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**Last Meeting....**

The Branch was given a run down on the NZART AGM down south by Gavin ZL2TVM, who entertained us with a “birds eye” commentary on the whole business, and all the sidelines involved.... Now we look forward to the next NZART AGM which will be closer to home and perhaps give a few of us more of an opportunity to attend.

**Next Meeting**

The next Branch meeting will be on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. The guest speaker will be Mark ZL2 UFI , who will talk to us about his visit to Dayton (Ohio) for the Ham Fest held there annually. Mark is an entertaining and informative speaker and this should be a good evening.... Your attendance would be highly appreciated.

**Coming Events.**

Planning is in hand for the following monthly meetings.

SEPTEMBER : TBA

OCTOBER : Show and Tell. (Get those projects cracking!

NOVEMBER : Invitation to Branch 50/63 for a get together with the “Geriatric Group”  
Movie night.

DECEMBER : Branch BEANO.

**Branch Room Make Over...**

Members will have noticed the work done on the door of the building. Thanks again to Phil, Ted, Chris and all others involved it's all but complete and a new sign will be placed on the street side of the door requesting people not to park in front of our place, or on the footpath. The biggest offenders appear to be the trade vehicles using the commercial premises opposite .... They were asked (in extremely polite terms) to desist from parking across our doorway and on the footpath.... (Yeah Right).

The next internal and visible sign of improvement will be the installation of a radiant heater which will be time and thermostatically controlled, and which will be located above the whiteboard.

The soft drinks fridge is now more readily accessible and Jack ZL2AXY has been industriously unwinding the cable drums into more manageable "handy rolls" thus creating even more space at the end of the bench.... So if you want computer flat cable you do not have to take away a 2 mile length on a drum!

The Antenna entry into the building from the Beam has been tidied up internally and there is a much neater appearance to the whole bench set up... The external run into the building will also be modified in due course.

### **Grant from Community Trust**

The application to the Community Trust for financing equipment was accepted but not for the entire sum we asked for – fair enough, we did, however, and indeed get a grant that all but covered the cost of a new modern portable Generator...Branch funds made up the difference.

The next step with this generator is to do a comprehensive demo on a club night and produce a set of guidelines in its operation...

### **Reference Books**

Just a further reminder - Our library of reference and data books is still causing some storage problems. It has been decided that the more dated volumes will be removed and offered once again to members... No specific price - just a donation towards tea costs. Those books that are not uplifted within the next week or so will be "disposed" of.

### **Subscriptions.**

Thanks to all that paid their subs so promptly... there are still a few to come however, and notices to those concerned have been sent out..... Subs are our major source of finance and payments would be appreciated....

On this matter you will note that on the address label of your newsletter envelope is the date of your financial currency ... Should you receive a subs notice and have paid your sub over the last week or two please ignore the form....

**Equipment Donation....**

Many thanks to the Emergency management office – through Alan Thompson – for the donation of a number of EMO Surplus radio equipment. Tait's (VHF) , c/w power units, and a Tiny 2 modem. . The Tea funds swelled very smartly after Alan's visit on the Friday night!!! = See! Pays to be on the spot.

**Repeater Performance/ Utilisation @ 19<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Cumulative totals:** 2 meters - 2117 hours  
70 cm - 5250 hours

**Monthly totals** : 2 meter) - 5 hours  
70 Cm - 8 hours

I regret the absence of the comparative graphs, but my Excel program is doing funny things.... Back next month.. as normal- I hope.

**HUMOUR**

They Walk Among Us

Some guy bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front yard and hung a sign on it saying: "Free to good home. You want it, you take it."

For three days the fridge sat there without even one person looking twice at it. He eventually decided that people were too untrusting of this deal. It looked to good to be true, so he changed the sign to read: "Fridge for sale \$50." The next day someone stole it.

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While looking at a house, my brother asked the real estate agent which direction was north because, he explained, he didn't want the sun waking him up every morning. She asked, "Does the sun rise in the North?" When my brother explained that the sun rises in the East, and has for sometime, she shook her head and said, "Oh, I don't keep up with that stuff."

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I used to work in technical support for a 24/7 call centre. One day I got a call from an individual who asked what hours the call centre was open. I told him, "The number you dialled is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week."

He responded, "Is that Eastern or Pacific time?" Wanting to end the call quickly, I said, "Uh, Pacific" . . .

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My colleague and I were eating our lunch in our cafeteria, when we overheard one of the administrative assistants talking about the sunburn she got on her weekend drive to the shore. She drove down in a convertible, but "didn't think she'd get sunburned because the car was moving". . .

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My sister has a lifesaving tool in her car it's designed to cut through a seat belt if she gets trapped. She keeps it in the trunk...

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My friends and I were on a beer run and noticed that the cases were discounted 10%. Since it was a big party, we bought 2 cases. The cashier multiplied 2 times 10% and gave us a 20% discount...

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I was hanging out with a friend when we saw a woman with a nose ring attached to an earring by a chain. My friend said, "Wouldn't the chain rip out every time she turned her head?" I explained that a person's nose and ear remain the same distance apart no matter which way the head is turned...

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I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area. So I went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that my bags never showed up. She smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional and I was in good hands. "Now she asked me, "has your plane arrived yet?" ...

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While working at a pizza parlour I observed a man ordering a small pizza to go. He appeared to be alone and the cook asked him if he would like it cut into 4 pieces or 6. He thought about it for some time before responding. "Just cut it into 4 pieces; I don't think I'm hungry enough to eat 6 pieces.

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## **HUMOUR 2**

An Irishman, a Mexican and a **Blonde Guy** were doing construction work on scaffolding on the 20th floor of a building.

They were eating lunch and the Irishman said, "Corned beef and cabbage! If I get corned beef and cabbage one more time for lunch, I'm going to jump off this building."

The Mexican opened his lunch box and exclaimed, "Burritos again! If I get burritos one more time I'm going to jump off, too."

The blonde opened his lunch and said, " Bologna again! If I get a bologna sandwich one more time, I'm jumping too."

The next day, the Irishman opened his lunch box, saw corned beef and cabbage, and jumped to his death.

The Mexican opened his lunch, saw a burrito, and jumped, too.

The blonde guy opened his lunch, saw the bologna and jumped to his death as well.

At the funeral, the Irishman's wife was weeping. .She said, "If I'd known how Really tired he was of corned beef and cabbage, I never would have given it to him again!"

The Mexican's wife also wept and said, "I could have given him tacos or enchiladas! I didn't realize he hated burritos so much."

Everyone turned and stared at the blonde's wife. The blonde's wife said, "Don't look at me. The idiot makes his own lunch."

That is enough for this month.

Thanks for the donations of jokes.... I cannot publish all but do appreciate the efforts people are making to add a bit of humour to the newsletter... Thanks to all of you...

Thanks too to the people who e-mailed me and the one that phoned about errors I had made in last month's Newsletter.... Thanks for helping me to maintain given standards.. Hi hi.....

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So that will be it for this time.... Get Well soon Ted....

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