January 1980

Next Meeting.

As usual the January meeting is a Film Show but this year there is a difference - please bring along your own slides or cine film that you think will be of interest to other members. There will be a professionally produced film but it is hoped to devote most of the evening to members' material. Please bring plenty of pictures, otherwise you may be compelled to watch my holiday snaps. The meeting is on the second tuesday this month because the first tuesday falls on New Years day. The meeting will be held at Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford on tuesday 8th January beginning at 7.30 p.m.

Committee Meeting.

Wednesday 16th January 1980, Wheatsheaf, 7.30 p.m.

February Meeting.

February sees the return of Eric Mollart, the reigning National D.F. Champion who will once again delight us with anecdote and cine film. Keep Feb. 5th free for an excellent evening.

New Members.

The Club welcomes the following new members :-

Bill Cooper.
M. Pemberton.
D. Piper.
J. Roe.

Morse Classes.

Three volunteers have offered to do the key bashing namely G3NAA, G3KTF and G3KPJ. Two sessions will initially be held and there is still some table space left for the session at G8DNO's place. Please contact Andrew, G8KQE on Silver End 83094 if you would like to take part.

Field Day Planning.

With any luck the club will again be entering both HF and VHF field days. There will be a meeting of those interested in the HF catastrophe at the Chairmans house on wednesday 23rd January at 8. p.m. Please let John know if you intend to come along. His phone number is Chelmsford 421223.

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Trip to Ongar Radio Station.

The date has been settled at tuesday 20th May, more details later.

WARC Report.

The World Administrative Radio Conference in Geneva has now closed with results that seem good for Amateur Radio. Part of Top Band is to be exclusive and three totally new bands will be granted as follows:-

10100 KHz to 10150 KHz. 18068 KHz to 18168 KHz. 24890 KHz to 24990 KHz.

The new 30 metre band should become even more crammed than 20 metres!

There is little change to the VHF bands except for new bands above 100 GHz and sections of the bands allocated exclusively to satellite operation. In addition the minimum frequency available to those without a morse qualification is lowered to 30 MHz.

It is stressed that these changes may not be actioned for some years because of problems of moving existing transmitting stations etc.

London 2m repeater system.

The four new London 2m repeaters came into operation on saturday December 8th. They are all restricted coverage devices and not of the same standard technically as GB3LO which is now off the air. The East London repeater, GB3EL, was built in a very short time by members of the Essex Repeater Group. Unfortunately the performance is a bit ropey at the moment although this will shortly be improved. More details from G4CUE.

The Essex Repeater Group has applied for permission to install a 2m repeater, GB3DA, at Danbury. This will probably use R5 and be in operation by the end of the year.

73,

Bill.

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FOR SALE.

Marconi RG35G HF Receiver. Any offers? make me an offer I can't refuse. Bill Cooper, Visual Aids, Rainsford Rd. Chelmsford. 354248.

WANTED.

C.A.R.S. subscriptions, good value to non-members at £2. John Bowen, G3DET. 62, St.Clere's Way, Danbury.Chelmsford.