

CHELMSFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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Meetings

Members are reminded that there will be no meeting in August. Arrangements are in hand for a talk and demonstration of Colour Television Studio Equipment for the September meeting and the Annual General Meeting will take place in October.

Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday 20th, September at The Wheatsheaf, New Street, Chelmsford commencing at 7.30 p.m.

D.F. Event

The next D.F. hunt will take place on Sunday 11th, August. On this occasion we are joining forces with the Colchester Amateur Radio Society to provide experience for newcomers to the sport and challenge the "old hands" with unfamiliar hunting grounds.

To equalise travelling distances for the majority of members, the starting point will be on Tiptree Heath. Pete Chadwick G3RZP/P will operate the hidden station and the hunt will begin at 14.30 B.S.T.

Further details on attached sheet.

Other D.F. dates to remember are:-

Sunday 15th, September, hidden station G3PDK/P

Sunday 6th, October. Call sign to be announced.

Morse Classes

Owing to the holidays, morse instruction will not now commence before 29th, August and Don Beattie G3OZF will be getting in touch with those already interested.

Calling Frequency

With at least sixteen 2 metre stations now active in the Chelmsford area, it has been decided to nominate the common calling frequency of 145.05 Mc/s on an experimental basis, to make local contacts easier to establish. Those stations wishing to participate should make their own arrangements for an alternative crystal and endeavour to radiate within 1 Kc/s of this frequency.

D.F. Results

The D.F. hunt held on July 7th was another well supported event, with eleven teams starting out, including a combined effort by a team on three scooters. The hidden station G3OZF/P was concealed in undergrowth in Leaden Roding woods TL600128 which proved to be a spot rather heavily populated with mosquitos! The approach into the wood was not too easy for hunters and Roy Martyr, G3PMX, did very well to find the spot in just over an hour, at 15.17 B.S.T. Next to clock in was Frank Piper G3BGO, some twenty minutes later. Nine teams in all found the hidden station before transmissions ceased just after 16.30.

Those taking part were:-

3PMX, 3BGO, 3PEV, Alec Adams, Ian Gillis, 3UCD, 3EHZ, 3EDM, 3PDK, 3OYX, 5IX, G3WFF, G8BGT, John Naunton, Roy Meyer, John Strong and Roger Tomlinson.

Once again we extend our thanks to Ron Ferguson G4VF for operating the base station during this event.

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DIRECTION FINDING CONTEST - SUNDAY 11TH, AUGUST 1968

Organised for joint participation of Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society and
Colchester Amateur Radio Society

Starting Point Tiptree Heath, on the south side of the B.1022
 exactly on Ordnance Map Reference TL 881148

Frequency 1920 Kc/s nominal, (depending on band occupancy)

Call Sign of Hidden Station G3RZP/P

The hidden station will carry on a normal contact with G3RHO and will commence transmissions at 14.30 hours B.S.T. (G3RHO will transmit 15 minutes prior to this time as a frequency marker and communicate to the hidden station the call signs of the competitors assembled at the start).

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 Nos. 148, 149, 161 and 162
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 miles radius of the starting point.

Rules of Competition

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

Competitors will be given a sealed envelope containing the locations of the hidden station and final meeting point for a picnic tea and 'Inquest', which on this occasion will be back at the start on Tiptree Heath.

Any competitor who has not found the Hidden Transmitter by 1700 B.S.T. 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 B.S.T. to 1700 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!!! 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 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