

CHELMSFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY.
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Next Meeting.

This months meeting is about Home Computers, by Barry G8NMP and John G8DET. Both of these members have got their own microprocessors and are going to show us what their "PETs" can do. There will be practical demonstrations of the equipment, so if you want to see what 'chips' can do, come to the Marconi College, Arbour Lane, on Tuesday September 2nd at 7.30 p.m.

Committee Meeting.

Wednesday September 10th, 7.30 p.m. Wheatsheaf, New Street. This is perhaps the most important committee meeting of the year, being the one preceeding the A.G.M, so all committee members are urged to make a special note in their diaries for this meeting.

New member.

The club extends a warm welcome to Bill Dent, G8RBT of Chelmsford.

Speaker wanted.

No, not the moving cone type, but a lecture type. The Young Conservatives have approached the club for someone to give a talk of about 1 hour on amateur radio. Your committee is anxious that this request be met, as it is good publicity for the club, so if you feel you would like to give a talk, (and presumably also enjoy a small measure of liquid refreshment) please contact me. The day they had in mind is the 18th November 1980

D.F.

Last months event was won by Dick G3WHR, a very short time after the start and almost without guidance from the hidden station. After a few transmissions, the battery went down, so after Dick had skilfully located the transmitter, (he spotted the aerial) he gave the hidden transmitter the battery from his own car, and the rest of the competitors were able to locate and find the station. Results as follows :-

1st	Dick	G3WHR	2.45
2nd	Larry	G4IZC	2.52
3rd	Dave	G4JXY	2.56
4th	Andrew	G8KQE	3.02
5th	Geoff	G4JJH	3.03

The hidden station was G4FJC directly under Pylons at Bradwell. After the event most people adjourned to QTH de G8KQE for a well earned cup of tea. In addition to the competitors it was pleasing to see other club members coming to see what DF is all about.

This months event starts at 2 O'clock on Sunday September 21st on Tiptree Heath, and Colchester have their DF on Friday, September 26th at 7.30 p.m. on Fordham Heath.

GB3DA.

The new 2 metre repeater at Danbury has now been licensed. Initial tests on the four phased dipoles on the tower have proved very satisfactory and show that the repeater is going to have a superb coverage. If things go according to plan, GB3DA will be operational in about a month. For those who are not familiar with the repeater, it will be on channel R5, receiving on 145.125 MHz and transmitting on 145.725 MHz.

Visit to P.H.Q.

For those who have confirmed, the above visit is at 7.00 p.m. on Sept. 16th. Park at the rear of Springfield P.H.Q. in the big car park.

Other news.

Tony G5IX is shortly moving from the area, and as an appreciation of the work Tony has done for the club, our President Roy presented him with a thread gauge at the last committee meeting.

Famous quote by G3KTF : A G.P. is someone who learns less and less about more and more until he knows nothing about everything, and a Specialist is someone who learns more and more about less and less until he knows everything about nothing.

The Jackpot raffle was won last month by Will Mosley with ticket No.186. Our congratulations Will on winning the "Radio Communications Handbook". The jackpot raffle was so successful that we have decided to run another one, the prize for this will be a "Radio Communications Handbook" Part 2. For those not familiar with the jackpot raffle, when you buy a strip of normal raffle tickets you will be given a free orange ticket, when sufficient have been given out, in a few months time the jackpot will be drawn. So, see Bernard at the next meeting for your first chance to win the Handbook Part 2.

The May R.A.E. results were announced just after the last newsletter, and by now there are a lot of new callsigns in the area. Congratulations to all successful candidates. New calls heard include G8WPO, G8WSO, G8WQG, G8WQY and G8WQZ. The latter callsign has been operational in inverse proportion to the operation of G8KQE, as my gear has now been taken over by my XYL, Daphne. Not only has she taken over my gear, bench, chair and QSO's, but she has also sabotaged my QSL cards, by blotting out 'K' and 'E' and substituting 'W' and 'Z' !! These latest licences mean that there are now at least 5 YL ops. in the area, and for those interested 'Ladies Night' is held on 144.180 MHz at 20.00 clock time on Tuesday evenings. All are welcome to join in, but "the men" have to wait until about 20.30 before being allowed to join the QSO.

Wanted. Articles for Newsletter please, band reports, circuits, anything to make my job just a bit easier.

73,

Andrew.

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or GB3ER or 144.30 MHz.

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Witham.

WANTED. C.W.Key, for a nearly G4, - G8KQE, Phone No. above.