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**Last Meeting....**

The last meeting was of course our Annual General Meeting – which I have to say was held on a night when the weather outside was anything but friendly – and because of that I would like to thank all those that attended.

The new President of the Branch is Barry Warner (ZL2HO) – a very welcome appointment. Also new to the existing committee is Don Cuthbert (ZL2DON) who has, on more than one occasion, given us entertaining and informative talks.

The meeting was also addressed by the NZART President Bruce (ZL2WP) who gave us a bit of a bird's eye view of the NZART AGM, and his experiences of the WIA conference in Australia....

There were no remits for Branch consideration at our AGM..

All in all an entertaining night.

## **FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING.... (19<sup>th</sup> June)**

### **1. Newsletter distribution:**

The first committee meeting of the new "Term" with Barry in the chair was relatively quiet; however some relevant points were raised. One was the matter of distribution of the newsletter... E-mail? Or postage? Or a combination of both or as individual members wanted.... After some discussion it was agreed that the procedure as it is now would continue. However at the next sub renewal date (2007) the opportunity would be given for members to vote on the methodology....

### **2. Grant from Community Trust**

The application to the Community Trust which had been forwarded was returned to us as we had not filled in the "Current form" - Apparently the format had changed without our knowledge of such massive bureaucratic requirements. However the new form was duly completed and re-forwarded. Just to bring you up to date - we are applying for a Lap top Computer, a Video projector and a new Generator.... It will probably be a while before we hear how fortunate or unfortunate we may be. The reasons given for these needs are Training and education services, and the necessity to meet Amateur Radio Emergency Communications responsibilities

### **3. Club heating Requirement**

It was also agreed that we should update the heating processes in the room and to this Ted (ZL2TED) has offered to find an appropriate unit – Desirably this will be fitted over the whiteboard, and be more efficient than the existing portable units

### **4. Security**

The refurbishment of the door in efforts to make it more secure are well underway as are the security bars over the windows in the "Transmitter room" ...

### **5. Reference Books**

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

### **6. Footpath Repairs**

Members will note that the footpath outside the club rooms has been very nicely repaired. Our attention has been drawn to the fact that parking of vehicles on this surface will not **help in maintaining a good surface. So folk – PLEASE – refrain**

**from parking on there.** Council will be patrolling at random intervals, and they have been known to patrol at night! – Over to you.

### **Next meeting.....**

The next meeting will be on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** starting at 7.30 pm.... Unless, of course, the access to our Birch Street premises is blocked with glacial snow. At this meeting Gavin ZL2TVM will debrief us on the NZART AGM on the matter of Remits etc.... .

### **Subscriptions.**

The last newsletter also enclosed a subscription renewal form, and a number of members have already renewed their subs, for which many thanks.... Subs are in fact due NOW so your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated. Please pay your sub WITH the form as the sub form is used as an audit facility to check membership data..... Some mail addresses and e-mail addresses have changed and advice of these changes was not formally received.... Over to you!

On this matter you will note that on the address label is the date of sub currency ... if you have paid your sub as at the 23<sup>rd</sup> June and this change is not noted on the label – PLEASE advise the Secretary, and our Treasurer..

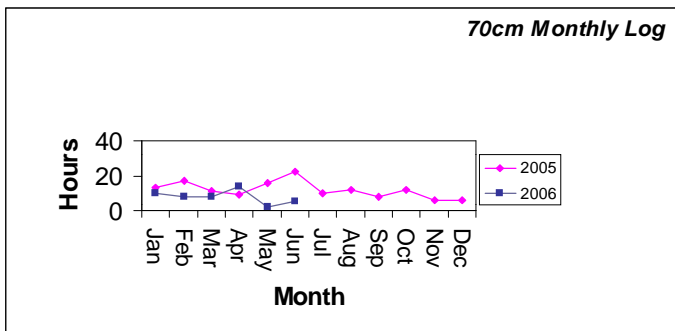
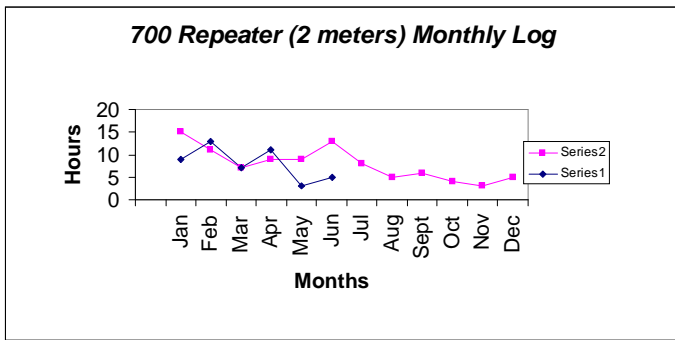
### **Computer Usage**

Branch member's attention is drawn to the somewhat "ad hoc" use the Branch Admin Computer. As this particular computer (the one under the Repeater box) holds all the Branch Admin records it would be appreciated if "general purpose use" is done on the No 2 Dell – up by the Fridge – if there is material on the Admin Computer that you would like and/or require a copy – or indeed you wish to put something ON it, then all that is necessary is to confirm with either the Secretary (Chris ZL2POS) or Treasurer (Gavin ZL2TVM) before you do so, specifying exactly what you wish to do on the machine. The last thing we need is to lose data or records, or corruption through a slight mishap. Your co-operation is requested in this matter... Oh before someone points it out – YES WE HAVE BACK UPS, but controlled use is just a matter of prudence.

### **Repeater Performance/ Utilisation**

**Cumulative totals:** 2 meters – 2113 hours  
70 cm - 5242 hours

**Monthly totals** 2 meter (710 repeater) 5 hours -  
70 Cm (70 cm repeater) 5 hours –



**Interesting – identical hours on both repeaters! An increase on last month too!**

**New Member.**

Welcome to our latest new member : CLAYTON GUMBRELL ZL3TKA.

**Humour: (1)**

A little girl walks in to the lounge one Sunday morning while her Dad is reading the paper.

"Where does poo come from?" she asks.

The father feeling a little perturbed that his 5 year old daughter is already asking difficult questions thinks for a moment and says:

"Well you know we just ate breakfast?"

"Yes," answers the girl.

"Well the food goes into our tummies and our bodies take out all the good stuff, and then whatever is left over comes out of our bums when we go to the toilet, and that is poo."

The little girl looks shocked, and stares at him in stunned silence for a few seconds and asks:

And Tigger?"

## **Humour (2)**

### **PERKS OF BEING OVER 70**

1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
2. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
3. No one expects you to run--anywhere.
4. People call at 9 PM and ask, "Did I wake you?"
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
7. Things you buy now won't wear out.
8. You can eat dinner at 4 PM.
9. You can live without sex but not your glasses.
10. You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.
11. You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
12. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
13. You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.
14. You sing along with elevator music.
15. Your eyes won't get much worse.
16. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
17. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
18. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
19. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
20. You can't remember who sent you this list.

## Adieu

Well that is it for this month.... If this letter is a day or so late my apologies, but I have been very very busy – believe me!

Cheers

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