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CABLE BAY GO QRP NIGHT



REUBEN ZLIAJC, ACTIVATING CABLE BAY - FOR GO QRP NIGHT 28 OCTOBERV.

Photos credit Reuben Shaw
ZLIAJC

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

QRP NET THURSDAYS 3.690MHZ
8.30PM

NOVEMBER 25 2023. 7.30PM GO QRP

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NEARING THE END OF THE YEAR

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GO QRP CABLE BAY –

REUBEN ZLIAJC

With a clear weather forecast and a pack full to bursting I headed out to Cable Bay in the last few hours of daylight for a solo QRP adventure this time. Ten minutes and a lot of puffing later and I had reached my destination, a flat plateau about 40m higher than the lookout point. I had planned for plenty of extra time to set up, and before long had an impressive dipole strung up overlooking the harbour, with my feedline snaking down through the rocks to a picturesque little hollow below. The start time of 7:30 came and went, and with the exception of a few curious sheep I had the hilltop to myself. A quiet start this time, with a lot of stations coming up later on in the evening as the conditions changed. The usual operators were out and about, with the addition of a few welcome new callsigns. I even managed an 8:30pm check in to the Marlborough HF net in an attempt to convince some more local operators down to join us! Under a blanket of stars and with a full moon rising over Pepin Island, I snapped a few long exposure photos before packing it all away again. The walk back down the hill and drive back home was filled with thoughts and plans for November's event already.

**NEXT GO QRP NIGHT – SATURDAY
25 NOVEMBER 7.30PM NZT**



Internal view of HB-1B



HB-1B Size comparison

NIGGLING ANTENNA

DOUBTS – STAN ZL3TK

Thanks to Stan for sending through an article, (attached word doc separately with the newsletter). Stan describes a test he undertook utilizing a few SDR's around the country, to really see if the actual performance matched the theoretical performance of his EFHW antenna.

QRP DIPOLE KITS – REUBEN ZLIAJC

For those interested, Reuben is currently producing a very user friendly looking dipole kit for portable QRP activity. See the separate attachment with the newsletter for details and Reubens contact details.



PYE TRP1

HB-1B AND PYE TRP1 RADIOS – IAN ZLIRCA

Ian ZLIRCA has acquired some interesting wee QRP rigs recently. The HB-1B is a 4 band CW transceiver, more information can be found in this youtube clip. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e3pUIDKco-M&list=PLKbF5ic1-p9F0ZefvFLzGIr-hwIUo2TmO&index=1>

Thanks for sharing Ian I'm sure a few members may have some experience with some of these rigs and no doubt have some more information. See the additional attached scanned article with some more information on the PYE TRP1 Radio.



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.

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Welcome back to the 5 watter for October, albeit a bit late. QRP night seems to be going great, there is certainly no shortage of operators getting out portable which is an awesome effort. Also kudos to Roy ZL3TDE who made the effort to tramp in and go backcountry for the October QRP night, great effort Roy. The current QRP night leaderboard is below, there is still a few logs missing from October so please send through at your convenience and I will update the points.

The Final couple of QRP nights are approaching to wrap up the year. Sat 25 November and Sat 30 December. I know I have mentioned some alterations to the start time before, but I'd be interested to hear everyone's thoughts for a potentially later start for the summer months coming. Possibly 8.30pm - 10pm Local time. Otherwise to avoid any confusion we will stick with the status quo. Happy operating, Cheers and 73's Rob ZL2RMC

Go QRP Night Points			
CALLSIGN	NAME	TOTAL	Position:
ZL3TK	Stan	321	1
ZL2STR	Stewart	247	2
ZL4CS	Chris	163	3
ZL1SHP	Craig	160	4
ZL2SAR	Dylan	150	5
ZL2RMC	Rob	147	6
ZL1KB	Scott	117	7
ZL3TDE	Roy	75	8
ZL1AJC	Reuben	74	9
ZL1RCA	Ian	72	10
ZL2GVA	Gerard	48	11
ZL2WE	Sam	48	11
ZL3PIE	Tim	11	12