

CHELMSFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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Meetings

The Society next meets on Tuesday 5th, November at the Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The season's programme opens with a talk by Brian Watling, G3RNL on SSB TECHNIQUES. It is hoped that among other topics he will cover transistorisation of SSB equipment and details of how to get going on SSB with minimum worries.

A Valve Voltmeter will be up for raffle at the meeting, so please bring plenty of cash with you.

Committee Meetings

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday 19th, November at 7.30 p.m. in the "Wheatsheaf", New Street, Chelmsford.

A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday 1st, October and was followed by an ever popular junk sale.

Chairman Don Beattie, G3OZF opened the meeting by thanking committee members for their support during the past year.

Treasurer Ken Dews, G3PMW followed with a pleasing report of the Society's financial situation - the cash in hand standing at the encouraging sum of £32. This, he said, was the direct result of raffles held at each meeting and thanked all for their continued support.

The proceedings were then handed over to the Chairman, Ron Ferguson G4VF, who with his usual charm, dealt with the election of officers.

The committee for 1968/69 is as follows:-

President	R. Ferguson	G4VF)	
Vice-President	J.R.D. Martyr	G3PMX)	Ex Officio
Vice-President	W.A. Dix	G5IX)	
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	B.G. Tew	G3WFF	
	M. Smith	G3RMN	

D.F. Hunts

Popularity in the D.F. hunting field this season has considerably increased and the numbers of contestants in the monthly hunts have been encouraging.

The combined hunts with the Colchester Amateur Radio Society have proved popular and it is hoped to arrange more of these for next season.

The last hunt of the season was a combined effort and seventeen teams from Chelmsford and Colchester started at Tiptree Heath in search of the hidden Gilbert Newnham G3PDK and his rig.

Jack Bickmore G3RH0 again kindly held the fort, acting as base station and at about 15.40 Mike Smith G3RMN, despite car starter trouble, found the hidden station at TL848015.

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A disused railway embankment, demolished bridge and heavy undergrowth near Farther Howegreen set the scene for the location and when transmissions terminated at 17.00, TEN teams, including three scooters had found the site. Those taking part were:- G3KPJ, G3RMN, G3SUV, G3PMX, G3OZF, G5IX, G8BGT, SWL's Roy Meyer and Jon Naunton, G3JKT, G3PEV, G8BLS, G3BGO, G3WSQ, SWL Jowers, G3FIJ, G3UCD, GNXK. G3WCO joined the hunters en route.

Forthcoming Events

The second page of the newsletter is your opportunity to show preference and make suggestions for the 1968/69 session of society activities; this year a special section has been included for the DF enthusiasts.

It would be appreciated if all returns can be made at the November meeting, to enable your committee to assess the voting and plan ahead as far as possible.

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PLANNING AHEAD!

Name.....

Call Sign.....

A questionnaire on which Meetings/Visits you would like to see included in the programme for this season. Please indicate preference by marking with a tick; comments and additional suggestions on any of the subjects would also be appreciated.

1. Transistor familiarisation - practical aspects of transmitter applications including f.e.t's.
2. Amateur radio teletype transmission reception
3. Talk on E.M.E. (Moonbounce) activities
4. Talk on Mobile Equipment
5. Quiz on radio topics
6. Talk by 'J' Beam on new HF aerials
7. Hi-fidelity stereo - talk and demonstration
8. Description of members recently constructed equipments
9. Talk by K.W. Electronics on their products
10. Talk by Heathkit on their range of equipment
11. Marconi Self Tuning System for H.F. radio communication equipment
12. Tape and slide lectures on general radio topics
13. Talk on historical aspects of amateur radio
14. Applications of computers
15. Sheet metal work
16. Subjects unrelated to amateur radio?
17. Any other subjects?

FOR D/F ENTHUSIASTS

18. Talk on DF techniques
19. Would you participate in an evening hunt to test your ability in night-time conditions?
20. Would you support another stay at home DF hunt?

VISITS

21. Bradwell Nuclear Power Station
22. Frank Hyde radio-astronomy observatory near Clacton (Sat. p.m.)
23. Science Museum, South Kensington. (Sat. p.m.)
24. any other suggestions please

Please complete and return to the Chairman at the November Meeting. A good response to the questionnaire will greatly assist your committee to plan the coming seasons activities.