

Meetings

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

The evening will be devoted to a talk to be given by Roy Martyr G3PMX on the diverse subject of Amateur Radio. The talk will include advice to help the non-licenced member in getting started, obtaining a licence, laying out equipment and many other problems which some of us may tend to overlook. Methods of preventing TVI and BCI will also be described; there should be something of interest for all and time permitting, it is hoped to conclude with a general discussion.

Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday 26th July, 1968 at The Wheatsheaf, New Street, Chelmsford commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Forthcoming Events

Cambridge. A Coach has been booked for the visit to the Mullard Observatory on Sunday 21st, July at a cost of 7/6 per person. The coach will leave the Car Park in Victoria Road (adjacent to the River Board Building) at 1315 hours BST - SHARP! The programme is fairly tight on timing so no allowance can be made for late comers. The names already down for this trip are given below, which leaves three vacancies. Please arrange to pay Don Beattie by the next meeting.

P.J. Maris
W.A. Dix
R.P. Neave
J. Naunton
D. Peace
K.S. Hooper
J. Keyes
J. Strong

J. Harris (2)
A.H. Wreford
R.G. Martin
D. Begg (2)
J.F. Turner
J. Greenwood
J.R.D. Martyr (2)

W. Smith
G.C. Cutting
R.A. Meyer
P.W. Tomkins
P.A. Jaques
W.H. Gibbons
A.J. Allen

Local Event

Colchester. A mobile rally is being held on Sunday 14th, July at Colchester Zoo, a talk in station GB3Z00 will be operating on 2, 4 and 160 metres.

DF Events

A reminder that the next DF event will be held on Sunday 7th, July starting from Galleywood Common at 1400 hours BST with Don Beattie G3OZF operating the hidden station. Other DF dates to remember are:-

Sunday 11th, August 1968 - G3RZP/P
Sunday 15th, September 1968
Sunday 6th, October 1968.

It is hoped to make the event on the 11th August a joint occasion with the Colchester Radio Club, starting point in the Tiptree area, details next month.

News Items

From time to time requests are received for assistance in learning morse; to this end Don Beattie has very kindly offered to provide instruction one night a week at his home address. Obviously Don would prefer to have a small group but is prepared to provide individual intuition for anyone interested. Please contact G3OZF for further details at the next meeting.

NFD Activities

The Society once again entered for the R.S.G.B. National Field Day event this year, and ran two stations at Danbury Park over the weekend of June 8th - 9th.

In spite of the rather damp weather on the Saturday, aerals, tents and equipment were installed and working long before the starting time of 17.00 GMT. An early failure in the power supply of one station caused loss of time until a replacement unit arrived, and contacts for the first few hours were hard to come by. However, overnight the scoring rate increased, with such calls as W6, YU, being worked, and by the end of the Sunday, we had made a respectable score.

During Sunday, many of those who were not operating the stations took advantage of the weather to indulge in some sunbathing and fortunately, there were many helping hands to dismantle the equipment in the evening, enabling all to leave the site by 7.30 p.m., after a very pleasant weekend.

Sincere thanks to all those, too numerous to name, who helped either at Danbury or with the loan of equipment. We took a gamble, using mains generators and mains operated equipment. It paid off and with this experience, we hope to do even better next year.

DF Results

In spite of some competitors losing their cars and some, even themselves, the DF event held on Sunday 16th June provided some interesting results.

The teams assembled at the starting point on Galleywood Common with G3PMX and G3EHZ providing communication back to the control station. Initial signals from the hidden station were not particularly strong but this did not prevent competitors soon getting under way.

The hidden station G3RZP/P was located near Lingwood Common at map reference TL 778057, a site well chosen which appeared more or less inaccessible if approached from the wrong direction. Roy Martyr G3PMX was the first to arrive at 1529 hours, followed by Geof Gott G3MUO at 1550 and Arthur Butcher G3KPJ very close behind at 1551. In all, five competitors managed to find the station before transmissions were concluded at 1630.

Due thanks must go to the organisers of the hidden station, "Pete" Chadwick G3RZP, Paul Selwood G8BGV, John, Dave and Hillary and of course Don Beattie G3OZF for running the control station single handed.

Those taking part included G3BGO, 3EDM, 3EHZ, 3KPJ, 3MUO, 3PEV, 3PMX, 5IX, SWL'S, Ian Gillis and Alec.

Hon Editor: W.A. Dix,
26, Queens Road,
CHELMSFORD,
Essex.