

Meetings

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will take place on Tuesday, 7th, October at the Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford, commencing at 7.30 p.m. The 1968/69 Committee as constitution demands, resign at the end of the session. Accordingly nominations are invited for Committee Members to serve for years 1969/70; these should be submitted to Ron Ferguson G4VF, Tony Dix G5IX or Roy Martyr G3PMX, before 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 7th October. The A.G.M. will be followed by a Grand Junk Sale at which Roy Martyr G3PMX has kindly agreed to be Master of Ceremonies/Auctioneer.

If you have anything you don't want and somebody else might (no XYL or YL's), now is the time to turf it out of the shack. It will be to your advantage as the Society makes a levy of 1d. in every shilling. Bring as much junk as you can get in the car and make it a worthwhile evening. Please remember to put your name on your junk so that payment can be made at the end of the sale.

Raffle

A microphone and two 70 ohms dummy loads are the prizes of the month, so be sure to buy some tickets during the evening. The draw takes place after the tea interval.

The resigning committee wish to thank all members for their support during the past year and offer successors all the best for the next.

DIRECTION FINDING NEWS

Hunt held on 24th August

It was pleasing to see two of our VHF members Paul Selwood G3YDY and Keith Fisher G3WSN braving the hazards of LF and venturing into top band when they efficiently ran the hidden station G3WSN/P. They were located near Fair Wood, north west of the A130, Braintree to Chelmsford road and put up some good competition for the hunters. Seven teams in all G3KPJ, G3YOA, G3EHZ, G3OZF, G3PEV, G3WMM and G5IX, started from Galleywood at 2.00 p.m. and first to arrive at the /P station was G3WMM closely followed five seconds later by G3OZF.

The Mid-Essex Championship Hunt, held on 21st, September

As was expected this hunt proved to be quite an attraction, with twelve teams from Chelmsford, Colchester and Vange Societies taking part. Paul Selwood G3YDY held the fort, and the frequency, by acting as control station and the hunt commenced at 2.30 p.m. from Galleywood. There were two /P stations and both were weak signals but the same strength which puzzled some competitors. G3YCW/P was the most popular station to go first and all but one competitor found him at Mole Hill Common, about two miles south west of the start. The really puzzling thing was that only four found G3OZF/P who was sitting in a gorse bush 150 yards from the start and running a few millivolts to a small whip. An interesting and adventurous afternoon was nevertheless had by all and the final score was as follows:

- G3PMX found both stations in 72 minutes.
- G3KPJ - 78 minutes
- G3EDM - 110½ minutes
- G3XGA - 124 minutes

G3FIJ found one station only, G3YCW/P in 72 minutes, closely followed by

other competitors G3VCH, G3PEV, G3BGO, G3UOG, G3VOP and G3EHZ. G3YOA nearly foug G3OZF/P in the final minutes of the hunt.

Congratulations to Roy G3PMX for a fine performance and he will receive the Cup, the Mid-Essex Trophy, in due course.

Next D.F. Hunt

The next and last hunt of the 69 season will be held on Sunday, 5th October, starting from Galleywood at 2.00 p.m. Hidden station will be G3EDM/P and all further details will be given at the start.

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