

Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society.

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NEXT MEETING - The Annual Sale of Surplus Equipment.

By any other name, this meeting will see the annual redistribution of junk around Chelmsford! The reason for the name change is our observation that recently the quality of items for auction seems to have moved up market.

Please bring items for sale in good time for the auctioneer to estimate the extent of the sale, marking your item clearly with name, callsign and reserve price if required.

As usual the handling charge is 10% to club funds and our treasurer is hoping that some items will be donated.

The first sale will go "under the hammer" at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd November at the Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford. Don't be late, there will be bargains!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 Nov. - Junk Sale.
1 Dec. - Packet Radio.
5 Dec. - Club Social.
5 Jan. - Film/Video Show.

SOCIAL EVENT - 5th December 1987

This year it has been decided to hold the Social before Christmas, the venue will be the Suffolk Room, The County Hotel, Chelmsford. 7.30pm for 8.15pm The Buffet Menu will consist of a selection of sandwiches, salmon and egg/press bridge rolls, savoury vol-au-vents, Gala pie, Quiche Lorraine, chicken nuggets, sausage rolls, slice of pizza, Fantasie salad and coffee, the cost will be £5 per head, drinks of your choice extra from the Bar. Car parking is in abundance, just pick your way through the new road system!

Names and £1 deposit to Andrew G4KQE please as soon as possible.

REPORT ON LAST MONTHS MEETING - AGM - Andrew G4KQE

Brian G0BDS, our Chairman opened the meeting and asked the Secretary Andrew G4KQE to read the minutes of the last AGM. Brian then gave his report saying that we had some good lectures during the year with a wide variety of subjects as well as the trip to Bradwell Power Station and the G3EDM Garden Party.

Brian related that at a recent seminar he heard about the three C's. He could not remember one, but two is co-operation and three is commitment; these he likened to the activities of the club, where it is important for the members to give co-operation, but not necessarily commitment, such as the case of bacon and eggs, the chicken co-operates but the poor old pig was fully committed!

Andrew G4KQE followed with his Secretary's report, a brief resume and reminder of the clubs activities over the past year. We had 5 visiting Lecturers, 2 members lectures, the AGM, Junk Sale, Film Show, Constructors competition and TX Test Session. The Social was held at Springfield Mill in January and the 10m SSB net started in October. The club supported DF events throughout the year including a joint National Qualifying event with the Colchester Club and once again we entered HF NFD in June.

Bill G4JUW, the Treasurer then presented the clubs accounts and gave a brief description of each item. Subs were down this year but we had a good Junk Sale to compensate. Lecturers expenses were only £12 and field day expenses were mainly the cost of maintaining the equipment. With the cash balance up on last year, Bill recommended that the subs for 1987/88 remain at the same level as in the past year.

Ela G6HKM gave the Membership Secretary's report and said membership was slightly down this year at 65, which are 39 Class A licences, 24 Class B's and 2 SWL's.

Roy G3PMX then gave his Presidents report, saying that we had enjoyed another successful year and the Committee had again done a good job. He gave a plea to the membership for input for the newsletter, which can be in any form, from written text to computer signals sent over the air. Roy said membership participation had been better this year and that would continue to be the theme of the club for the coming year, as the pleasure gained from taking part far exceeds the effort required.

Roy then took charge to elect a new Committee, reminding the membership of the existing Committee. All Committee members were willing to serve again with the exception of Arthur G3KPJ who wanted a break this year. Roy asked if anyone would like to join the Committee, but there were no takers, and Albert G0AEH proposed that the existing Committee be returned en-bloc. This was considered and seconded by Harry G2HPF. Roy thanked Arthur for his past help and finished the re-election by saying that Committee meetings are always open meetings and members are always welcome.

The new Committee is as follows:-

President	- Roy Martyr G3PMX	Ordinary Members	- Richard Brocks G3WHR
Vice-President	- Les Turner G4CUT		- Brian Thwaites G3CVI
Vice-President	- John Greenwood G3KRZ		- Gwyn Williams G4FKH
Chairman	- Brian Scroggs G0BDS		- Martin Final G4T00
Secretary	- Andrew Mead G4KQE		- Philip Green G0ELM
Mem.Secretary	- Ela Martyr G6HKM		- Simon Tonks G6ZKG
Treasurer	- Bill Cole G4JUW		
Asst.Treasurer	- John Bowen G8DET		

Brian, G0BDS, the new Chairman then commented that with 12 committee members and an average of 35 at each meeting, accounted for why a Committee member always won the raffle, and that it wasn't really fixed.

REPORT ON AGM - continued

The subs were then set at £3. p.a. with £1.50 for Senior Citizens and Students.

The Jackpot raffle was drawn and George G3GNQ won a years free subscription.

We then moved on to A.O.B. and Gwyn G4FKH who arrived late said he had tried to run the Club Net earlier in the evening and wondered why nobody was there.

A reminder was given that we are very lucky to have the use of the College Room, and that is why subs are so reasonable, however, the raffles and junk sale need support to keep us solvent.

Write-ups of the last meetings are always welcome, as this job usually falls upon a Committee member, and a report by someone who knows something about the lecture subject is always the best, so volunteers are always welcome.

With a reminder to give generously for the tea, the AGM closed at 9.07 and after the break we continued with the Yakkit Night, a general discussion about various subjects.

DF NEWS - MID-ESSEX TROPHY - Dick, G3WHR

Despite the recent wild weather 10 teams assembled at Nayling for the start. One competitor couldn't find the start - me!

Both stations gave good signals with bearings that went East and West. Thus competitors were presented with a simple but as it turned out critical decision, W or E ? Those teams who went West found Alan Williams G4PQY/P hidden in a wood near Pebmarsh. As usual, some found it easy while others went round in circles. Alan had no problem with the earth, it was rather squelchy underfoot. Only two teams started East to find G3WMM/P. Here Mike Hawkins had selected a site on the North bank of the Stour estuary, which was 2-3 miles from the nearest road access on OS map 168. Once on site, they both soon found Mike; but the 6 mile run in competition time meant that neither team was able to reach their second station before 4.30.

A good DF requires a good tea. For this we were fortunate to be the guests of Ian and Pat Butson. Everyone contributed to the pile of food on the table, and it was amazing to see how fast it was consumed. There were the usual tales of triumph and disaster, then Pat Hawkins presented Ian Butson with the Mid-Essex Trophy.

Results:-

Posn	Name	Stn A	Stn B
1	Ian Butson	2.33	4.06
2	Philip Cunningham	2.32	4.08
3	Jeff Herbert	2.33	4.11
4	John Hawes	3.06	4.29
5	Richard Whitney	2.28	4.29.5
6	Pete Bishop	2.41	4.30
7	Malcolm Deacon	2.56	--
8	Colin Baisden	3.05	--
9	Roy Emeny	3.07	--
10	Paul Clark	--	3.17
11	Dick Brocks	--	3.20

SPECIAL EVENT STATION - GB1ECN

In co-operation with the "BBC Children in Need" appeal, a special station GB1ECN (Essex Children in Need) will operate on 2m and 70cm from 7pm on 27th Nov. to 4pm on 29th Nov. at the QTH of Dave G8UUO. Advance sponsorship is requested for the total number of QSO's and support on the air from all local stations with VHF and UHF to hand.

SUBSCRIPTIONS - Ela G6HKM

Annual subscriptions are now due, if you are unable to attend the meeting please send to me direct making cheques payable to "Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society". The rates are £3.00 with Senior Citizens and Students £1.50.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The November Committee Meeting will be held in the Marconi College Residence at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 11th November. You are most welcome to join us.

THAT HURRICANE!!!

We hope you didn't suffer too badly in the recent exceptional storms, bad damage known so far:- Geoff G3EDM lost the top section of his tower and his 3 element Quad antenna.

Roy and Ela lost all of the 70ft tower together with the Mosley Tri-band beam, the 17 element Yagi for 2m and the 21 element Yagi for 70cm.

Les G4CUT lost the top section of his tower with damage to the Tri-band beam..... the total replacement cost of this little lot must be in excess of £1800.

The long break in electricity (7days) nearly prevented the publication of this news!

73 from Roy & Ela Martyr, G3PMX & G6HKM

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Andrew, G4KQE. Tel.No. (0376)83094.

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