

April 2026



ZL1REG Radio Nets

Here is a list of Radio nets that the Club runs weekly.
I have also added nets that are located near us for your information.

VHF Net Sundays 7.30pm on the ZL1REG Repeater 147.125Mhz No tone

6 Mtr SSB Net Thursdays 1900hrs 53.000 Mhz We are using USB. NC ZL1SE

2 Mtr SSB net Thursdays 7.30pm 144.220 USB NC ZL2CJ

HF Net Thursdays 8 pm 7133Khz LSB NC ZL1PO

Sunday Night 1900. 432.220 USB

NON Branch related nets

Every day except Sunday 9am on 147.125 Local 2 Mtr net. Net Controller ZL2BAT
Brian (2) We call this the "Welfare" net

Every Sunday 9am Waitomo Net on 147.375 Net Controller ZL1HZ Mick -ZL1IZ

Sunday 0830 ZL1VK Papakura Radio Club net 146.625

Feel free to contact me if you think other nets of interest could be added here.

**April Club meeting Saturday 11th April 1300 at the Glenview Club rooms.
Topic- AGM**

Editors Note:

Well Im back home and still recovering from the jetlag. The trip went really well and we saw lots and took heaps of photos. Highlight being the passage through the Panama Canal.

I didnt do a lot of radio type activities while I was away. Took the M1KE and was able to connect via my cellphone hotspot while the phone was connected to the ships very good Starlink wifi. Reports of my audio were very good.

A week later we went down to the SI to see my Family in ChCh. Good time and I was able to connect with 705 VHF repeater very well with my Radtel 920 HH. The National System was working but not so a good connection it seems at my QTH. Ill add a few pics of the Panama Canal transit for interest.

Another interesting highlight was a visit to the Queen Mary which is permanently moored at Long Beach, Los Angeles. My main interest was the Radio Room which is the HQ for W6RO. Unfortunately it wasnt manned the day I visited. So I was able to take a few photos though the window.

The AGM is coming in April so please give some thought to Club activities and what you can possibly offer.

Good to participate in various nets on my return. The Club 40 mtr net on thursday night is still well attended. Will be moving to 80 mtrs shortly.

Next months newsletter will have an article by Club member Karsten ZL1KPB on RTL- SDR Demodulator

Club Website now Live [Radio Electronics Group \(REG\) - ZL1REG |](#)

[Amateur Radio Club Hamilton, New Zealand](#)

Ham Radio Vlogs-Use full [AmateurRadio.com](#) • [Ham Radio Blog](#)

[Ham Radio Resources: The Top Blogs and Websites \(hamradioprepper.com\)](#)

[My Amateur Radio Story & My Advice for New Hams \(youtube.com\)](#)

[KM1NDY – A Secret Little Adventure Ham Radio Blog](#)

[\(2\) Radio Electronic Group \(Inc\) | Facebook](#) this is our own Club Facebook Page

[The Best Ham Radio Cartoons PART TWO \(youtube.com\)](#)

[Ham Humor | NewHams.info](#)

<https://www.voacap.com/hf/> Propagation predictions and long/short path calculations

<https://www.arnewslines.org/> Amateur Radio Newslines this is what is broadcast on the NZART national broadcast BTW.

Hamradio Blogs best: <https://hamradioplanet.com/top-10-ham-radio-blogs-and-websites-to-follow/>

<https://hamweekly.com/>

[SWS - Global HF - Ionospheric Map](#) [The Australian Bureau of meteorology. Australian Space Weather Forecasting Centre](#)

[DXNews.com DX Calendar December 2025](#) This site changes monthly and lists the DX stations and their details

RSM Silent Key Call Sign List

If you are entering the hobby or want to change your existing call sign for a new one check the RSM listing of vacant call signs.

[Silent keys | Radio Spectrum Management New Zealand](#)

[Sites WaiPlenty Network](#) [Pics and details of the Waikato VHS Group](#)

Informal Meet up

Every 2 weeks there is an informal catch-up of Hams at the Workingmen's club on a Tuesday at 1730 hrs. April 7th/^{21st} meet-ups are good to catch up have a chat, drink and a feed. Add it to your calendar.

REG Equipment Library : For some time now REG have had an equipment library, made up of items generously donated by our members and others outside the club. This is made up of a handheld UHF/VHF FM dual-bander, dual band FM mobile, various power supplies and a range of test equipment. We have a book as the central equipment register, where members can book out equipment items for up to 3 months at a time.

We don't have any HF rigs at present, so if you have one gathering dust, and would like to donate them, that would be fantastic. Our club 'Equipment Librarian' is Kevin ZL2TKH (021-441999) who can answer any questions, and book out equipment.

Club UHF Repeater: Is now operational. Rx 433.875, Tx 438.875 No tone.

Net Controllers required.

The Club needs Radio Operators that can operate on 40 and 80 Mtrs on our Club nets.
7133Khz and 3615 Khz
This is every Thursday at 2000hrs.

We need several to make up a roster as back up to run our Club nets.
Its certainly a good way to learn radio protocols.
Instruction and assistance would be given to prospective candidates.
Feel free to contact:
ZL1PO and ZL2CJ if you have any questions as to what the role requires.

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Each Tuesday in April – **Autumn Sprints**
● 11th and 12th **Low Band (VHF) Contest**

Google Gmail HF Net Calendar

If you want a link to the Gmail HF net calendar then please contact myself. It has all the known HF nets throughout ZL. This list is monitored to ensure accuracy. You have the ability to turn it off/on which is a bonus. The link below should work as well
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=myzl1cjh%40gmail.com&ctz=Pacific%2FAuckland>

New Zealand and Australia Amateur Radio Magazine download:

There are many issues to download now. They are a good read. I have a small article in issue 3 on the Google HF net Calendar. Have a look around the website as well where they sell antennas, radios, and accessories. [New Zealand and Australian Amateur New Zealand Radio Magazine – The Ham Shack](#)

NZART Centenary Info

[NZART Centenary 2026 | New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters](#)

Im booked to attend conference this year and im looking forward to as my 1st national conference attended.

Hamcram April 2026

Will not be happening this year as not enough candidates unfortunately. The next one will be happening in October. So please let your contacts know !! We have dates set up for individuals during the year so please pass the word.

Jock White Memorial Field Day Contest Weekend Report.

28th Feb / 1st.March. 2026.

By ZL1PO John Lisignoli.

Mid morning on Saturday the Team arrived at the clubrooms all very eager to get stuck in.

We drew up a plan of setting up and testing both 40m and 80m station antennas before a wedding ceremony took place in the park at 3pm.

The new club pole sets 40m and 80m antennas were erected and tested. Two 50m runs of RG58 coax stretched out between the antennas and the intended tents sites. Following that the 80m antenna was then withdrawn from the field leaving the 40m antenna in place.

To kill time Chris ZL2TCH deployed and demonstrated his digital station.

The REG 3x6m car tent was assembled on the cricket pitch along with tables and chairs ready for some lunch.

At 3pm, 40m was activated by Brett ZL1BRT on the Icom IC725.

After the wedding ceremony had dispersed the 80m antenna was stood up and the 2 club tents were set up on the embankment under shade from the trees.

The Team then grabbed the car tent legs and marched the assembled 3x6 tent off the cricket pitch up onto the embankment positioning it over the picnic table. A prime social spot with river and Hamilton Garden views.

John ZL1HEX started the generator and Kevin ZL2TKH served coffee.

Kevin ZL2TKH set up and demonstrated his Hustler HF vertical antenna monitoring station.

ZL1REG was on the air and logging 80m contacts around 5pm.

Late afternoon and through the evening the Hamilton Garden music festival kept us entertained as did a vocal party further up stream. Surprisingly no fireworks from the Hamilton Gardens this year.

Worms were wriggling so around 6pm some of the group dined in the Glenview club and others followed later.

As night fell 12v LED strip lighting illuminated the tents.

BBQ sausages and barista coffee kept the Team and visitors fuelled.

The Team worked right through till midnight and fired up again at 6am.

Surprisingly this year there was no sign of dew in the tents.

The Team kept slogging away and things tended to taper off Sunday mid afternoon.

We broke camp and carted everything back to the clubrooms.

Luckily the forecasted rain held off till we were all packed up with a light drizzle around 4pm.

We all look forward to the announcement of the official results.

Huge thanks to all who assisted, operated and visited.

Peter ZL1HAD for the BBQ.

Kevin ZL1KRH for his barista skills.

John ZL1HEX for the generator.

Russell ZL1RWR supplied 4 x 12v100Ahr batteries with just 2 being used for this event.

Martin ZL1MX who donated the Yaesu FT897 to the club.

Les ZL1KF who donated the Icom IC725 to the club.

Both radios worked flawlessly over the weekend.

Appreciated were the visitors including 4 friendly dogs.

Transmitting attendees:

ZL4ST Thomas Steel

ZL1BRT Brett Martin with dog Tygy

ZL1HEX John Burns.

ZL1MED Bradley and XYL Lesly

ZL2TCH Chris Herd

ZL1TKG Vern with dog Sug

ZL1TD Chey

ZL1PO John Lisignoli camp chef

Attendees:

ZL1HAD Peter, daughter and son

ZL1TKH Kevin.Camp barrista with his HF monitor station

ZL1PDM Peter Mahon and Chester

ZL2CWA Craig and Lester

ZL1PGT Laurance and XYL from Te Awamutu.

ZL1KM Kiely Petersen

ZL1DY Deborah

ZL1SB Steve

It's never too early to start planning for the 2027 JWMFD.

73 de ZL1PO. John Lisignoli



The ZL2TKH RX antenna

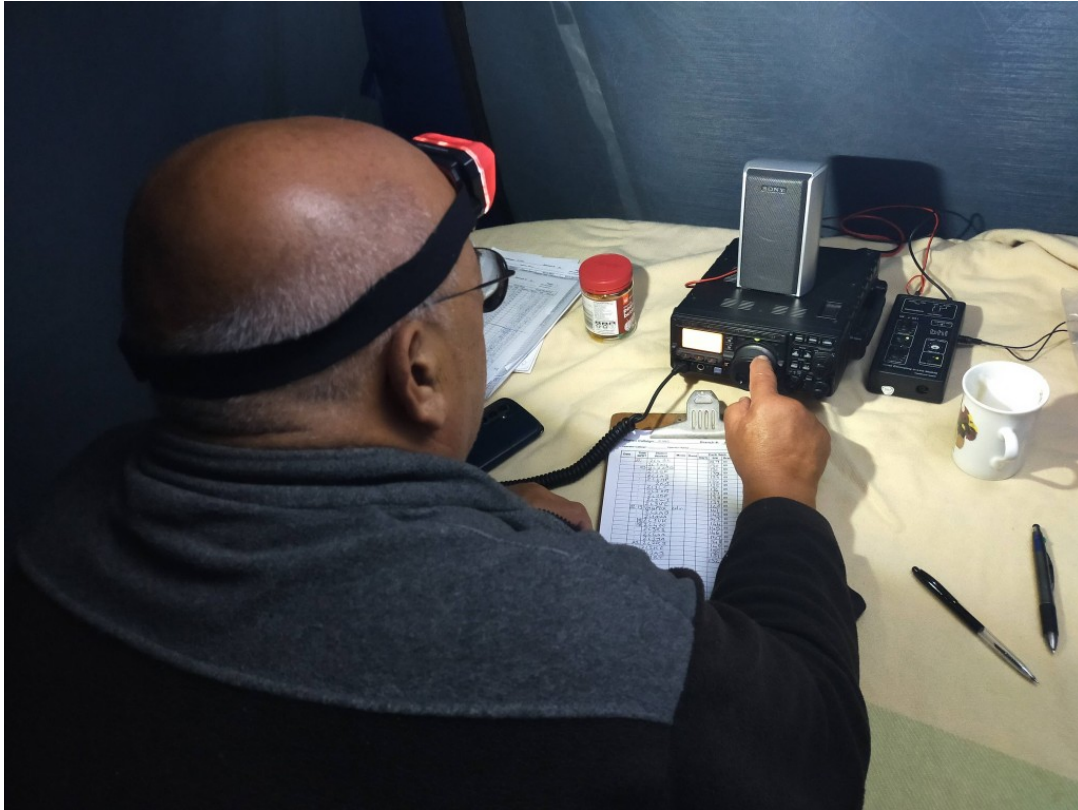
ZL1BRT in the Park



ZL1MED Bradely in the clubs 40m tent working the ICOM IC725. His first Field Day. He took to it like a duck to water.



Brett ZL1BRT now under cover going strong on 40m with sleeping quarters in the back ground.



John ZL1PO on 80m spinning Yaesu FT857 controls.

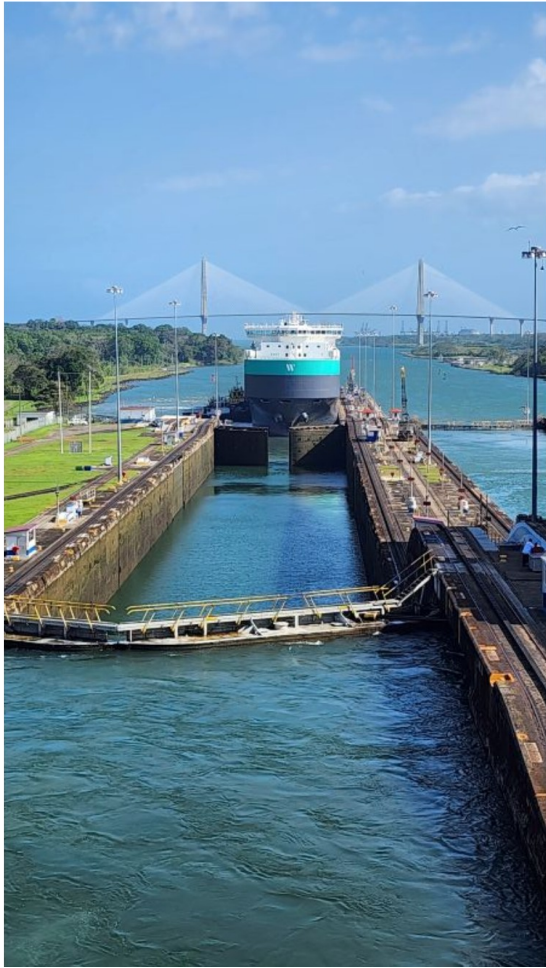
ZL2CJ Panama Canal Transit March 2nd East West direction. Island Princess.

A few photos of the day. My XYL was able to get a screen shot of the Ship going through by one of the webcams as well. We had good weather and at the end of the transit we stayed the night at Port Amador (Panama City) Lots of ships waiting to cross both ways. Interesting fact. The cruise ships pay a premium to book to go through roughly \$100,000 USD. You can wait in line if you dont want to book. We were on the old Locks and the new Mega Container ships go through the new locks. All in all it was an amazing experience. Have some videos as well.





These are the mules that guide the ship



Viewing Platform for the canal.

Queen Mary Radio Room-QTH Long Beach Los Angeles.



W6RO



Unfortunately the station was not manned that day !! so had to take the pics from outside. But it is part of a Club station now.

Being playing around with a bit of AI over the last few months at night school. Have made it into a QSL as well. Here is a sample of what I created



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Sample AI work I did after my course.

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Hours of Operation

Monday	3:30pm - 7:30pm
Tuesday	3:30pm - 7:30pm
Wednesday	3:30pm - Late
Thursday	3:30pm - Late
Friday	3:30pm - Late
Saturday	1:00pm - Late
Sunday	11:00am - 7:30pm

Peacockes Restaurant Hours

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Sunday Brunch

11:00am - 2:00pm