

# Ragchew

“The Voice of Branch 68”

July 2017

The North Canterbury Amateur Radio Club Inc.  
PO Box 14, Woodend 7641



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*Meetings are held at the Woodend Youth Centre, unless otherwise advised.*



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## CLUB CALENDAR

Meetings start at 1930hrs, unless otherwise stated.

### *Host for June - ZL3RCK*

July 13 General Meeting - Dip Flat AREC event—Richard Smart ZL4FZ

#### **Branch 01 Ashburton**

July 10 Mid Winter Dinner

#### **Branch 05 Christchurch**

July 5 General Meeting - Dave Hadler ZL3TRX, Equestrian event Tracking Communications

20 Day Meeting @ 1300hrs

#### **CARDS**

July 19 General Meeting

## Nets and Frequencies

**Canterbury 2M SSB Net** 144.200MHz every Tuesday from 2000hrs (vertical polarisation)

**Canterbury 6M Net** 3850 6M Repeater Thursdays from 2000hrs (vertical polarisation)

**Canterbury Area Net** 5625 Repeater, 2000hrs on Sundays

**National Broadcast** last Sunday of the month at 2000hrs on 3.900MHz, National System, 6975 and 705 Repeaters

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## President's Report

As you will no doubt see I am temporarily editing Ragchew as we didn't get a taker for the editors position. This position is still available as I have quite a lot on my plate at present. Please come and have a word to me if you are interested.

I participated in the second round of the HF winter sprints series on 40m, a good way to spend an hour on a Tuesday night. We are only half way through so jump in and have a go. The next sprints will be Tuesday 3rd July and will be on 80m for full details go to : <http://zl3x.com/zl-winter-sprint/>

Further to our aquisition of the Kenwood TS200o for the club, I will be participating in the Trans Tasman Low Bands Challenge on the 14th July at the clubrooms. Starts at 0800utc all welcome. Come and see what contesting is all about.

73 Don ZL3DMC

## AREC Report

Forest Rural Fire: (AREC supplied Comms / Logistics to Forestry Fire Teams).

Sun. 28/5/17. 2 Forestry units called to assist DoC units at a slash and willow trees fire near Waipara. A digger was used to open up the burning slash and to fell unstable trees.



Geoff ZL3QR

## Repeater Reports



### Mt. Noble 6975

Still performing OK despite the onset of colder weather. Probably had a bit of snow on it by now.

Mike ZL3AKZ

### Mt. Grey 675

The repeater is working well with no known issues.

Geoff ZL3QR



# KiwiSAT



## Join New Zealand's Most Exciting Ham Project

Yes, we're going into space and you can be part of it!

AMSAT\_ZL has reached a staging point in the development of their satellite project, KiwiSAT. We're ready to go, ready to get up there!

The exciting KiwiSAT project, to create and launch a New Zealand produced satellite, started several years back. Yes, it has suffered innumerable set-backs, relying heavily on assistance from our American brothers, a reliance cut off mid-stream by USA moves on ITAR (International Traffic in Arms Regulations). Right then the work was well advanced but based on the USA standards and criteria. Suddenly the development was back to square one, requiring redesign of almost everything.

The KiwiSAT Team met that challenge and has produced a fine unit ready to launch. Then came another set-back. Our critically important Leader of the KiwiSAT Engineering Team, Fred Kennedy ZL1BYP, was struck down and driven to endure many months of medical procedures. This has have left him unable to continue his important work.

It's time for renewal.

Over time the support team has aged, drifting from their positions of youth and ability. Much has been achieved but all to no avail if KiwiSAT sits on a shelf.

### Can you help?

AMSAT-ZL is looking both to its members and to the general New Zealand amateur radio population for a coordinator to join the team and lead the project through this final stage. We're making history. We're going into space!

We need a volunteer "Orbit Insertion Team" consisting of a Launch Co-ordinator and as many assistants as he/she requires to undertake the task of securing a launch for KiwiSAT. This new team will also take over Fred Kennedy's leadership responsibilities. In parallel, the established KiwiSAT engineering team will continue their involvement, giving support along the way.

Much of the new team's work will be organisational rather than hands-on engineering. Involved is arranging final environmental testing of KiwiSAT, identifying and negotiating a launch, attending the launch and attending to funding for this final phase. Basic planning is complete, we need action.

Other tasks will undoubtedly be crop up however it is envisaged that the current team will ensure the preparation of KiwiSAT to full flight status is completed.

Offers need to be received by 30 June 2017. The AMSAT-ZL Committee will then appoint a team and leader. Offers can be advised to the AMSAT-ZL Secretary, 894 Ponga Road, RD 4, Auckland 2584 or by Email to [iana@kcbbs.gen.nz](mailto:iana@kcbbs.gen.nz) or to myself [tdcarrell@gmail.com](mailto:tdcarrell@gmail.com). Email either of us for more details.

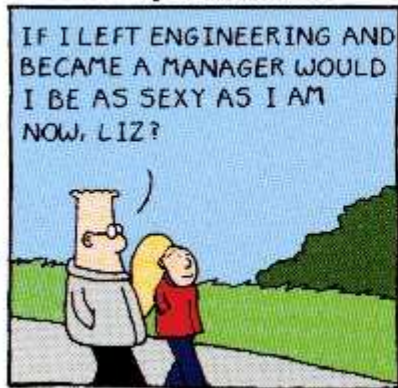
Financial assistance is available to enable the successful applicant to meet for a briefing with Fred in Auckland, July this year.

Thank you, Terry, ZL3QL, President AMSAT-ZL.

## Mid Winter Dinner

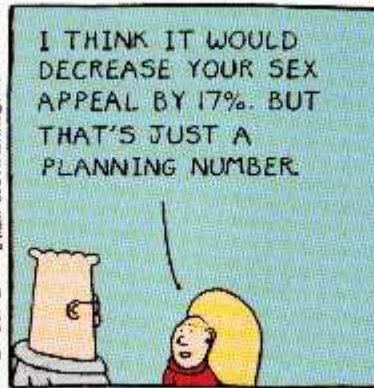
To be held at the Gardens Restaurant, 110 Marslands Road, Shirley  
 Sunday 6th August 2017 12.00pm  
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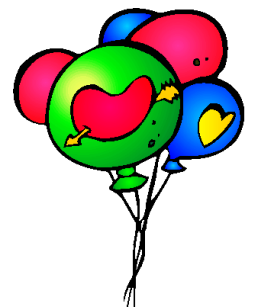
## July Meeting

This month we have Richard Smart ZL4FZ talking to us about the recent AREC involvement in a Sarex at Dip Flat.  
 Not to be missed



**\*\*July Happy Birthday's\*\***

Jim ZL3AGS



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**CALENDAR for 2017****General Meeting - Second Thursday at 1930 (7.30pm)**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-						13	10	14	12	9	7

**Committee Meeting - Fourth Thursday at 1930 (7.30pm)**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
						27	24	28	26	23	-

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