

November 1983.

Next Meeting.

There were only about 40 - 50MHz experimental licences issued in this country a few months ago, and Les Turner G4CUT was one of the lucky applicants. He has been very active since obtaining his licence, and as many of us are unable to explore the propagation of this band Les will give us a talk on November 1st, describing conditions and telling us what he has worked and about the equipment he uses. Venue as usual, Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford at 7.30 p.m.

Future Meetings.

- January - Annual Film Show.
- February - "My Rig" by members of the Society.

There are no doubt amongst us members who have fairly recently purchased new equipment, perhaps after looking at the glossy adverts in 'Radio Communication' and weighing up the pros and cons of each similar equipment by different manufacturers. We thought it would make an interesting evening if members could bring along their gear and give a short talk (10-15 minutes) about the equipment, why they chose it, how it operates, any faults etc. It would also give other members a chance to have a closer look than perhaps could be gained in a crowded rally hall. Therefore if you have any new equipment (not necessarily brand new) and are willing to give a talk, please let me know, so I can draw up a list for February.

Committee Meeting.

This will be on November 9th, but the venue is not yet known. A technical hitch has occurred at the Sportsmans Arms, in that they have now decided to hold a Disco there every Wednesday, and after taking one look at the size of the loudspeakers we adjourned to Great Waltham last month. We are now searching for a new venue which hopefully will be announced at the next meeting.

Last Months Meeting.

The AGM was held last month with our President Roy G3PMX in control of the proceedings. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were given and a new committee elected. Subscriptions are to remain at the same level of £2.50. £1.25 for Senior Citizens and Students for the coming year. The new Committee is as follows :-

- President Roy Martyr G3PMX.
- Vice Presidents Bernard Reichman G6RM and Les Turner G4CUT.
- Chairman Dick Brocks G3WHR.
- Secretary Andrew Mead G4KQE.
- Treasurer. Bill Cole G4JUW.
- Asst.Treas. John Bowen G8DET.
- Membership Sec. Ela Martyr G6HKM.
- Ordinary Members Carl Thomson G3PEM, Peter Neave G4DAN, Malcolm Nixon G6ADP,
Ian Maslen G4BYR, John Donnithorne G8MKX, Gwyn Williams G4FKH,
and Arthur Butcher G3KPJ.

After the AGM John G8MKX took over as Auctioneer for the junk sale. There was more to sell than at the junk sale last year ! John moved at quite a pace and hardly gave time for bidding before bringing the hammer down 'gone'. A lot of things belonging to the late Eric Parker G6EGK were sold, raising a creditable £45, in all club funds benefited by about £15 as the result of the junk sale.

Other news.

As mentioned last month, we are again planning a social event. The committee are at present scouting around for an alternative restaurant/Hall. Further news next month.

I am pleased to report that the club has purchased a TA33 Jnr HF beam. This compliments the telomast nicely and will be used for NFD, JOTA etc.

The news about the space shuttle is very disappointing especially after the big build up for Amateur Radio in the press releases to the media by the RSGB.

Here & There - Ela - G6HKM.

First of all I would like to welcome the following new members J.Gilliver G6JPG, Tim Wander G6GUX and Richard Creak SWL.

A reminder that its 'Subs' time again, if you did not renew your subscription at the AGM and cannot make the next meeting perhaps you would like to send to me direct, the address is "Little Fellows", 1,High Houses, Mashbury Road, Gt.Waltham, Chelmsford,CM3 1EL, cheques made payable to 'Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society' please. Thanking you in anticipation ! Our thanks goes to Les G4CUT for devoting a morning of his holiday leave to go to Bury St,Edmunds to inspect, purchase and bring back the TA33 Jnr for the club. We had two replies in response to the Club advertisement in 'Radio Communication'.

Visitors to the shack this month included James G6ZC and his niece Kim GM4LNN (home QTH YT square) Kim is a reserve GB2RS news reader in Orkney. I'M looking forward to working Kim when conditions permit and of course YT would be another new square. Conditions on 2m have not been very good recently but Roy and I have managed to work through Oscar 10,'up' on 70 cms and 'down'on 2m. On my first evening I had 5 contacts with Germany including a YL (my very first Oscar QSO), a GI and then great excitement, two QSO's with the States, Bill WA8LXI and Bob W0QIN. I am very grateful to Roy G6HSC who encouraged me to have a go on Oscar 10 and for all the information that he passed on, hope to try again this weekend, as we are using our existing aerials access is limited to low elevation paths.

Jamboree of the Air - Les G4CUT.

This event took place during the weekend of 14-15th October. A station was put on by members and friends of the Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society, in the old scout hut in Waterhouse Lane, the new hut could not be used as it had no windows or power.

The Mosley TA33J beam supported by the clubs telomast was used for the HF bands and a trapped wire dipole in an inverted V configuration for 160-40 metres, high winds and heavy rain gave us some problems getting antennas up and down.

The callsign used this year was GB4SYS to celebrate Seventy Years Scouting for the 1st Chelmsford Group, quite a few contacts were made with other Scout Groups worldwide and a few visitors came to site, contacts were made on SSB and CW which was used for the first time, much to the delight of the mode's advocate.

The Scout Group would like to thank all who gave up their valuable time to make the weekend a success, particularly to Arthur Butcher G3KPJ who transported the mast, its fitments and the sectional tower to and from site. To finish the event we had a contact on Sunday using 15 metres with Bob W1HH and Ted K1AYZ, a short QSO but it did finish off the weekend quite nicely.

DF News - Dick G3WHR.

Chelmsford Event 23rd September.

The hidden station was G3WHR/P who was concealed on the old railway track to the east of Maldon. Daylight was fading fast at the start, and soon all teams needed their torches. Dick had chosen a site alongside a pond with only one approach route. By remaining still he was able to survive some close inspections by torchlight but persistent investigation of a certain bush meant that he was found by all teams.

Results		Time		Time
1	Ian Butson	8.22	7	Peter Larbalestier 8.45½
2	Mike Hawkins	8.22½	8	Frank Pearson 8.50
3	Paul Clark	8.27	9	Andy Haynes 8.51
4	Pat Cranmer	8.39	10	Arthur Butcher 8.52
5	Roy Emeny	8.41	11	Alan Williams 8.58
6	Jeff Herbert	8.45		

Mid Essex Trophy - Sunday 9th October.

Nine teams braved the elements and assembled on Layer Breton Heath for the 1.20 p.m. start. Both hidden stations were audible but the bearing on the 'A' station gave the larger distance to the map edge so all teams set out for the 'B' station.

Ian Butson had sited the 'B' station G4HKC/P on the North bank of the river Stour near Boxted. All teams arrived on the south bank and, such was the competitive spirit, most opted for the direct route to the station and took the plunge - navigators too ! - causing consternation among nearby anglers.

Mike Hawkins chose the 'cliffs' at Wrabness for G3WMM/P. Here the main aerial was inductively coupled to a 250m long dummy aerial which ran along the cliff-top. Those arriving during a transmission were fortunate to have their sets guide them to the transmitter, whilst those who followed the dummy aerial scoured the bushes in vain.

Afterwards everyone gorged themselves on a magnificent tea arranged chez Butson, where Alan Williams was awarded the Mid-Essex Trophy.

Result

Posn.	Name.	<u>Time of Arrival</u>	
		Station A.	Station B.
1	Alan Williams G4PQY	3.17	2.30 $\frac{1}{2}$
2	Paul Clark	3.55	2.25 $\frac{1}{2}$
3	Dick Brocks G3WHR	4.03	2.25
4	Jeff Herbert G4JJH	4.14	2.46 $\frac{1}{2}$
5	Peter Larbalestier G4TEB	4.14 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.06
6	Roy Emeny G4JAC	4.15	2.46
7	Frank Pearson G4JVM	4.21	2.36 $\frac{1}{2}$
8	Pat Cranmer G4TFP	4.22	2.47
9	John Hawes G4JHP	--	3.45

Final event - Colchester Night event 11th November starting from Fordham Heath 7.30 p.m.

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Andrew.

STOP PRESS Latest shuttle news, it will not be launched before November 28th.

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