of all members I would like to wish him all the best with his new job and thank him for all his effort within the club over the years. May you enjoy your time in VK and maybe one of these days we just may hear you with a new call, perhaps VK4WD????? 73 & GL.



A fine display of some of the Morse keys, Paddles & Bugs at the CW workshop.



UPCOMING DX OF INTEREST

2019 Dec10	2019 Dec23	Maldives	8Q7XY	DF3XY Direct	TDDX 20191022	By 40 30 20 15 10m; mainly FT8 SSB
2019 Dec11	2019 Dec20	Bhutan	A5 <small>NEW</small>	Club Log OQRS	DXW.Net 20191206	By JH1AJT DJ9ZB KO8SCA ON5UR E21EIC as A5B, A5BOC, A5BPC; 160-6m; CW SSB FT4 FT8; QSL also OK via JH1AJT: PO Box 8, Oiso, Naka- gun, Kanagawa 255-0003, Japan
2019 Dec12	2019 Dec31	Honduras	HR5	F6AJA	TDDX 20191129	By F2JD as HR5/F2JD fm Copan- Ruinas; 160-6m; CW SSB + digital; QSL OK B/d; operation to continue until Apr 4, 2020

2019 Dec13	2019 Dec20	Georgia	4L	LoTW	TA1HZ 20191102	By TA1HZ as 4L/TA1HZ; @4L6QC; focus on low bands; mainly FT8 FT4; 100w; QSL OK via TA1HZ direct
2019 Dec14	2020 Jan08	Thailand	HS0ZNR	LoTW	TDDX 20191001	By VK2BY fm Nam Yuen, Ubon Ratchathani; 80-10m; SSB FT8; 200w; Hex Beam; logs will be uploaded to Club Log
2019 Dec15	2019 Dec21	Ecuador	HC5JLT	W9HT	DXNews 20190912	By W9HT; HF + 6m; SSB CW + digital
2019 Dec17	2019 Dec31	Rotuma	3D2AG/p	3D2AG PayPal	TDDX 20191129	By 3D2AG; focus on 160 80 60m; CW SSB FT8/FT4; see Web for further details; to continue until mid-Jan 2020
2019 Dec21	2019 Dec28	Liechtenstein	HB0	LoTW	TDDX 20190912	By DL2SBY as HB0/DL2SBY fm Masescha; 80-10m; SSB CW + digital; 1kw; inverted vee; QSL also OK via DL2SBY direct; logs will be uploaded to Club Log
2019 Dec22	2020 Jan03	Ogasawara	JD1BMH <small>NEW</small>	JD1BMH Buro	DXW.Net 20191203	By JG7PSJ fm Chichijima I (IOTA AS-031); 80-10m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via JG7PSJ direct
2019 Dec31	2020 Jan02	Iceland	TF	LoTW	DXW.Net 20191120	By MM0NDX as TF/OJ0Y and MM0OKG as TF/MM0OKG fm western TF; HF; CW SSB FT8; QSL TF/OJ0Y also via EB7DX

2020						
January						
2020 Jan02	2020 Jan07	Cyprus SBA	ZC4UW	LoTW	DXW.Net 20191011	By G3ZAY M0BLF M0VFC G7VJR M0ZXA G7SOZ M0WUT M0BBB; 160-10m; CW SSB; 400w; verticals; 4 stations; QSL via Club Log OQRS
2020 Jan06	2020 Jan12	Palestine	E44RU	LoTW	DXW.Net 20191130	By R7AL RA1ZZ RW9JZ R5EC fm nr Jericho (KM71fm); 160-10m; CW SSB FT8 (f/h); QSL also OK via R7AL (B/d)
2020 Jan07	2020 Jan13	Palau	T88AQ	LoTW	TDDX 20191112	By JH6WDG; 160-10m; CW SSB FT8; 1kw; yagis, dipoles; QSL also OK via JH6WDG, logs uploaded to Club Log
2020 Jan09	2020 Jan14	Bermuda	VP9 NEW	LoTW	TDDX 20191206	By WB9EAO as WB9EAO/VP9 fm Hamilton; @VP9GE; 160-10m; CW SSB; 100w; QSL also OK via WB9EAO direct
2020 Jan09	2020 Jan15	Montserrat	VP2MDT	WV2B	WV2B 20190917	By WV2B; SSB CW; holiday style operation
2020 Jan11	2020 Jan19	Cayman Is	ZF2PG	LoTW	TDDX 20191001	By K8PGJ; @ZF1A; 160- 40m outside NAQP; SSB; 100w; QRV for NAQP SSB; QSL also OK via ZF2PG
2020 Jan12	2020 Jan31	Norfolk I	VK9NK	SP9FIH	SP9FIH 20190626	By SP9FIH; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; operation to continue until Apr 12
2020 Jan15	2020 Jan23	Palau	T8 NEW	Home Call	DXW.Net 20191203	By JI3DNN as T88CZ, JH3LSS as T88DK, JA3HJI as T88DN, JA3IVU as T88ED, JA3ARJ as T88EF, JA3AVO as T88MB; 160- 10m; all modes
2020 Jan20	2020 Feb09	Cocos I	TI9	LoTW	TDDX 20190917	By XE1B HK5OKY fm IOTA NA-012; 160-6m; SSB; 2 stations; 700w; QSL also OK via Club Log OQRS; no Buro cards
2020 Jan24	2020 Jan26	Bahamas	C6AEI	WB4OMG	TDDX 20190919	By WB4OMG fm Grand Bahama I; QRV for CQ World Wide 160 Meter CW Contest

2020 Jan28	2020 Feb07	Gambia	C5XW NEW	G5XW	DXW.Net 20191209	By G5XW; 40-17m; holiday style operation
2020 Jan30	2020 Feb13	El Salvador	HU1DL	LoTW	DXW.Net 20191027	By DH8WR DJ6TF DJ9KH DL1KWK DL2HWA DL2RNS DL4SVA DL7JOM DL7VEE DL9GFB; 160-17m, incl 60m; CW SSB RTTY FT8; 3 stations, each 1kw, QRV 24/7; QSL via Club Log OQRS
February						
2020 Feb03	2020 Feb08	Martinique	TO3FM	LoTW	TDDX 20191115	By JJ2RCJ; @FM5BH; 80-10m, perhaps 160m; FT8 (f/h); QSL via Club Log OQRS or JJ2RCJ direct (w/SASE); no Buro requests
2020 Feb04	2020 Feb18	Tanzania	5H	I2YSB	I2YSB 20190820	By I1FQH I1HJT I2PJA I2YSB IK2CIO IK2CKR IK2DIA IK2HKT IW1ARB JA3USA fm Zanzibar I (IOTA AF-032) using 5I5TT on CW SSB RTTY, 5I4ZZ on FT4 FT8; HF
2020 Feb06	2020 Feb18	Tanzania	5H4WZ NEW	OM3PA	TDDX 20191206	By By OK2WM OM5ZW OM5MF OM4AZF SP9LJD fm Pemba I (IOTA AF-063); 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY FT8; 3 stations; QRV for ARRL DX CW Contest and CQ WPX RTTY Contest
2020 Feb16	2020 Mar16	Tanzania	5H3DX	LoTW	TDDX 20191118	By NK8O fm Zinga; 40-10m; CW PSK31 FT8, perhaps SSB; 100w; holiday style operation; QSL also OK via NK8O direct
2020 Feb05	2020 Feb17	Palestine	E44CC	LoTW	DXW.Net 20191029	By F4AJQ + team fm Bethlehem; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY PSK FT4 FT8; full QSL details on Web
2020 Feb14	2020 Feb23	Cayman Is	ZF2AN	DF8AN	TDDX 20191107	By DF8AN as VP2V/DF8AN fm Grand Cayman I; HF; CW FT8; QSL ok via B/d

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

SUNDAY MORNING NET ROSTER

DECEMBER 2019	JANUARY 2020	FEBRUARY 2020
	5 th ZL2BPX	2 nd ZL2TH
	12 th ZL2BEQ	9 th ZL2BILL
22 nd ZL2BILL	19 th ZL2BJA	16 th ZL2LI
XMAS DAY ZL2AUB	26 th ZL2GX	23 rd ZL2BPX
29 th ZL2IAN		

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.

IMPORTANT DATES AND OTHER INFO

- **25th DEC** Christmas Day & Christmas morning net on 3570 Khz & the 7125 repeater.
- **1st JAN** New Years Day SOTA Event
- **5th FEB** First General Meeting for 2020
- **6th FEB** Regional BBQ at Ashhurst Domain 11AM Arrival 12PM Lunch
- **12th FEB** Committee Meeting
- **19th FEB** Jock White Field Day – Software Training
- **22nd & 23rd Feb** Jock White Field Day

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