

CHELMSFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
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Meetings

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday, the 6th September, held at the Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The first meeting for the 1966/67 season will open with a film show, after which the Annual General Meeting will be held. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend this meeting in order to show appreciation for the efforts of the retiring committee and to elect a new committee for the coming year. Will members consider beforehand whom they wish to elect as this will greatly help to speed up proceedings!

D.F. Hunts

A very successful event was held on the 24th July, it proved to be rather more difficult than was first supposed from the initial signal heard at the College. Dave Hills G3OCM ably assisted by Barry Doel G3SXX, put in a great deal of effort in selecting the site which subsequently included navigation by canoe in the early hours of the morning to erect the aerial system. However their efforts caused some confusion with the competitors who in most cases found that a river was a major obstacle during the last few yards of the hunt. There were others who did not get as far as this nicety but were probing woods five miles away! First in was Mike Rignall G3OYX at 15.53hrs. followed by Gilbert Newnham G3PDK six minutes later and Arthur Butcher G3KPJ at 16.19hrs. Those taking part included G3EIX, 3RMN, 3PMX, 3OYX, 3EMD, 6RM, 5IX, 3PDK, 3KPJ, and John Naunton. Once again we thank G4VF for running the base station, assisted by Paul Selwood.

No Direction Finding event was planned for August as it was considered that too many members would be away on holiday, however, baited by the success of the July hunt our members clamoured for more and, G5IX found himself elected for a hidden station on the 21st. The site was at map reference TQ.903948 just outside the boundary fence, a war time radar site at Canewdon, this had been inspected initially some months before and was held in reserve for just such an occasion. The results were roughly as planned although unfortunately the high static level added to the difficulties of the hunters, once again the problem of Essex rivers delayed competitors and it was not until 16.15hrs that the first hunters arrived, namely Arthur Butcher G3KPJ and Mike Rignall G3OYX followed by Roy Martyr G3PMX with final assistance from his XYL to pin point the station in the last few yards. Those taking part included G3EIX, 3OYX, 3RMN, 3KPJ, 3SXX, 3PMX, 3OCM, and Ian Gillis. The base station on this occasion was kindly provided by Roy Philpot G3VCH who filled the gap at rather short notice and did most of the talking to keep the hidden station "overs" short.

The next Direction Finding event will take place on Sunday, the 25th September, 1966 when it is anticipated that there will be a record number of entrants. On this occasion Mike Rignall G3OYX will be operating the hidden station.

News Items from Members

Amateur Television has been received by Roy Martyr G3PMX on 70cm equipment recently modified and aligned for the purpose.

Pictures transmitted by G3NOX/T were successfully received on 27th August over the 30 mile path between Saffron Walden and Chelmsford using a standard 405 line T.V. receiver fitted with a V.H.F. converter and preceded by a single stage transistor R.F. amplifier.

It is hoped that regular contacts will now be made using this equipment which is always "at the ready" to receive pictures from other stations in the Chelmsford area!

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For Sale - Minimitter H.F. Transmitter - 150 watts C.W. or AM. complete with modulator and power supply in one case. In good working condition, recently air tested - £25. Peter Naish G3EIX, 6 Mildmays, Danbury, CHELMSFORD.