



News from The Editors Desk NOVEMBER 2019

Greetings one and all. Welcome to your new look newsletter and the new name for it. After being asked if I would like to take on the task of the newsletter, I thought it would be nice to have a change in heading and title. During my membership of Branch 20 this is the 3rd transition of the newsletter, originally titled the 2KO Times, which I took over from Pete ZL2AUB who was the editor back then. More recently it has been called the Longwire which Darren ZL2DAZ was producing, and we now arrive at this new title, that I decided to use, which is a play on words harking back to the days when we used to run the radio program "Radio Waves" on Access Radio 999 over a decade ago.

For some of the newer members, back then Barrie ZL2BJA along with Pete ZL2AUB, John ZL2ADN (SK), and my daughter (Allison ZL2KID and myself), who occasionally made appearances on the program with other guest presenters from time to time, would bring items of interest from the world of radio. The program was recorded and sent through to The Radio Reading Service in Levin which at the time was run by Alan ZL2GB and was subsequently broadcast simultaneously on their local frequency and on the shortwave band. The distance the program was heard was quite amazing, and I was shocked when I received an email from a regular listener from Palmerston with a signal report and well wishes to all the presenters of the program. Nothing special you may think as the program is broadcast from Palmy, well it wasn't from Palmerston North, nor was it from Palmerston on the Eastcoast of the South Island, the Palmerston that I received the email from was located some 100 Kms East of Darwin in the Northern Territory of Australia. Quite amazing considering at the time I hadn't even had a QSO into the VK8 region.

So it is with this in mind that I bring you your new look newsletter. I am hopeful that it will be of some use to everyone and that you get something out of it. As in the past, and I hate to say it, a newsletter is only as good as the input that the newsletter editor receives from you the reader/member. So with that I ask you if you have anything that may be of interest in this incredible hobby of ours, be it an antenna project, some rare DX, items for sale, VHF/UHF interests, or dear I say it, even those from the Dark Side who have been working on Peanut, I'd like to hear from you. Maybe you might like to write a small profile detailing how you got interested in this marvelous pasttime of ours. All contributions will be gratefully accepted, just send it to me at newsletter@z12ko.org.nz or to M.A.R.S. Newsletter P O Box 1718 Palmerston North.

Thanks.

73 & 88 de Allan ZL2SKY

ZL2SKY PROFILE

My interest in radio started back in my home town of Taita in Lower Hutt in the late 1960's to early 70's which was born out of my love of sport, particularly rugby & cricket. My Father had a heart attack in 1969 at the age of 54, so my Brother who was living in Masterton at the time decided to move back in to the family home to help out Dad with his recovery. My Brother had the gene that has been passed onto us by my Father where music was a large part of our life, so with this he had his own Hi-Fi stereo and radio gear which he immediately put into use by replacing mum & Dads old valve radio.

So I decided that I needed a radio in my bedroom so I could listen to the rugby & cricket broadcasts and I immediately collared Mum & Dads old valve radio which I really knew nothing about because it had sat in the lounge with an extension speaker wired into it which was run through up inside the ceiling into the kitchen at the other end of the house, and was permanently fixed onto 2ZB, the only station that Mum would listen to. Back then you had a choice of listening to 2ZB, 2ZM which was the modern music station, 2YA which was The National Program or 2YC which was the Concert Program.

Somewhere I came across an old radio book, (from memory it came from Rothchilds in Lower Hutt who just happened to be a radio dealer in broadcast radios as well as amateur radios and who also donated The Rothchilds Cup that is included in one of our main ZL HF Contests) and i read about getting better reception on the radio by adding a longwire antenna. With this in mind, I strung a piece of wire up on a piece of 4X2 at the corner of the house and ran it down to the back of the section. When I hooked it up to the radio I discovered that the signal increase was brilliant, it was also at this time that I discovered that my parents old Pye radiogram was in fact an 8 band radio which included both the 40m & 80M amateur bands in amongst all the other shortwave bands. I used this radio for a number of years and it was good at picking up the cricket broadcasts on shortwave from Australia which I listened to on a regular basis.

So that was how my interest in radio started. May be in a later issue I'll talk about my graduation from shortwave listening to my introduction to both CB radio & Amateur radio.

PRESIDENTS PRATTLE FROM WARREN ZL2JML

Hi Folks

Well another year is rapidly drawing to a close and I hope this finds you in good health, it seems not that long ago since the beginning of the year. I would like to thank everyone who has actively worked toward the life of our club and in particular Cheryl ZL2VCC and the previous Committee who over the last two years, commenced the transformation of our club rooms, the purchase of new radio technologies, and Graeme ZL2GZ's hard work in providing internet at the club rooms.

We hosted another successful beginner's class and combined Manawatu-Whanganui HamCram weekend which saw seven new amateurs join the ranks – four of these joining Branch 20 to augment the seven from the previous year. Bringing in new amateurs and growing our membership is a critical component to ensuring the ongoing viability of our club and Amateur Radio in general.

In the coming 12 months we are planning to continue the major maintenance of our facilities including the repeater hut, some work on the exterior of the club rooms with a further expansion to the internet connectivity within the club rooms. We will be running another beginner's class and HamCram and hope to begin development of a mesh network to connect with our fellow clubs to the south. We are working hard with various members of the club to compile an accurate membership and contact list. This will ensure we get the best possible coverage for our notices.

Amateur Radio, like many other technologies is rapidly developing as new technologies are becoming imbedded into the broader radio discipline. This highlights the importance of moving with technology development to maintain the ever widening interest in the hobby without compromising the interest and integrity in the more traditional aspects of amateur radio. Over the Christmas period we will be working on the activities for next year which will include a membership survey to get the opinions of the membership on what you would like to see next year – what worked and what didn't work this year.

I hope to see you at the next Club Meeting and a reminder that the club Christmas function is coming up on the 7th of December, details are on the website.

Regards

Warren – ZL2JML

UPCOMING DX OF INTEREST

START DATE	END DATE	DXCC ENTITY	CALL	QSL via	OPERATION INFO
04/11/19	07/11/19	Vanuatu	YJ0RRC	TBA	By RZ3FW R4WAA fm Gaua I (IOTA OC-104); 160-17m; CW SSB RTTY FT8
04/11/19	16/11/19	Rwanda	9X2AW	M0OXO	By DF2WO fm Kigali; HF; CW SSB RTTY FT8; hexbeam, verticals
05/11/19	11/11/19	Malta	9H9DD	DD5DD Direct	By DD5DD OK4MM DK4EI DL1AWD fm Marsalforn, Gozo I; 60-10m; CW SSB FT8; 100w; groundplane; QSL also OK via OK8ZZ
06/11/19	13/11/19	St Kitts & Nevis	V47FWX	M0OXO	By G0FWX; @V47JA; HF
06/11/19	19/11/19	Marquesas	TX7T	LoTW	By K5PI K4UEE W5MJ W5RF W5SJ VA7DX VE7KW F6BCW fm Hiva Oa I; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8; 3-4 stations; QSL also OK via M0URX OQRS
08/11/19	18/11/19	Aland Is	OH0UA	LoTW	By DL6UAA; 160-10m; CW RTTY FT8; 300w/CW, 100w/digital; QSL also OK via DL6UAA Buro
08/11/19	13/11/19	Vanuatu	YJ0RRC	TBA	By RZ3FW R4WAA fm Tongoa I (IOTA OC-111); 160-17m; CW SSB RTTY FT8:
10/11/19	17/11/19	Maldives	8Q7KX	Club Log OQRS	By DL8KX fm Baa Atoll (IOTA AS-013); 40 30 20 15 10m; CW; 100w; end feds; holiday style operation
10/11/19	30/11/19	Bolivia	CP1XRM	EA5RM	By EA5RM; 40-10m; SSB + digital; spare time operation

10/11/19	30/11/19	Maldives	8Q7XR	ZL1BQD	By ZL1BQD fm IOTA AS-013; 80-10m; CW SSB FT8; to continue until 30 Dec; Note: Reissued call sign used by M0DXR in 2008
12/11/19	18/11/19	American Samoa	KH8	LoTW	By JA1VND as KH8/K1TF fm Pago Pago (IOTA OC-045); HF; CW SSB + digital; QSL also OK via JA1VND
12/11/19	25/12/19	Madagascar	5R	Home Call	By JA8VE as 5R8VX and JA8VE as 5R8KU; SSB CW + digital (incl FT8 FT4); 500w; vertical, Hexbeam
12/11/19	29/11/19	Cocos keeling	VK9CZ	LoTW	By GM3WOJ GM4YXI fm IOTA OC-003; 160-10m, focus on low bands; CW SSB FT8; QSL also OK via Club Log and N3SL; QRV for CQWW DX CW
12/11/19	31/12/19	Thailand	HS0ZME	SM6NT Buro	By SM6NT fm Hua Hin (NK92xm); 40-10m; mainly CW; 100w; Force 12, GP, R8, Alpha Delta multi-band; to continue until Apr 2020
14/11/19	20/11/19	Vanuatu	YJ0FWA	TBC	By RZ3FW R4WAA fm Efate I (IOTA OC-035); 160-17m; CW SSB RTTY FT8:
16/11/19	28/11/19	Tanzania	5H3UA	Lotw	By K2BB RT5A US7UX UT7UV UU0JR fm Zanzibar I (IOTA AF-032); all HF bands; CW SSB + digital; EME using 5H3EME on 6, 2m; QRV for ARRL EME Contest and CQ WW DX CW Contest
17/11/19	30/11/19	Vietnam	XV9D	LoTW	By RM2D; focus on 160-40m; main goal is to provide ATNOs and new band points on low bands; QRV for CQWW DX CW; QSL also OK via EA5GL direct
21/11/19	27/11/19	Lord Howe Is	VK9LQ	DF8AN	By DF8AN; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 + other digital; QSL OK via Buro or direct
21/11/19	27/11/19	Palau	T88DT	LoTW	By JH1OLB fm Koror I (IOTA OC-009); 160-6m; SSB CW RTTY PSK31 SSTV JT65A; QSL also OK via JH1OLB (Buro or direct)
22/11/19	27/11/19	Micronesia	V63DX	LoTW	By JA7HMZ fm Pohnpei (IOTA OC-010); 160-10m; QSL also OK via JA7HMZ direct
22/11/19	28/11/19	Guatemala	TG	LoTW	By KT8X as TG/KT8X; CW FT8 RTTY; spare time operation; may be QRV for CQWW DX CW
23/11/19	27/11/19	Wallis & Futuna	FW	LoTW	By JA0JHQ as FW/M0JHQ fm Wallis I; 160-10m; CW FT8; possibly w/ special call sign; QSL also OK via JA0JHQ direct
26/11/19	28/12/19	Ghana	9G5GS	LoTW	By IZ4YGS; 160-20m + satellite; mainly FT8 Fox/Hound, SSB; 100w; QSL also OK via IZ4YGS direct, eQSL
02/12/19	09/12/19	Micronesia	V6K	JA1XGI	By JA1XGI fm Kosrae I (IOTA OC-059); focus on 160 80m; CW; QRV for ARRL 160m CW Contest
02/12/19	20/12/19	Burkina Faso	XT2AW	M0OXO	By DF2WO fm Ouagadougou; focus on 160 80 60m; CW SSB RTTY FT8; hexbeam, verticals
02/12/19	05/01/20	Ecuador	HC	EA5RM	By EA5RM as HC3/EA5RM fm Loja and possibly fm Guayaquil using

04/12/19	13/12/19	St Martin	FS	LoTW	HC2/EA5RM; 40-10m; SSB + digital By K9NU as FS/K9NU, W9ILY N9AOL K9EL likewise + FS4WBS; 160-6m, focus on 160 80 40m; mainly CW FT8; regular uploads to Club Log; see Web site for full details
14/12/19	08/01/20	Thailand	HS0ZNR	LoTW	By VK2BY fm Nam Yuen, Ubon Ratchathani; 80-10m; SSB FT8; 200w; Hex Beam; logs will be uploaded to Club Log
15/12/19	21/12/19	Ecuador	HC5JLT	W9HT	By W9HT; HF + 6m; SSB CW + digital
21/12/19	28/12/19	Liechtenstein	HB0	LoTW	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 2020
02/01/20	07/01/20	Cyprus SBA	ZC4UW	LoTW	By G3ZAY M0BLF M0VFC G7VJR M0ZXA G7SOZ M0WUT M0BBB; 160- 10m; CW SSB; 400w; verticals; 4 stations; QSL via Club Log OQRS
09/01/20	15/01/20	Montserrat	VP2MDT	WV2B	By WV2B; SSB CW; holiday style operation
11/01/20	19/01/20	Cayman Is	ZF2PG	LoTW	By ZF2PG; @ZF1A; SSB; 100w; QRV for NAQP SSB; QSL also OK via ZF2PG
12/01/20	31/01/20	Norfolk Is	VK9NK	SP9FIH	

SUNDAY MORNING NET ROSTER

NOVEMBER 2019		DECEMBER 2019		JANUARY 20	
3 rd	ZL2AUB	1 st	ZL2GX	5 th	ZL2BPX
10 th	ZL2BEQ	8 th	ZL2TH	12 th	ZL2BEQ
17 th	ZL2BJA	15 th	ZL2LI	19 th	ZL2BJA
24 th	ZL2JML	22 nd	ZL2BILL	26 th	ZL2GX
			XMAS DAY ZL2AUB		
		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.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 6th of NOVEMBER 2019

There will be a Special General Meeting of the Branch at the clubrooms on November 6th. This is needed to confirm the clubs financial records for submission to The Incorporated Societies as this was not possible due to them not being available at the Branch AGM in August.

Following the SGM Pete ZL2AUB & Warren ZL2JML will give a talk and presentation on their recent trips to the UK. If you know of anyone who would like to come but don't normally venture out at night, maybe you could offer to pick them up and bring them along to our meetings. As usual supper will follow at the conclusion of the meeting.

WHANGANUI NEWS from JOHN ZL2JEL

Just a short and quick update on the Wanganui Kaharoa Road repeater link system.

There have been 1 or 2 minor hiccups getting things done with the latest being a computer software problem which won't allow Laurie to program the radio's properly, he is working on this and he thinks that it could be a computer fault and not the program itself.

Regards John ZL2JEL

IMPORTANT DATES AND OTHER INFO

- **6th NOV** SGM & Talk by Pete ZL2AUB & Warren ZL2JML on their recent trips to the UK.
- **13th NOV** Committee Meeting.
- **16th NOV Saturday 10am** Meet at the club rooms for an informal session to look at the micro Bit-x all band QRP radio kit with Giovanni ZL2GX and Len ZL2LI. Gold coin donation to cover cost & please BYO lunch.
- **27th NOV 2pm** Afternoon social gathering at the Clubrooms.
- **7th Dec Branch Beano** Please advise numbers attending to Cheryl ZL2VCC.
- **25th DEC** Christmas Day & Christmas morning net on 3570 Khz & the 7125 repeater.
- **1st JAN** New Years Day SOTA Event

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