

CHELMSFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING - JUNK SALE

Bring all that surplus gear and other bits and bobs to the CARS Junk Sale on Tuesday evening, 7 August 1985. John, G8MKX will auction it for you, while Brian, G0BDS, and Gwyn, G4FKH, will lift up the lighter bits for all to see. The usual terms apply:- 10% commission to club funds unless otherwise specified.

A prompt start will be made at 7:30pm, so mind you don't miss the bargains in the Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 Aug. - Junk Sale.
3 Sep. - HF Antennas: G5RV.
1 Oct. - CARS AGM.
5 Nov. - Satellite TV: G8MKX.

LAST MEETING - A Question of Radio - Dick, G3WHR

Last month, the meeting should have featured a Quiz between Chelmsford and Colchester. In the event it was a case of being "all dressed up for the wedding but the bride didn't turn up".

Fortunately our question master was able to reorganise the meeting on the basis of Chelmsford "A" vs. Chelmsford "B".

After several hotly contested rounds the "A" team took the lead, possibly benefiting from having a wider age range, and held on to it, resisting a late challenge from the "B"s.

The diversity of the questions ensured that we all learnt something new (or old!). Despite the disappointment that the fine new trophy prepared by Peter G4DAN was uncontested, it was still an enjoyable evening. Many thanks to question master Brian G0BDS and scorer Bill G4JUW.

SEPTEMBER MEETING - HF Antenna Systems

Louis Varney G5RV has kindly agreed to come and speak to us at our meeting on 3rd September. This promises to be a very interesting evening for all. How many antennas, for which Louis' call has provided the namesake, are in use by amateur radio stations throughout the world? How many of us would like to know more about how it works, and how to get the best out of it?

As this meeting is bound to be heavily attended, we have arranged to use the large lecture room at the Marconi College immediately on the left after you enter the main door. Even so, there is only room for a limited number of people, so could you please let the Secretary know (address at the end of this Newsletter) if you intend to bring any visitors who are not members of CARS, so we have some idea of how to plan the seating.

DF NEWS - June Event - Dick, G3WHR

Eight teams set out in search of G3WMM/P, who was hidden in a hedge close to the A12 north of Colchester.

Mike arranged a short dummy aerial to mislead the hunters, but they were already sufficiently confused by the main aerial. Some found difficulty in finding the site, while others already on-site could not locate the transmitter.

After a period of total chaos, Mike was located by Paul Clark. Unfortunately, Paul had been unable to locate the transmitter and had opened his sealed envelope to find the NGR of the local hostelry...

Results:

	Paul Clark	8:48	4	Dick Brocks	8:54
1	Roy Emeny	8:52	5	Alan Williams	8:55
2	Peter Larbalestier	8:53	6	Frank Pearson	9:00
3	Richard DeLaRue	8:53.5	7	Pat Cranmer	9:08

Future DF dates:

2 August - Colchester
4 August - Salisbury
18 August - Coventry

COMMITTEE MEETING

The August Committee Meeting will be held, as usual, in the bar of the Marconi College at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 14 August, 1985.

TALKING POINT - Roy G3PMX

Did you see the report in the national press on 27th July?,

*"A CRACKDOWN on radio pirates was announced by the Government yesterday. And cheats operating without a licence were warned by Technology Minister Geoffrey Pattie "to put the matter right as soon as possible."
He said in a Commons Written Reply that the main task of the Radio Investigation Service will be to trace pirate broadcasters.
The service will still deal with reception problems - but from now on customers will have to pay a call-out charge of £21."*

TELECOMMS

Have you got a Prestel set, or microcomputer with a modem (1200/75 baud)? Did you know that the RSGB are now running an experimental Bulletin Board with Ham Radio News, and other useful information? It is only experimental at present, but it is possible to leave messages for the RSGB on it, too. The number is 0707 57477, and you will be asked for your name and callsign/RS number to log-on.

In the same vein, who uses Prestel? You can leave messages for me (Sec.) on Mailbox 027933049 (i.e. the same as my 'phone number). What about sending info for the Newsletter that way? Alternatively, you can give me a ring at home and send the text on direct line.

A number of hams are already using the new "Gallery" feature on Micronet for coordinating special interest activities like meteor scatter and packet radio... "Gallery" lets users hire display pages for public view for just 50p a year per page.

73 from your Secretary,
Ian, G4BYR.

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FOR SALE

Moseley TA33 triband HF trapped yagi antenna (20m, 15m, and 10m). Available immediately for £40, or will be auctioned in the junk-sale at this reserve. All proceeds to Club funds. Contact Gwyn, G4FKH, QTHR or Chelmsford (0245)260831 for more information.