

March 2017

March sees the return of reasonable temperatures around the southland and a return to operating outdoors as in Field Day, which is only 3 months away!

The Lakewood Amateur Radio Club would like to welcome its newest member and new ham Ian Williams (awaiting callsign). Ian passed his Tech test at the TRW swap meet after using both printed and online study guides and practice tests. Hope to see you on the air soon Ian!

Repeater work continues with antenna work planned for the repeater Heliac needing re-support after a windstorm during the winter tore at the supports. A heavier duty support will be fashioned and installed soon. Additional work on the repeater receiver will be complete soon and will improve reception.

Field day location and discussions to be held soon and preparations for new rigs, and antennas (and new operators?).

Brett (WA6SXU) indicates slow but steady progress in working on DX scores, with his total now at 106 following a successful ARRL DX – CW contest, and Joe (W6MYN) says he is neck and neck with closing in on Honor Roll and DX challenge awards. Travis (KK6EON) reports he is traveling on business to Daytona to see the races.