

CHELMSFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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Meetings

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday 4th April, 1967 at the Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford commencing at 8.00 p.m. B.S.T.

The main item of the evening will be a quiz contest entitled RADIO question time. Members of the Basildon Radio Club have made this event possible by kindly agreeing to take part in a challenge match against a team from our Society.

The quiz Chairman will be Ron Ferguson G4VF, he will invite the three members in each team to answer questions put to them in turn and will generally keep order on proceedings.

This meeting has been well publicized in the Basildon News Letter together with a map showing how visiting members can get to the Marconi College, however, it will be appreciated by many of our Society members that the Marconi College is not the easiest place to find when visiting Chelmsford for the first time.

It is suggested that early arrivals at the College should form themselves into a marshalling team, the most important aspect of which should be a car (preferably with a mobile whip aerial attached) stationed at the junction of Springfield Road and Arbour Lane, with a crew to give initial bearings.

Please note that we have delayed the start of proceedings to enable our visitors to arrive in good shape.

Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday 20th April 1967 at the home of Mike Rignall G3OYX, 12, Foster Road, Great Totham.

Forthcoming Events

The first D.F. hunt for this year, a "Mini" event will take place on Sunday 2nd April 1967. The assembly point for the start will be outside the "Cricketers" on Danbury Common at 14.00 hours B.S.T. The hidden station will be operated by Roy Philpot and Paul Selwood under the call sign of G3VCH/P.

A full scale D.F. hunt with two hidden stations in the field will also be held in April, so make a note of the date now - the 23rd. For full details see attached sheet.

We are pleased to announce that Peter Blair has kindly agreed to give a talk to our Society in May on Wave Propagation above 30 Mc/s.

Exchange and Mart

WANTED. good Communications Receiver covering amateur bands to 30 Mc/s.
Jack Keyes, 25 Waterhouse Street, Chelmsford.

WANTED. handbook for Class B wavemeter - Loan or purchase. Bernard Reichman, G6RM, 13 Second Avenue, Chelmsford. Tel. 52500.

DIRECTION FINDING CONTEST - SUNDAY APRIL 23rd 1967

Starting Point Marconi College, Car Park

Frequency 1920 Kc/s Nominal (Depending on band conditions)

Call Sign of Hidden Stations

The hidden stations will carry on a nominal contact with G4VF and will commence transmissions at 1400 hours B.S.T. (G4VF will be on prior to this time as a frequency marker and try to establish a clear frequency.

Direction Finding Equipment

Competitors are advised that the basic requirements for Direction Finding are:-

1. A receiver with directional aerial.
2. A compass
3. Maps - In this case 1 inch to 1 mile Ord. Survey Sheet No. 148, 161 and 162 or equivalent covering the Essex area.
4. Some means of transferring the measured bearing on the map e.g. a protractor.
5. Transport - bearing in mind that the Hidden Transmitters may be anywhere within 20 mile radius of the starting point.

Rules of Competition

The entry fee will be 2/6d for each competitor or team.

Competitors will be given a sealed envelope containing the location of each of the hidden stations and the final meeting point for a picnic tea and "Inquest", the winner must arrive with envelope intact. Competitors to provide their own refreshments.

Any competitor who has not found the Hidden Transmitters by 1630 B.S.T. should open the envelope and proceed directly to the final meeting point.

As each Competitor reaches a Hidden Station the time of arrival will be written on the envelope and signed by the operator. As soon as this has been done please leave the site and proceed in search of the other station. The location of the final meeting point will be given by the operator of the second hidden station.

NO TRANSMITTERS may be used by Competitors during the period 1400 to 1630 B.S.T.

COMPETITORS ARE REMINDED That they must still observe normal traffic regulations with particular reference to speed limits and also Laws of Trespass !!!

Competitors will receive their sealed envelope in receipt of their entry fee. The envelope will also have printed on the outside, a brief explanation of the rules relating to our societies insurance policy.

"This envelope makes a condition of entry, that the competitor must agree to indemnify the Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society against motor accidents and confirm that the competitor has a current Third Party Motor Insurance which applies to the use of the vehicle in the event".

Prize

Winner will receive a gift token on "Soundvision" to the value of £1.

Good Hunting

W.A. Dix,
24 Q ueens Road,
CHELMSFORD, Essex