

CHELMSFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING

Have you ever looked through Rad:Comm: at the pictures of new rigs, or gone to a stall at a rally, looked at a transceiver and wondered what it really performs like? At the next meeting you will get the chance to find out more about some of the equipment that other members of the Society have bought as we are devoting the evening to talking about "My Rig". Some members have volunteered to tell us about their gear, why they bought it, any problems, how it performs etc. Venue as usual, Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford, Tuesday 7th February 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING - FILM/VIDEO SHOW.

By courtesy of the BTI film library we had a very interesting evening. There were 4 video recordings and one film, three of the videos were on satellite communications, one on Radio Paging and the film was about services available to Mariners and showed what happens in a full scale air-sea rescue. Our thanks to Bill G4JUW for obtaining the videos and film, Les G4CUT for lending and operating his video recorder and to Roy G3PMX for being the projectionist.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

Wednesday 15th February, Marconi Residence, Arbour Lane, (next to College) 7.30 p.m. (Ale available).

NEW MEMBER.

The Society extends a welcome to Paul Clark a SWL.

FUTURE MEETINGS.

March - Steve Oakman of Marconi Instruments Ltd.

APRIL - "Microcomputers as applied to Amateur Radio" by Arthur G3KPJ.

May - "RF Power Transistors" by Dick G3WHR.

June - Constructors Competition....remember this year there is an extra prize for the first time winner....details later.

SOCIAL EVENT - Daphne G8WQZ.

Twenty two members, wives and friends gathered at the Silver End Hotel on Saturday 21st January for the CARS Annual Social. We met in the bar for an aperitif and chose a starter, either Prawn Cocktail, Soup of the Day or a Fruit Juice. The choice of meats in The Carvery were beef or pork but some people had both! These were accompanied by roast potatoes, saute potatoes, peas, carrots, cabbage, parsnips, yorkshire puddings, gravy and apple or horseradish sauce. We could have as much as we liked, one of us had a second helping but why should I reveal who!? All this was followed by a choice of five deserts from the sweet trolley and then coffee.

If all this is making you envious and you were not at this year's social then perhaps you will come with us next year. The evening appeared to be a success and everyone enjoyed themselves.

OTHER NEWS.

The jackpot raffle last month was won by John G8DET.

I would like to thank Roy G3PMX for his recent work in teaching his microcomputer how to write the newsletter in this format. I think our newsletter is now very distinctive and produced to a very high standard. Also my continued thanks to Ela G6HKM for typing the letter each month.

OUTINGS.

The rally season is fast approaching and several members have enquired as to the possibility of running a coach/minibus to various events. We could run a trip to the RSGB National Amateur Radio Exhibition at the NEC Birmingham on 28th or 29th April or the National VHF Convention at Sandown Park Racecourse on 24th March if we have your support. I am starting a list of those interested, so please tell any of the committee if you would like to go.

FIELD DAYS (yes days!)

The long warm summer days seem a long way off but now is the time that the society must plan for our NFD entries. In addition to our customary H.F. activity on the 2-3rd June we would like to participate in the V.H.F. activity on the 7-8th July, to give the class B licensees a chance to organise their own fun weekend.

Two of our stalwart committee members have volunteered to coordinate these events:- Dick Brooks G3WHR for HF NFD and John Donnithorne G8MKX for VHF NFD. Names please as soon as possible to these members for the planning groups to be formed.

HERE AND THERE - ELA G6HKM.

Sorry I was not able to come to the January meeting. My thanks to Daphne G8WQZ (and Lisa) for standing in.

How nice it was to see the article "The SWR meter-an alternative view" by Jerry Todd G2KV, in the February Rad: Comm: Jerry was a Society member until he moved from the area about 8 years ago, it looks as though he is putting his retirement to good use.

Jim G6ZC and his wife have been in Oman for a Month, leaving on the 14th Dec, Jim took a fair amount of film with him, so I hope the photography went well.

I am very pleased to hear that the 50MHz experiment is to be expanded, the number of special permits for Class A Licensees is to be extended from the present 40 to 100. I am sure Les G4CUT will look forward to the increased activity.

During December 1983 the RSGB membership passed 35,000. This represents a 75% increase in membership in exactly 6 years, lets hope "Alma House" has room for expansion if things continue at this pace.

On Sat January 7th Roy and I were up at 5.00 am to try and get our first VK contact via Oscar 10, the orbit was at a low elevation for about 3 hours, so this was a chance not to be missed. I am pleased to say that we both had a QSO with VK6APH in Perth, I also had contacts with New Guinea and Japan. I often say conditions do not come to you, you have to go to them, so the early morning start was well rewarded.

Quote of the month heard on 70cms "If you don't worry about your aerials in a high wind, they can't be high enough".

MEMBERSHIP LIST-January 1984.

RON AGER	G2AGY	DAPHNE MEAD	G8WQZ
CHRIS BAKER	G4LDS	WILLY McCLINTOCK	G3VPK
BRIAN BOURN	G8JAU	CLIVE MILDENHALL	G6MQE
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NICK BROWN	G6JIR	LEN MITCHELL	G6SEW
HOWARD BUCKENHAM	G3PGN	WILL MOSLEY	SWL
ARTHUR BUTCHER	G3KPJ	PETER NEAVE	G4DAN
IAN BUTSON	G4HKC	MALCOLM NIXON	G6ADP
PAUL CLARK	SWL	CHARLES OLLEY	G3AIZ
BILL COLE	G4JUW	GERRY PARISH	G6XKL
RICHARD CREAK	SWL	MAX PEMBERTON	G8YGZ
KEN DEWS	G3PMW	BERNARD REICHMAN	G6RM
JOHN DONNITHORNE	G8MKX	MARK ROBERTSON	G6CMS
KEN EASTTY	G3LVP	BRIAN SCROGGS	G6FLI
RON FERGUSON	G4VF	ANDREW SHERIDAN	G6EUW
WALTER FERGUSSON	G3BLR	TERRY SNOW	G6YRA
MARTIN FINAL	G4TOO	DAVE STEWARD	G4OLU
J.GILLIVER	G6JPG	H.THOMAS	SWL
JOHN GREENWOOD	G3KRZ	CARL THOMSON	G3PEM
MIKE HAWKINS	G3WMM	BRIAN THWAITES	G3CVI
KEITH HEWARD	G6RBL	LES TURNER	G4CUT
RICHARD HORTON	G4ADJ	STEVE TURNER	G3UJI
ERIC LAWLEY	G8ADX	JAMES WATT	G6ZC
LES MANNING	G4PG	TIM TANDER	G6GUX
ELA MARTYR	G6HKM	PETER WEST	G4ADG
ROY MARTYR	G3PMX	GWYN WILLIAMS	G4FKH
IAN MASLEN	G4BYR	SIR.G.WORTHINGTON	G4CNE
ANDREW MEAD	G4KQE	ARTHUR WREFORD	G3EHZ

73,
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