

# CHELMSFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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## NEXT MEETING

September 4th 1984 is scheduled for the Grand Re-organisation of Junk around Chelmsford. John Donnithorne GBMKX is the auctioneer and says he wants to kick off at 7.30 sharp. He intends to sell the quality junk first, so be prompt in order to secure a bargain. This junk sale is a bumper edition, with the entire evening dedicated to the exchange of junk. So clear out those cupboards now and bring your items along on Tuesday for the Sale of the Century at the Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Springfield.

## COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 12th September, 7.30 p.m. in the bar of Marconi Residence.

## MEETINGS TO COME

October - A.G.M.

November - "RTTY, Amtor and Packet Radio"

## A DAY TRIP TO THE P.L.A. THAMES NAVIGATION CENTRE

Ken Eastty G3LVP has agreed to show a party around the P.L.A. Thames Navigation Centre at Gravesend on Sunday 16th September at 2.30p.m. The party must be limited to about a dozen, which approximates to three car loads, and I am taking names now for this interesting visit.

## OTHER NEWS

Members may be interested to note that RAE courses are to be held at the Brentwood Adult Education Centre. Further details from the Centre on Brentwood 218593.

Roy G3PMX has produced some eye-catching posters publicising the club so if you know of a suitable place for their display please let us know.

## HERE AND THERE - ELA G6HKM

Sorry there is not a full report on last months meeting but due to illness, the person delegated to this task has been able to respond. It was a most enjoyable evening, well illustrated with slides progressing from black and white to colour and the HP TX's progressing from large transmitting halls to small rooms ! Ron gave us a most interesting lecture.

All was set for the visit to Essex Radio but a few days before the event it was unfortunately postponed, plans are under way for a new date.

The RSGB QSL Bureau will be closed from 8th - 23rd September as the QSL Manager G3DRN will be on holiday. Please do NOT send your QSL cards to arrive during this time.

On Monday 6th August I was fortunate to discover a Sporadic E opening on 2m to YU. I was able to get 7 contacts which gave me 5 new squares, ID,JC,KD,KE and KF. If you are a VHF/UHF operator I hope you made the most of the long awaited good tropo conditions on the 25th-26th August. Roy and I had a fantastic time, I collected 3 new squares on 2m, ZR,ZT and ZU the last 2 being in the Shetland Isles, we also experienced our first opening to Scotland on 70cms when the band opened up at 2324 gmt, we worked YP,YQ,YR and ZR squares and I had HB9 call in off the back of the antenna. When Roy and I are DXing on 70cms, we call independently and take our chances in the pile-ups, fading conditions etc, for example Roy worked ZP square last autumn but I did not make it until this August !, I have now worked 123 squares on 2m.

**How about information from YOU,** what have YOU done or worked recently, be it HF, VHF, UHF, RTTY, MS, Amtor, Packet Radio, Moon Bounce, Aurora, Slow-scan, Fast-scan TV etc. Please let me know for inclusion in the newsletter, deadline usually about 24th of the month.

No news as yet about the new allocation of special permits for 6 metres, I am sure Les G4CUT will be pleased to get more contacts on this band.

Please note that the Braintree Amateur Radio Society have a new club venue, it is St.Peters Church Hall, St.Peters Close, Braintree (near the Public Gardens), there is ample parking and a much larger room, please note that the meetings will now take place on the 1st and 3rd WEDNESDAY of each month and not Mondays as in the past. See our notice board for a copy of BARSCOM.

73,  
Andrew.

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