

# Ham Hum

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The Hamilton Amateur Radio Club (Inc.)  
Branch 12 of NZART - ZL1UX  
Active in Hamilton since 1923



## National System Award 2010

1 January—7 February

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**Next General Meeting**

**17 Feb—AGM**

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## **From the Committee and/or Editor**

A special issue this month to make sure all club members are fully aware of the National System Award 2010 that we are running. Also a few other items that need some thought before the February issue is sent out.

The National System Award has been running since 1st January and already many Historic Places have been activated for the award. The picture below is ZL4ACG's vehicle with 70cm yagi for accessing the National System from the deep south.



**Next Committee Meetings -  
20th January & 3rd February**

# **Hamilton Amateur Radio Club**

## **National System Award 2010 - Historic Places**

### **Award Notification**

**National System Award 2010 - Historic Places**, is presented by The Hamilton Amateur Radio Club, Branch 12 NZART in association with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust. Based upon the original idea by Wellington VHF Group this is a FUN award available to all amateurs to demonstrate the coverage and use of the National System, to promote our history and category 1 Historic places.

The award will run from 1 January 2010 to 7 February 2010.

Points will be allocated for:

1. Contact any Amateur in each NZART Branch area (excluding Branches in recess) via the National System

**1 point.**

2. Contact ZL1UX, official station of Hamilton Amateur Radio Club, Branch 12 via the National System

**3 bonus points.**

3. Contact any Amateur operating from a Category 1 Historic Place (as listed in the Historic Places Trust Register, available from [www.historic.org.nz](http://www.historic.org.nz) approx 940 sites) via the National System

**1 point.**

4. Contact any Amateur whilst operating from a Category 1 Historic Place (as listed in the Historic Places Trust Register, available from [www.historic.org.nz](http://www.historic.org.nz) approx 940 sites) via the National System

**1 point.**

Points are cumulative and each site may only be listed once. Only one branch or historic site may be logged per contact. As evidence of contact the log must record the registry number of the site available from the Historic Places Trust Website

[www.historic.org.nz](http://www.historic.org.nz). See accompanying document 'NS2010 Award Notes' for accessing the Register available from <http://z1lux.tripod.com/nsaward.htm>.

The Branch List being used for the Award is available from <http://z1lux.tripod.com/nsaward.htm>.

Participants are requested to note the following key points:

- A number of the Historic Places are private property; therefore participants MUST respect the private property. It is not necessary to enter any private property to log the contact. Participants are expected to be in near proximity to the Historic Place, not on the site.
- There are no definitive boundaries between branches, so participants need to determine which branch they are in, to log the point. This distance will vary for different parts of the country. Only one branch can be logged per contact. Branches in recess DO NOT count.
- Participants are encouraged to learn about the NZART branches and the places that define our history through visiting the Category 1 Historic Places.
- Have FUN, a safe and enjoyable holiday period.
- The award is available in electronic format or hard copy.

Send a log of contacts with; date, time, Callsign and first name of contacted person, NZART Branch name or Historic Places Trust Register Number of the site, for each contact, and preferred award format (electronic or hard copy) to;

The Award Custodian  
Hamilton Amateur Radio Club  
PO Box 606  
HAMILTON 3240

or E-mail <[branch.12@nzart.org.nz](mailto:branch.12@nzart.org.nz)> with NS2010 in the subject. Applications close 7 March 2010.

## **Hamilton Amateur Radio Club Incorporated**

# **Annual General Meeting**

Date: 17 February 2010

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Club Rooms

88 Seddon Road

Business: Accept report(s), Elect Officers and Committee, Set Subscription rate and appoint Auditor.

All members welcome to attend to hear about the year just gone and to choose who will lead the club into the future.

Nominations for all positions welcome.

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## **Colville Connection 2010**

The Colville Connection is coming up again in March. While a one day event, the early start on 13th March results in many competitors and us radio operators arriving in Colville and places further north the day before to allow plenty of time to setup HF aerials, STSP equipment and other bits and pieces.

The 72km ride looks like it will be following the same route as last year avoiding the "Big Hill" and be limited to 1,000 riders. Also, Ambulance Operations plan to share the same space as our own Base Operation which will be very useful.

Anyone who would like to help with Radio Ops should contact XXXX. All positions require two people for safety purposes. Car-pooling and other techniques are available to help with costs.

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## **Te Puke Amateur Radio Club Inc**

### **Annual “Junk Sale”**

Paengaroa Community Hall

6th March 2010 (Saturday)

For more information please contact Syd Rowe (ZL1LWR)

7-533-1029 or [sydrowe45@hyper.net.nz](mailto:sydrowe45@hyper.net.nz)

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## **Jock White Memorial Field Days**

27-28 February 2010

Sat : 3pm-midnight

Sun : 6am-3pm

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## **Digital Dividend**

Latest news from the NZ Government is that all Kiwi Hams will be getting access to 50-51MHz once the analogue television system is switched off in a few years time.

The bad news is that we will most likely lose access to Ch39 for Amateur Television (ATV). This may be replaced with an area just above 6m.

More news to come.

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**HF Net:** 3.575MHz LSB 1930 Mondays  
**VHF Net:** 146.525MHz simplex 2000 Tuesdays

**2m Repeater:** 145.325MHz -600kHz split  
**STSP** 146.675MHz -600kHz split  
**Repeaters:** 438.725MHz -5 MHz split  
**ATV Repeater:** 615.250 Ch39 (off air)

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