

May 1983.

Next Meeting.

At the next meeting we welcome Ted Drury G4MOV, who is a blind operator living in Maldon. Despite his disability Ted loves the hobby and is a very active operator both on HF and VHF. Since getting his licence only a couple of years ago he has accumulated an impressive collection of QSL cards, including over 100 from Australia. He tries to work at least one VK a day. Ted will bring along his equipment and aids to demonstrate how he tunes up and operates without seeing the controls of his equipment. In addition to operating, Ted also likes to collect old military sets as a further interest to the hobby. For an interesting evening, which will put many of us to shame, come along to the next meeting at the Marconi College, Arbour Lane on Tuesday May 3rd at 7.30 p.m.

Meetings to come.

- June - A lecture by R.Limebear, G3RWL of Amsat UK about the Satellite service.
- July - (Please note change of date) Constructors Competition.

Last Months Meeting.

Last month we had part 2 of the T.V. Studio demonstration. After a short description of the workings of a T.V. studio, we split into three groups for ease and were taken to the studios. Jim Whild showed us the telecine machines which projected 16mm film, 35mm film or slides onto a camera. At a control desk the colour balance and contrasts could be adjusted to give a better picture. We then moved on to the video tape recorder and were shown the special heads that it used to maximize tape usage by rotating at 2500rpm against the direction of the tape, thus producing a sloping track across the face of the tape. An interesting evening and our thanks to Jim for giving up his spare time for us.

Committee Meeting.

May 11th 7.30p.m. Sportsmans Arms, Matfield Peverel.

Field Day.

The Society is entering NFD again this year on 4th-5th June. Operators and loggers are required and if you think you can help, please contact Dick Brocks, G3WHR, who is collecting names.

Other News.

We would appreciate more helpers for the tea during meetings. Perhaps we could organise a rota system if there are sufficient volunteers. Please see a member of the committee if you are willing and able to help serve the tea.

We have moved the constructors competition to July, so that will give you another month to get those winter projects finished off. There are attractive prizes for first, second and third places.

The first of the local rallies takes place on 29th May at the East Suffolk Wireless Revival. This is at the Civil Service Sportsground, Straight Road, Ipswich from 10.00 a.m.

While we are on the subject of rallies, several people have expressed an interest in a coach trip to Woburn Rally on 7th August. If you are interested please let me know.

We have been advised by the organisers of the South Woodham Ferrers Leisure Show that it has been cancelled. This is a bit unfortunate but the committee would like to thank all those who offered to help.

I would like to thank those members who contributed towards last months newsletter. I am sure it makes it more interesting for other articles to appear other than mine. Any other offers please ?

73,

Andrew.

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