

June 2025



ZL1REG Radio Nets

Here is a list of Radio nets that the Club runs on a weekly basis.
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

2 Mtr SSB net Thursdays 7.15pm 144.220 SSB

HF Net Thursdays 8 pm 3.615 Mhz

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.

Next Club meeting Saturday 14th June, 1300 at the Glenview Club rooms

Editors Note:

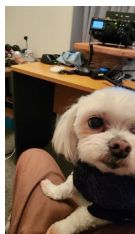
Well hello everyone, just returned from the big OE this morning (30/5/25) and I can report we had a good trip. My highlight was the 12 day road trip through BC and Alberta. 3400 kms travelled in 12 days. Our Cruise started off in Hawaii and we had two port stops, 1st was Hilo where we had a rental car through Turo and we went on the Volcanic Rim Rd. 2nd port was Kailua-Kona where we had a tour of a coffee outlet and bought home a 200gm bag to sample. Of course on the wrong side of the road, I think I managed quite well and recall only 2 minor mix ups. I didn't do much radio activities whilst away however. The cruise ship wifi appeared to block access to the remote station. Then when I was on the rd the timing was all wrong to catch up on the morning welfare net. The Icefield Parkway driving through the Rockies must truly be one of the world's best scenic routes. I was able to drive then walk onto Athabasca Glacier. This highway goes from Jasper to Lake Louise. We also did a side road trip up SH 1A which unfortunately was still closed to protect the animals in one big section. The Audi Q5 we rented from Avis was a very nice ride. The price of petrol was definitely a little cheaper. It used 91 octane and the average price /litre would have been Can \$ 1.70 which at today's rate would be 2.08 NZ\$ but then NZ taxes to go on top.

I wonder how many folk went to the NZART Convention this year, over King's birthday weekend, unfortunately too close to getting home from our holiday. Hopefully next year in Auckland for me to attend my 1st NZART conference.

New in I have ordered the M1KE from RF Shark who make the Open Spots. It's basically a WLAN transceiver and can communicate with all the Digital networks, DMR, Dstar, C4FM using wifi. Ordered last Tuesday and it will be here next Tuesday from Estonia.

I have attached with this newsletter and article Brett Martin ZL1BRT originally wrote for Br 81 (Waikato VHF Group) Newsletter on Meshtastic developments, equipment. I thank Brett and Br 81 for permission to include with this newsletter.

Chris Hattan Editor ZL2CJ



I'd like to thank the folk that do send me articles for the newsletter.

Ham Radio Vlogs-Use full [AmateurRadio.com](https://www.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/>

Informal Meet up

Every 2 weeks there is an informal catch up of Hams at the Workingmens club on a Tuesday at 1730 hrs. June meet ups are 6th and 20th Good to catch up have a chat, drink and a feed. Add it to your calendar.

QSL Bureau: Incoming cards are received and sorted by Peter ZL1AAM and xyl Brenda.

Cards can be uplifted by :

1. Supplying a stamped addressed envelope or mailing package if large numbers are expected. Preferred stamps are KIWI stamps.

Postage charges and size and weight limits are available from Post shops or on the NZPO website.

2. Via your local Club-as above. Cards for all members on a list supplied by the relevant club are posted in bulk for distribution by the club.

If you not wish to receive cards we would appreciate advice to this effect.

Unclaimed cards will be held for 6 months before being disposed off.

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.

This can be for newbies, once they have their callsign, to help them try some gear and then decide what they would like to purchase. 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.

Hamcram 2025

Hamcram this year will be held on the weekend of 16-17th August. Principally by Warren ZL2AJ with the help from club members. We are looking for someone to oversee this. There are forms available that can help with the organisation. Of course if you have any friends/family that may be interested please let them know.

Branch 89 Sale Day brief report: 10th May

Well it really started with John looking for someone to co-ordinate the sale day, as time was running out to place an ad in the "Break-In".

So I thought I'd sort out the ad. Then I realised I'd better check on the availability of the River View Lounge. Oh I couldn't get our usual 3rd Saturday of May, so I weighed up the available Saturdays and went for the 10th, then sorted out the Ad.

That seemed to do it, it now made me the Sale Day Co-ordinator !

I got a copy of last years sale day planning, and basically followed that. I started by sending out an Email with a flyer and table order form to all those from last year.

That's when I discovered that several from last year were away etc, and couldn't make it on the 10th. So then I contacted as many others as I could think of... It's surprising how many had changed their Emails from the previous year.

Following the table layout plan I had I finally got the table count up to about 27.

Which I thought was the max. Note that out of the table count REG had 3 tables, and one other person had a credit of 5 table spaces that were table spaces that didn't have income.

As it happened there was 3 table sales on the day. BUT somehow we ended up with plenty of table room.

John took care of organising the menu from the GV club.

On the day approx double the number of punters turned up than I had spoken to. So that was good.

As you will have noticed I had a new person Joanne running the tea & Coffee stand as she wanted to sell her confectionery items as well, This was a bit of an issue and may not happen again,

Joanne is a ham and does hold a call sign. The tea & coffee went well and returned a tidy sum for us.

As usual there was a lot of Ham socialising and catch-up going on throughout the morning.

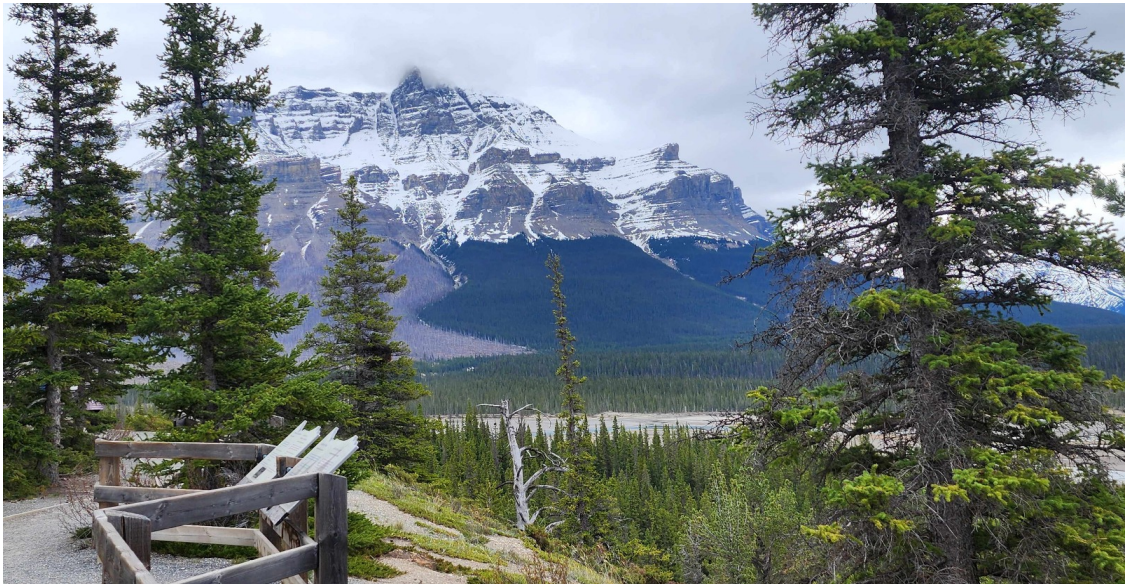
The door prize (\$50) was won by ticket Red 29. This went to ZL2BJN , I think was his call sign.

I think the day went well, and I did get several good comments from different people.

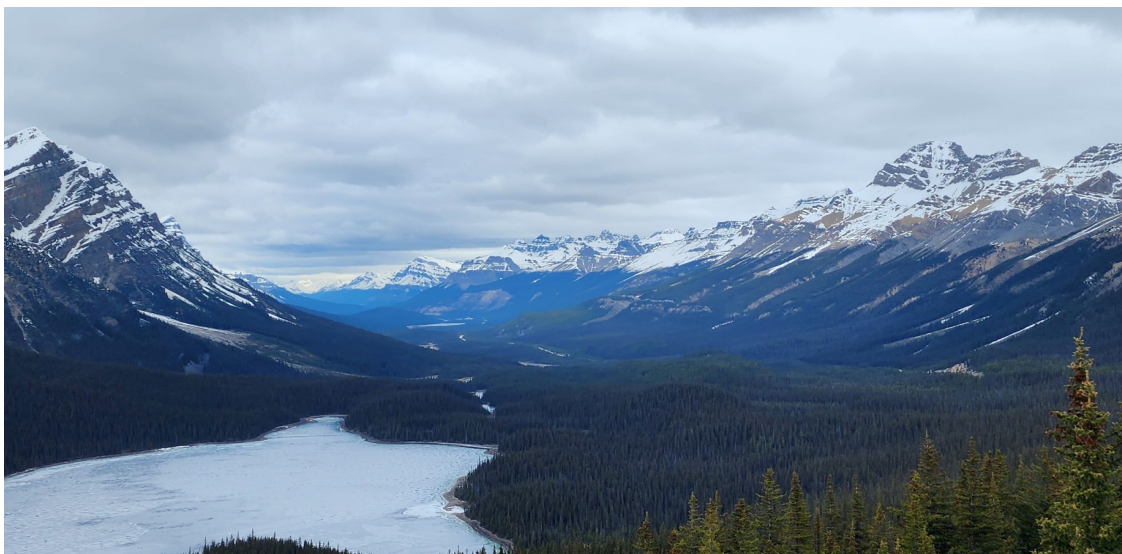
NOTE the River View Lounge has already been booked for 2026, and I'm looking forward to who is going to run the sale next year. !

73's Steve. ZL1FS

Some pics from our holiday



Lake Peto





Bow Lake

General Road scene



Yours truly

We can be found on Facebook look us up: [Radio Electronic Group \(Inc\) | Facebook](#)

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Typical Rockies view- Canmore BC Below Morants Curve



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Hours of Operation

Monday	330pm - 730pm
Tuesday	330pm - 730pm
Wednesday	330pm - Late
Thursday	330pm - Late
Friday	330pm - Late
Saturday	100pm - Late
Sunday	11:00am - 7:30pm

Peacockes Restaurant Hours

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Sunday Brunch

11:00am - 2:00pm