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“The Voice of Branch 68”

November 2015

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 November – ZL3HAM

November 12 General Meeting - “YJØX Post Cyclone Update” by Geoff ZL3GA

Branch 01 Ashburton

November 9 General Meeting - Les ZL3UX is host

Branch 05 Christchurch

November 4 General Meeting - “St. John Ambulance” by Michael MacLachlan
19 Day meeting (1300hrs)

Branch 56 Christchurch West

November 11 Free & Easy (1330hrs)
24 General Meeting

CARDS

November 18 General Meeting

Nets and Frequencies

Club HF 3.665MHz, 2030hrs 1st Thursday of the month

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 we climb out of the winter and start looking at the great outdoors again, it can be a good time to have a look at your antennas and ensure there in good condition for the upcoming season.

I had a small dabble at the biggest contest of the year the CQ World Wide SSB contest as our contest team were all busy. Unfortunately I had quite a lot of social engagements that weekend so was only able to manage Saturday afternoon, but the bands played well and I made a good showing.

Richard ZL4FZ gave us a great talk on baluns, and even though I had heard it before at EastFest there were still lots to understand about this topic.

I have just purchased an APRS radio through Tony ZL3HAM and am hoping to get this installed in the not too distant future, look out for some photos etc.

73 Don ZL3DMC

AREC Report

7,8th Nov Equestrian Endurance event, Hunter Hills, near Cave South Canterbury. This will be a combined branches event with personnel from Br 05, Br68, and Br 34 in Timaru.

13th December Kayak race, Waimak River. We will be assisting Br 05 with this event

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

Fri. 2/10/15. Unattended burn-off near Eyrewell Forest. One Forestry unit called to assist but stood down while en route as it was found to be a permitted burn and no action required.

Sun. 4/10/15. One Forestry unit called to a fire near Eyrewell Forest and a second unit called shortly after to a fire close to Ashley Forest, both caused by the extreme N-W winds. First unit then re-directed to assist at the second fire which required major resources to control it.

Wed. 7/10/15. Two Forestry units to assist at a major scrub fire near Oxford, again caused by the extreme winds this week.

Fri. 16/10/15 & Wed. 21/10/15. Assistance calls for one Forestry unit to previous slash burns re-kindled in gusty N-W winds. In both cases units were stood down while en route.

Don ZL3DMC, S/L
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Mt. Noble 6975

The repeater is working well with no known issues.

Mike ZL3AKZ

Mt. Grey 675

The repeater is working well with no known issues.

Geoff ZL3QR



An Unusual Radio Desk - W6TNS



November Meeting

Last month Richard ZL4FZ kindly gave us a talk and demo on Baluns, similar to the one given at EastFest, a splendid talk and well received by all those present. Thanks Richard we learnt a lot.

This month Geoff ZL3GA, following on from his excellent talk on YJØX in Vanuatu, will give us an update on the Island post cyclone. I know that Geoff and Francie have given a lot of assistance over there so this will be a very informative talk.



****November Happy Birthday's****

None known this month





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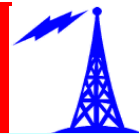
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CALENDAR for 2015

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Committee Meeting - Fourth Thursday at 1930 (7.30pm)

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