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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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RED DATE - QRP SECTION,
BROWN DATE - QRP MULTIPLIER,
GREEN DATE - HIGHER POINTS FOR QRP QSOs.

- APRIL 18 2023.** WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY.
- APRIL 29 2023.** 7.30PM GO QRP NIGHT
- MAY 20-21 2023.** SANGSTER SHIELD CW QRP CONTEST
- JUNE 17 2023.** IARU REGION 3 QRP DAY

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BACKCOUNTRY QRP

ONTHEAIR.NZ

Many readers may already be aware of this site, others not or not so familiar. Matt ZL4NVW continues to improve this great hub for portable activity and put it all in one place. The site has an extensive list of sites across all of ZL to activate, along with a topographic map to show locations and access. The site also offers logging of contacts,

rules for activations, emailing alerts and spots when portable and a running tally of activated and chased locations. I encourage all members if they have't already to sign up and log in, have a browse. Once you are signed up you will receive email alerts and spots to help others when portable to activate these sites much like the SOTA goat app on a cellphone.v

LAKES, PARKS, PEAKS AND HUTS

Stewart ZL2STR is currently on a south island lakes activation mission. Currently he has 191 lakes activated on ontheair.nz I'm sure there are more as he may not have had a chance to log these yet. Stewart is alerting by text message and spotted ontheair.nz. I hope Stewart's trip is going well and I'm sure we will hear more about it in next months 5 watter. For those wishing to contact Stewart or join his alert list message him on 0224590415 I'm sure he will be happy for you to join him for a qso.

ESCAPE THE QRM

Personally portable qrp operation in the backcountry is a favourite. The little kx2 typically has a 0 strength background noise-floor. Portable operation need not be a 4 day tramp into the boonies, furthermore to the above mentioned ontheair.nz website,

one can find many parks and lakes that can be activated with only a short walk or a drive in, if your not feeling as energetic or time doesnt permit. Compared to a SOTA activation, you can typically find multiple natural antenna supports i.e trees, meaning

you can leave that bulky heavy mast at home. My standard backcountry kit includes: kx2 and rite in the rain log book with pen and a linked 80m dipole.



Rite in the rain notebook. Convenient page layout making for easy line ruling to create contact logs.

REGION 3 QRP DAY JUNE 17

Thanks to Philip for sharing. Time to get planning for a portable activation and potentially some international QSO's on 20m.

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To: Liaison Officers of all IARU Region 3 member Societies (ARANC/ARCOT/ARM/ARRL/ARSI/BARL/BDARA/CORA/CRAC/CTARL/FARA/HARTS/JARL/KARL/MARTS/NZART/ORARI/PARA/PARS/PIARA/RAST/RSGB/RSSL/SARC/SARTS/SIRS/VARC/VARS/WIA)

CC: Directors of IARU Region 3 (JA1CJP/YD1PRY/VK3TX/ZL2TLL/HS1FVL/9M2IR)

2023 QRP Day (June 17)

Dear Colleagues:

The interest in QRP activities is everlasting in amateur radio community worldwide. QRP radio communications testify high ability of radio amateurs, and offers advantages concerning, among others, the reduction of QRM on the amateur bands.

The 10th IARU Region 3 Conference held in September 1997 in Beijing has resolved the following recommendations based on the document (97/X/14) submitted by NZART, which says;

"That Region 3 Societies help to promote the IARU objectives for QRP operation, specifically:

- i) to support QRP operation on **June 17** each year;
- ii) to foster QRP activities by their members;
- iii) to encourage regular publication of QRP articles in their national magazines;
- iv) to provide QRP sections in any national contests; and
- v) to assist other Societies with the promotion and development of QRP."

Accordingly, member Societies are requested to note the above resolution and take appropriate actions with reference to the holdings of the following events, for example, in order to contribute to more effective use of radio spectrum:

- 1) QRP Field Day;
- 2) QRP Contest;
- 3) Distribution of QRP Transmitter Kits and Reference Book; and
- 4) Workshop of QRP Operation.

73,

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Welcome readers to what should have been March, now April. Its been a busy month for me getting a taste of international travel again to catch up with my brother in Australia. Everything felt almost normal again, only seeing the occasional mask about the airports. If there is enough interest and now there are increasing hours of darkness upon us which is great for 80m qrp! Im keen to run the go qrp night again once a month. At this stage I'm thinking the last Saturday evening of the month. While I say 'running it' loosely, activity will be more or less free for all centred around 3.690MHz, I

will acquire logs and publish results in the newsletter. Attached with the newsletter is an excel log you can modify, extra points for backcountry, portable and qrp qso's. This could be a good activity to encourage ourselves to get on the air portable one night a month at least? At this stage I will pencil in Saturday April 29 starting 7.30pm - finishing 9.00pm with a further email to follow up / remind everyone depending on how much interest there is.

For those that wish to contact me or submit content I'll be keen to hear from you. mcdonald.t.robert@gmail.com or qrpnz12021@gmail.com or cellphone 0275235253. Bye for now. 73's Rob ZL2RMC



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