

Meetings

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday 7th, May 1968 at the Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford commencing at 7.30 p.m.

On this occasion Mr. Gilbert Newnham G3PDK has kindly agreed to give a talk entitled APPLICATION OF MICROCIRCUITS IN AMATEUR EQUIPMENT. The talk will include a demonstration of working models, and will most certainly provide members with a most interesting evening.

A 2 metre transmitter SCR522 complete with valves has very kindly been donated by John Rollison G3WCO for the raffle. A very acceptable prize indeed, so make sure you buy plenty of tickets!

Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday 24th May, at the Wheatsheaf, New Street, Chelmsford, commencing at 7.30p.m.

News Items

The first DF event of the season was held on Sunday 7th April 1968 and in spite of rather blustery weather conditions.

Twelve teams gathered at the starting point on Galleywood Common with John Rollinson G3WCO providing a radio link with G4VF the control station. Within a few minutes of the first signals being heard from the hidden station, competitors were under way, Mike Rignal G3OYX and Fred Talbot G3PEV, joining in en route.

The hidden station operating under the call of G3OZF/P was located in the disused railway cutting at Wickham Place, map ref TL825113. The aerial had conveniently been installed between two old telegraph poles with the transmitter located beneath the arches of a road bridge - this proved to be, unfortunately, rather draughty for the operators!

The first arrival was Geof Mills G3EDM at 1458, having established a record of completing the course with only three plots - a very fine effort. Roy Martyr followed at 1513 with John Rollison G3WCO in third place at 1528. A further five teams were successful in locating the station before transmissions were terminated at 1430.

Due thanks goes to Don Beattie G3OZF and Pete Chadwick G3RZP for their efforts in running the hidden station and of course Ron Ferguson G4VF, who once again operated the control station throughout the afternoon.

Those taking part included G3BGO, 3EDM, 3EHZ, 3KPJ, 3OYZ, 3PEV, 3PMX 3RMM, 3WCO, 5BIM, 5IX, 8AZO, 8BGV, Ian Gillis, John Harris and Ken Hooper. George Cutting G3GNQ also kept a watching brief on proceedings and we were pleased to see him at the tea site.

DF Event

The next DF event takes place on Sunday 12th May, starting at 1400 hours BST from Galleywood Common. Ron Ferguson G4VF has kindly volunteered to act as base station and the call sign for the hidden station will be announced later. It is hoped that there will be an even larger number of competitors than last month.

Forthcoming Events

Field Day this year will be held on the weekend 8th - 9th June, the site being in the pleasant surroundings of Danbury Park. Helpers will be most welcome on Friday evening to sort things out on the site and also on the Saturday morning in getting the stations ready for operation.

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