

Meetings

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday 4th October 1966, at the Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford commencing at 7.30pm. On this occasion the Society will be devoting the evening to the subject of TRANSISTORS. Working exhibits will include a transistor curve tracing oscilloscope, a characteristic tester, a sweep generator for I.F. alignment at 450 - 470 KHz or 1.6 MHz and a V.H.F. receiver converter. Members are invited to bring transistors for testing, small receivers for I.F. check alignment and any transistor projects which may be of interest to other members or which have problems in their design.

Report - The Annual General Meeting

On Tuesday 6th September 1966 the A.G.M. of the Society was held at the Marconi College.

The retiring Chairman Peter Blair G3LTF opened proceedings by giving a survey of the Societies activities in the past year. In addition to the regular monthly talks, film shows, etc., several first time activities were mentioned, inauguration of the news sheet, the first live television lecture by G3NOX/T and our first 80 metre contest.

Peter expressed his thanks for all the support in these activities from members and his committee of two years standing.

The retiring Treasurer Gilbert Newnham G3PDK gave a statement of the Societies financial situation; this showed a healthy balance, being approximately £10 in hand with all expenses paid, the improvement being mainly due to the introduction of raffle prizes.

The meeting was then handed over to our President Ron Ferguson G4VF, who had flown from Montreal during the afternoon to be present at the election of his new Committee. With his usual charm, he persuaded the following unsuspecting members to take office:-

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| Hon. Chairman | Gilbert Newnham G3PDK |
| Hon. Treasurer | Mike Rignall G3OYX |
| Committee Members | Arthur Butcher G3KPJ |
| | Jack Keys |
| | Peter Naish G3EIX |
| | Bernard Reichman G6RM |
| | Ken Dews G3PMW |
| Hon. Secretary | |
| The Ex-officio Members remain:- | |
| President | Ron Ferguson G4VF |
| Vice-Presidents | Tony Dix G5IX |
| | Roy Martyr G3PMX |

The news sheet remains under the worthy editorship of Tony Dix, assisted by Roy Martyr, who is responsible for the publication.

Ron Ferguson wished the new committee a successful term of office and formally handed over the meeting to the new Chairman whose first duty was to initiate discussion from the floor.

Peter Blair expressed slight disappointment at the low attendance for the A.G.M. and suggested that one contributory factor was annual holidays, after some discussion by members, a formal proposal was made by Jack Keys for the A.G.M. to be held in October of each year; this was excepted unanimously by the meeting.

Gilbert Newnham raised the subject of subscriptions from new members joining the Society during a session. This point was discussed at length, ending in unanimous agreement that the scale should be:- after 1st January in any year, sixpence per month up to the A.G.M. in October, paid as a lump sum.

Peter Blair commented that young members were not being attracted to the Societies activities and suggested that a young member should be elected to the Committee especially to put forward his viewpoint. With the departure of former committee member John Alderton G3JEP, a new member should be elected to the Committee.

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was suggested that the new member could renew this function, this point was further discussed and agreed by the majority in principal.

Subsequently the first duty of the new committee was to co-opt Peter Chadwick G3RZP to the committee as Publicity Officer.

Popularity of our local D.F. hunts promoted some discussion, Mike Smith G3RMN suggested that the transmission times of the hidden station were too infrequent. He had some supporters to his viewpoint but as many others held the view that increasing the "on air" time would make the hunt too easy. It was finally agreed to allow the next hidden station to transmit one minute in every five, as an experiment. Mike Rignall G3OYX, the operator for the next hunt agreed to implement this feature.

No further points were raised for discussion and the Chairman formally adjourned the meeting for tea.

Forthcoming Events

Early attention is drawn to our November meeting, when a Gigantic Junk Sale will be held, start your collections now!

Mini D.F. Hunt - Report

In response to various requests a mini D.F. Hunt was held on Danbury Common during July with Barry Doel G3SXX operating the hidden station. Results proved that it was not as easy as it first appeared although of course there was no question of lack of signal, however, judging from the time taken by some competitors to find the site there is still room for improvement. The event concluded with a gathering in the Cricketer's Arms and from the discussion it seems that a good evening had been had by all. Those taking part included 5IX, G3EIX, 3KPJ, 3LTF, 3OCM, 3PMX, 3RLQ and 3RMN.

D.F. Hunt - Report

The last of the Direction Finding events for this season took place on Sunday afternoon the 25th September and was well supported in spite of some of the "regulars" being on holiday. A good signal was received at the College at the dead line of 2 O'Clock with the result that the nine teams got away to a good start. The hidden station, although this may not be a strictly true description, was in fact located in Mike Rignall's new house at Great Totham, map reference TL 853116 operating under the call of G3OYX. It seems that no one appreciated the significance of no/P while those who eventually arrived in the area found OYX's car parked in full view, in spite of all this only four competitors were successful. Mike Smith G3RMN qualified on mileage for first place, with Arthur Butcher G3KPJ as runner up while Peter Naish G3EIX and Ken Dews G3PMW tied for third place. Those taking part included 5IX, 6RM, G3EHZ, 3EIX, 3KPJ, 3LTF, 3PDK, 3PEV, 3PMW, 3PMX, 3RLQ and 3RMN. Bill Pope G3HT and Paul Selwood joined in for the subsequent discussions at the tea site. Once again we thank G4VF for running the base station, assisted by Paul Selwood.

Can Anyone Help?

Barry Reichman G6RM would like a short term loan of the instruction manual for the CLASS 'D' WAVEMETER. 13 Second Avenue,
Chelmsford.
Tel. Chelmsford 52500

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