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ZL1REG Radio Nets

Here is a list of Radio nets that the Club runs weekly.
I have also added nets that are located near us for your information.

VHF Net Sundays 7.30pm on the ZL1REG Repeater 147.125Mhz No tone

6 Mtr SSB Net Thursdays 1900hrs 53.000 Mhz We are using USB.

2 Mtr SSB net Thursdays 7.30pm 144.220 USB

HF Net Thursdays 8 pm 7133Khz LSB

NON Branch related nets

Every day except Sunday 9am on 147.125 Local 2 Mtr net. Net Controller ZL2BAT
Brian (2) We call this the "Welfare" net

Every Sunday 9am Waitomo Net on 147.375 Net Controller ZL1HZ Mick -ZL1IZ
Sunday 0830 ZL1VK Papakura Radio Club net 146.625

Feel free to contact me if you think other nets of interest could be added here.

Next Club meeting Saturday 18th October, 1300 at the Glenview Club rooms.

Topic- new hams in the Club. Information and practical demonstrations. After a Short meeting. !! note the change of date due to the Hamcram being held on our usual meeting date

Editors Note:

Hello everyone,

What another Hamcram so close to the last one? You may well ask. Well one of the successful candidates had a few contacts at the university area, so we were able to go ahead and have another one. Thanks to Warren ZL2AJ for making himself available again in his hectic schedule.

Good to see the activity after our last meeting at the clubrooms, focusing on various projects members were doing,

Developments are on the way for a website for our Club as well. Apart from our Social media presence on Facebook, this will certainly have some practical applications for the club.

Last AREC meeting was quite productive and we have an exercise planned for Nov 23rd, which will involve quite a few members. John ZL1ECG will have a report in this issue.

Have been checking out the various HF nets in the Google calendar. Making the appropriate adjustments where appropriate.

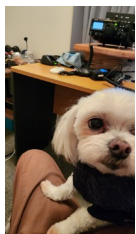
Still enjoying my M1KE in its various digital modes. Ive worn it at the supermarket and I was asked by a staff member “what is that” so potentially advertising ham radio activity.

Snoopy our wee dog needed to go for dental work but the vet picked up he had a grade 3/6 heart murmur and X-rays confirmed cardiomegaly (enlarged Heart) which means he will be on some meds for the rest of his life. Shows no concerning symptoms at the moment.

Good to see a very good turnout on our club net tonight 12/10/25, on 7125 We had 10 check ins which must be a record.

Hope to catch folk at our next meeting.

Chris Hattan Editor ZL2CJ



Ham Radio Vlogs-Use full AmateurRadio.com • Ham Radio Blog

[Ham Radio Resources: The Top Blogs and Websites \(hamradioprepper.com\)](http://hamradioprepper.com)

[My Amateur Radio Story & My Advice for New Hams \(youtube.com\)](#)

[KM1NDY – A Secret Little Adventure Ham Radio Blog](#)

[\(2\) Radio Electronic Group \(Inc\) | Facebook](#) this is our own Club Facebook Page

[The Best Ham Radio Cartoons PART TWO \(youtube.com\)](#)

[Ham Humor | NewHams.info](#)

<https://www.voacap.com/hf/> Propagation predictions and long/short path calculations

<https://www.arnewsline.org/> Amateur Radio Newsline this is what is broadcast on the NZART national broadcast BTW.

Hamradio Blogs best: <https://hamradioplanet.com/top-10-ham-radio-blogs-and-websites-to-follow/>

<https://hamweekly.com/>

[SWS - Global HF - Ionospheric Map The Australian Bureau of meteorology. Australian Space Weather Forecasting Centre](#)

Informal Meet up

Every 2 weeks there is an informal catch-up of Hams at the Workingmen's club on a Tuesday at 1730 hrs. October 7th/21st meet-ups are good to catch up have a chat, drink and a feed. Add it to your calendar.

REG Equipment Library : For some time now REG have had an equipment library, made up of items generously donated by our members and others outside the club. This is made up of a handheld UHF/VHF FM dual-bander, dual band FM mobile, various power supplies and a range of test equipment. We have a book as the central equipment register, where members can book out equipment items for up to 3 months at a time.

This can be for newbies, once they have their callsign, to help them try some gear and then decide what they would like to purchase. We don't have any HF rigs at present, so if you have one gathering dust, and would like to donate them, that would be fantastic. Our club 'Equipment Librarian' is Kevin ZL2TKH (021-441999) who can answer any questions, and book out equipment.

Club UHF Repeater: Is now operational. Rx 433.875, Tx 438.875 No tone.

Net Controllers required.

The Club needs Radio Operators that can operate on 40 and 80 Mtrs on our Club nets. 7133Khz and 3615 Khz

This is every Thursday at 2000hrs.

We need several to make up a roster as back up to run our Club nets.

Its certainly a good way to learn radio protocols.
Instruction and assistance would be given to prospective candidates.

Feel free to contact:
ZL1PO and ZL2CJ if you have any questions as to what the role requires.

Jock White Field days Co Ordinator

We need a new person to co-ordinate this event in our Calendar next year. Its a very good exercise to get the club working together in Setting up a Field day station, Running 2 stations, coordinate over the weekend and collate and send in our results to NZART. Instructions will be given to volunteer.

NZART Contest calendar-Oct

Please check the NZART Contest Calendar for details.

<https://nzart.org.nz/activities/contests/>

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4th and 5th Microwave Contest

4th and 5th Oceania DX Contest: Phone

11th and 12th Oceania DX Contest: CW

Google Gmail HF Net Calendar

If you want a link to the Gmail HF net calendar then please contact myself. It has all the known HF nets throughout ZL. This list is monitored to ensure accuracy. You have the ability to turn it off/on which is a bonus. The link below should work as well

[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?
src=myzl1cjh%40gmail.com&ctz=Pacific%2FAuckland](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=myzl1cjh%40gmail.com&ctz=Pacific%2FAuckland)

Waipenty Net Quiz: 14th September

This was held on the Sunday evening. Warren ZL2AJ was the Quiz master. This was conducted on the Waipenty network.

10 questions per bank and 10 subjects. At the end of each set of questions we had to email Warren our answers.

Well done to Ash ZL3XT who was the winner.

KITE Antennas by John ZL1PO.

Some have asked where did I source my kite to haul up an antenna. See the TM link below.

These Trade Me marketed kites are value for money and work very well.

With some minor modifications they will fly much better last a very long time.

The kite line used with success is builders fluoro string line.

To self-launch the kite I run about 20m of line up wind along the ground from the kite and use a tent peg to anchor the line firmly to the ground.

Now return to and pick up the kite then stretch the string line as you walk downwind till the line becomes very taut.

Elevate the kite above your head, wait for a gust of wind then let the kite go and up she goes !

Return to the anchor point and let more line out to your satisfaction.



[\\$1 RESERVE - KITE FOR KONTIKI - GREEN ONLY | Trade Me Marketplace](#)

Yes you may well notice a slightly Younger John on the picture above “hihi” !!

New Club Net 6 Mtrs

The net has started at 1900rs on 53.000 Mhz, (USB) just before our USB net on 144.220 Mhz at 1930hrs. We have been getting 4-5 regulars and last week we had a station from Auckland Join us. I know I have been using my X510 Dual band vertical with some success but could do better.

New Zealand and Australia Amateur Radio Magazine download:

There are three issues to download now. They are good read. I have a small article in issue 3 on the Google HF net Calendar. Have a look around the website as well where they sell antennas, radios, and accessories.

[**New Zealand and Australian Amateur Radio Magazine – The Ham Shack**](#)

YL Net Sunday nights 146.625 MHz 1900 hrs

Reminder for our new “Young Ladies” who have recently joined our Club.

Another net for the YLs is now on the National System. Monday 1900 hrs. Hamilton repeater for this is 439.975 -ve split 5 mhz.

YL HF net Thursday 2000 hrs also on 3685khz.

Worldwide DX Calendar which you may find useful.

<https://www.contestcalendar.com/fivewkcal.php>

The History of Military Spelling Alphabet: Nato. Thanks to Craig ZL1SHP for this.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAT-eOzeY4M>

October Hamcram report:

This was held over the weekend of 11-12 October in our Clubrooms.

We had 7 Hamcram candidates and 1 extra just for the exam.

A mix of youngsters and older guys. Well 6 out of 7 passed. The exam only person also passed.

Zac ZL1AZG

Casey ZL1BCN

Devon ZL1DVN

John ZL1JFM

Laurence ZL1PGT

Jake ZL2JMO

Joel ZL2JRB

For the New hams:

To help get your contacts don't forget have a look at Echolink, Peanut, Droidstar for digital voice contacts. APRS droid to have APRS running on your phone.

AREC WAIKATO.

The team is well into preparing for the National Comm's exercise next month.

After our meeting at the club, Cameron ZL1CNM put a huge amount of work into the preparation of the groups' comm's plan. It has now been sent off to Andy Brill to be added to the other plans he has received. We have also setup our ICP's and EOC network, plus assigned ZK1EC call signs to them. It is looking really good. Cameron sure has done us proud. Thanks.

I will be sending out the final plan and call signs to the ICP's soon.

To date, we have not had any call outs, and we have not been involved with the current search that is going on in the Rotorua area. It may continue for a few days.

Which brings me to the next point: We are "thin on the ground" for members who are available to assist in a search. Any day of the week, who could man a comm's radio Monday to Friday? Etc. Usually, most searches happen during the day, occasionally though they continue into the night. Sometimes we just need a couple for a "radio watch" overnight when we have search teams staying out in the search area all night.

I also have a couple of vacancies for Deputy Team leader as well. As a deputy you would be assisting in running the group, keeping training records up to date and some admin. I would also like to appoint a Training Officer for the group as well. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to further advance your personal journey as a volunteer for AREC.

If you are interested and would like more information, a phone call or email to either myself or our Regional Manager, Steve Main.

After a bit of discussion, here is the link to our Waikato AREC WhatsApp group. Click on it and join. Another way to keep in touch quicker than email.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Btwq1C1AbS55w7XVyOXmVx>

Finally, I would like to thank all of you who have put a great effort into completing your online training modules. Well done and greatly appreciated.

Cheers

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