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The next meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday, 6th July at the Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford at 7.30 pm. This months talk will be on 'Underwater Communications' and will be given by Mr. M.A. Lawrence of Marconi Communications Systems Limited.

Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th July at The Wheatsheaf, New Street, Chelmsford at 7.30 pm.

Field Day I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the committee, to thank all those who participated in the C.A.R.S. entry. It is difficult to predict the outcome, our score was up on last year but listening around there were other very high serial numbers being banded about, so we shan't know if we bettered last years 4th position until the official results are published in September. Fortunately the event was held at the beginning of the present hot spell and there were no complaints about the weather, especially at the end of the competition when the helpers were able to clear the site in record time in completely dry condition - well done lads.

Mobile Rallies there are two of these in the offing which may be of interest to members. The first, on Sunday 18th July is the Anglian Mobile Rally at Stanway School, Colchester, it includes the usual trade stands and entertainment for all the family. This event is organised by Colchester Radio Amateurs. The second on Fri, Sat & Sunday 30th July to 1st August 1976 is the R.S.G.B. Radio Communication Exhibition at Alexandra Palace, London for which C.A.R.S. have laid on a coach for Sunday 1st August, at the last count there were still 10 seats available so why not give me or Ken Dews a ring and let us know your requirements, seats are £1 per head (silly! that should be bottom!) and if we get a full coach 20p will be refunded to all passengers. I can recommend this as a good day out for the family. Final details of departure time and place will be announced at the July meeting.

Special Notice included with this newsletter is a list of equipment from the affects of the late Ken Woodman, G3EBU. I think you will find it self explanatory, any queries please contact Arthur Butcher, G3KPJ.

Band Conditions the hot weather has produced some reasonable temperature inversions on the V.H.F. bands, there have been plenty of contacts but no great distances have been worked. Look our for the fall in barometric pressure with the high over Europe for the extended tropo contacts. There is still plenty of the summer left for short bursts of sporadic E to work the rare Dx which ends only when the sun reaches the lower angles in September.

H.F. conditions for Dx working are very poor as predicted by the all time low (from a radio propagation point of view) in the sun spot number. Local stations who have regular contacts with ZL are finding fewer openings compared even with last year.

Well thats all for this month
Best 73 and Gd Dx

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