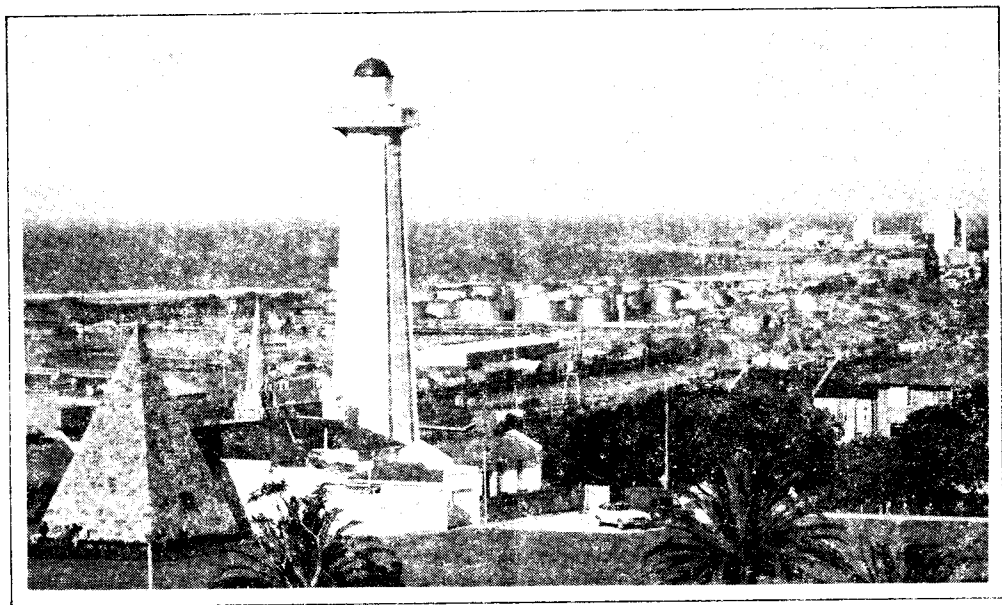
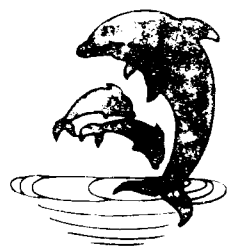


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## TAK PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### ALGEMENE JAARVERGADERING

The Annual General Meeting of the Port Elizabeth Branch of the SA Radio League will be held in the Civil Defence Centre, Westview Drive, Mill Park, Port Elizabeth on Friday, 25 September 1992 commencing at 19:00.

The Agenda is as follows:

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Commemoration of Silent Keys
3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting, September 1991
4. Adoption of Chairman's Report
5. Adoption of Financial Statement
6. Presentation of Trophies
7. Election of Committee Members
8. General.

Die Algemene Jaarvergadering van Tak Port Elizabeth van die SA Radioliga sal om 19:00 op Vrydag 25 September 1992 in die Burgerlike Beskermingssentrum, Westviewrylaan, Millpark, Port Elizabeth gehou word.

Die Agenda is soos volg:

1. Verwelkoming en apologieë
2. Herdenking van Stilsleutels
3. Notules van Algemene Jaarvergadering, September 1991
4. Aanvaarding van Voorsitter se Jaarverslag
5. Aanvaarding van Finansiële Staat
6. Toekenning van Trofee
7. Verkiesing van Komitee-lede
8. Algemeen.

## *Invitation to the* **BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

*Members and their families are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of The Branch on Friday, 25 September 1992 (see the official notice for details).*

*The business will be followed by a cheese-and-wine function for which the Branch will provide the basic ingredients, including peanuts, potato crisps, tea, coffee, cups and saucers (if they haven't been swiped again), cardboard plates. Please bring a small plate of snacks and drinking glasses, as well as your own stronger refreshments if you require any.*

*Kindly let Marge know (tel. 31-1639 all reasonable hours) if you plan to attend.*

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PORT  
ELIZABETH BRANCH OF THE SA RADIO LEAGUE HELD ON  
FRIDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 1991 IN THE CIVIL DEFENCE  
CENTRE, MILL PARK, PORT ELIZABETH**

**PRESENT:** 46 members and visitors. Apologies as per the attendance register.

**WELCOME:** The Chairman, Marge ZS20B, welcomed all, especially the many visitors, to the meeting. She reported that Peter, ZS2PL, was in hospital following a heart attack and, on behalf of the branch, wished him a speedy recovery.

**TRIBUTE TO SILENT KEYS:** A minute of silence was observed as a mark of respect to members who had become silent key during the past year.

**MINUTES OF THE 1990 AGM:** The minutes of the meeting held on 8 September, 1990, and printed in QSX, were approved, their adoption proposed by Bud ZS2CA, and seconded by Colin ZS2CTR.

**MATTERS ARISING:** No matters were raised.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** The Chairman's Report as printed in QSX was unanimously approved. In addition, Marge thanked everyone for all they had done for the Branch during the past year. The adoption of the Report was proposed by Al ZS2U, seconded by Viv ZS2VM.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** The audited Financial Statement of the Branch as at 30 June 1991 as published in QSX was approved. Its adoption was proposed by Lionel ZS2DD, seconded by Trevor ZS2AE. The Treasurer, Colin ZS2CTR, briefly enlarged on a few points concerning the statement. The 6% Value Added Tax levied on subscriptions by Headquarters was also discussed.

As at the date of the meeting, the Branch 1994 AGM Fund stood at R898,50.

Gus ZS2MC was thanked very much for having audited the Branch books.

**PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES:**

The Chairman presented the Branch trophies as follows:-

- VHF Trophy to Hannes Vorster ZS2BE
- Constructors Trophy to Phil Hopper ZS2PP
- DF Hunt Trophy to Colin Robertson ZS2CTR
- Ham Spirit Trophy to Viv ZS2VM

In addition, two Special Certificates were awarded, the first to Bud ZS2CA for getting lost on a DF Hunt, and the second to Gerhard ZS2UM for being able to tie-up a 2-meter repeater for over 25 minutes in one over!

## APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE

The present Committee was called upon by the Chairman to stand down, and in doing so she thanked them very much for their unstinting support for the Branch in the past year.

Fred ZS2EQ proposed a motion of thanks to the outgoing Chairman for her hard work and effort during the past year. This was unanimously seconded with a standing ovation from the floor.

Al ZS2U proposed a vote of appreciation to Garth ZS2HB for his excellent work and presentation of the Branch newsletter, QSX. This was unanimously supported, and Garth received a standing ovation in recognition from the floor.

Brian ZS2AB was asked to stand in as the interim Chairman during the elections. He asked members prepared to serve for another year in the Committee to please stand for the benefit of the meeting.

Nominations were called for for the position of Chairman. Bud ZS2CA proposed Marge Weller ZS2OB. There being no further nominations, Brian proposed a motion to close nominations, and duly declared Marge the new Chairman for the ensuing year.

Marge then returned to the chair and thanked members for their faith in her and promised to do her best for the Branch. She thanked Brian for having acted as interim Chairman.

The nomination of 8 Committee members was then called for by the Chairman, and the following members were appointed to the Committee:

Garth, ZS2HB, proposed by ZS2WG, seconded by ZS2CTR

Colin ZS2CTR, proposed by ZS2HB, seconded by ZS2UM

Bud ZS2CA, proposed by ZS2VM, seconded by ZS2U

Vic ZS2SZ, proposed by ZS2CTR, seconded by ZS2OB

Fred ZS2EQ, proposed by ZS2MC, seconded by ZS2VM

Al ZS2U, proposed by ZS2DD, seconded by ZS2HB

Viv ZS2VM, proposed by ZS2U, seconded by ZS2PP

Owen ZS2AZ, proposed by ZS2OB, seconded by ZS2CTR

Hamnet Branch Representative: Al ZS2U, proposed by ZS2JS, seconded by ZS2CTR.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter received from Raphy ZS2SP tendering his apologies for his absence at the meeting, and enclosing a donation to the Branch.

Letter received from Wally Bodmer ZS1WB of Knysna, requesting a car sticker. Colin ZS2CTR proposed that Brian ZS2AB be approached to produce a further batch of stickers for the Branch, which the Branch could purchase and then sell individually. This was unanimously agreed to.

Letter from Ossie Carstens ZS1DZ of Boy Scouts requesting the appointment of a JOTA Area Organiser. It was agreed that Dick ZS2RS be appointed to this position, and he was asked to follow-up on the letter.

The Chairman noted that in correspondence from Headquarters, the PMG was prepared to allow Novice Licensees to operate on the 2-meter band. The Branch Committee had voted in favour of this step and any objections were invited from the floor. No objections were raised and it was agreed that Headquarters would be advised of our support in the matter.

Marge also noted that the PMG was prepared to waive the waiting period of 1 year or 200 morse contacts for ZR licensees who had passed their Morse Test.

Colin ZS2CTR read a letter from the League President re the HF Packet Indaba-on-the air. In the discussion of the letter, Colin proposed that the Branch install a Packet Digipeater at the Grahamstown Repeater site which would be linked to the Branch PBBS at the Lady's Slipper repeater to serve members in the Port Alfred, Grahamstown and Bedford areas. This was unanimously agreed to.

#### GENERAL:

Marge thanked Trevor ZS2AE for all his work on the Branch 2-meter repeaters. Trevor was given a round of applause from the floor in appreciation of his efforts.

Phil ZS2PP advised that the balance of the Storno VHF equipment had been received by him and he would pass this on to Trevor ZS2AE. Trevor thanked Phil for his assistance in obtaining this equipment. His thanks were seconded from the Chair.

Lionel ZS2DD informed the meeting that he had been appointed Regional Representative of SA AMSAT. Marge thanked Lionel for his assistance in this capacity.

#### CLOSURE:

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 20:05 with a vote of thanks from the Chairman to all for attending the meeting. All were invited to join in a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits in the adjoining room.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY

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!!! If you see a man without a smile, give him one of yours !!!

## Chairman's Report 1991-1992



What a year of progress for the Branch!! The meeting venue filled to overflowing, new members by the score especially lots of YLs and XYLs, new licensees and calls heard on the air and a spirit of enthusiasm and life that shows from the youngest to the not-so-youngest member!

Much of this progress can be attributed to the Committee which has gone about its work unheralded and unsung and left me to do what a Chairman is supposed to do – take the Chair at meetings! I would like to thank each member of the Committee for their unstinting work sometimes far above the call of duty. Every one of them deserves an accolade from the members and many of you know without having to be told just what they have done for you either personally or as a Branch.

A regular interesting and informative newsletter from Garth ZS2HB; our money growing and taken care of so well by Colin, ZS2CTR, who has also been running the Novice licence classes (one of our members got the highest marks in the Republic); an efficient and willing Secretary Fred ZS2EQ; Technical classes enthusiastically and well run by Viv ZS2VM assisted by Bud ZS2CA and Vic ZS2SZ; the library kept up to date and DF hunts organised by Vic ZS2SZ; social activities which ranged from talks at meetings to a visit to the SABC organised by Owen ZS2AZ; the VW Algoa rally comms well organised by Bud

ZS2CA and Al ZS2U (with assistance); Al also took charge of the Hamnet Emergency Contest which has now become a popular League event; Bud ZS2CA whose work in connection with awards and certificates often went unnoticed, but who got stuck in with other things when needed; Trevor ZS2AE and his Repeater Working Group without whose work lots of members and others would be left 'speechless'; Lionel ZS2DD whose bulletin relays and liaison work were also appreciated; to Gus ZS2MC for auditing the books – NOW you can see from some of the things mentioned above just how great the Committee was. Well done and many thanks.

The Branch was proud to receive two awards at the League AGM held in Cape Town recently – the Branch Efficiency Trophy (read the above to see why!) and the Field Day Award.

Fund-raising activities for the 1994 AGM to be held here are going on at a furious pace with excellent results. These have ranged from monthly lucky draws to bingo evenings, raffles, sales of equipment, a curry and rice evening and a host of others still to come. The biggest will be the raffle

of the beautiful oil painting which was donated to the Branch by Lydia White, XYL of Chris ZR4ABC. Other donations have also been received from many people, some of them not even members of the Branch. To each and everyone who has been involved in any way - a hearty, big 'thank you'.

The 'youngsters' of the Branch (those under the age of 21 - and it seems that there are lots of them these days) have even formed their own Club within the Branch and have additional separate meetings. It is proposed to hold special get-togethers which will include learning how to solder, how to erect antennas, etc.

The Branch also took part in Jamboree on the Air and CQ Houkoers; the SARL contests; the Hobbies Fair held for the first time for many years; the Bathurst Show where the stand was once again very well organised by Phil ZS2PP, his XYL

Pam, Al ZS2U and others and a super braai at the QTH of John ZS2J was enjoyed by many members from all over the Eastern Cape; Al ZS2U organised a DX-pedition to the Ciskei where he was joined by several other members; several kits are being made available for Packet Radio and WEFAX; and if I continued with the list there would be no room for anything else in this issue of QSX. ('ray - Ed.)

And of course, to you, the members - without whom there would not be a Branch anyway - I would like to express warm thanks for your enthusiasm, dedication, friendship and help so freely given. I wish you a happy and successful year ahead in this wonderful hobby of ours. We must remember that it should bring us all closer together; after all, we have the same aims and interests.

God bless.

Marge ZS2OB, Chairman.

## VHF CONTEST THIS WEEKEND

Remember, the VHF contest takes place from 14:00 SAST this Saturday, 19 September until 14:00 the next day (Sunday 20th). Refer to the articles in the July and August issues of RADIO ZS and the August QSX.

You will need to quote your Maidenhead grid locator to the stations contacted, so see if you're in the list on page 8 and, if not, contact Al ZS2U, who will calculate your locator from either your map co-ordinates or your street address.

		40 METRE	2 MTR
		BULLETIN	NET
Sep	20	ZS2SZ	ZS2OB
	27	CHAIRMAN	
Oct	4	.....	.....
	11	.....	.....
	18	.....	.....
	25	.....	.....
Nov	1	.....	.....

# A Few BRANCH MEMBERS & THEIR MAIDENHEAD LOCATORS

*to help you pinpoint your own \*\**

BY AL AKERS ZS2U

<u>KF25JX</u>	<u>KF25KV</u>	<u>KF25SX</u>	<u>KF26QF</u>	<u>KF26RA</u>	<u>KF26RB</u>
ZS2JC	ZS2PL	ZS2RT ZS2DL	ZS2LR	ZS2OC	ZS2JO

<u>KF26SD</u>	<u>KF26TB</u>	<u>KF26TD</u>	<u>KF26UA</u>	<u>KF36KJ</u>	<u>KF37QC</u>
ZS2EQ	ZS2AZ	ZS2BWB	ZS2SI	ZS2PP	ZS2NR

<u>KF26SA</u>	<u>KF26SB</u>	<u>KF26SB</u>	<u>KF26SB</u>	<u>KF26SB</u>	<u>KF26TA</u>
ZR2AAH	ZR2AAX	ZS2AB	ZS2H	ZS2SZ	ZR2AAB
ZS2AAE	ZR2ABA	ZS2AO	ZS2MC	ZS2U	ZR2AAN
ZS2AAV	ZR2ABB	ZS2BK	ZS2MG	ZS2UM	ZR2RD
ZS2ABU	ZR2ABC	ZS2BY	ZS2OB	ZS2VM	ZS2BL
ZS2ACP	ZR2ABD	ZS2C	ZS2RG	ZS2W	ZS2DT
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ZS2HB					
ZS2MM					
ZS2OD					
	<u>KF36GQ</u>	<u>KF37WA</u>	<u>KF37XA</u>		
	ZS2AW	ZS2GN	ZS2CI		
	ZS2SM	ZS2OQ			

\*\* To avoid uncertainty, Al ZS2U will be happy to calculate your precise locator for you. If you know your exact latitude and longitude (degrees, minutes and seconds) they will simplify Al's task, but a street address will usually do just fine. Let Al have the names of the adjacent cross roads too, especially if your street is a long one.





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(Members & Other Known Eastern Cape Allocations)**

ZR1WB	Wally Bodmer	ZR2XXX	Dennis Flynn
ZR2AAO	Jako Breitenbach		
ZR2AAW	Karen Bowles	ZS2ABJ	Robert Pokorny
ZR2ABA	Joan Bowles	ZS2ABM	Jimmy Hoole
ZR2ABB	Andrew Bowles	ZS2ABN	Martin Layton
ZR2ABC	Anne Olivier	ZS2ABT	Arno du Preez
ZR2ABD	Renee Olivier	ZS2ABU	Des Pettit
ZR2ABE	Ben Schilder	ZS2BWB	Ken Tremeer
ZR2ABF	Royden Thompson	ZS2DL	Donovan van Loggeren- berg
ZR2ABG	Michael Schwenkert	ZS2H	Barry Jackson
ZR2ABH	Dick van der Bergh	ZS2SS	Bryan King ex ZR2BR
ZR2ABI	see ZS2ABU		
ZR2ABK	Sharon Layton		
ZR2ABL	Gideon Grobler	ZU1AAR	Brendan Robertson
ZR2ABM	Paul de Vos	ZU1AAW	David Butcher
ZR2ABN	Ewald Bouwer	ZU1DW	Damian Wright
ZR2ABQ	Graham Pearson	ZU1MBM	also ZR2MBM
ZR2ABR	Neil Davies		
ZR2ART	Paul Huckle	ZS2-273	Henk-Jan Busse
ZR2AVW	Andries van Wyk	ZS2-277	Robert Bosch
		ZS2-278	Marc Schaefer
ZR2BB	Seween Bosman	ZS2-279	Philip Mac Geoghegan
ZR2EKT	Eddie Tunnbridge	ZS2-280	Andre Retief
ZR2JB	Hani Baum	_____	_____
ZR2JLJ	Joseph Jasson	_____	_____
ZR2JP	Jerome Putter	_____	_____
ZR2LG	Gary Gillmer	_____	_____
ZR2MBM	Michael Bentley	_____	_____
ZR2PEL	Peter Lünow	_____	_____
ZR2PF	Peter Flynn		
ZR2RD	Dudley Radue		
ZR2RR	Rosemary Robertson		

(Please let me know of any errors or call signs that should be added to the above list)

## ZU's ON 2 METRES - HOW THE BRANCHES VOTED

At the 1992 AGM, all the motions seeking amendments to the Radio Regulations were withdrawn in favour of a unanimous decision that the Regulations should be reviewed in their entirety with the full involvement and input of branches (an assurance that I pointedly obtained from the President before withdrawing our items).

HQ's idea of a complete revision and branch involvement unfortunately differed from ours, and the fruits of their unilateral labours simply comprised a reconcoction of the same motions that were withdrawn at the AGM, together with a new thought mooted at that meeting, i.e. removal of the age restriction.

HQ put their 'review' to the branches but only 16 replied. There were large majorities (10 and 12 branches) in favour of the PE motions (Novice voice operation on 80m and CW on 40) and for the dropping of the age limit. The voting on the question of 2 metre operation by ZU's is reflected below.

and ZS licensees who believe that strict limitations are essential to entice a novice to upgrade to the next level. That, after all, is what the novice licence is for.

Now, the apparent size of the YES vote does not necessarily mean that a majority of members actually favour the proposal! For instance, even if all 50+ members at our meetings vote unanimously YES to a motion, as they commonly do, we are credited with only about 180 YES votes, that being roughly the number of members on our books. Another branch, however, has something like 620 members on its books but, we have been told authoritatively, often fewer than 30 attend its

6 branches FOR . . . . .	1071 votes	
1 branch FOR if only cw is permitted . . . . .	219	=1059
8 branches AGAINST . . . . .	840	
1 branch ABSTAINING . . . . .	118	

Only six branches, with a total membership of 1071, favoured 2m access by Novices, while nine branches with 1059 members were against (219 of them being prepared to permit CW only). One branch seems to have 118 completely befuddled members and Council "recounted" their votes "after reinterpretation", whatever that means, and treated them as "absentions".

Had this branch voiced its opinion clearly and with courage, it might have swung the decision the other way, thus avoiding a great deal of unhappiness in the League among ZR

meetings - not even the requisite 10% for a quorum!

Yet, if only a simple majority of these members, i.e. a mere 16, vote YES, that Branch is credited with about 620 YES votes.

Mindful of this, and considering the probability of widespread unhappiness among members and the 3000+ non-members, and since the proposal came from a Councillor in the first place, I believe Council should have had the good sense to call for a postal ballot of all members on this far-reaching issue.

*Garth, ZS2HB* SK

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE  
FOR THE PERIOD 1991.07.01 TO 1992.06.30**

Income

BALANCE B/FORWARD	4 072,25
HQ Share Subs	7 872,50
Branch Share Subs	2 606,00
Interest on Invest	882,66
Donations	160,61
Teas	171,02
Numbers Draw	30,00
Rally Insurance	40,00
Advert QSX	40,00
Car Sticker (N/S)	10,00
Weatherfax Kits	645,00
Algoa Rally Assn	568,97
Crystals	235,61
Books	588,00
Dinner	40,00
1994 AGM Fund	2 484,61
[C/Fwd R2 630,61]	

Expenditure

HQ Share Subs	7 094,40
Electricity	326,69
QSX Float	1 471,10
PBBS/Rptr/Bcn Exps	2 769,07
Field Day Expenses	115,83
DF Sets Headphones	18,00
Branch AGM Expenses	137,69
Stat & Petties	37,31
Books	590,00
Weatherfax Kits	450,00
Rally Claims	393,97
Committee Braai	80,00
CT AGM Expenses	511,00
Dinner Expenses	72,00
Dinner	40,00
Bathurst Show	180,00
PO Box Rental	16,00
Licences	42,00
Slides - Radio ZS	25,43
Tea, cups, etc	179,46

<i>BALANCE C/FWD REPRESENTED BY</i>	
Savings Account	R 1 397,28
Fixed Deposits	4 500,00
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TOTAL	R 5 897,28

BALANCE C/FORWARD	5 897,28
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R 20 447,23  
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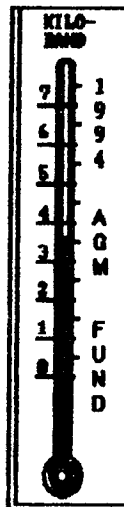
## OUR 1994 AGM FUND

The fund stands at R3634.52 at present after an injection of the proceeds from Colin ZS2AO's sale of variable capacitors, and Vic ZS2SZ's sale of microphones and nicads. In addition, the promised painting by Lydia White of Venterstad was handed over at the last general meeting by her OM, Chris ZR4ABC and this fine piece of art will undoubtedly boost the fund handsomely. Our grateful thanks to you, Lydia and Chris.

Also promised is a lekker Christmas Cake to be baked by Pam, XYL of Phil ZS2PP (need any good stirrers, Pam?) while Lima Electronics of Durban have offered a variety of TVI filters at special prices to Branches, which may resell them at a profit; and Glen Kraut S83X has donated five vouchers for a free weekend each for two people at the Coffee Bay Hotel on the Transkei coast.

For a R10 donation to our AGM fund, Bill Browne ZS2BY is offering IBM compatible software that will facilitate many calculations needed by experimenters in radio and electronics, including antenna design; and Keith Laaks ZS6TW is passing R10 to the fund for every copy of his VGA/Super VGA weather fax program that we get users to register.

But we still need a lot more in order to reach our goal of at least R7000 by January 1994, so put those thinking caps on!



## NEW WEATHERFAX SOFTWARE NOW AVAILABLE

The new weatherfax software developed by Keith Laaks ZS6TW for Super VGA and standard VGA monitors is now available. It needs only the inexpensive decoder that is obtainable as a kit from Colin ZS2CTR (R45), a VHF RX and your IBM "compat".

Apart from the excellent resolution, it puts the incoming picture right-way-up from the geostationary satellite that is perhaps the most popularly monitored one in Port Elizabeth and other major centres.

The program has virtually been custom-made with features

suggested by various users in Port Elizabeth who tested Keith's initial evaluation versions. It consequently has several useful facilities, and other ideas are being formulated for future release.

Copies are available from Colin ZS2CTR, Garth ZS2HB, Keith ZS6TW himself at PO Box 80561, Doornpoort, 0017 (Pretoria) or from any existing user. However, most of the facilities are locked out until the program is registered at a cost of R30, from which the Branch receives R10 towards the AGM fund.

SK

Locals 2nd & third in

## SIMULATED EMERGENCY 'TEST

In the Simulated Emergency contest on 14 June, Nico Schoonwinkel ZS4NS won the Single Operator class, with Al ZS2U in second place and Lynne Crothall ZS2MM third. ZS2PP, running fleapower at a site at Bathurst, took a very creditable 15th place. Winner of the Multi-operator class was ZS4BFN, the Bloemfontein Branch station. Sandton took the Branch Participation title.

Congratulations, all of you. And to those who participated but didn't win, let me quote one Vince Lombardy: "Winning isn't everything, but *wanting to win is*!" [I guess he's entitled to his views — Ed.]

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## Antenna Farm for PE?

At a meeting of interested persons recently it was decided to accept Al ZS2U's offer of the use of a 14 hectare plot that he owns near Maitland for the erection of permanent antennas. Plans are afoot to put up a large German quad suitable for use from 160 to 10 metres.

The antennæ will be available for use during special events (except the Field Day contest, for which existing antennæ are not permitted) and the site may become a popular venue for Branch outings.

## BIG JOTA PROGRAMME

### THIS YEAR

The Scouts and Guides want to make this year's Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) over the weekend 17/18 October a special and quite comprehensive event. In fact, they propose to rather call it a "Communications Fair". The JOTA participation will be only a part of the whole show, which is planned to include numerous other activities such as demonstrations of, for example, slowscan TV and packet radio, talks on radio procedures, Q codes and CW, DF hunts, computers in Ham Radio etc.

This will require the involvement of quite a number of members (ZS, ZR and ZU). Please make time to participate in this important opportunity for us to show young people what Ham Radio is *really* about and attract the right kind of person into the fold.

For hands-on interest we would like, apart from a working morse circuit, to couple two teleprinters on which people can send messages to each other across the hall. We need a couple of teleprinters. Can you lend us one or two?

If you can help in any way, please contact Dick ZS2RS at ☎55-2244 after hours. SK

# TV INTERFERENCE FILTERS

A variety of filters for the suppression of TV interference are now available from Lima Electronics of Durban. The Branch is allowed a percentage if the order is processed through us, so please place your order with the Branch Secretary.

Types available are:

- TYPE 1 Braid breaker for VHF TV reception
- TYPE 2 Braid breaker for UHF TV reception
- TYPE 3 Braid breaker and high pass filter for VHF TV reception
- TYPE 4 Braid breaker and high pass filter for UHF TV reception

	<u>INSERTION</u> <u>LOSS</u>	<u>ATTENUATION</u> <u>AT 30 MHz</u>	<u>PRICE incl</u> <u>VAT, P&amp;P</u>
TYPE 1 & 2	Better than 2dB	-	R50
TYPE 3 & 4	3dB	60dB	R55

The filter is simply plugged into the antenna socket of the television set and the antenna coaxial cable is plugged into the filter. No soldering is necessary.

Lima Electronics inform us that these filters have been thoroughly tested by the SABC and are now used extensively by them to cure TV interference.

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## FROM THE EDITOR

As the Branch year draws to a close, I should like to express my thanks to all who lent me their support during the year.

I refer to those who provided technical articles and others of general interest, humorous items and miscellaneous snippets to make QSX-PE more readable, most of the authors having been identified in credit lines to the respective articles; to Viv Moore ZS2VM, who twisted arms to get original articles prepared or else found others; and to those willing volunteers who helped every month with the laborious task of collating, addressing, inserting receipts etc. and

finally enveloping the Newsletter, namely Dudley Radue ZR2RD, Dennis Flynn ZR2XXX, Peter Flynn ZR2PF and Theuns Potgieter.

My thanks, too, to those who commented when they especially enjoyed an item. I was also pleased to note that several of our articles were reprinted in other branch newsletters - surely a compliment to our local authors.

All this enthusiasm has lightened the task of getting the Newsletter out every month and it makes one feel that it is worthwhile.

Very 73,

Garth ZS2HB

**Condolences:** We learned with great sorrow of the passing of Harry Stickley 3DAOAU on 13 August, Hannes Vorster ZS2BE on 6 September and Hester, XYL of Grobbie ZS2JO on the 8th. Harry and Hannes did a great deal for Amateur Radio during their lifetimes. Both of them, as well as Tannie Hester, held special places in the hearts of most Branch members and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to their respective spouses, families and friends.

**Congratulations** ... to those who will be celebrating soon:

**Birthdays - September:** Gideon Grobbelaar ZR2ABL, Martie van den Berg (ZR2ABH) and Albrecht van der Merwe ZS2JC (20th); Garth Moore ZS2AAR and Hettie Thompson (ZR2ABF) (22nd); Breda Dreyer ZS2DR (24th); Me (26th); Ewalt Bouwer ZR2ABN (27th).

**October:** Renee Olivier ZR2ABD (2nd); Colin Ashwell ZS2AO (6th); Francis Roberts ZS2HE (7th); Raphie Schauder ZS2SP and Peet van Heerden ZS2BX (13th); Pat Elliott (ZS2TJ) and Jako Breitenbach ZR2AAO (17th).

**Anniversaries - September:** Anne ZR2ABC and Vic Olivier ZS2SZ (22nd); Hettie and Gerald Taylor ZS2AAX (28th). **October:** Susanna and Mike Bosch ZS2FM (3rd); Annalene and Breda Dreyer ZS2DR (6th); Iona and Eric Gertenbach ZS2CV and also Kay and Fred Strutt ZS2JS (9th).

... to **New Call Sign Owners** Mike Bentley, ZU1MBM, who passed the Class A exam in May and now, having satisfied the age requirement, also holds the call ZR2MBM; and Des Pettit, ex ZR2ABI who, having got through his morse test, is now ZS2ABU;

**Welcome** ... to new members David Butcher ZU1AAW, Theuns Potgieter (studying for the RAE), Jerome Putter ZR2JP, Barry Murrell ZR2AAB, Neville Roebert ZS2NR (King William's Town), George Oosthuizen ZS1GJO (Cape Town) and Arthur Baynes (Adelaide). We are glad to have you all aboard.

**White House:** Gary Gillmer ZR2LG had a spell in a Port Elizabeth hospital and, not to be outdone, his sister Sharon Layton ZR2ABK supported one in Uitenhage. Wendy, daughter of Phil ZS2PP and Pam, has been in the Grahamstown hospital for a while. Hope you're all 'ohm' by now and well on the mend. SK

## **PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH COMMITTEE**

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Compiler/readers and 2m net controllers are listed in QSX.

## **SUNDAY BULLETINS**

Bulletins are transmitted on Sundays at about 08:40  
(after the Headquarters bulletin) on -  
7,098 MHz (40 metre band SSB)  
145,700 MHz (2 metre band FM - Lady's Slipper)  
51,400 MHz (automatic link with 2 m Lady's Slipper)  
14,130 MHz (20 metres SSB) when conditions require.

## **BRANCH VHF & HF SERVICES**

Town Repeater (PE Central)	145,050	/	145,650 MHz
Grahamstown Repeater	145,150	/	145,750 MHz
Lady's Slipper Repeater	145,100	/	145,700 MHz
6 metre link with Lady's Slipper	51,400 MHz		(simplex)
Cockscomb Repeater	145,000	/	145,600 MHz
Kareedouw Repeater	145,125	/	145,725 MHz
University Repeater	145,175	/	145,775 MHz
6 metre beacon (ZS2SIX CW ID)	50,005 MHz		
2 metre beacon (ZS2PE CW ID)	144,910 MHz		
Packet Bulletin Board	ZU8KCD -	144,675	& 14,109 MHz, KAM Version 3.0 software

## **BRANCH MEETINGS**

20:15 (8.15pm) on the third Friday of the month in the  
Civil Defence Centre, Westview Drive, Mill Park

**\*\* We like being your branch \*\***