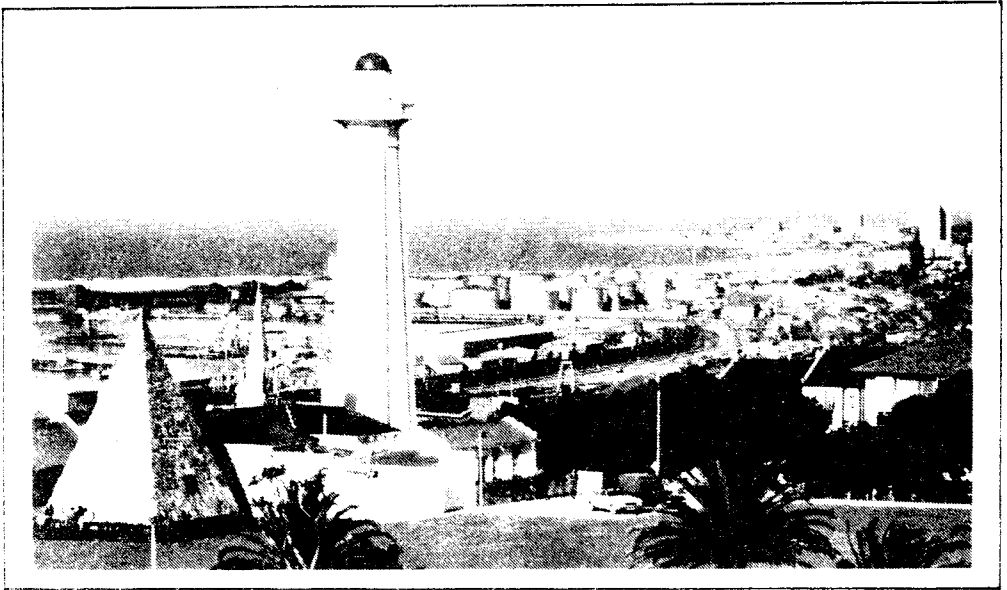




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INVITATION TO ATTEND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An invitation is extended to members and their families to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Port Elizabeth Branch on Saturday 8th September 1990 at the Scout Hall, corner of Ritchie Crescent and Von Plettenberg Street, Kabega Park at 3.30p.m..

The meeting will be followed by a Bring and Braai and social get-together. Please bring your own meat, salads, eating utensils and R.F. and the branch will provide buttered rolls, cold drinks, ice cream and of course the fires.

Please phone Marge 30-4597 or 30-3498 if you will be attending.

P O R T E L I Z A B E T H B R A N C H

The Annual General meeting of the Port Elizabeth Branch of South African Radio League will be held in the Scout Hall Von Plettenberg Street, Kabega Park at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday 8th September, 1990.

Die Algemene Jaarvergadering van Tak Port Elizabeth van the Suid-Afrikaanse Radioliga sal by die Scoutsaal, von Plettenbergstraat, Kabega Park om 3.30n.m. op Saterdag 8 September, 1990, plaasvind.

The Agenda is as follows:

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Commemoration of Silent Keys
3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting, September 1989.
4. Adoption of Chairman's
5. Adoption of Financial Statement.
6. Presentation of Trophies
7. Election of Office Bearers
8. General.

Die Agenda is soos volg:

1. Welkom en Verontskuldigings
2. Herdenking van Stilsleutels
3. Notule van Algemene Jaarvergadering September 1989.
4. Voorsitter se Jaarverslag
5. Finansieleberig
6. Toekenning van Trofee
7. Verkieping van Komitee
8. Algemeen

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH OF THE S.A.R.L. HELD AT KABEGA SCOUT HALL ON SATURDAY 23/9/1989.

PRESENT:

APOLOGIES:

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting especially the xyls.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the A.G.M. held in 1988 were published in QSX-PE and circulated. These were taken as read, proposed by Bud ZS2CA and seconded by Brian ZS2AB.

ARISING: The Chairman mentioned that there were only about 6 subscriptions outstanding and she hoped that everyone would renew.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

This had been published in QSX-PE but the Chairman mentioned a few items: thanks to Beavan ZS2RL for organising the Rally Communications and social get-togethers. Thanks to Wolf ZS2WG and Dick ZS2RS for organising the 2 field days which occurred during the past year. Thanks to Trevor ZS2AE and the repeater Working Group and to Colin ZS2CTR for his fine efforts as Treasurer, and of course thanks to all the Committee members for their enthusiasm and assistance and to the members for their attendance at meetings and social events and for all the help they have given when needed.

The Chairman asked that the report be adopted. It was proposed by Beavan ZS2RL and seconded by Wolf ZS2WG.

FINANCIAL REPORT: This was published in QSX-PE and accepted as correct. Proposed by Lionel ZS2DD and seconded by Brian ZS2AB.

TROPHIES: No applications had been received for any of the Branch trophies.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS: At this stage the Committee all stood down and Brian ZS2AB took the chair to preside over the election of a Chairman. Marge ZS2OB was proposed by ZS2DD and seconded by Viv ZS2VM. There being no further nominations Marge accepted the position of Chairman for the following year and took the Chair.

Nominations were then called for to fill the Committee positions and went as follows:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
ZS2RS	ZS2AB	ZS2OB
ZS2U	ZS2JS	ZS2VM
ZS2AB	ZS2CTR	ZS2RS
ZS2CTR	ZS2AB	ZS2RS
ZR2AAN	ZS2SP	ZS2DD
ZS2RL	ZS2AB	ZS2VM
ZS2AO	ZS2RS	ZS2AB

There being sufficient numbers proposed and accepted, Viv ZS2VM proposed that nominations cease and this was seconded by Fred ZS2JS.

The Chairman welcomed the new Committee and thanked the old Committee for their work.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from Hamnet had been received re the appointment of a Regional Co-Ordinator. Al ZS2U was proposed by ZS2RS and unanimously seconded.

GENERAL: (1) The Chairman showed three postcards which had been selected for members to choose from and these would be used for the QSL cards to be printed by the Publicity Bureau.

(2) Fred ZS2JS felt that HQ was wasting money by distributing membership cards. No one knew what use they could possibly serve.

(3) The presidents chain had apparently been paid for by the supporters club. No costs had been incurred by the League.

(4) Peter ZS2PL asked whether anything had come of the League AGM motion suggested by Sam ZS2SI that the surcharge on amateur radio equipment be reduced.

(5) Beavan ZS2RL asked what had happened about the QSL stickers which we had wanted to return. The Chairman informed him that she had been advised that if we did not send the R99 outstanding, the last 3 members on our list would have their membership terminated.

(6) Marge informed the meeting of the letter we had received from HQ re travelling expenses of Council members, i.e. that Branches should contribute to same.

(7) Raphie ZS2SP thanked Dick ZS2RS for taking on the task as Secretary in the middle of the year. He also mentioned the significance of amateur radio in emergencies. The recent hurricanes overseas had caused a complete breakdown of communications and the sole communication had been by hams.

(8) Raphie also asked about repairs to amateur equipment in Port Elizabeth. Was there anyone who could be approached. Buddy ZS2CA said that when he lived in Queenstown the few locals always helped each other but the advent of the modern equipment made local repairs difficult. Viv ZS2VM felt that many times it was merely laziness on the part of the owner. Mike ZS4XE felt that one should have access to all the necessary literature and test equipment before attempting to repair modern equipment. Garth ZS2HB felt that perhaps a small groups could be formed to diagnose faults, etc. but if a local amateur was involved in repairs professionally he was entitled to his full rate.

(9) The Chairman asked Trevor ZS2AE if he was prepared to continue as Chairman of the Repeater Working Group, to which he agreed.

(10) It was mentioned that Owen ZS2HZ and family had reached the UK safely, although their ship had broken down at St. Helena.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 17.10 and was followed by a braai which was enjoyed by all.

sgd: M.T. Weller ZS2OB
Chairman

sgd: R.W. Schonborn ZS2RS
Secretary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO THE
FOLLOWING FOR SEPTEMBER. MANY HAPPY RETURNS.

1st Julian ZS2AAV	
2nd Reinette van Deventer, Mel Gwilt, Alan ZR2BL and Joan	
6th Irene Middendorp	8th Phil ZS2PP
10th Andre ZS2BK	11th Jane Fife
12th Jo ZS2W, Pam Hopper	13th Dick ZS2RS
14th Annalene Dreyer	15th Colin ZS2CTR and Rosemary
16th Rietjie Staples	18th Mak ZS2M
20th Van ZS2JC	22nd Vic ZS2SZ and Anne
24th Breda ZS2DR	26th Garth ZS2HB

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 1989/90.

I hate to even have to say the words - 'the end of another year'. Wow! they seem to go faster and faster. It seems like the last AGM was last week! A lot of water under the bridge, a lot of things have happened, some of which we liked, some of which we didn't!!

We were sad to lose some members who went Silent Key during the year - Basil Gibson ZS2PG and Barry Guthrie ZR2DN, and some members who transferred to other Branches when they moved to other QTHs.

Our social get-togethers were well organised and well attended, although there is always room for more people to enjoy the warmth and friendship the hobby engenders. Thanks to Beavan ZS2RL for the organisation. One other activity which seems to get more members together than almost any other, is the Algoa/VW Rally which took place again this year and which proved from our side to be very successful, although the 80m band didn't co-operate on the Friday evening. Thanks to all those who took part, especially the base station operators and to Beavan, Lionel ZS2DD and Barry ZS2DT who did a lot of the ground work.

The meetings continued to be well attended and members were entertained most times with talks, videos, demonstrations or just plain Rag Chews and one meeting was addressed by the President of the League, Reno ZS6OF. Several matters pertaining to League affairs were not too well received and motions to the AGM reflected this. Although most of them were not accepted, we felt it was necessary to put our point of view and if, in any way, they contributed to a successful future for the League, then they will have served their purpose. We congratulate the Council for their achievements so far and trust that everything that is done, will be for the good only of the League and its members.

We did not take part in JOTA this year due to various circumstances but we were again successful in winning the Field Day contest. DF hunts were again introduced, with a reasonable amount of success and we hope the enthusiasm for these will increase because they can be lots of fun. Thanks to all of those who have been responsible in any way for the organisation of the events. To mention all the names now would need another page but none of you have been forgotten.

I must, however, say special thanks to the members of the Committee who were always on hand when necessary and who did their duties without shirking - I'm sure that a lot of folks are put off by the thought of writing and reading a bulletin - but this is only once every 2 months. Not too bad!! Also we must thank Colin ZS2CTR for his efforts as Treasurer, and it is because of his inside knowledge, that finance charges are as low as they are. To Trevor ZS2AE and those who were in charge of repeaters and for all the work done to keep them going, many thanks. To all those who contributed articles to QSX-PE and Radio ZS - many thanks (see Editor's Report).

We can only look forward to the next year hoping that there will be a renewed interest in Amateur Radio with the introduction of the Novice Licence and hopefully we will be able to conduct classes for them. Vic ZS2SZ has taken the group of disabled folks interested in ham radio under his wing and hopefully they can also get their licences soon.

Thanks to the members who have continued to support the Branch and the League and without whom there would be nothing to write about! Keep it up. God bless and all the best for the future.

Marge Weller ZS2OB
Chairman

FOR SALE - From the Estate Late Wilf Lachenicht ZS2GR

- 1 Kenwood TS830S transceiver with SP 230 speaker and MC 355 microphone R2000
- 1 KDK 2m transceiver - FM 2016A - R400
- 1 Yaesu FR 100B Receiver and FL 200 B Transmitter - R800
- 1 Yaesu FL 200 z linear - R1000
- 1 Yaesu FL 1000 linear - R1000
- 1 TH6 Tribander Beam - R750
- 1 Swan SWR meter - R100
- 1 50 k-ohm microphone - R50

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QSX - PE REPORT FROM THE EDITOR
Marge Weller ZS2OB

Before anyone gets the wrong impression, please let me assure you that I really have enjoyed doing everything necessary to make sure that members and other branches got a copy of QSX-PE - the voice of the Port Elizabeth Branch - regularly every month, and most times, I think there has been something of interest for some of the members - you know the old adage about not being able to please all the people all the time!

The dictionary definition of an Editor is someone who edits bits out of and in to, articles which have generally been written by other people, and here I must thank several folk who have been extremely good with supplying articles, special items, cartoons, jokes, and various little odds and ends over the past years that I have been doing the job. I know I said at the last Committee and General meetings that I am rather busy and would prefer someone else to take over the job, not only for that reason, but another person might have a completely different perspective on things and be able to get different things to interest members. I was shattered by the response I got!!!! Members are very happy to receive QSX-PE every month -----provided none of them have to do any work on it????!!!! Suggestions ranged from 'not required', 'just two pages', 'only notice of meeting and last months minutes' to the most sensible suggestion of all 'form a QSX committee'.

Two pages would cost the same to print and send out as do the 10 pages presently printed. Why should we take a backward step? In these days of peoples lethargic and half-hearted efforts to most things they do, do we have to follow suit? In the words of the Cape Town Branch Editor of Rag-Chew (whose words I unashamedly pinch) FORGET THE WHALES - SAVE QSX-PE.

If, just now and again, someone could provide an article - of course if it was original, so much the better, it would certainly make the job lighter. Thanks must go to the Committee who for the past few months have helped to collate, stamp, staple, fold and stuff into envelopes, which has resulted in a considerable saving in time. The biggest thanks of all are due to Robin and Sylvia Dunstan of Instant Printing who have always come up trumps and got the printing to me in time, no matter what day of the week I have given them the copy. Thanks once again to all who helped in any way.

REPEATER REPORT - 1990 - Thanks to Trevor ZS2AE

600 - COCKSCOMB This unit has now been operative for some two and a half years without attention to equipment or batteries and, hopefully, this will continue. Future plans: None, other than the possible installation of a pass/reject filter in the TX antenna line, and the reduction of mast height to make it more manageable. A 3dB gain RX antenna would restore the unit to the original performance level.

650 - TOWN The unit is to be removed for TX attention as soon as possible. Similarly, a 3dB gain RX antenna will improve the fringe performance of the repeater and this will be addressed in due course.

675 - KAREEDOUW This repeater was reinstated on 18 August following reworking of the TX/RX and two home-brew filters together with a 3dB RX antenna were installed. This has improved the performance considerably, but it has also created a problem with a lock-up situation through the Riversdale/George repeater link. This lock-up manifests itself in the slow chopping in and out of the repeater which is matched by the Cape link system when propagation is good. This obviously cannot be allowed to continue indefinitely. A further trip to Kareedouw will be necessary to reduce the RX sensitivity to stop this annoying phenomenon, but ultimately a frequency change at Kareedouw may be necessary.

700 - LADY'S SLIPPER This 2m repeater/6m link system is working reasonably well, interference aside, but the source of noise on the 2m transmission will have to be found and corrected in the near future. This "crackle" is annoying at times,

and could be sourced on either the 2m or 6m section of the unit. The 2m/HF digipeater is to be installed in the near future and this will open another avenue for ham activities on this site.

750 - GRAHAMSTOWN Since the reworking that took place in June the repeater has been working well. Unfortunately, due to high RF interference levels, the RX squelch setting had to be set back and since that was done at the end of July the noise triggering has been reduced. Coverage has improved considerably with the installation of the 6dB RX antenna on the new mast.

FUTURE PLANS 1. UHF link - Grahamstown/East London area.

2. UHF link - Kareedouw/Lady's Slipper if Kareedouw's P.E. coverage is not good enough for general use. 3. VHF Back to back repeater at Knysna to link Kareedouw to Cape linked system via George. Does anybody know where fully solid state 12V UHF equipment can be obtained at reasonable cost ???

ENGLISH SPOKEN HEAR

Here a few pearls of translation into English for the benefit of tourists and travelling Amateurs

Taylor in Hongkong: "DRESSES MADE. LADIES HAVE FITS UPSTAIRS"

and in Budapest: "VERY SMART, ALMOST PANSY"

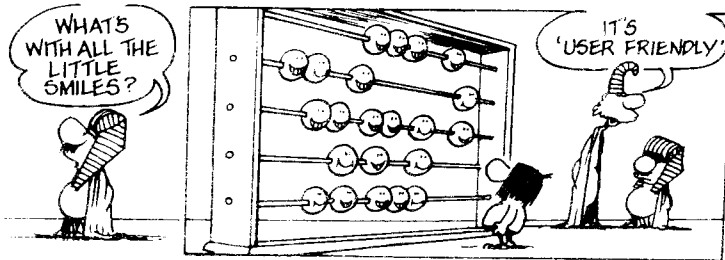
and in Paris: "DRESSES FOR STREET WALKING"

Food Stall In Shanghai: "FRESH MILK, DAILY SQUEEZED FROM FEMALE OXEN"

Restaurant on Montmartre: "WE SERVE FIVE O'CLOCK TEA AT ALL HOURS"

A barber in Tokyo: "ALL CUSTOMERS PROMPTLY EXECUTED"

Sign in the window of a travel agency in Barcelona: "GO AWAY"



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SARTRE: TO DO IS TO DO

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Bulletin readers please refer to your Roster Sheet.

SUNDAY BULLETIN INFORMATION

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Repeater

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Town Repeater (P.E. Central)	145,050 / 145,650 MHz
Grahamstown Repeater	145,150 / 145,750 MHz
Ladys Slipper Repeater	145,100 / 145,700 MHz
6 meter link with above	51,400MHz (simplex)
Cockscomb Repeater	145,000 / 145,600 MHz
Kareedown Repeater	145,075 / 145,675 MHz
University Repeater	145,175 / 145,775 MHz
6 meter beacon (ZS2SIX CW Id)	50,005 MHz
2 meter beacon (ZS2PE CW Id)	144,910 MHz

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