Newsletter Number 108

Firstly as this is the season of Good Cheer, the committee would like to wish all Society Members and Friends a Very Happy New Year.

The First Meeting of the year will be on Tuesday January 7th, 1975 at Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford at 7.30p.m. It will be a "Discussion" meeting dealing with the current TVI probelms and their outcome. Some members will give case histories and the correct procedure for dealing with such complaints. The remainder of the meeting will be taken with collecting ideas for the digital frequency counter project. Discussing the currect state of the R.S.G.B. although the latter topic may well get entangled with the T.V.I. problems.

Committee Meeting will be on the 15th January at the "Wheatsheaf" at 7.30p.m.

Informal Meeting "The Endeavour" on the 21st January, in the Saloon Bar.

70cm Repeater Project. The Society is lending its moral support to the Repeater Group and is organising the first meeting which will be held at 7.30p.m. on Friday January 10th, 1975 in the Basement Lecture rooms of the Public Library, Duke Street. Come Along, and put your ideas and views forward.

<u>DF News</u> By a wierd and wonderful points system Tony, G51X, has calculated the placings for the seasons events. The system gives points for operating the hidden station and also for turning up even if you do not find the transmitter.

The winner for this season is Arthur, G3KPJ, and Runner Up Bill, G4CUE.

	PTS
Arthur Butcher	24
Bill Pechey	20
Colin McEwer	19
Geoff Mills	18
Tony Dix	16
Mike Hawkins	12
Willie McLintock	10
Ian Butson	7
John Greenwood	5
Fred Talbot	5
Ken Thompson	5 5 5 5
Peter Neave	5
Frank Piper	4
Jim Evans	2
Ken Hooper	. 1

Although they don't get any points, may thanks to Ken, G3EBU and Les, G4CUT for acting as Control Station on so many occasions. 1974 was a good year for Chelmsford D.F. we had five competitors in the RSGB National Final (33% of all the Finalists). However, we still need some new blood - its not difficult to build a D.F. Receiver and compete, and it is very rewarding.

Contests The Club will be entering the 160metre RSGB Affiliated Societies Contest on the 11/12 January, C.W. operators are required for the event. So please contact Bill Pechey, G4CUE, QTHR. (Help also required).

1974/75 callbooks, these will be available for this coming meeting only, so if you have not got your copy please contact Les, G4CUT at the meeting.

OSCAR 7 News This satellite is going very well. Both transponders working, so here is a little information which may be of use to you.

432/144MHz Transponder Even Dates Only 144/28MHz Transponder Odd Dates Only Orbit times are similar to OSCAR 6.

Orbit Time 114.75 Mins.

Orbit separation 28.25° Further West.

Well that is all for this month.

73 & Gd.Dx Les

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