

CHELMSFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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24th March, 1968

Meetings

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday 2nd April 1968 at the Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The main item of the evening will be a talk by Mr. G. J. McDonald of Marconi Marine on THE GENERAL PROBLEMS OF FREQUENCY ALLOCATION.

Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday 23rd April, at the Wheatsheaf, New Street, Chelmsford, commencing 7.30 p.m.

News Items

Harry Collin G2DQ has kindly presented the society with an Eddystone 898 slow motion dial assembly for the next draw. This will be your chance to win a most useful piece of equipment.

We are very pleased to announce that as from 22nd March 1968, holders of the Amateur Sound Licence 'B' are permitted to operate in the 144 - 146 MHz band.

Congratulations to Willie McClintock G3VPK on achieving second position in the RSGB Forth 70MHz (CW) contest 1967 also to Roy Martyr G3PMX for his hard slogging in the RSGB 21/28 MHz contest to gain 8th position.

Forthcoming events

Field day is fast approaching, this year to be held on the weekend 8th - 9th June; once again we hope to make our site in the very pleasant surroundings of Dancury Park.

A sub-committee has been appointed to prepare the detailed arrangements and they will be glad to hear from any member wishing to participate, either in operating or to help set up the stations. Chelmsford's operators have been well placed over the past few years but not up amongst the winners, how about us winning this year chaps? Further details next month.

Don't forget that the first full scale DF event takes place on Sunday, 7th April 1968 so make sure the equipment is working alright NOW. For full details see attached sheet.

Exchange and Mart

WANTED Mairs transformer 0 - 250V or 250 - 0 - 250V at 200 mA minimum preferable with 6.3V windings. G3RVR.

FOR SALE Moore & Wright (Sheffield), 1-inch Micrometer, accurate and in mint condition 42/- o.n.o. G3HT.

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DIRECTION FINDING CONTEST - SUNDAY APRIL 7TH, 1968

Starting Point Near the Church, Galleywood Common
Frequency 1920 Kc/s nominal (depending on band conditions)

Call Sign of Hidden Station, TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE STARTING POINT

The hidden station will carry on a normal contact with G4VF and will commence transmissions at 1400 hours BST. (G4VF will be on prior to this time as a frequency marker and with the hope 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 Ordnance 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 Transmitter may be anywhere within a 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 the hidden station and 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 Transmitter by 1630 BST should open the envelope and proceed directly to the meeting point.

As each competitor reaches the 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 to the tea location.

NO TRANSMITTERS may be used by competitors during the period 1400 to 1630 BST.

Competitors are reminded that they must still observe normal traffic regulations with particular reference to speed limits and also Laws of Trespass!!! Avoid any possible damage to growing crops.

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 Society's 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 confirms that the competitor has a current Third Party Motor Insurance which applies to the use of the vehicle in the event'.

Prize

The winner of the event will receive a prize of £1.

Good Hunting