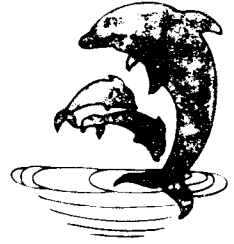




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# NOTICE OF MEETING

The next monthly general meeting of the Port Elizabeth Branch will be held on **Friday, 16 October 1992**, commencing at **20:15**. The staggered arrival of members at the AGM prompt me to explain that 20:15 is when the big hand is by the 3 and the little hand is by the 8... or let's see now... is it the other way around maybe?

The venue, as usual, will be the Civil Defence Centre, Westview Drive, Mill Park, Port

Elizabeth.

If you wish the Branch to place any motions on the agenda for the League AGM in 1993, this will be your last chance to submit them for consideration by our members.

After the business, there will be a live demonstration of Packet Radio and, if there is time, a video entitled "Hams in Space" will be screened.

*See you there!*

## 1994 AGM FUND

We seem to have got into the swing of things – the 1994 AGM Fund has risen to R4536, and we have not yet disposed of the fine original painting executed and donated to the Branch by Lydia White, XYL of Chris ZR4ABC of Venterstad.

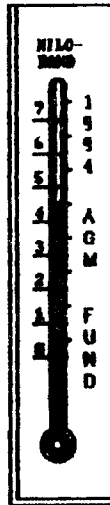
The new Committee will decide on an appropriate competition for which this will be the main prize.

Similarly, a decision will be taken soon on the way in which we will dispose of the vouchers that we have received for free weekends at

a leading Transkeian holiday hotel.

But don't rest on your laurels out there – we need much more. Even if we exceed our original target there's inflation to consider.

And, of course, the more we can subsidise the various AGM functions the bigger and better will be the attendance by the 'smaller guns' – the people who make up the main body of our ham fraternity, the salaried people who make Ham Radio what it really is.



# HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!

JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) will be held at Gillsands (along Schoenmakerskop Road) during the weekend 17/18 October - that's just a few days away.

In Port Elizabeth, the 'old style' JOTA (which many will agree has tended to be something of a non-event in recent years) will form *only a part* of a much more comprehensive event than we have seen in the past.

The local Scouts, with the co-operation of the Amateur fraternity, intend to put on an interest-catching *Communications Fair* (see September QSX) and this will need a lot of help from enthusiastic hams in this area.

Port Elizabeth will be a key centre in the national JOTA activities. The Deputy Chief Scout and Chief of the Guides will transmit their messages to the Country from the station at Gillsands.

A JOTA station is also expected to be operating in Uitenhage.

Please make the time to be available this year and thereby put something back into this hobby that has given you so much pleasure. If you can help, please let Dick ZS2RS know at # 55-2107 (work) or, if you're an optomist, at 55-2244 (home).

A bring-and-braai for hams and their families will be held at lunch-time on the Saturday, the time depending on the national JOTA programme but probably starting at around 13:00. Please come along and join in the fun.

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## C O M P U T I P

My mouse - one of those white plastic types shaped more like a tortoise than a rodent - started playing up recently, moving the cursor only north-south but not east-west. When I held the cord with my left hand, the problem disappeared. Elementary - the cord must have gone intermittent from constant flexing.

However, a test-meter check showed no break in the cord and even in the strong winter sunlight streaming into the shack I could find no circuit-board cracks or other likely source of the problem. After re-assembly, all was well once more - until the next afternoon.

The penny dropped when, reaching for the cord, I noticed that the fault cleared even before my left hand got to it - but cast a shadow over the mouse. During part of its arc the warm sun shining onto the translucent cover was affecting the mouse's east-west sensor! I have since heard of one that was even affected by strong room lighting.

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## The BRANCH UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT... ...but still the Old, Trusted Formula

**A**T THE AGM of the Branch on 25 September, Colin ZS2CTR was elected, unopposed, as Chairman. The new Committee, with the individual functions allocated at their first meeting shown in square brackets, are:

Colin Robertson ZS2CTR (Chairman) [Treasurer; Digital Services & Repeaters]  
Garth Laaks ZS2HB [Vice Chairman; Editor: QSX-PE]  
Fred Bonthuys ZS2EQ [Secretary]  
Al Akers ZS2U [Hamnet Rep; Club Station; Special Events; Rallies]  
Peter Flynn ZR2PF [Special Events WG; Rallies WG]  
Martin Layton ZS2ABN [Projects]  
Sharon Layton ZR2ABK [Projects WG]  
Keith Olivier ZR2AAX [Training Liaison]  
Dudley Radue ZR2RD [Social; Guest Speakers; QSX WG]  
Donovan van Loggerenberg ZS2DL [Contests & Awards WG]

Like Viv, Vic, Owen and Bud, Marge ZS2OB was not available to stand for re-election this year. Marge was thanked heartily for the tremendous contribution that she has made to Amateur Radio in general and the Branch in particular. She was presented with the Ham Spirit Trophy, awarded annually, for her leadership under which the Branch truly flourished and grew both in numbers and in spirit as was evidenced once again by the capacity turnout of at least 58 heads counted at the meeting.

Marge also received a beautiful bouquet as well as a Certificate of Merit for dedicated service to the Branch over an extended period – she has served on Committee continuously for 14 years, handling the posts of Secretary, Editor of QSX and, for the past four years, Chairman. Thank you once again, Marge and thank you, also, to all members of the outgoing committee, our Digital Technical Liaison representative Lionel ZS2DD, our Repeater Working Group under Trevor ZS2AE and the QSX Distribution Working Group for your enthusiasm last year.

Other trophies awarded were:

DF Trophy - Vic Olivier ZS2SZ  
ZS2OB DX Trophy - Donovan van Loggerenberg ZS2DL  
Constructor's Trophy - Phil Hopper ZS2PP  
Hamnet Shield - Al Akers ZS2U  
VHF Trophy - Al Akers ZS2U

Certificates of Merit were awarded as follows:

Phil ZS2PP and Pam Hopper for the Bathurst Show station  
Trevor Scarr ZS2AE for his maintenance of our repeaters

A special certificate, the "Manufacturers' Pet Award", was presented in absentia to Owen Thomas ZS2AZ for "services rendered to the radio manufacturing industry during the VW Algoa Rally" by expeditiously and single-handedly putting four two-metre transceivers out of action.

A live weatherfax display, using one of the kits available from the Branch through Colin ZS2CTR and the new software mentioned in QSX last month, drew a great deal of interest. One member placed his order although he doesn't even have an IBM compatible yet!

After the business, members enjoyed a cheese and wine evening with the usual mingling of old friends, making of new ones, and many intense discussions on subjects of mutual interest — once again a red letter occasion for all.

It was nice to see not only our own stalwarts from Division 2 present or acceptably accounted for but also our old friend Grobbie ZS2JO and visitors Errol, ZS6KED (a dedicated packeteer and wooden-spoon manipulator) and his long-suffering brother-in-law Bev, ZS1BEV. Some members actually stood outside the entrance and the new Committee is urgently looking at ways to ease the accommodation situation.

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## Your New Branch Representatives

The new Committee is as set out above but you also have a number of other appointees working on your behalf who are not on the Committee as such. They are:

Lionel Coombe-Davis ZS2DD [SA AMSAT Liaison]  
Trevor Scarr ZS2AE, Chris Scarr ZS2AAW, Wolf Gerstle ZS2WG  
[Digital & Repeater Working Group]  
Vic Olivier ZS2SZ [Library, DF; IPHA]  
Mike Bentley ZR2MBM/ZU1MBM [YAS Liaison]  
Viv Moore ZS2VM, Dennis Flynn ZR2DB, Theuns Potgieter [QSX  
Committee]

The back cover of QSX will be amended to reflect the new Committee and Working Group contact persons next month. SX

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*\* Better to be patient behind wheel  
than patient in hospital! \**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE PORT ELIZABETH  
BRANCH OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE HELD AT THE  
CIVIL DEFENCE CENTRE, MILL PARK ON FRIDAY,  
21 AUGUST, 1992**

**PRESENT:** 54 members and visitors, apologies as per register.

**WELCOME:** The Chairman, Marge ZS2OB, welcomed all, especially Chris White ZR4ABC and his wife, whom she thanked for the donation of a beautiful painting in support of our AGM fund.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting of 17th July, 1992, as printed in QSX, were approved: proposed by Dudley ZR2RD and seconded by Owen ZS2AZ.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Nil.

**FINANCE:**

Our Treasurer, Colin ZS2CTR reported that the Branch funds stood at R3717,83 and the AGM fund at R3482,61.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Other Branch newsletters were tabled.

**GENERAL:**

1. Field Day will be on September 5 and 6.
2. AGM to be held on September 25th 1992, and will take the form of a cheese and wine at the Civil Defence Centre.
- 3.. New committee members will be needed, so come prepared.
4. The Branch has received five vouchers for weekends for two at the Coffee Bay Hotel; Friday after lunch till Sunday after lunch. These are for our 1994 AGM fund and a suitable way of disposing of them will be devised.
5. Owen ZS2AZ and his wife Doris organised a bingo evening, swelling the AGM fund by R102.
6. Lima Electronics has offered TV filters to branches at a special price. Branches that obtain orders for them may retain the suggested markup for their funds.
7. ZS2AO Colin, and Vic ZS2SZ were thanked for their donations of various items sold in aid of our fund-raising for the 1994 AGM.
8. The organisers of the Algoa VW Rally had presented an award to the Branch in appreciation of the communications provided. VW caps were also given to each of the operators.
9. Colin ZS2CTR has the following available for Branch funds: weatherfax kits @ R45 (including original software), optional superior software especially developed for us by Keith Laaks ZS6TW @ R30, packet kits @ R90. Please contact Colin to reserve

your kit.

10. Dick ZS2RS has arranged a meeting for Wednesday 23rd July to discuss any aspects concerning the very full programme being planned for JOTA this year. The Branch will be erecting a station and be organising many activities associated with HAM RADIO.

11. Raphy ZS2SP expressed his appreciation to all those hams who keep our repeaters working.

12. Al, ZS2U expressed his thanks to all the operators at the VW ALGOA Rally for making his job bearable, and also to the organisers for their donation to the Branch.

Owen ZS2AZ introduced the guest speaker, Capt. Davies, who kept the meeting interested in the day-to-day workings of harbour communications and activities. He also related many interesting and humorous stories of events that had occurred during his spell as Port Captain.

There being no further business, an enjoyable meeting was adjourned for tea and biscuits.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY

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## UZU IN AMMELAND

UPDATED FROM ZS6PTA'S HATTS

**AMMES:** Strange inhabitants of Ammeland.

**MAWSE:** The supreme god of the ZEDESSES.

**ZEDESSES:** A dominant tribe of advanced beings, intellectually superior to the ZEDAARS and ZEDEWS.

**ZEDAARS:** A lesser tribe who tend to huddle on highlying areas. They live in awe of Mawse but do not respect him and in turn are scorned by the free-ranging Zedesses. However, the high priests of the green valleys have persuaded their flock to pay mock homage to Mawse, whereupon they will be admitted to the exalted Zedess status.

**ZEDEWS:** Lowly novitiates tolerated by Zedesses, looked down upon by Zedaars (who secretly envy Zedews because they are favoured with admission to many Ammes shrines forbidden to Zedaars).

**SEEKYEW:** Mating call of Ammes, uttered in dreary monotones.

**KUARZED:** Whodat? Sometimes used with "You are 59+"

**KUSOS:** Dialogue unintelligible to aliens. Among the Ammes' tongues are Foan (including Effem, Ayem and Esesbee dialects), Ritty, Pakkit and the dulcet tones of the god Mawse. SK

*Snakes Alive! We've heard of the Viper but this is ridiculous...*

## ...the **SNAKE ANTENNA**

BY PETER ZS5XA, FROM HAMS HAYWIRE NEWS

The snake is a well-known reptile but as an antenna it sounds rather controversial. Well, you don't have to kill the reptile to have a snake antenna. It is very simple, cheap and easy to install.

All you need is about 17 metres of coaxial cable. Short one end by soldering the centre to the braid and tape over to insulate and protect, then fit a banana plug to the centre core at the other end, leaving the braid floating free.

Insert the banana plug into the centre of your coaxial antenna socket on your transceiver or antenna tuner and roll the snake out on the ground. Yes indeed, on the ground! It does not have to be straight and can run in any direction, just like a snake.

Experiments were done using RG213 cable about 17m long and 75Ω standard TV coax roughly 25m long and the results were similar. A number of contacts have been made on 7, 14, 21 and 28 MHz. The snake is not exactly 50Ω and so we prefer

using an antenna tuner.

A comparison was made on 7 MHz between an inverted V and the snake and the snake lost out by one 'S' point. The overall performance seems to be similar to a dipole from the aspect of signal strength. We did not check the performance on 80m or 160m but by extending the length somewhat these bands would certainly be useable.

In conclusion, the snake is a very useful antenna for limited space and for portable operations and is not a great attraction for lightning strikes.

NOTE BY ED: I checked whether it was the April issue of HHN when I read this but it wasn't, so maybe the rally and caravan gangs should try the Snake out some time.

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## About LIGHTNING

FROM RF MAGAZINE, USA

At any given moment, there are more than 2 000 thunderstorms taking place. These storms each produce about 100 lightning flashes per second, each one up to a billion volts and at more than 54 000 degrees Fahrenheit. A moderate-sized thunderstorm can generate several hundred megawatts of electrical energy, or about the output of a small nuclear power plant. With all this energy being released, it's no wonder that we have high noise levels on our radio bands.

With so many bolts of lightning it's also no wonder that people and structures get hit. Many of us have, or know of someone who has, lost precious radio gear or home electronic devices due to either a direct strike, induced currents or powerline surges. It's interesting that there is only one documented case of lightning being the direct cause of a commercial airline plane loss, since most planes are struck about once every 3 000 hours of flight time — an average of once a year.

Many governmental and private research organisations and universities have conducted studies on lightning, its cause, its prevention and general safety procedures. They have found that ground equipment needs the most protection. Since lightning tends to strike the highest point in any given area, special care must be taken to protect tall structures from these high voltage bolts. As for hams, these structures are often powerlines, telephone lines and repeater towers as well as personal antennas.

Recent studies show that lightning strikes within one-millionth of a second, with peak currents approaching 200 000 amperes. Conventional protection methods are often unable to save complex electronic gear from some damage. There are, however, some ways to avoid or reduce the possibility of a direct strike at your QTH and keep lightning outside where it is sure to do less damage.

A lightning strike is the transfer of electrical energy from one area to another. Most lightning is cloud-to-cloud. The destructive kind we are talking about is cloud-to-ground, or even ground-to-cloud. Yes, lightning can strike *upwards!*

When a thundercloud's electrical charges have built up to the point where they exceed the insulating quality of the atmosphere, an electrical discharge occurs in the form of a spark referred

to as lightning!

Lightning can be either positive or negative; most of the time, the electrons are negatively charged in cloud-to-ground lightning. As the "leader" from the cloud descends, a positive charge builds up on everything from grass to antenna towers. When the leader gets close enough to the positive ground, closure of the cloud-ground circuit occurs, and the leader is neutralized. A much more powerful return stroke travels from the ground to the cloud through the grounded object selected as the focal point of the positive ion flow. That object, person, antenna or building is then described as having been "struck" by lightning.

From start to finish, the whole process takes less than a second. The return stroke is the part of the event that is most visible to the human eye. A lightning strike is often brighter than 100 million light bulbs. Most lightning strikes are not single discharges but rather the bolt travels back and forth between the cloud and ground a dozen or more times, as shown in slow-motion photography. With a little practice at not closing your eyes, it's possible to detect several multiple strokes within seconds.

*From HIGHWAY HOTLINE, newsletter of the Highway Branch, the good news is that Port Elizabeth had the second lowest ground flash density in an 11-year survey taken under the auspices of the CSIR back in the 1970/80s.*

Some of the ground flash densities (the average number of ground strikes per square kilometre per year) for the larger cities, with the worst-mentioned place for comparison purposes, were listed as follows:

Durban	5.0
East London	1.5
Cape Town	0.3
Port Elizabeth	0.7
Johannesburg	6,5
Bloemfontein	5,0
Pietermaritzburg	6,6
Giants Castle	10,7.

*[So next time you visit Giant's Castle, be sure to hold your handy-talky upside down to avoid the lightning neutralizing your rubber ducky! - Ed.]*

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## REPEATER NEWS

Trevor ZS2AE and Chris ZS2AAW have been testing likely repeater sites around Uitenhage and have selected Signal Hill as the best location to serve Uitenhage/Despatch members. A repeater is available and should be up, at least in temporary form, in the near future.

It is hoped that a Cradock repeater will also be operational in the next four weeks or so. The channel envisaged is 145,050/650 MHz.

More is in the pipeline for other facilities that the Branch envisages, e.g. linking certain repeaters and (already being bench-tested at present) a digipeater for our Grahams-town site that will enable more country members to access the Packet Bulletin Board System (PBBS) if they cannot get in direct on 144,675 MHz.

The new, fully-fledged PBBS itself is just about ready for service and will hopefully go up on Lady's Slipper in the next few weeks after a thorough soak-test. Listen to bulletins for further information.

Certain donations have been made and it has been decided to establish a Branch Repeater Fund to help finance and maintain all our repeater services. We have the R658 residue from the VW Algoa Rally cheque and a fabulous R1000 that Dudley ZR2RD and Wolf ZS2WG wrung out

of another Lady's Slipper tenant for repairing his repeater hut along with our own. A portion of this amount went on expenses associated with the repairs.

The Branch's hearty thanks go to Wolf, Dudley, Ben ZR2ABE, Peter ZR2PEL, Sandy ZS2LN and his son, as well as other helpers who, tying up several of their weekends, have carried out the much-needed repairs to our repeater hut in preparation for the installation of our remote PBBS and computer.

While the ZS2PE PBBS was 'down' and members were chomping at the bit, Piet ZS2FP put his own bulletin board system at their disposal, using the same protocol that will be in vogue on the new Branch system. Thank you, Piet.

By the way, the Kareedouw repeater wandered off-frequency recently due to maturing of the crystal. Assistant Repeater Looker After Chris ZS2AAW got it back on the straight and narrow.

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### *RAE on 12 November*

Seems the Authorities figure there will be enough fireworks without the RAE on 5 November and they've changed the date to the 12th. Good luck to all who are writing.

But rather than relying on luck, the recommended route is solid revision, several prac-

tice calculations of the various formulæ and an adequate understanding of the "building blocks" of transmitters and receivers (e.g. rectifiers, filters, acceptor and rejector circuits etc.) which might form the basis of questions.

And, of course, before you answer a question, read it carefully to ensure that you understand what the examiner wants to know.

Presumably you all know the *Regulations backwards!*

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## PC Programs for Radio & Electronics

Bill Browne ZS2BY is offering, for R10 towards the Branch 1994 AGM fund and on your own disk, several of his own useful programs for IBM compatible machines that will enable you to do many calculations relating to Ham Radio, e.g. antenna and inductor design, determining your locator etc. Contact Bill on 31-3343 for details and for an appointment to get your copy.

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## Thanks to our Printers

In my note last month I omitted to thank our printers Sylvia and Robin and son Kevin, alias Instant Printing. They always bend over backwards with fast turnarounds to help me meet the mailing deadline for

QSL. You can show your appreciation by seeing them for your QSL cards and other printing jobs.

While Kevin is slaving over the hot machines, Sylvia and Robin often entertain their clients with various bits of humour that come their way, some of which are even printable, like this exchange between two youngsters in 5Z-land on seeing relief aid passing through their village *en route* to neighbouring ET country:

*"DÀ DAGO, DÀ DAGO.*

*FORTE LOREZ INARO."*

*"DEMAINT LOREZ. DEMIS TRUX,  
FULA HENSHIN GEESEN DUX."*

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## Wide Interest in YAS

YAS, the Young Amateur Society initiated by our Novices at Westering High School recently, has received country-wide publicity through the Johannesburg Branch's *Amateur Radio Spectrum* program aimed at the younger set.

Mike ZU1MBM/ZR2MBM, reports that a number of applications for membership of the Society have already been received from as far afield as Cape Town and Johannesburg. YAS plans to hold various activities for young people and to issue newsletters to its members. We wish YAS good luck.

For more information about YAS, contact Mike at 30-1498 (home) or write to The Chairman

(Radio Amateur Society),  
 Westering High School,  
 Papenkuils Street, WESTERING  
 6025.

That's in Port Elizabeth, of  
 course.

## Maidenhead Locators

In last month's issue of *QX* we printed a sample list of Maidenhead Locators. Unfortunately the gremlins pinched a tabulation marker and ZS2DL appeared one place to the left of his correct column. Please transfer his call to the KF26QF column (together with Dad ZS2LR).

## BULLETIN ROSTER

		TRANSMIT BULLETIN	RELAY/ NET
Oct	4	ZS2HB	ZR2RD
	11	ZS2EQ	ZR2PF
	18	ZS2U	ZR2AAX
	25	ZR2ABK	ZS2CTR
Nov	1	ZR2RD	ZS2HB
	8	ZR2PF	ZS2EQ
	15	ZR2AAX	ZS2U

You may also add ZR2ABL and ZR2ABM under KF25JX.

Contact Al *before* the next contest to determine your locator.

## Is dit Halley se Komeet?

### Nee - dis 'n Radio-amateur!

Die 1992 Jaarvergadering van die Tak is geëer deur die teenwoordigheid van Oukêrel Grobbie Grobbelaar, ZS2JO, 'n lid van ons Tak vir baie jare en van die Liga vir nog etlike jare daarby.

Grobbee is seker uniek omdat dit die eerste keer was dat hy enige takvergadering bywoon *sedert 1936 - d.w.s. in 56 jaar!*

Ons bedank Vic ZS2SZ dat hy Grobbie gehaal het en hom al skoppend, krappend en skreeuend na die jaarvergadering gesleep het. Dit was toe nie so sleg nie, né Grobbie? Ons hoop dat u dus weer 'n kans sal vat en ons meer dikwels sal besoek. As daar egter nóg 56 jaar op u volgende besoek gewag moet word sal ek persoonlik nie met u praat nie.

*\* If you can impress a man with ostentation and glitz, he's not worth impressing \**

## HINTS FOR NEW HAMS

It has been suggested that QSX should carry a regular feature of hints for new licensees. Newcomers are often 'out on a limb' as far as correct operating procedures and practices are concerned. Readers are invited to let the Editor know what problems they experienced as 'rookies', or about any incorrect practices that they feel should be mentioned in these hints.

\* For starters, let's refer to the importation of CB expressions. Many terms used on CB have in fact come from the amateur 'dictionary' but some have been bent a little and then, alas, re-imported back to the Ham bands. For example, 'QSK' refers to a method of operation using morse code in which the receiving operator can interrupt the sender between the dits and dahs of his transmission. It is misused by some CB operators to indicate that they wish to join a QSO.

The correct way to 'break into' a QSO is to wait until one operator invites the next to transmit, then quickly press your PTT button and announce "BREAK" - or "BREAK: ZS2XXX" (using your own call sign instead of ZS2XXX, of course!) or even merely "ZS2XXX", and release your microphone button.

For many years the simple "BREAK" has been the normal way, reducing to the minimum the likelihood of blotting out anything that the next station says if he's a bit quick on the trigger. However, in recent times some (purists?) insist that you should include your call sign - perhaps because the Law requires that you identify yourself at least once during every transmission! In fact, the Postmaster General ruled

some years ago that *one does not need to give a call sign on every transmission during short breaks back and forth between stations, unless the conversation continues thus for more than ten minutes.* So, use any of the examples above and wait for a reaction.

If you wish to break in urgently, for example in an emergency situation such as a road accident etc., break in with "BREAK - EMERGENCY". Here again, some amateurs propagate the expression "BREAK - URGENT TRAFFIC" but I believe that, while this may be satisfactory in a disciplined emergency network, it does not have the desired impact on most amateurs. Everyone, including non-amateurs listening in, know what an EMERGENCY is.

Remember, you *may not call 'MAYDAY'* except where a life is at stake. If you do, you could end up in court!

\* A CBer uses a 'handle' to hide his identity but gives his "personal" name when he feels so inclined. The ham term 'handle' comes from the dictionary meaning (title or name). Since hams use only their real names or nicknames, they do not talk of a "personal" but only of their "name" or, sometimes, their "handle".

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# ★ ★ PERSONAL NEWS ★ ★

**Condolences:** We were sorry to hear of the passing of the mother of Vic Olivier ZS2SZ on 15 September. Our condolences to you and the whole family, Vic.

**Congratulations** ... to those celebrating in the coming weeks:

**Birthdays - October:** Neill Holmes ZS2AI (23rd); Kathy Gerstle (ZS2WG) (24th); Stoffel Carr ZS2C and Andries van Wyk ZR2AVW (26th); Iris Hayes ZS2AA and Ria de Vos (ZR2ABM) (27th); Doris Thomas ZS2TL (28th); Noel Staples ZS2AAS (29th). **November:** Ian MacKenzie ZS2-162 (2nd); Viv Moore ZS2VM (6th); Dot Clarke (ZS2MF) (14th); Henk-Jan Busse ZS2-273 (19th); John St.Clair ZS2JR (21st)

**Anniversaries - October:** None listed. **November:** Dot and Ron Clarke ZS2MF (3rd); Shirley and Stoffel Carr ZS2C as well as Mel and Beavan Gwilt ZS2RL (all on 20th).

... to **In-Laws** Peter ZS2PL as well as Ron and Kay Harvey ZS2RU on the marriage of their sons. (*No, man! - each to his respective wife!*)

... to **New ZS Licensee** Michael Schwenkert, ex ZR2ABG, who now has the call sign ZS2ABW.

**Wedding Bells:** The grapevine has it that OM Bill Browne ZS2BY will be tying the knot on 10 October. Good idea, Bill. We wish you both many years of happiness and contentment.

**Exchange of Excess X's:** Dennis, ex ZR2XXX, is now ZR2DB. Presumably when he was XXX he was 3dB and 2dB is QRP.

**Welcome** ... to new member Barry Murrell ZR2AAB of Port Elizabeth. Let's hear more of you on the band too, Barry.

**Grannies Again:** Congrats to Julie and Trevor Scarr ZS2AE on becoming grandparents again - and to the proud parents also.

**Wandering:** Wondering why the repeaters are so quiet? Gerhard ZS2UM and Hani Baum ZR2JB have been visiting Austria for a while - As Inspector Clousseau would say, "Baums Away". Lionel ZS2DD and Doris toured the Northern Cape recently and Peter ZS2OF and Peggy Tomlinson visited the Western Cape looking at flowers. Sorry about the blowout and clutch problem, Peter.

Les ZS4WA and Rene visited Phil ZS2PP and Pam for a few days showing them how to extract fish from the Kowie, and Danie ZS2CX and Elsabe popped up to Pretoria to visit Dad ZS6BWM. Peter ZS2PL has left for Australia to attend his son's wedding. SK

## **PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH COMMITTEE**

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AWARDS, RALLIES	Bud Voortman	ZS2CA	34-2770
PROJECTS, TRAINING & QSX COMMITTEE	Viv Moore	ZS2YM	30-4433
EDITOR: QSX-FE	Garth Laaks	ZS2HB	38-1101
LIBRARIAN, DF HUNTS, IPHA	Vic Olivier	ZS2SZ	30-2440
SOCIAL, GUEST SPEAKERS	Owen Thomas	ZS2AZ	54-2177
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DIGITAL TECHNICAL LIAISON	Lionel Coombe- Davis	ZS2DD	32-1770
REPEATER WORKING GROUP CO-ORDINATOR	Trevor Scarr	ZS2AE	32-1746

## **BULLETIN ROSTER**

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

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