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**Comment Alley...**

Everyone will be pleased to hear that ZL2TED (Ted to his mates), is now out of hospital and taking things easy.... All the very best Ted and hope to see you taking part in the "Round the Island" marathon again very shortly...(4WD vehicles will be allocated to you for support purposes)....

**Last Meeting**

The last Branch meeting was addressed by Mark ZL2 UFI, who talked to us about his visit to Dayton (Ohio) for the "Hamvention" held there annually. Mark made the evening entertaining and informative, and gave us some perspective to the size of the event. It was colossal..... the members that attended thoroughly enjoyed the talk. Pity the meeting was a bit light on the attendance side of things...

**Next Meeting**

**The next meeting will be on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7,30 pm** This meeting will be addressed by ZL2AMJ and will cover the matter of Liaison with bodies of government and others as related to his appointment as the Liaison Officer at NZART. Fred is an entertaining speaker and we will all learn a lot about what is going on around us in the Radio World... Come one – Come all

**Coming Events.**

The following events are now timetabled for your information...

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

NOVEMBER : (1) The "Geriatric Group" Afternoon get together with a n invite to Branch 50 and 63

(2) Movie night.

DECEMBER : Branch BEANO.

### **From the Committee Table:**

President Barry will be away for a while and Bob will stand in for the period of Barry's absence.

A new Battery has been purchased for the 700 repeater... it has been tested and gone through a "Discharge/Charge" cycle and will be installed by the time you get this newsletter.

The infrared heater has been wired up and installed – A great improvement on the small portables that have given such sterling service for such a long time.....

Some discussion on the "Monday Night meetings ensued on the "numbers of people attending ....." The attendance is light, that is accepted and we would like some feed back on what YOU the members would like to see as meeting topics..... It is proposed that we formulate a "survey" on the matter, but in the meantime members ideas on topics would be appreciated.

### **From the National Association Front...**

Firstly from Jim ZL2BHF in the issue of HOIL dated 20 August:

This issue of HQIL is my final issue as your editor. Since my suggestion to NZART Council of the benefits of having such a HQ publication in November 2000 and commencing as the HQIL Editor with Issue # 1 in January 2001, 121 issues of Headquarters Info-Line have been compiled and e-mailed.

Now it's time for a change and for me, more time to pursue other interests. None of my other involvements and activities with NZART are changed. I have pleasure in informing you that my replacement was appointed on the last NZART Council Net and is Jamie Pye ZL2NN. Jamie is an Honorary Life Member of NZART and has been actively involved in a wide range of NZART activities for the last forty plus years. Thank you Jamie and welcome!

**The NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM expressed an appreciation which I am sure we all support and said:**

**A special thanks...**I think it is timely to pay a special tribute to Jim ZL2BHF as this is his last edition as Editor of HQ Info-line. Jim was not only the mastermind of this very informative,

very regular fortnightly publication, but gave the Association the perfect opportunity to ensure accurate records of many contests, repeater changes, updates on the IARU, examinations and many more important aspects of amateur radio a forum to be heard.

Jim, although at times, you're insistence that I place just 'something' in HQIL became slightly an annoyance, as believe it or not, I don't always have something to say! I wish to thank you on behalf of your many readers for your continued commitment to all things amateur radio and most importantly NZART. I now look forward to working with Jamie Pye ZL2NN, the new HQ Info-line Editor.

#### **A further reminder on subscriptions from Debby ZL2TDM”:**

**Subscriptions...**For those of your who missed the last issue of HQIL, just wanted to remind you that subs can be paid online. NZART account details are **BNZ 02 0772 0209760 00**, please quote your membership number (where known) in the reference field, otherwise your call sign.

A letter from The President of NZART on the twitchy matter of ATV Frequencies....

#### **Operating on the 614-622 MHz band**

The recent GURL for Amateur Radio Operators that came into force on 1 July 2006 removed the band 614 to 622 MHz from the schedule of bands available to radio amateurs with an operator's certificate and current callsign. This band had been used for the output from the many ATV repeaters throughout the land as well as for the usual amateur radio experiments and contests.

The MED RSM, pursuant to a Cabinet decision, is creating a Management Right for the spectrum block 614 to 646 MHz. A Management Right automatically cancels any radio licences in the included bands. The MED intends issuing Spectrum Licences to NZART for the ATV installations and their operation will continue.

Provision for individual amateurs with an operator's certificate and current callsign to operate from time-to-time on the 614 to 622 MHz band for experiments and for contests has now been restored by a new arrangement. Fred ZL2AMJ and Doug ZL2TAR met with two officials from the MED and an agreement for the continued use of this band has been developed. The "rules" are different to what we are accustomed to and are expressed in the NZART policy document **attached to this issue of HQ- Info-Line**. This is NOT an amateur band, but by these conditions being within the engineering profile of a covering ATV Spectrum Licence, amateurs continue to have access. This provision is for NZART members, the Spectrum Licence being in the name of NZART. Enquiries to FMTAG.

#### **The Cost of running repeaters:**

There has been quite a bit of discussion on air and in the Break-In and the HQIL regarding the cost and the resultant decision not to pay the amount requested by Government sources for Repeaters that are now in the name of NZART.... This matter was discussed at the NZART AGM and can be followed up in the Break In and the last but one HQ Info Line.....

When considering this matter think on this fact.

“61% of Amateurs that use nation wide repeaters are NOT members of NZART” To pay the amount being suggested means that 39% of all amateurs are paying for everyone....”

As they say in parts of the world... “Think on it!”

### **Reference Books**

I mentioned this in the last newsletter – there are still a few Reference books and data manuals awaiting disposal... Grab them now or lose them.... They are certainly not being used generally – OTY.

### **Subscriptions.**

There are still a few to come. Subs are our major source of finance and payments would be appreciated....

### **Wanted:**

**Does ANYONE have a User Manual for the 1996 Version of the Tiny 2? If so please contact me or Bob ZL2ASO. A temporary loan would be much appreciated.**

### **Repeater Performance/ Utilisation @ 19<sup>th</sup> August**

Cumulative totals: 2 meters - 2123 hours  
70 cm - 5262 hours

Monthly totals : 2 meter) - 6 hours  
70 Cm - 12 hours

### **HUMOUR**

When you have an "I Hate My Job" day, try this:

On your way home from work, stop at your pharmacy and go to the thermometer section and purchase a rectal thermometer made by Johnson & Johnson. Be very sure you get this brand.

When you get home, lock your doors, draw the curtains and disconnect the phone so you will not be disturbed.

Change into very comfortable clothing and sit in your favourite chair. Open the package and remove the thermometer!.

Now, carefully place it on a table or a surface so that it will not become chipped or broken.

Now the fun part begins.

Take out the literature and read it carefully.

You will notice that in small print there is a statement which says,  
"Every Rectal Thermometer made by Johnson & Johnson is personally tested".

Now, close your eyes and repeat out loud five times, "I am so glad I do not work in the Thermometer quality control at Johnson & Johnson."

HAVE A NICE DAY AND REMEMBER, THERE IS ALWAYS SOMEONE ELSE WITH A JOB THAT IS MORE OF A PAIN IN THE ASS THAN YOURS.

## Humour 2

Now we had a spell of "Blonde Joke" for a while. Here now is one that proves that Blondes are not so dumb after all – as this Blonde lass explains.....

Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive double-pane energy-efficient kind.

Yesterday, I got a call from the contractor who installed them.

He was complaining that the windows had been installed a whole year ago and I hadn't paid for them yet.

Hellloooo? Now just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So I told him just exactly what his fast-talking sales guy had told ME last year... namely, that in just ONE YEAR these windows would pay for themselves! Helllooooo"? (I told him). "It's been a year"!

There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally I just hung up.... He hasn't called back, probably too embarrassed about forgetting the guarantee they made me. Bet he won't underestimate a blonde anymore

ADIEU

So for this time.... Reservoir - *Dave* ZL2 DSW



