

Next Meeting.

Since our last talk on slow scan television, several years ago technology has moved at quite a pace. It has now become possible to send colour pictures on quite a narrow bandwidth. Someone who is Chelmsford based who has done a lot of work on Colour SSTV is Peter Burgess G4BCH. He has agreed to come to the club on Tuesday September 6th to give us a talk and demonstration of this particular aspect of the hobby. For an update of SSTV don't miss the next meeting at the Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford at 7.30 p.m.

Committee Meeting.

Wednesday September 21st, 7.30 prompt, Sportsmans Arms, Hatfield Peverel. Please note this is one week later than usual. All committee members are asked to attend this meeting if possible as it is the last one before the AGM in October.

Meetings to look out for.

October 4th - AGM
November 1st - 50MHz by Les G4CUT.
To come sometime - Mobile Aerials.

Report on last months meeting.

At the last meeting 35 members turned up to hear John Nelson, G4FRX who is the Assistant to the General Manager of the RSGB speak about the RSGB, his approach was entirely different to that of other lecturers on the subject, in that he asked the membership for comments and criticisms, and then expanded upon his answer. Many topics were discussed both of local and international importance. John took a vote at the beginning of the meeting, to see the opposition that he was up against, and was pleasantly surprised in that 98% of the membership of CARS are also members of the RSGB. He was still going strong at 9.45, but unfortunately we had to close the meeting, as he had to catch his train back to London.

Members News.

Carl G3PEM is back to work after his recent illness and we look forward to seeing him at the next meeting. Congratulations to Gerry Parish on his new callsign G6XKL, Gerry is now exploring the 2m band with his new FT290. Congratulations also to Les Manning on passing the RAE. Ken G3LVP has chosen the RSGB Handbook parts 1 and 2, softbound for his jackpot raffle prize and it is hoped to make the presentation at the next meeting.

The club has donated £10 to Cancer Research in memory of Eric G6ECK who died last month.

Annual General Meeting.

The clubs year has come full circle once again, with the AGM to be held on October 4th. Therefore would members like to be thinking about the clubs future, any meetings they would like to see, visits to go to etc., and of course any nominations for the forthcoming committee. Any nominations or ideas please to the President Roy Martyr, G3PMX.

Other news.

The Treasurer has received a letter from a trader offering discounts on certain items of equipment. The list will be circulating at the next meeting in the blue "For your interest" file. Also the Secretary has received details of a supplier who has converted 27MHz transceiver to cover 29.310 to 29.700 MHz. These are FM sets with a 7 watt output. Again further details will circulate at the club.

Meteor Shower Propagation - Les G4CUT.

Not much to report on this band as Sporadic 'E' is out at the moment and tropo has not enhanced the band all that much (worse than last year) meteor shower seems to be the only means of propagation that is paying off and this only in the UK.

Meteor shower propagation.- Les G4CUT.

The Perseids have just about finished and those of you who have tuned the bottom end of the 2m band will have noticed a great upsurge in the number of stations attempting contacts on SSB. I believe some nice QSO's were had with this mode.

Jamboree of the Air - Les G4CUT.

This takes place during the weekend of 15-16th October. The first Chelmsford Scouts will be putting a station on the air from their hut (New?) in Waterhouse Lane and help is required putting up the TA33 Beam and other antennas. Those of you who think you would like to put in a spell of operating please contact Chris Baker G4LDS QTHR.

For others who have been requested to put on a station, claims for special event callsigns must be with RSGB Headquarters not later than the 13th Sept.1983.

Here and There - Ela G6HKM.

Carl our Chairman has asked me to pass on his thanks for the 'Get Well' card received from the club. Our thanks to Les Manning for the gift of a raffle prize, this was included in last months raffle. There are quite a few new callsigns on 2m at the moment as the result of the May RAE, finding a clear FM channel at peak times can be a bit tricky. For those who are interested, or may be you have a friend who is, the Chelmsford Adult Education Centre, Patching Hall Lane, Chelmsford are advertising 'Become a Radio Amateur', City & Guilds RAE, thursday evenings, 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. A 30 week course given by Andrew Sheridan, fee £25.80, OAP and under 18 £12.90. classes start on 22nd Sept. Enrol by post from now onwards or in person on the 5th Sept. How about an afternoon out on Sat. Sept.3rd, Braintree ARS hope to hold a Garden Fete at the QTH of John G3OLU - 2, The Ruskin, New Rd, Rayne, their directions are 'Come out from Braintree to the Swan at Rayne, turn left at the traffic lights, go over the old railway bridge, bear right, and its only a couple of hundred yards approx; Plenty of space for parking, but watch out for children - there are quite a lot around !. The proceeds of the Fete will go to the BARS Equipment fund. Items for sale will include new and second hand radio and electrical components and articles household and family goods, display of home-built and vintage equipment (a do not touch stall) Computer/amusement arcade, Book, Cake, Plant and Bottle Stalls, lucky dip for girls/boys, plus many sideshows to numerous to mention, there will also be entertainment for the children such as three-legged races, spud and spoon races etc. There will also be Teas, Drinks, Ice-cream and a Barbecue. Sounds like a very good afternoon out for all the family, Start 2 p.m. hope you can make it. I would suggest you phone John G3OLU on Braintree 23429 or Pat G6TAF on Braintree 26487 to confirm that all is going to plan.

Conditions on 2m SSB very patchy so far this month, I worked two 'EA' stations (tropo) on the 6th August and managed to get 5 new squares that day (total now 97), on the 11th I worked GB4ULX in 'XJ' square, and was left speechless when the reply came back 'thats Ela of the Chelmsford Club, pass on my good wishes', now who in the club was on this Expedition? I did not get a chance to ask, so whoever it was, how about an article for the newsletter please ! On Wednesday 10th Roy and I had visitors to the shack, Jon PA3BXL and his wife Ans and Son Peter were over for a 10 day holiday, Jon managed to have 3 SSB contacts to his homeland but conditions were not very good. My nine element Tonna has now been replaced by a 17 element Tonna (all that is wanted now is a good DX opening) unfortunately I also cracked by left elbow all in the same weekend ! Sorry for any mistakes that might occur in newsletter but its a one handed job this time.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS DONT FORGET SEPTEMBER 21ST.

73,

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